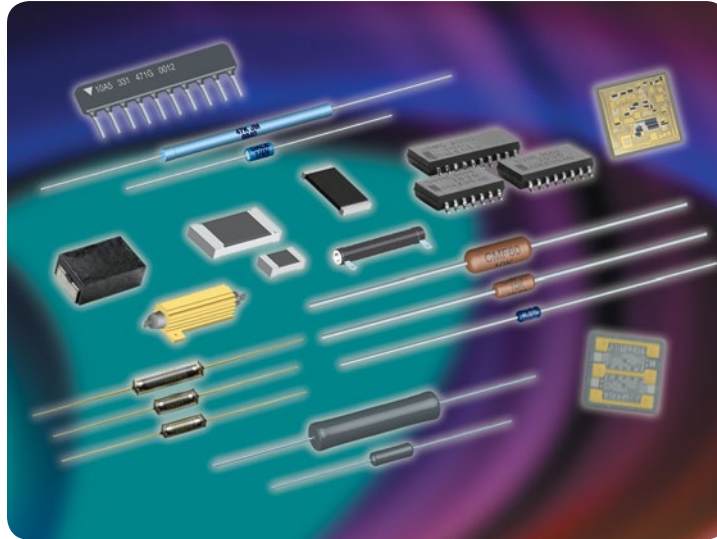


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WHAT IS A RESISTOR?

The resistor is the most common and well-known of the passive electrical components. A resistor resists or limits the flow of electric current in a circuit. There are many uses for resistors: they are used to drop voltage, limit current, attenuate signals, act as heaters, act as fuses, furnish electrical loads and divide voltages.

 Resistor symbol (US and Japan)  Resistor symbol (Europe)

INTRODUCTION

This Resistors 101 provides an overview of the resistor types and common terminology, before going on to show a summary of resistor products and the various technologies.

RESOURCES

- For additional information and the respective datasheets, refer to the Vishay website - <http://www.vishay.com>
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What is Ohm's Law?

- Ohm's law is a simple equation that shows the relationship between resistance, voltage and current through a metal wire, or some other type of resistive material. In mathematical terms, Ohm's law is written as:

$$I = V/R$$

where I is the current (amps), V is the voltage, and R is the resistance.

- Ohm's law can also show the relationship between resistance, voltage and power using the following equation:

$$P = V^2/R$$

where P is the power (watts), V is the voltage, and R is the resistance.

P = Watts

$$\text{Watts} = \frac{\text{Volts}^2}{\text{Ohms}}$$

$$\text{Watts} = \text{Amperes}^2 \times \text{Ohms}$$

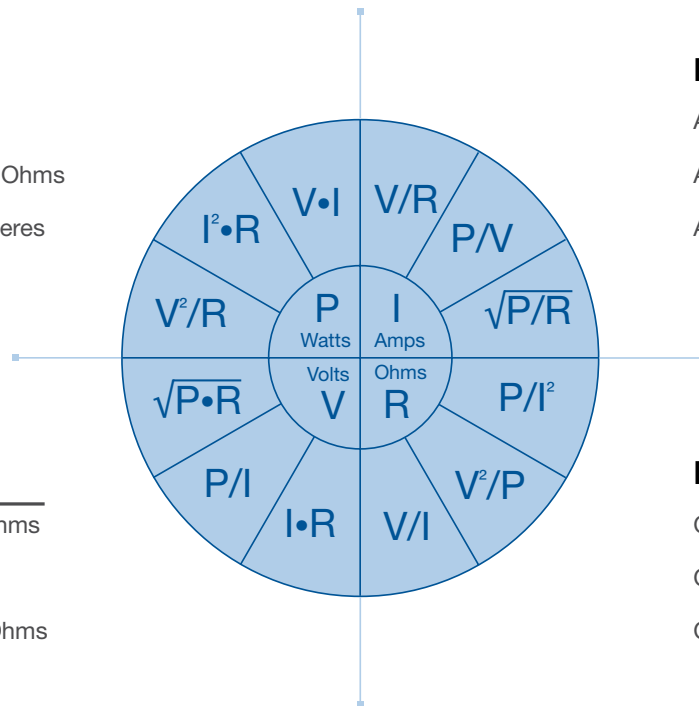
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V = Volts

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I = Amperes

$$\text{Amperes} = \frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Ohms}}$$

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R = Ohms

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Types of Resistors

Fixed Resistors

A fixed resistor is one in which the value of its resistance cannot change.

Variable Resistors

A variable resistor is a resistor whose value can be adjusted by turning a shaft or sliding a control. They are also called potentiometers or rheostats and allow the resistance of the device to be altered by hand.

Non-Linear Resistors

A non-linear resistor is a resistor that has resistances that vary significantly with applied voltage, temperature or light. Types of non-linear resistors are varistors, thermistors and photoresistors.

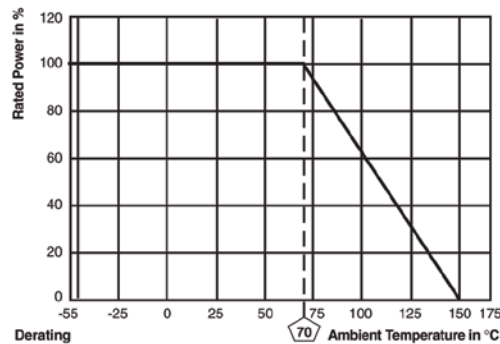
Common Resistor Terminology

Critical Resistance Value

The maximum nominal resistance value at which the rated power can be loaded without exceeding the maximum working voltage. The rated voltage is equal to the maximum working voltage in the critical resistance value.

Derating Curve

The curve that expresses the relation between the ambient temperature and the maximum value of continuously loadable power at its temperature, which is generally expressed as a percentage.



Dielectric Withstanding Voltage

The rated voltage that can be applied to a designated point between the resistive element and the outer coating, or the resistive element and the mounting surface, without causing dielectric breakdown.

Maximum Overload Voltage

The maximum value of voltage capable of being applied to resistors for a short period of time in the overload test. Typically the applied voltage in the short time overload test is 2.5 times larger than the rated voltage. However, it should not exceed the maximum overload voltage.

Maximum Working Voltage (or Maximum Limiting Element Voltage)

The maximum value of DC voltage or AC voltage (rms) capable of being applied continuously to resistors or element. However, the maximum value of the applicable voltage is the rated voltage at the critical resistance value or lower.

Noise

Noise is an unwanted AC signal from within the resistor. Resistive noise can have a devastating effect on low-level signals, charge amplifiers, high gain amplifiers, and other applications sensitive to noise. The best approach is to use resistor types with low or minimal noise in applications that are sensitive to noise.

Power Rating

Power ratings are based on physical size, allowable change in resistance over life, thermal conductivity of materials, insulating and resistive materials, and ambient operating conditions. For best results, employ the largest physical size resistors at less than their maximum rated temperature and power.

Rated Ambient Temperature

The maximum ambient temperature at which resistors are capable of being used continuously with the prescribed rated power. The rated ambient temperature refers to the temperature around the resistors inside the equipment, not to the air temperature outside the equipment.



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Resistive Products



Common Resistor Terminology

Rated Power

The maximum amount of power that can be continuously loaded to a resistor at a rated ambient temperature. Network and array products have both rated power per package as well as per element.

Rated Voltage

The maximum value of DC voltage or AC voltage (rms) capable of being applied continuously to resistors at the rated ambient temperature.

Reliability

Reliability is the probability that a resistor (or any other device) will perform its desired function. There are two ways of defining reliability. One is Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) and the other is Failure Rate per 1000 hours of operation. Both of these means of evaluating reliability must be determined with a specific group of tests and a definition of what is the end of life for a device, such as a maximum change in resistance or a catastrophic failure (short or open). Various statistical studies are used to arrive at these failure rates and large samples are tested at the maximum rated temperature with rated load for up to 10 000 hours (24 hours per day for approximately 13 months). Reliability is generally higher at lower power levels.

Resistor Tolerance

Resistor tolerance is expressed as the deviations from nominal value in percent and is typically measured at 25 °C. A resistor's value will also change with applied voltage (VCR) and temperature (TCR). For networks, absolute resistor tolerance refers to the overall tolerance of the network. Ratio tolerance refers to the relationship of each resistor to the others in the package.

Stability

Stability is the change in resistance with time at a specific load, humidity level, stress, or ambient temperature. When these stresses are minimized, the better the stability.

Temperature Coefficient of Resistance (TCR also known as RTC)

TCR is expressed as the change in resistance in ppm (0.0001 %) with each degree Celsius of change in temperature. TCR is typically referenced at + 25 °C and changes as the temperature increases (or decreases). A resistor with a TCR of 100 ppm/°C will change 0.1 % over a 10 °C change and 1 % over a 100 °C change. In the context of a resistor network, the TCR value is called the absolute TCR in that it defines the TCR of a specific resistor element. The term TCR tracking refers to the difference in TCR between each specific resistor in a network.

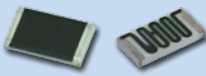
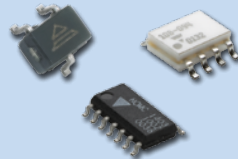
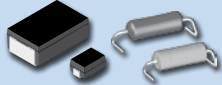
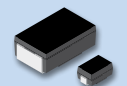
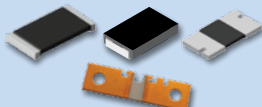
Temperature Rating

Temperature rating is the maximum allowable temperature at which the resistor may be used. It is generally defined with two temperatures. For example, a resistor may be rated at full load up to + 70 °C derated to no load at + 125 °C. This means that with certain allowable changes in resistance over the life of the resistor, it may be operated at + 70 °C at rated power. It also may be operated with temperatures in excess of + 70 °C if the load is reduced, but in no case should the temperature exceed the design temperature of + 125 °C with a combination of ambient temperature and self-heating due to the applied load.

Voltage Coefficient of Resistance (VCR)

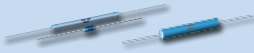
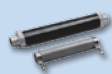
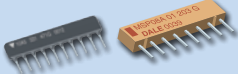
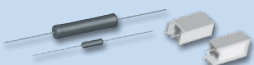
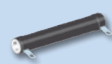
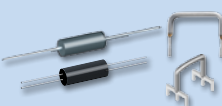
The voltage coefficient is the change in resistance with applied voltage. This is entirely different and in addition to the effects of self-heating when power is applied. A resistor with a VCR of 100 ppm/V will change 0.1 % over a 10 V change and 1 % over a 100 V change. In the context of a resistor network, this VCR value is called the absolute VCR in that it defines the VCR of a specific resistor element. The term VCR tracking refers to the difference in VCR between each specific resistor in a network.

Surface Mount / Substrates / Wirebondable Resistors

Technology *	Examples of Vishay Models	Resistance Range	Best Tolerance (%)	Best TCR (ppm/°C)	Strengths
Thick Film (Chips) 	RCWP , RCWPM , RC , CRHV , M , CRMV	0.1 Ω to 50 G Ω	± 1	± 100	- General purpose - Wide resistance range - Performance at high frequency
Thick Film (Networks) 	DFP , DFM , SOMC , SOGC , CZA	10 Ω to 1 M Ω	± 1	± 100	General purpose
Thin Film (Chips) 	E/H , P-NS , PTN , FC , L-NS , PAT , PLT , PLTT , PNM	0.03 Ω to 3 M Ω	± 0.01	± 5	- Stability - Performance at high frequency - High density
Thin Film (Networks) 	ORN , NOMC , TOMC , OSOP , MPM , MP , MPD , MPH , PR , LCC , FP200 , VR , VTSR , VSSR , VSOR	10 Ω to 1.5 M Ω	± 0.02	± 5	- Stability - Performance at high frequency - High density - Tight ratio tolerances - Tight TCR tracking - Integrated construction
Thin Film (Wirebondable) 	SFM , BCR , CTR	0.1 Ω to 25 M Ω	± 0.05	± 10	Small footprint
Thin Film (Substrates) 	SPF, PSS, INT	0.1 Ω to 2 M Ω	± 0.05	± 10	- Low noise - Better tracking
Wirewound 	WSC , WSN , WSZ	0.1 Ω to 15 k Ω	± 0.1	± 20	- High power ratings - Performance in harsh environments
Metal Film 	WSE , PSF	5 Ω to 100 k Ω	± 0.01	± 5	- Stability - Performance at high frequency
Power Metal Strip® 	WSL , WSR , WSK , WSH , WSLP , WSLT , WSLS , WSBS , WSMS	0.00005 Ω to 1 Ω	± 0.1	± 30	- Current sensing - Ultra low values

* Resistor technology also offered by other divisions of Vishay

Axial Leaded / Through-Hole Resistors

Technology *	Examples of Vishay Models	Resistance Range	Best Tolerance (%)	Best TCR (ppm/°C)	Strengths
Metal Film 	CMF , PTF , CCF , ERL , ERC , GSR , HDN	0.1 Ω to 50 M Ω	± 0.01	± 5	- General purpose - Wide resistance range - Good high frequency characteristics
High Voltage, High Pulse Films 	CPE , FP , HVV , MVW , TR , TD , FHV	0.1 Ω to 3 T Ω	± 0.1	± 25	- Pulse resistant - Flameproof - Good high frequency characteristics - High power
Metal Oxide 	ROX , RNX , RJu	100 Ω to 3 G Ω	± 0.5	± 50	- High voltage - High resistance values
Carbon Film 	G , D , B , I , SPW	50 Ω to 500 M Ω	± 5	$> \pm 250$	- High power - High wattages - High resistance values
Thick Film (Networks) 	CSC , MSP , MSM , MDP , MDM , TxxS , T14L , T16L	10 Ω to 2.2 M Ω	± 1	± 100	- General purpose - Wide resistance range - High frequency
Thin Film (Networks) 	TSP , VTF , TDP , CS , HVPS , HD , 100-267 , 100-268	20 Ω to 10 M Ω	± 0.01	± 5	- Low noise - Stability - High frequency - Tight ratio tolerances - Tight TCR tracking
Wirewound 	RW , RWR , G , RS , CW , CP , CA , CPR , CPL , CPCx , MR , MRA	0.01 Ω to 6 M Ω	± 0.005	± 2	- Wide power ranges - Wide resistance range - Excellent overload capabilities
Wirewound (Tubular) 	HL , HLW , HLZ , FxE, FxT, AxE, AxT, CMx, Fx	0.05 Ω to 645 k Ω	± 5	± 30	- Wide power ranges - Wide resistance range - Excellent overload capabilities
Wirewound (Housed) 	RH , RE , RER	0.01 Ω to 273 k Ω	± 0.05	± 20	- Wide power ranges - Wide resistance range - Excellent overload capabilities
Metal Element 	LVR , SR , SPU Open , SPU Molded	0.001 Ω to 0.8 Ω	± 0.1	± 30	- Wide power ranges - Excellent overload capabilities - Low ohmic values

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Fixed Resistor Technologies

Wirewound (Surface-Mount / Leaded)

A type of resistor made from winding a metal wire, such as nichrome, on an insulating form, such as a ceramic, plastic, or fiberglass core.

Power Metal Strip® / Metal Element (Surface-Mount / Leaded)

A type of resistor constructed using a solid metal alloy, such as nichrome or manganese-copper, as the resistive element, which is then welded to copper terminals. Used in current sense and shunt applications.

Film (Surface-Mount / Leaded)

Metal Film (Leaded/MELF)

A type of cylindrical resistors made by depositing a resistive element made of a thin conducting film of a metal or metal alloy, such as nichrome, onto a cylindrical ceramic or glass core. The resistance is controlled by cutting a helical groove through the conducting film.

Metal Oxide (Leaded)

A type of cylindrical resistor that uses materials such as ruthenium oxide or tin oxide as the resistive element. These resistors can be excellent high-voltage or high-power devices.

Thick Film (Chip Resistors/Chip Arrays/Networks)

Specially built surface-mount film resistor that carries high power for the part size. For thick film resistors, the ruthenium oxide “film” is applied using traditional screen-printing technology.

Thin Film (Chip Resistors/Chip Arrays/Networks)

A type of surface-mount film resistor with a relatively thin resistive element, measured in angstroms (millionths of an inch). Thin film resistors are made by sputtering (also known as vacuum deposition) a resistive material, such as nichrome or tantalum nitride, onto the surface of a substrate.

Carbon Film (Leaded/MELF)

A general class description for cylindrical resistors made by depositing a carbon film on the surface of a center core insulator.

Metal Foil (Surface Mount/Leaded)

A type of resistor made from photo fabricating a homogeneous metal in a specific pattern onto a ceramic substrate. The unique combination of materials and construction results in a product with unmatched performance characteristics and high reliability.

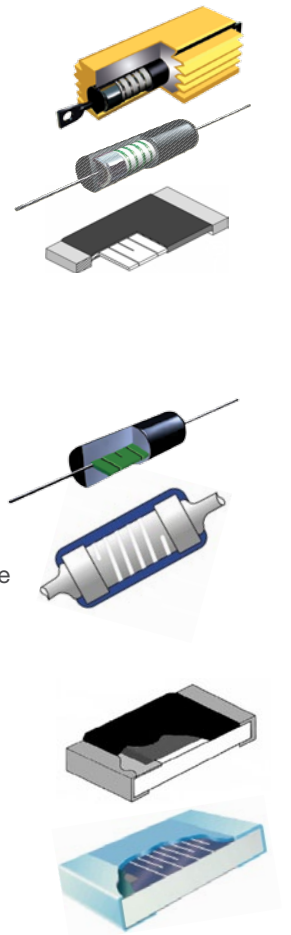
Composition (Leaded)

Carbon Composition

A general class description for resistors consisting of a carbon mixture resistive core and a molded outer insulating core.

Ceramic Composition

A type of resistor that consists of a clay, alumina, and carbon mixture that has been blended and pressurized into a resistive core and then covered with a molded outer insulating core.





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