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# Instruction Manual Sealed Cable RTD's

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## Section 1 - Introduction

This document has been designed to assist the end-user with the installation of Anderson "sealed cable" RTD's to provide optimum performance with minimum maintenance. A properly installed sensor will provide years of trouble-free service.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

#### RTD's (SA - 1/2 Series)

Accuracy: +/- 0.5% of measuring range  
Measuring Range: -50 - 350°F  
Alpha Coefficient: 0.00385 ohms/ohm/°C (100 ohm)  
0.00375 ohms/ohm/°C (1000 ohm)  
Ambient Temperature  
Range: -50 - 170°F  
Housing Material: 304 stainless steel  
Fitting Material: 316 stainless steel

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## Section 2 - Theory of Operation

An RTD or Resistance Temperature Detector converts the sensed temperature into a resistance signal. A 100 ohm RTD will measure 100 ohms at 0°C (32°F), and its resistance will increase as the temperature increases. The amount of change in resistance per degree Celsius is related to the RTD's alpha coefficient. Anderson 100 ohm RTD's have an alpha coefficient of 0.00385 ohms/ohm/°C (also referred to as a 385 coeff.), which is a DIN standard. For a 100 ohm RTD, for every degree Celsius increase in temperature, the resistance will increase 1.00385 times its current reading. These RTD curves are provided at the end of this manual.

An RTD signal is to be connected to a single receiver such as a digital indicator, microprocessor controller, or an electronic recorder. An Anderson RTD utilizes 3 wires, where the third wire is used to compensate for the resistance added by the length of cable. This allows cable runs up to 200 feet.

For applications where longer cable runs are required, or a 4-20 mA signal is desired a CT-Series sanitary temperature transmitter is available. A temperature transmitter utilizes a 100 ohm RTD and an electronic circuit which converts the resistance signal to a 2-wire 4-20 mA signal.

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## Section 3 - Installation

The physical installation is the most important concern with regards to promoting sensor reliability. Sensors must be installed in such a way that the housing and cable are not subject to physical abuse, and moisture, or moist air is not allowed to enter the sensor housing or cable.

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### 3.1 SEALED CABLE SENSORS (RTD'S)

Sealed cable sensors should be mounted so that the end of the probe with the nylon strain relief does not protrude out into traffic areas or where it may be impacted by another object. The strain relief is permanently sealed to the sensor housing. Do not attempt to remove the strain relief, or the warranty will be voided. Splicing of the sensor cable should be avoided if possible. If the cable must be spliced, it should be done in a waterproof junction box. A splice in the cable will provide a path for water or water vapor to enter the sensor housing and cause premature sensor failure.

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## Section 4 - Wiring

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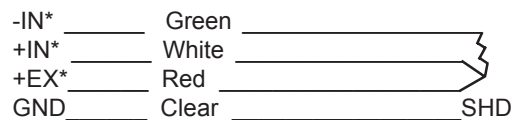
### 4.1 CABLE

The cable provided with Anderson RTD's is 24 gauge, 4 conductor, shielded (Belden #9534). Four conductor cable is utilized for most sensors covered in this manual because of its roundness, which provides a suitable seal when used with strain reliefs. Irregular shaped cable does not allow for a watertight seal.

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### 4.2 RTD TO RECEIVER WIRING

Anderson 100 ohm RTDs are three wire, 0.00385 coeff. platinum film, and utilize the green as a signal wire and the white and red as common wires.



The clear shield wire should be connected to earth ground at the receiver end only.

\*The connections are made to these terminals on many Anderson receivers.

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## Section 5 - Maintenance

Anderson electronic sensors require very little, if any, maintenance. We suggest that the sensors be inspected at 6 month intervals to ensure that they are not physically abused, moisture is not entering the housing, and that the wiring is sound.

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## Section 6 - Calibration

RTD's cannot be calibrated. They can, however, be checked for an accurate reading. At the end of this manual there is table including temperature versus resistance for 100 ohm RTD's. See the section above on wiring to determine where to take the resistance measurement. If the RTD is a three wire, the resistance added by the cable should be subtracted from the total resistance reading. To determine the resistance added by the cable, measure between the two common wires.

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## Section 7 - Troubleshooting

If a problem arises with an instrument, we typically confirm that the sensor is functioning properly before spending too much time on the receiving instrument. A DMM (digital multimeter) is an invaluable tool when troubleshooting electronic sensors.

Using a DMM on the ohms scale, measure between the signal wire and one of the common wires. Do this at the instrument end of the cable with the sensor disconnected from the instrument. At room temperature, a 100 ohm RTD reading should be about 108 ohms. See the included table for the proper readings at other temperatures. Then measure between the two common wires and look for a 1 to 3 ohm reading. Finally, there should be an open circuit between all three wires and the stainless steel sensor housing.

Please feel free to contact Anderson Technical Services Department at 1-800-833-0081 for further assistance troubleshooting.

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## Appendix A - Anderson 100 ohm RTD DIN Curve

0.00385 ohms/ ohm / °C

<u>Degrees Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Degrees Celsius</u>	<u>Ohms</u>
0	-17.78	93.04
5	-15.00	94.12
10	-12.22	95.21
15	-9.44	96.31
20	-6.67	97.39
25	-3.89	98.48
30	-1.11	99.57
32	0.00	100.00
35	1.67	100.65
40	4.44	101.73
45	7.22	102.82
50	10.00	103.90
55	12.78	104.98
60	15.56	106.07
65	18.33	107.15
70	21.11	108.22
75	23.89	109.31
80	26.67	110.38
85	29.44	111.45
90	32.22	112.53
95	35.00	113.61
100	37.78	114.68
105	40.56	115.76
110	43.33	116.83
115	46.11	117.90
120	48.89	118.97
125	51.67	120.04
130	54.44	121.11
135	57.22	122.17
140	60.00	123.24
145	62.78	124.31
150	65.56	125.37
155	68.33	126.44
160	71.11	127.50
165	73.89	128.56
170	76.67	129.62
175	79.44	130.68
180	82.22	131.74
185	85.00	132.80
190	87.78	133.86
195	90.56	134.91
200	93.33	135.97
212	100.00	138.50
225	107.22	141.24
250	121.11	146.48
275	135.00	151.70
300	148.89	156.90

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