

# 5612/5613/5614

Platinum Resistance Thermometer User's Guide

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# 1 Before You Start

# 1.1 Symbols Used

Table 1 lists the International Electrical Symbols. Some or all of these symbols may be used on the instrument or in this guide.

 Table 1
 International Electrical Symbols

Symbol	Description
$\sim$	AC (Alternating Current)
$\overline{\sim}$	AC-DC
-	Battery
(€	CE Complies with European Union Directives
===	DC
	Double Insulated
4	Electric Shock
$\Rightarrow$	Fuse
	PE Ground
<u>w</u>	Hot Surface (Burn Hazard)
$\triangle$	Read the User's Manual (Important Information)
0	Off
	On
c us	Canadian Standards Association

Symbol	Description
CATI	OVERVOLTAGE (Installation) CATEGORY II, Pollution Degree 2 per IEC1010-1 refers to the level of Impulse Withstand Voltage protection provided. Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation. Examples include household, office, and laboratory appliances.
C	C-TIC Australian EMC Mark
X	The European Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC) mark.

## 1.2 Safety Information

Use this instrument only as specified in this guide. Otherwise, the protection provided by the instrument may be impaired.

The following definitions apply to the terms "Warning" and "Caution".

"Warning" identifies conditions and actions that may pose hazards to the user.

"Caution" identifies conditions and actions that may damage the instrument being used.

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To avoid personal injury, follow these guidelines.

- DO NOT use this instrument to measure the temperature of any hazardous live component.
- Use of this instrument at high temperatures for extended periods of time can cause the handle to become hot.
- Follow all safety guidelines listed in the user's guide.
- Calibration Equipment should only be used by Trained Personnel.

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To avoid possible damage to the instrument, follow these guidelines.

- DO NOT drop or bang the probe in any way. This will cause damage to the probe internally and affect its calibration.
- Read Section entitled "PRT Care and Handling Guidelines" before removing the PRT from the shipping box. Incorrect handling can damage the PRT and void the warranty.
- Keep the shipping container in case it is necessary to ship the PRT. Incorrect packaging of the PRT for shipment can cause irreparable damage.

### 1.3 Authorized Service Centers

Please contact one of the following authorized Service Centers to coordinate service on your Hart product:

#### Fluke Corporation, Hart Scientific Division

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When contacting these Service Centers for support, please have the following information available:

- Model Number
- Serial Number
- Complete description of the problem

### 2 Introduction

### 2.1 General

The Platinum Resistance Thermometer (PRT) models 5612, 5613 and 5614 are designed to be secondary standard interpolating instruments converting temperature to resistance. The 5612, 5613 and 5614 may also be used as temperature standards for calibration of industrial sensors. The PRT is used with a readout device to detect temperature changes or actual temperature.

## 2.2 Recalibration

The recalibration of the 5612, 5613 and 5614 PRT should be scheduled according to the user's company Quality Assurance requirements. Normally, a PRT is recalibrated annually. Unless the PRT is used only over a limited range, calibration over the full range of the PRT is recommended. For information on recalibrating your 5612, 5613 or 5614, contact an Authorized Scientific Service Center for an RMA number and current pricing (see Section 1.3, Authorized Service Centers).

Depending on the user's Quality Assurance requirements, the PRT drift should be checked periodically at the Triple Point of Water (TPW). Section 6, Trouble-shooting, provides information on drift with respect to mechanical shock and oxidation.

# 3 Installation

### 3.1 Lead Wire Identification

The 5612, 5613 and 5614 PRT is equipped with a four-wire cable (see Figure 1). Four lead wires are used to cancel lead wire resistance. For best results, the readout device should be equipped to handle four-terminal resistors.

The lead wires are two different colors. Lead wire pairs attached to each end of the sensor are identified by red and white insulation.

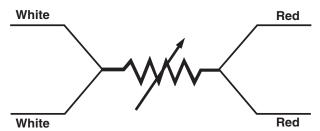


Figure 1 PRT Schematic

# 4 PRT Care and Handling Guidelines

#### 4.1 PRT Care



CAUTION: READ THIS SECTION BEFORE REMOVING THE PRT FROM THE SHIPPING BOX OR CASE

Care must be taken in handling the PRT to maintain calibration accuracy. Care should still be used when handling the PRT even though the Inconel sheath is durable and provides good protection for the sensor. Correct handling of the PRT will prolong the life expectancy. When not in use, the PRT should be stored in an optional protective case that can be purchased by contacting an Authorized Service Center (see section 1.3, Authorized Service Centers).

The handle is not designed to be immersed.

### 4.2 PRT Handling Guidelines

- DO keep the thermometer as clean as possible.
- DO immerse the thermometer in the appropriate liquid for the temperature range. If a dry block is used, the well diameter should allow the PRT to comfortably slip in and out without excess movement. For best results, immerse the thermometer as deep as possible to avoid "stem effect" (the temperature error caused by the conduction of heat away from the sensor).
- DO allow sufficient time for the thermometer to stabilize before making measurements. This allows for the best accuracy.
- DO use the correct drive current with the thermometer to prevent error in temperature or resistance. Hart Scientific recommends 1mA.
- DO use the protective shipping box provided or other protection when the thermometer is not in use.
- DO NOT subject the thermometer to any physical shock or vibration.
- DO NOT use pliers or other devices to squeeze the sheath. This action can permanently damage the PRT.
- DO NOT subject the thermometer to temperatures above the highest specified operating temperature.
- DO NOT expose the thermometer's handle or cables to extreme temperatures.
- DO NOT screw a clamp down so tight that it dents the sheath. This can permanently damage the PRT.

# 5 Operation

#### 5.1 General

For best results, be familiar with the operation of the heat source and the read-out instrument. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for the read-out instrument and the heat source.

## 5.2 Immersion Requirements

Stem effect can cause measurement errors for any thermometer. This error is due to heat lost or gained by the sensing element through the thermometer stem. In addition, heat losses occur due to radiation losses from the sensing element to the housing.

The immersion depth for standards is dependent on several factors including accuracy requirements and type of liquid. However, remember the handle limitations. The handle is not designed to be immersed.

The exact immersion depth required can be determined by performing a gradient test taking measurements approximately every 1.27 cm (.5 inches) until there is a significant difference in readings. Allow the thermometer to stabilize at each new depth. Plot the results to see the stem effect.

### 5.3 Thermal EMF

Two factors contribute to thermal EMF, chemical consistency and physical consistency. Variations in chemical structure due to impurities can contribute to thermal EMF. Also discrepancies in crystal structure can contribute to thermal EMF. These factors are minimized by annealing the full length of wire before construction of the PRT.

Likewise, connection to extension lead wires and readout instruments can be a source of thermal EMF. The thermal EMF is caused by a difference in temperature between two connections. If the two connections are the same temperature, there will be little or no thermal EMF effects. However, if there is a substantial temperature difference between connections, the thermal EMF effects will be significant. Therefore, cover or insulate any exposed bridge or galvanometer terminals to lessen the source of error. The effects of thermal EMF can be canceled by using an AC bridge or a DC bridge with reversible current.

# 6 Troubleshooting

# 6.1 Troubleshooting

In the event that the probe appears to function abnormally, this section may be of use in solving the problem. Several possible problem conditions are described along with likely causes and solutions. If a problem arises, please read this section carefully and attempt to understand and solve the problem. If the probe seems faulty or the problem cannot otherwise be solved, contact an Authorized Service Center (see Section 1.3) for assistance. Be sure to have the model number and serial number of your probe available.

Problem	Causes and Solutions	
Data changes greater than 0.1°C are observed	Mechanical shock can cause temperature errors as great as 0.5°C. If this is observed, first measure and record the Rtpw.	
Data changes less than 0.1°C	Slight mechanical shock can cause temperature errors less than 0.1°C.	
Data unstable	If the data is unstable at the Triple Point of Water (TPW), check connections for evidence of a bad connection. If the connector appears to be in good condition and the connections are good, the PRT may be damaged. Contact an Authorized Service Center (see Section 1.3).	
	• If the data is unstable at high temperatures, it may be due to electrical noise in the system. Reduce the temperature and observe the data. If it is stable, electrical noise is interfering with the measurements at high temperatures. Also, this is usually due to low shunt resistance. The resistance between the leads and the sheath (shunt resistance or insulation resistance) as measured by a resistance meter should be greater than 500 megohms at room temperature. Check the grounding of the readout device and the heat source. A faulty ground on either device could interfere with high temperature measurements. A ground wire attached to the metal sheath of the PRT may help to reduce electrical noise interference.	
Temperature readout different than expected, e.g. the heat source is set at 150°C, the PRT measures 125°C.	Measure the PRT resistance at TPW.  If the resistance of the PRT is less than the rated resistance, e.g. 98 ohms for a 100 ohm PRT, there may be a short in the sensor.  If the resistance of the PRT is only a few ohms, there	
	may be a short in the four lead-wires.  • If the PRT is open, the resistance will be "Out of Limits"	
	or in the kilohm or megohm range. For more information or assistance, contact an Authorized Service Center (see Section 1.3).	