

# **PTC thermistors for overcurrent protection**

Leaded disks, coated, 63 V

**Series/Type:** B599\*0  
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## Overcurrent protection

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#### Applications

- Overcurrent protection
- Short circuit protection

#### Features

- Lead-free terminals
- Wide range of rated currents:  
30 mA up to 1 A
- Marking: Type, manufacturer's logo, reference temperature in °C and date code YYWW (except B59980C0130C\* and B59990C\*)
- UL approval for  $T_{ref} = 120\text{ °C}$  and  $130\text{ °C}$  to UL 1434 with  $V_{max} = 65\text{ V}$  and  $V_R = 63\text{ V}$  (file number E69802)
- UL approval for  $T_{ref} = 80\text{ °C}$  to UL 1434 with  $V_{max} = 63\text{ V}$  and  $V_R = 50\text{ V}$  (file number E69802)
- VDE approval for selected types (license number 104843 E)
- RoHS-compatible

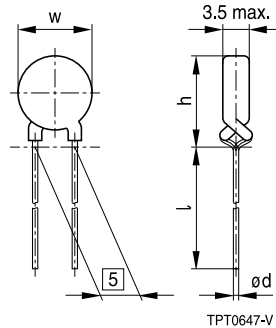
#### Options

- Leadless disks and leaded disks without coating available on request
- Thermistors with diameter  $w \leq 1.0\text{ mm}$  are also available on tape (to IEC 60286-2)

#### Delivery mode

- Cardboard strips (standard)
- Cardboard tape reeled or in Ammo pack on request

#### Dimensional drawing





#### Dimensions (mm)

Type	$T_{ref}$ °C	$w_{max}$	$h_{max}$	$l_{min}$	$\varnothing d$
C910	130	22.0	25.5	35	0.8
C930	120	22.0	25.5	35	0.6
C930	130	17.5	21.0	25	0.8
C940	120	17.5	21.0	25	0.6
C950	80	13.5	17.0	35	0.6
C950	120	13.5	17.0	25	0.6
C950	130	11.0	14.5	35	0.6
C960	80	11.0	14.5	35	0.6
C960	120	11.0	14.5	25	0.6
C960	130	9.0	12.5	25	0.6
C970	80	9.0	12.5	25	0.6
C970	120	9.0	12.5	25	0.6
C970	130	6.5	10.0	25	0.6
C980	80	6.5	10.0	25	0.6
C980	120	6.5	10.0	25	0.6
C980	130	4.0	7.5	25	0.6
C990	80	4.0	7.5	25	0.5
C990	120	4.0	7.5	25	0.5

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**General technical data**

Max. operating voltage	( $T_A = 60\text{ °C}$ )	$V_{\max}$	80	V DC or V AC
Rated voltage		$V_R$	63	V DC or V AC
Switching cycles		N	100	
Tolerance of $R_R$	( $T_{\text{ref}} = 80\text{ °C}$ or $120\text{ °C}$ )	$\Delta R_R$	$\pm 25$	%
Tolerance of $R_R$	( $T_{\text{ref}} = 130\text{ °C}$ )	$\Delta R_R$	$\pm 20$	%
Operating temperature range	( $V = 0$ )	$T_{\text{op}}$	$-40/+125$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Operating temperature range	( $V = V_{\max}$ , $T_{\text{ref}} = 80\text{ °C}$ )	$T_{\text{op}}$	$-40/+85$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Operating temperature range	( $V = V_{\max}$ , $T_{\text{ref}} = 120\text{ °C}/130\text{ °C}$ )	$T_{\text{op}}$	$-40/+125$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Electrical specifications and ordering codes**

Type	$I_R$	$I_S$	$I_{S\max}$ ( $V = V_{\max}$ )	$I_r$ (typ.) ( $V = V_{\max}$ )	$T_{\text{ref}}$ (typ.)	$R_R$	$R_{\min}$	Approvals		Ordering code
	mA	mA	A	mA	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\Omega$	$\Omega$			
C910	1000	1500	10.0	60	130	1.2	0.8	X	—	B59910C0130A070
C930	700	1400	10.0	50	120	1.65	1.1	X	—	B59930C0120A070
C930	700	1100	8.0	50	130	2.2	1.5	X	—	B59930C0130A070
C940	450	900	8.0	40	120	2.3	1.5	X	—	B59940C0120A070
C950	320	640	5.5	30	120	3.7	2.4	X	—	B59950C0120A070
C950	320	500	4.3	25	130	4.9	3.2	X	—	B59950C0130A070
C960	250	500	4.3	25	120	5.6	3.7	X	—	B59960C0120A070
C960	250	380	3.0	20	130	8.0	5.2	X	—	B59960C0130A070
C950	170	350	5.5	20	80	3.7	2.4	X	X	B59950C0080A070
C970	150	300	3.0	20	120	9.4	6.2	X	—	B59970C0120A070
C970	150	240	1.0	18	130	20	13.2	X	X	B59970C0130A070
C960	130	265	4.3	15	80	5.6	3.7	X	X	B59960C0080A070
C970	90	190	3.0	11	80	9.4	6.2	X	X	B59970C0080A070
C980	85	170	1.0	16	120	25	16.5	X	—	B59980C0120A070
C980	85	130	0.7	15	130	62	40.9	X	X	B59980C0130A070
C980	50	110	1.0	8	80	25	16.5	X	X	B59980C0080A070
C990	50	100	0.7	12	120	55	36.3	X	—	B59990C0120A070
C990	30	60	0.7	5	80	55	36.3	X	X	B59990C0080A070

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**Reliability data**

Test	Standard	Test conditions	$ \Delta R_{25}/R_{25} $
Electrical endurance, cycling	IEC 60738-1	Room temperature, $I_{Smax}$ ; $V_{max}$ Number of cycles: 100	< 25%
Electrical endurance, constant	IEC 60738-1	Storage at $V_{max}/T_{op,max}$ ( $V_{max}$ ) Test duration: 1000 h	< 25%
Damp heat	IEC 60738-1	Temperature of air: 40 °C Relative humidity of air: 93% Duration: 56 days Test according to IEC 60068-2-78	< 10%
Rapid change of temperature	IEC 60738-1	$T_1 = T_{op,min}$ (0 V), $T_2 = T_{op,max}$ (0 V) Number of cycles: 5 Test duration: 30 min Test according to IEC 60068-2-14, test Na	< 10%
Vibration	IEC 60738-1	Frequency range: 10 to 55 Hz Displacement amplitude: 0.75 mm Test duration: 3 × 2 h Test according to IEC 60068-2-6, test Fc	< 5%
Shock	IEC 60738-1	Acceleration: 390 m/s <sup>2</sup> Pulse duration: 6 ms; 6 × 4000 pulses	< 5%
Climatic sequence	IEC 60738-1	Dry heat: $T = T_{op,max}$ (0 V) Test duration: 16 h Damp heat first cycle Cold: $T = T_{op,min}$ (0 V) Test duration: 2 h Damp heat 5 cycles Tests performed according to IEC 60068-2-30	< 10%

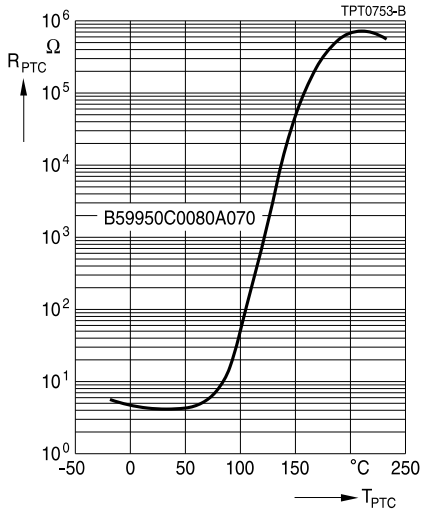
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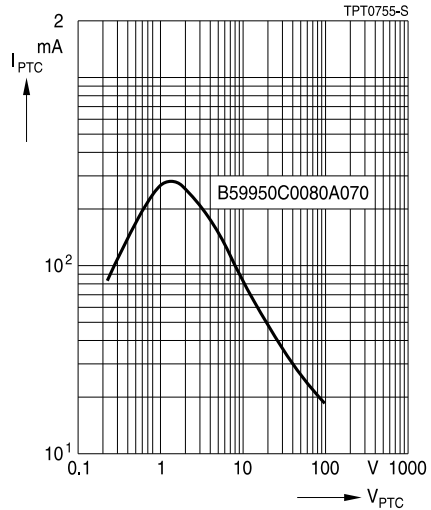
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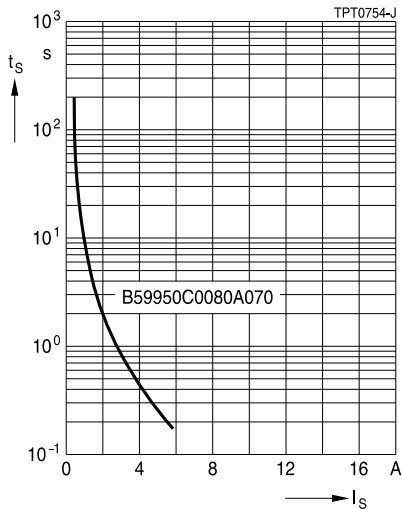
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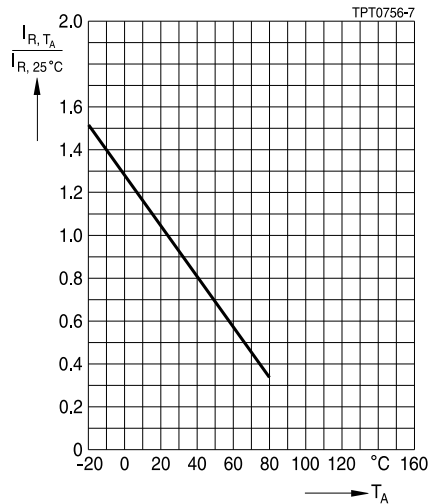
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(measured at  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in still air)



Switching time  $t_s$  versus switching current  $I_s$   
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Rated current  $I_R$  versus ambient temperature  $T_A$   
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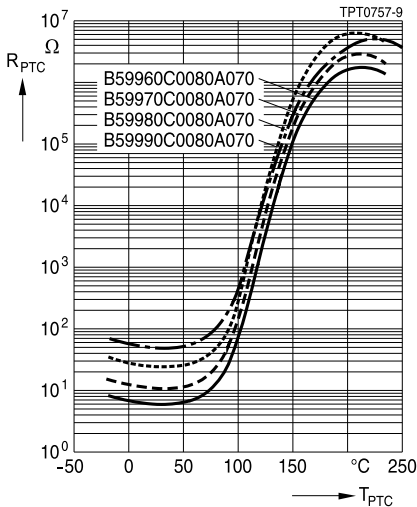
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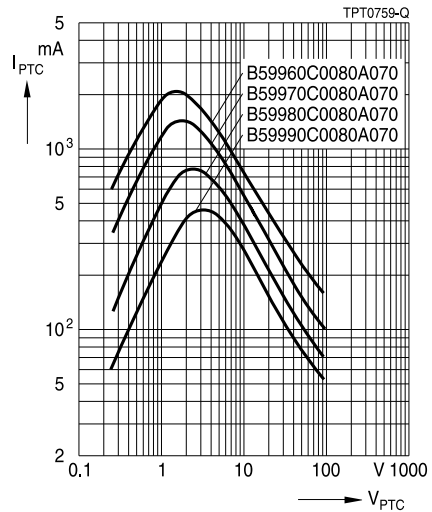
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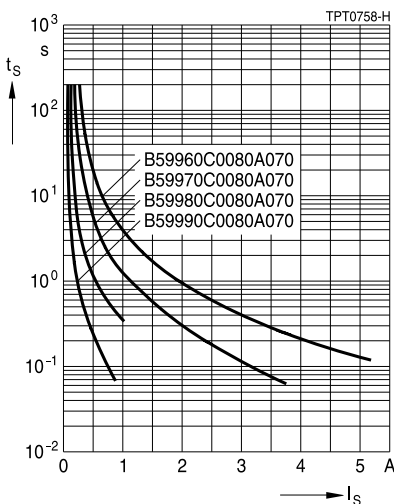
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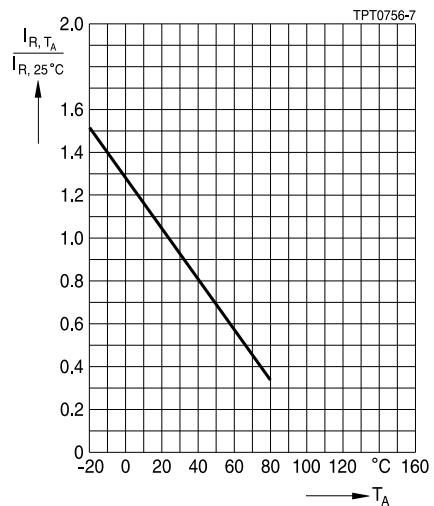
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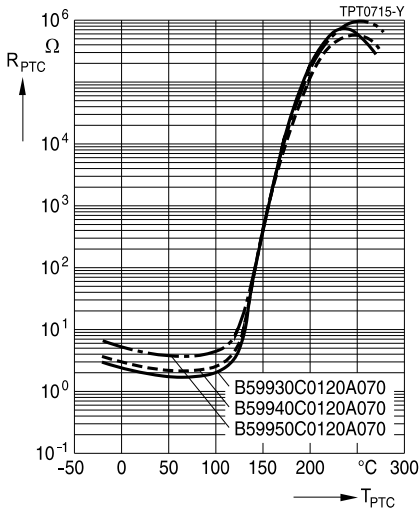
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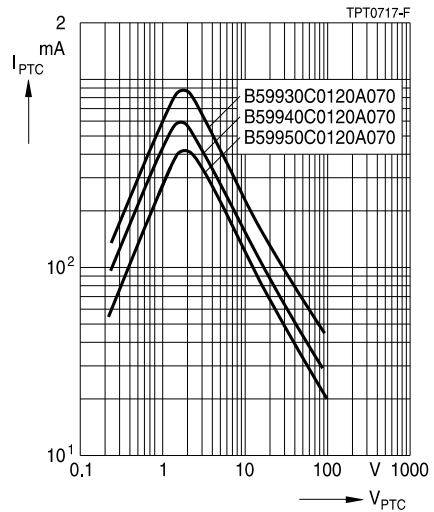
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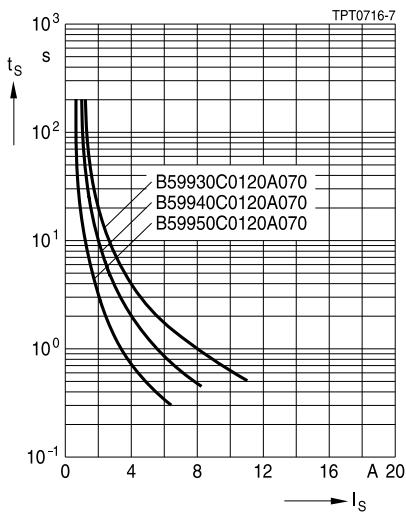
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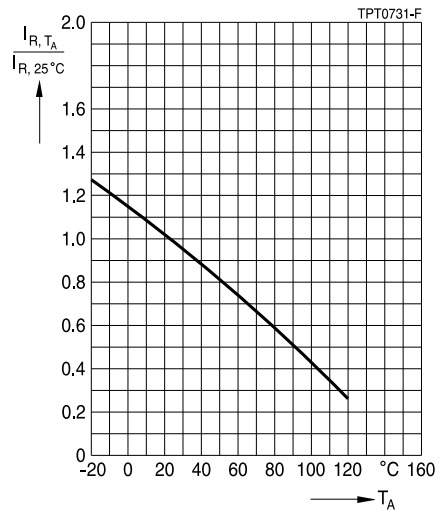
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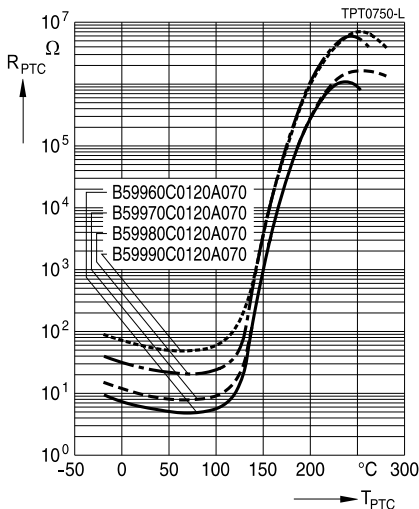
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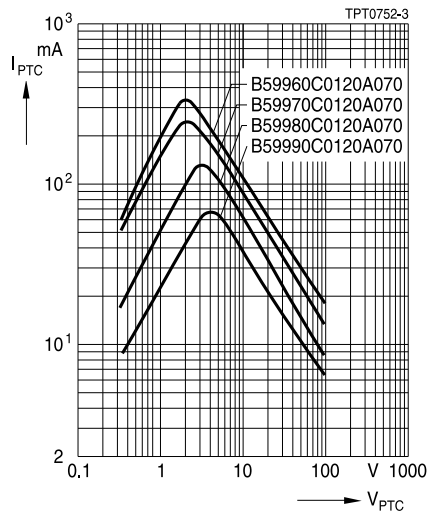
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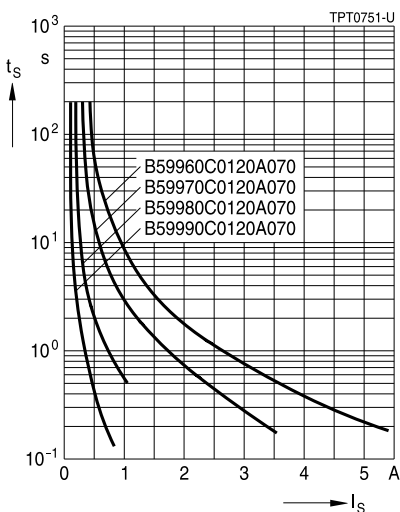
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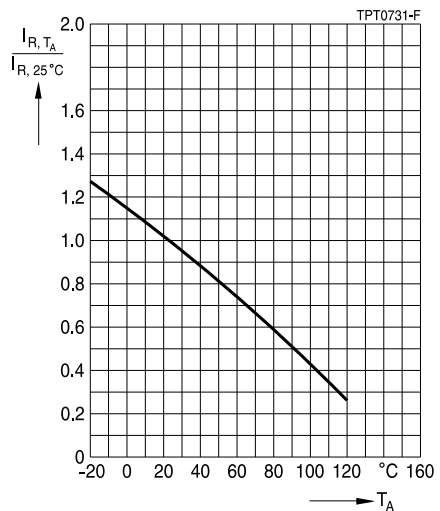
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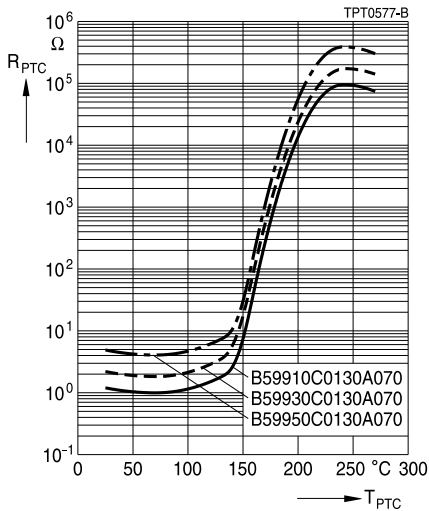
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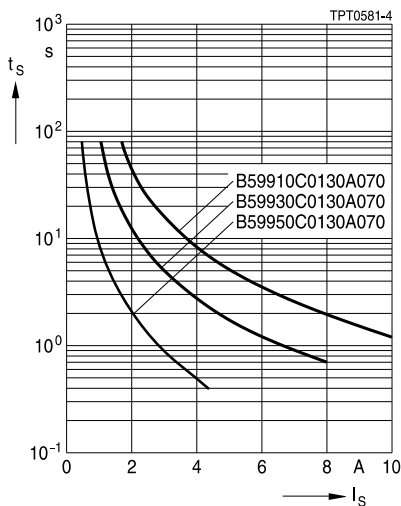
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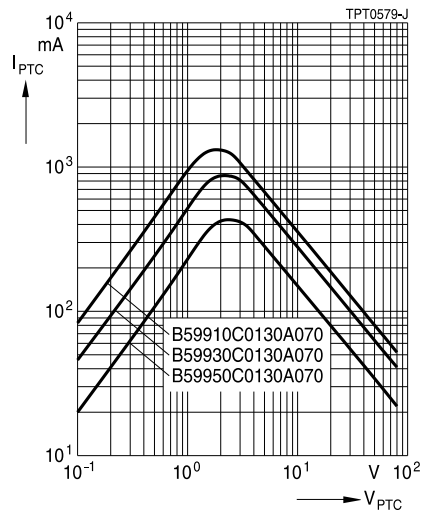
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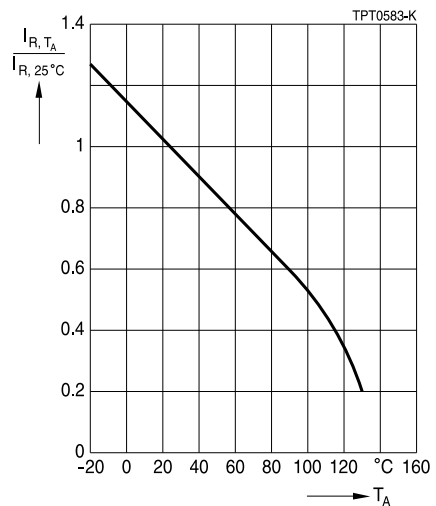
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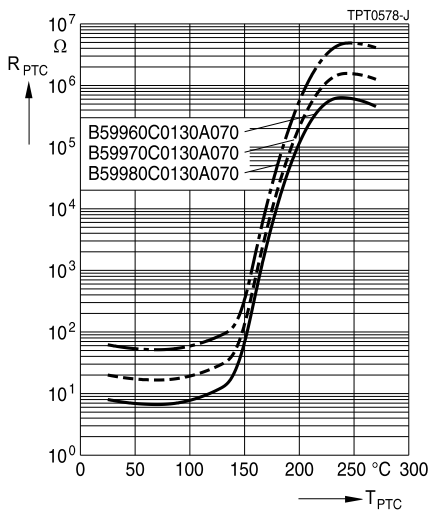
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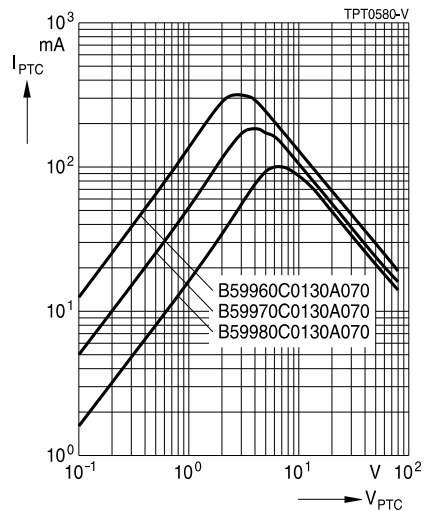
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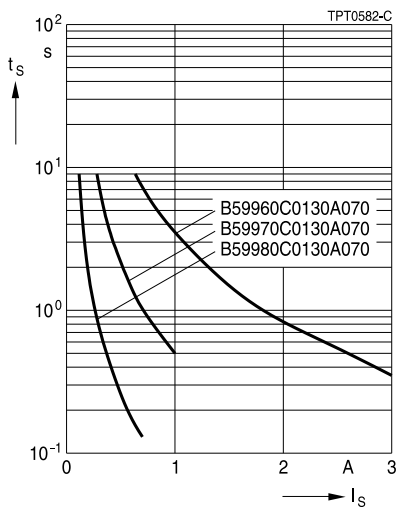
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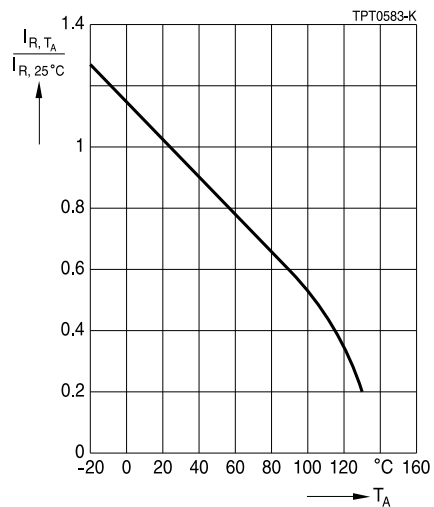
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## Cautions and warnings

### General

- EPCOS thermistors are designed for specific applications and should not be used for purposes not identified in our specifications, application notes and data books unless otherwise agreed with EPCOS during the design-in-phase.
- Ensure suitability of thermistor through reliability testing during the design-in phase. The thermistors should be evaluated taking into consideration worst-case conditions.

### Storage

- Store thermistors only in original packaging. Do not open the package before storage.
- Storage conditions in original packaging: storage temperature  $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \dots +45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity  $\leq 75\%$  annual mean, maximum 95%, dew precipitation is inadmissible.
- Avoid contamination of thermistors surface during storage, handling and processing.
- Avoid storage of thermistor in harmful environment with effect on function on long-term operation (examples given under operation precautions).
- Use thermistor within the following period after delivery:
  - Through-hole devices (housed and leaded PTCs): 24 months
  - Motor protection sensors, glass-encapsulated sensors and probe assemblies: 24 months
  - Telecom pair and quattro protectors (TPP, TQP): 24 months
  - Leadless PTC thermistors for pressure contacting: 12 months
  - Leadless PTC thermistors for soldering: 6 months
  - SMDs in EIA sizes 3225 and 4032, and for PTCs with metal tags: 24 months
  - SMDs in EIA sizes 0402, 0603, 0805 and 1210: 12 months

### Handling

- PTCs must not be dropped. Chip-offs must not be caused during handling of PTCs.
- Components must not be touched with bare hands. Gloves are recommended.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during handling.

### Soldering (where applicable)

- Use rosin-type flux or non-activated flux.
- Insufficient preheating may cause ceramic cracks.
- Rapid cooling by dipping in solvent is not recommended.
- Complete removal of flux is recommended.
- Standard PTC heaters are not suitable for soldering.

### Mounting

- Electrode must not be scratched before/during/after the mounting process.
- Contacts and housing used for assembly with thermistor have to be clean before mounting. Especially grease or oil must be removed.
- When PTC thermistors are encapsulated with sealing material, the precautions given in chapter "Mounting instructions", "Sealing and potting" must be observed.
- When the thermistor is mounted, there must not be any foreign body between the electrode of the thermistor and the clamping contact.
- The minimum force of the clamping contacts pressing against the PTC must be 10 N.
- During operation, the thermistor's surface temperature can be very high. Ensure that adjacent components are placed at a sufficient distance from the thermistor to allow for proper cooling at the thermistors.
- Ensure that adjacent materials are designed for operation at temperatures comparable to the surface temperature of thermistor. Be sure that surrounding parts and materials can withstand this temperature.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during processing.

### Operation

- Use thermistors only within the specified temperature operating range.
- Use thermistors only within the specified voltage and current ranges.
- Environmental conditions must not harm the thermistors. Use thermistors only in normal atmospheric conditions. Avoid use in deoxidizing gases (chlorine gas, hydrogen sulfide gas, ammonia gas, sulfuric acid gas etc), corrosive agents, humid or salty conditions. Contact with any liquids and solvents should be prevented.
- Be sure to provide an appropriate fail-safe function to prevent secondary product damage caused by abnormal function (e.g. use VDR for limitation of overvoltage condition).

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**Symbols and terms**

Symbol	Term
A	Area
C	Capacitance
$C_{th}$	Heat capacity
f	Frequency
I	Current
$I_{max}$	Maximum current
$I_R$	Rated current
$I_{res}$	Residual current
$I_{PTC}$	PTC current
$I_r$	Residual current
$I_{r,oil}$	Residual current in oil (for level sensors)
$I_{r,air}$	Residual current in air (for level sensors)
$I_{RMS}$	Root-mean-square value of current
$I_S$	Switching current
$I_{Smax}$	Maximum switching current
LCT	Lower category temperature
N	Number (integer)
$N_c$	Operating cycles at $V_{max}$ , charging of capacitor
$N_f$	Switching cycles at $V_{max}$ , failure mode
P	Power
$P_{25}$	Maximum power at 25 °C
$P_{el}$	Electrical power
$P_{diss}$	Dissipation power
$R_G$	Generator internal resistance
$R_{min}$	Minimum resistance
$R_R$	Rated resistance
$\Delta R_R$	Tolerance of $R_R$
$R_P$	Parallel resistance
$R_{PTC}$	PTC resistance
$R_{ref}$	Reference resistance
$R_S$	Series resistance
$R_{25}$	Resistance at 25 °C
$R_{25,match}$	Resistance matching per reel/ packing unit at 25 °C
$\Delta R_{25}$	Tolerance of $R_{25}$
T	Temperature
t	Time
$T_A$	Ambient temperature

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$t_a$	Thermal threshold time
$T_C$	Ferroelectric Curie temperature
$t_E$	Settling time (for level sensors)
$T_R$	Rated temperature
$T_{sense}$	Sensing temperature
$T_{op}$	Operating temperature
$T_{PTC}$	PTC temperature
$t_R$	Response time
$T_{ref}$	Reference temperature
$T_{Rmin}$	Temperature at minimum resistance
$t_S$	Switching time
$T_{surf}$	Surface temperature
UCT	Upper category temperature
V or $V_{el}$	Voltage (with subscript only for distinction from volume)
$V_{c(max)}$	Maximum DC charge voltage of the surge generator
$V_{F,max}$	Maximum voltage applied at fault conditions in protection mode
$V_{RMS}$	Root-mean-square value of voltage
$V_{BD}$	Breakdown voltage
$V_{ins}$	Insulation test voltage
$V_{link,max}$	Maximum link voltage
$V_{max}$	Maximum operating voltage
$V_{max,dyn}$	Maximum dynamic (short-time) operating voltage
$V_{meas}$	Measuring voltage
$V_{meas,max}$	Maximum measuring voltage
$V_R$	Rated voltage
$V_{PTC}$	Voltage drop across a PTC thermistor
$\alpha$	Temperature coefficient
$\Delta$	Tolerance, change
$\delta_{th}$	Dissipation factor
$\tau_{th}$	Thermal cooling time constant
$\lambda$	Failure rate
$e$	Lead spacing (in mm)

**Abbreviations / Notes**
**SMD** Surface-mount devices

\* To be replaced by a number in ordering codes, type designations etc.

+ To be replaced by a letter

All dimensions are given in mm.

The commas used in numerical values denote decimal points.

## Important notes

The following applies to all products named in this publication:

1. Some parts of this publication contain **statements about the suitability of our products for certain areas of application**. These statements are based on our knowledge of typical requirements that are often placed on our products in the areas of application concerned. We nevertheless expressly point out **that such statements cannot be regarded as binding statements about the suitability of our products for a particular customer application**. As a rule, EPCOS is either unfamiliar with individual customer applications or less familiar with them than the customers themselves. For these reasons, it is always ultimately incumbent on the customer to check and decide whether an EPCOS product with the properties described in the product specification is suitable for use in a particular customer application.
2. We also point out that **in individual cases, a malfunction of electronic components or failure before the end of their usual service life cannot be completely ruled out in the current state of the art, even if they are operated as specified**. In customer applications requiring a very high level of operational safety and especially in customer applications in which the malfunction or failure of an electronic component could endanger human life or health (e.g. in accident prevention or lifesaving systems), it must therefore be ensured by means of suitable design of the customer application or other action taken by the customer (e.g. installation of protective circuitry or redundancy) that no injury or damage is sustained by third parties in the event of malfunction or failure of an electronic component.
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