



MF52 Thermistor Datasheet

General Description	Features
The MF52 series thermistor is a pearl-shaped NTC thermistor coated in ethoxyline resin. The compact size facilitates the benefits of close tolerances and fast response. The MF52 thermistor is designed to be interfaced to SMT data acquisition equipment. Typical Applications	 Indoor/Outdoor rated cable assembly Small size and fast response Compatible with SMT Industrial WiDAQ Long-term stability and reliability Excellent tolerance and interchangeability
 Building science research Building envelope temperature profiles Correlation for temperature compensation for moisture content and RH 	
 Industrial applications Heating, ventilation and air conditioning Temperature regulation and measurement Electronic thermometers Liquid level sensing 	

Ordering Information	
MF52 Thermistor with 6' Stereo jack	104JT-02-006
MF52 Thermistor with 6' Leaded cable	104JT-01-006
MF52 Thermistor with 30' Leaded cable	104JT-01-030
MF52 Thermistor with 30' Stereo jack	104JT-02-030



Thermistor Characteristics	
Rated Resistance R25	10 to 250 KΩ
B Value (25/50°C)	4150K
Operating Temperature	-55° to 125°C
Tolerance	1%
Dissipation Constant	≥2.0mW/°C
Time Constant	≤7 seconds in still air



Temperature Measurement Comparison Chart¹

Criteria	Thermocouple	RTD	Thermistor
Range	-267°C to 2316°C	-240°C to 649°C	-100°C to 500°C
Accuracy	Good	Best	Good
Linearity	Better	Best	Good
Sensitivity	Good	Better	Best
Cost	Best	Good	Better

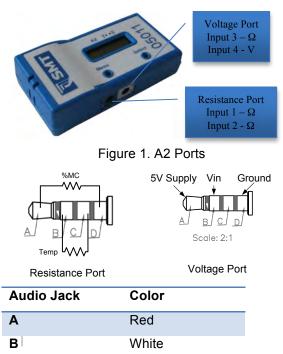
Thermocouples are inexpensive, rugged, and have a fast response time but are less accurate and the least stable and sensitive. Thermocouples also read only relative temperature difference between the tip and the leads while RTD's and thermistors read absolute temperature.

RTD's are the best choice for repeatability, and are the most stable and accurate. However they have a slow response time and because they require a current source they do have a low amount of self heating.

Thermistors have a fast output and are relatively inexpensive but are fragile and have a limited range. They also require a current source and do experience more self heating than an RTD and are nonlinear.

¹National Instruments

MF52 Thermistor Audio Cable



С	Green
D	Black

Table 1. Cable Pin-out Audio Cable

All resistance ports can be used for temperature sensors. Each A2 can have a maximum of 3 temperature sensors.

MF52 Thermistor CAT5 Cable



A3 or WiDAQ	CAT5 Cable	Function
Input 17-24	Orange Pair (Typically)	Temperature

Table 1. Connection to A3 and WiDAQ