

# Data Sheet    Type: RP-C5LT30-LF5 Rev A

## Force Sensitive Resistor

### Product Description


Force Sensitive Resistor are resistive sensor exhibiting vary resistance that responds to force applied to the sensing area. As force on the sensor is increased, resistance is decreased.

For the single-zone sensors, as the sensor is a Two-terminal device that can essentially be treated as a variable resistor whose value is controlled by applied force, and also a switch whose threshold is controlled by applied force and setting up.

The sensors are made up of robust polyester film, high-conductive material and Nano-sized force sensing material. The top layer of the sensor consists of the area of force sensitive layer on a flexible film. And bottom layer is comprised of conductive circuit traces on a flexible film. And the above two layers are stick together by spacer adhesive and active area is without adhesive. When the active area is applied force, force sensitive layer on the top layer shunts the circuit traces on the bottom, varying resistance output terminals.

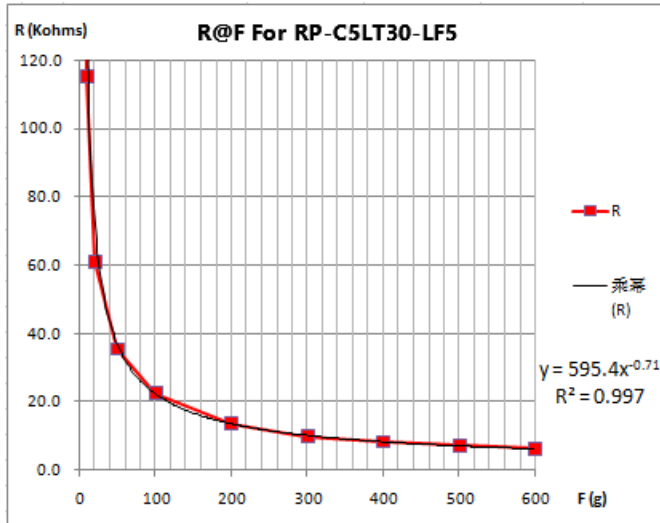
- Static / dynamic pressure sensing
- Quick response
- Durable long life
- Customized design

### Technical Data and Physical Properties

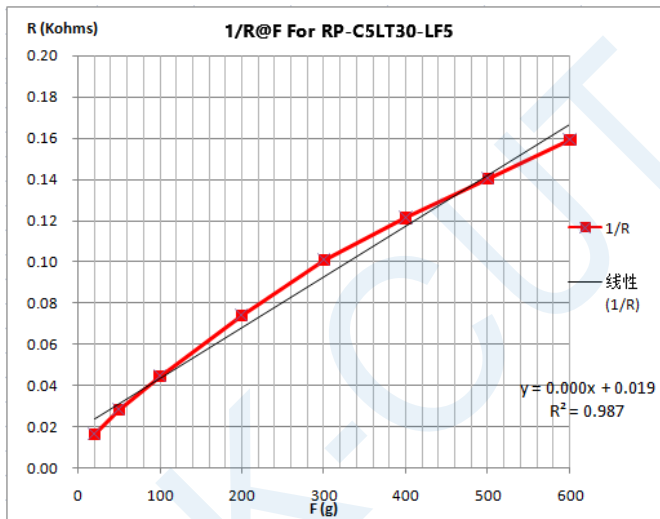
Thickness	0.2mm with Rear ADH
Shape	flexible
Actuation force	5g Res.<=200KΩ
Sensitivity range	5g to 600g
Resolution	continuous
Non-actuated resistance	>1M Ω
Response time	<10us
Operating temperature	-40℃ ~+ 85℃
Life time	>1 million
Repeatability Same part	+/-5%, Ave. R@500g
Repeatability part to part	+/-15%, Ave. R@500g
Hysteresis	+ 10%, (RF+ - RF- )/FR+, @500g
EMI	Generates no EMI
EDS	not ESD sensitive
Drift	<10%, 500g load, 24H
RoHS	

## Force curve

The following plot shows an example response resistance curve, when the sensor actuated by a force curve tester.



The following plot shows an near-linear curve which is  $1/R$  @F.



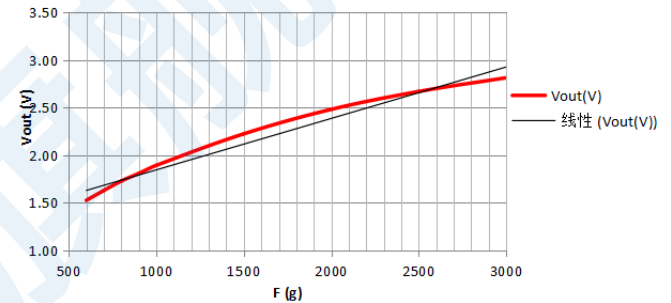
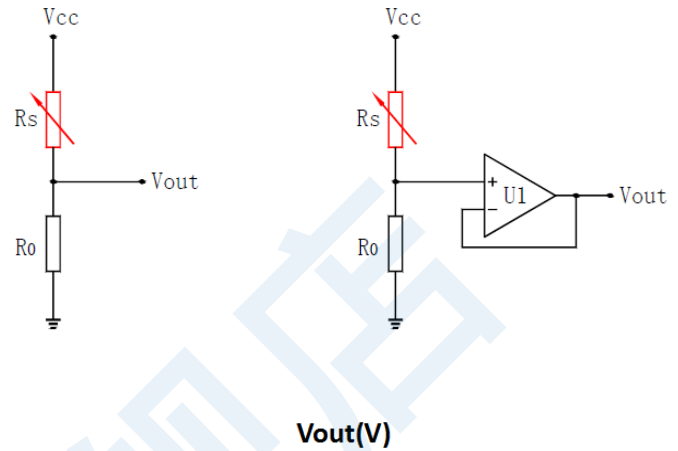
## Application Circuit

### 1. Voltage Divider

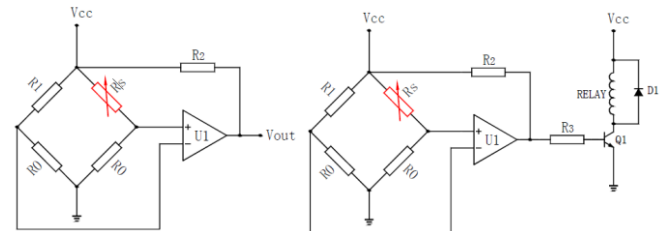
The sensor is placed in series with a fixed resistor ( $R_0$ ), and output voltage is measured across  $R_0$ . It is given by  $V_{out} = V_{cc} * R_0 / (R_0 + R_s)$ .

How to define the fixed resistor value, Basically,  $R_0$  is 1/3 to 1/2 of the resistance range of  $R_s$ . What's more, if  $R_0$  is appropriate, you can get a near-linear

curve of Force vs  $V_{out}$  in a special force range. Depending on the impedance requirements of the measuring circuit, the voltage divider could be followed by an op-amp.



### 2. Force Threshold Switch



This is an ideal circuit for applications that require on-off switching at a specified force.

It consists a Wheatstone bridge circuit and a voltage comparator.

When apply force and  $R_s$  becomes to be lower than  $R_1$ , lead  $U1+$  to be higher than  $U1-$ , and  $V_{out}$  becomes to be high. This high level signal can used to be trigger signal of following devices, for example, it can trigger a relay, and then control LEDs, buzzer warning, motor and other load devices.

Mechanical data of RP-C5LT30-LF5

