

PU SERIES HEAT FLUX SENSORS AND SPECIALS

The PU series of heat flux sensors consists of a number of "standard" sensors with different diameters and thicknesses.

Apart from the standard models, special models can be manufactured on demand. In most cases the use of the PU series is associated with specific requirements concerning size (small or thin), temperature (up to 250 degrees C), mounting (flexible), chemical resistance (high) or the necessity to cover a large area.

The PU series is designed and manufactured by TNO-Science and Industry (former TNO-TPD).

INTRODUCTION

The PU series standard models consist of two categories: the PU category of 3 mm thickness and the PU-T category of 1 mm thickness.

Unique features of the PU series are:

- record breaking sensitivity per unit area
- small sensors available
- flexibility (for the PU-T category only)

The PU series is typically applied when one or a combination of these features is a technical necessity, for instance measurement of fluxes from human or animal bodies, or measurements on cylindrical surfaces. The sensor body of the PU series is made out of cast polyurethane. In addition the PU manufafcturing technology is applicable whenever very large sensors need to be manufactured.

MORE INFORMATION / OPTIONS

In case the PU series specific characteristics are not relevant, typically one should consider using the "standard" Hukseflux models HFP01 and HFP03.

Special models can be made according to customer specification. Typical variables to be specified are:

- size (can be very large)
- area of sensitive part
- thickness (1 mm or higher)
- temperature / pressure range
- chemical resistance
- sensitivity
- flexibility
- heat flux range
- IP protection class

In particular many special designs are made of silicone. This material choice results in high temperature, chemically inert and more flexible sensors. The mechanical robustness however is less than that of polyurethane. In exceptional cases epoxies are used.

PU SERIES SPECIFICATIONS

General:	see tables below
Optional temperature	
measurement:	Pt100 or
	thermocouple type K
Optional use of silicone:	temperature range
	extended to 250
	degrees C, improved
	chemical resistance.
	Typical minimum
	thickness: 1.2 mm.
	Less stiff than PU.
	Type indication SI.
Optional pressure resistance:	to 110 bar
Optional use of epoxy:	to be resistant
	against certain
	chemicals, however
	at lower flexibility.
	Type indication EP.
Optional calibration:	determination of
	temperature
	dependence
Manufacturing:	TNO-Science and
	Industry, former
	TNO-TPD



Figure 1 Dimensions of PU series, PU category of 3 mm thickness: sensitive area (1), guard (2), cable with miniplug (3), disconnectable miniplug (male) on sensor (4), optional temperature sensor (5)

Model		PU 11	PU 22	PU 32	PU 43	PU 54	
Thickness	mm	3	3	3	3	3	
Overall diameter	mm	25	50	75	100	150	
Dimensions sensitive area	mm	10x10	20x20	25x25	30x30	50x50	
Sensitivity (nominal)	µV/Wm⁻²	20	50	50	170	300	
Electrical resistance	Ohm	200	500	500	1500	3000	
Filling material		PU	PU	PU	PU	PU	
Temperature range	° C	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	
Thermal resistance	m²K/W	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	
Expected accuracy	%	+5/-5% @ 20 degrees C, temperature dependence typically 0.17%/K					
Cable connection		disconnectable miniplug + cable 2m					
Minimum bending radius	mm	Infinite (rigid sensor)					

PU SERIES, PU CATEGORY, 3 MM THICKNESS



1 MM THICKNESS PU SERIES, PU-T CATEGORY, 1 MM THICKNESS

Figure 2 Dimensions of PU series, PU-T category of 1 mm thickness: sensitive area (1), guard (2), fixed wires (3), minimum bending radius (4), optional temperature sensor (5) NOTE: PU-T sensors can be bent, but are quite rigid. Installation typically requires taping.

Model		PU 11 T	PU 22 T	PU 32 T	PU 43 T	
Thickness	mm	1	1	1	1	
Overall diameter	mm	25	50	75	100	
Dimensions sensitive area	mm	Ø 15	Ø 30	Ø 30	Ø 55	
Sensitivity (nominal)	µV/Wm ⁻²	8	30	30	150	
Electrical resistance	Ohm	400	1700	1700	7000	
Filling material		PU	PU	PU	PU	
Temperature range	° C	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	-20 to +90	
Thermal resistance	m²K/W	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	
Expected accuracy	%	+5/-5% @ 20 degrees C, temperature dependence typically 0.17%/K				
Cable connection		fixed wires 2m				
Minimum bending radius	mm	15	25	40	50	