User's Guide

TX254
RTD Transmitter

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1.0 Introduction

TX254 RTD Input

The TX254 is a non-isolated two-wire transmitter which converts the measuring signal of a 3-wire 100 ohm Pt RTD into a standardized load-independent, 4-20 mA, current which is linearly proportional to the measured temperature. The TX254 transmitter is provided with excellent lead resistance compensation and Pt-100 linearization conforming to BS1904 and DIN 43760 characteristics ($\alpha = 0.00385$).

The transmitter calibration is set by six dip-switches located behind the top cover. Three dip-switches set the lower measured course temperature and the other three dip-switches set the measured course temperature span. Zero and Span trimmers provide the fine tuning calibration.

1.1 Specifications

Output Current: 4-20 mA, 28 mA, limited
Supply Voltage: 10-36 Vdc (24 Vdc recommended)
Supply Variation Effect: $<0.001%/1\text{V change}$
Accuracy: Better than 0.1% of span
Temperature Stability: $<0.01%$ of span/$1\text{°C}$
Operating Temperature: -20 to +70°C
Humidity: 5-95% relative, non condensed
Housing: Die-cast zinc alloy
Dimensions: Diameter: 44mm (1.7”); Height: 32.5 mm (1.3”)
including the terminal block.
Load Resistance: $R_{\text{max}} (\Omega) = (V_{\text{supply}} - 10) / 0.02$
Input: 3-wire Pt-100 according to BS 1904 and DIN 43760 characteristics
Input Span Range: 30 to 800°C
Input Zero Range: -50 to +200°C
Calibration: Three "Zero" DIP switches, three "Span" DIP switches and two fine-tuning trimmers
Sensor Lead Resistance: 50 Ω maximum (two ways)
Lead Compensation Error: <0.05°C/10Ω lead resistance
Sensor Excitation: <1 mA

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<td>-50 to 750°C</td>
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<td>-58 to 1380°F</td>
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2.0 Dimensions & Mounting

Caution: The length of the cover screws is critical. Do not attempt to use longer screws as permanent damage will occur, thus voiding the warranty.

Earthing (Grounding)
In cases when earthing the transmitter case is required, use the brass insert and fasten the earth lead to it, using the long screw supplied. The cover screws are not designed for this application.
3.0 Wiring

NOTE: Input and output are not isolated

4.0 Calibration (Scaled) Instructions

The TX254 can be ordered set up for a particular temperature range prior to shipment. If not, it can be set up in the field using the following instructions.

Calibration

To calibrate RTR-2 the limits must be defined. Tmin, often called T zero, is the temperature at which the transmitter output current is 4 mA. Tmax, often called T span, is the temperature at which the transmitter output current is 20 mA. The difference between Tmax and Tmin is defined as the Span of the transmitter.
An array of 6 dip-Switches controls the transmitter coarse range.
Set switches no. 1 to 3 control the Zero (Tmin), and set switches 4 to 6 control the Span.

**NOTE:** A" represents the switch ON state.

Connect a Tmin simulation resistor* between terminals #3 and #4. Short-circuit terminals #2 and #3. Start the calibration by adjusting with the Zero trimmer to obtain an output current of 4.000mA, next replace the resistor with a Tmax simulation resistor* and then adjust the Span trimmer to obtain an output current of 20.000mA. Repeat this procedure until satisfactory results are achieved.

*Tmin and Tmax simulation resistor values are according to DIN 43760 Pt-100 table (α = 0.00385)

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Example: Range needed: Tmin = 50°C; Tmax = 100°C. The Span is then 50°C. From the tables on page 4:

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4.1 **Equipment Required**

- Precision Decade Resistance Box, with 0.01 ohm resolution ±0.002 ohm accuracy or
- Precision RTD Simulator, such as the OMEGA® Model CL511 Precision Calibrator
- Precision DMM capable of measuring mA, with 0.001 mA resolution and ±0.002 mA accuracy
- 100Ω Pt RTD (α = 0.00385) resistance vs temperature reference table (refer to the OMEGA Complete Temperature Measurement Handbook and Encyclopedia®)

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