

THERMOCOUPLE TRANSMITTER



The system consists of a thermocouple transmitter which transmits temperature measurements from a K type thermocouple to the tyre pressure receiver box.

The transmitter allows a K-type thermocouple to be connected externally via a hermetically sealed connector. The thermocouple output is then transmitted over a wireless link to a standard tyre pressure sensor receiver unit. The sensor housing has been designed so that it can be fitted to a standard tyre pressure sensor rim housing.

Electrical

- Supply voltage 2.5-3.6V (Internal Lithium Thionyl Chloride battery)
- Life 280 hours of transmissions
- Sensor only transmits if thermocouple connected
- Measurement range 20 to 450°C (using K-type thermocouple)
- Thermocouple resolution >0.2°C/bit
- Internal KTY-13 Positive TC sensor for board temperature measurement

Nominal rate per sensor (Hz)		Number of sensors	Mode
Tx	Rx		
0	0	-	Thermocouple disconnected
0.42	0.42	1	Thermocouple connected
	0.41	2	
	0.40	3	
	0.39	4	

Collisions between messages cause the reception rate to reduce as more sensors are used.

Receiver CAN specification

- Reception requires receiver type O 030 330 046 024
- Refer to tyre pressure user interface manual for details of CAN message specification and the scalings required to obtain the necessary voltages

All thermocouple related voltages are available in CAN_OBJECT_Raw.

Set V_{ref} = Raw (internal) sensor temperature

V_{thermo} = Raw tyre pressure

Then calculate :

$$V_{comp} = U_0 + U_1 * V_{ref} + U_2 * V_{ref}^2$$

$$V_{corr} = (V_{thermo} - k) / m + V_{comp}$$

Measured thermocouple temp T is given by:

$$T = C_0 + C_1 * V_{corr} + C_2 * V_{corr}^2$$

Application

- Monitoring temperature

RF Specification

- Modulation FM (FSK) encoded serial data
- Nominal frequency 433.920MHz
- Transmission range 15m (typ)
- Each sensor transmits a unique serial number
- All transmitted data is encrypted
- Transmitted data format as follows:

Message content

Message Type 1 (20.4msec duration)

<Serial No>
 <Board Temp raw ADC 11-bit>
 <Thermocouple raw ADC 12-bit>
 <Txcount>

Message Type 2 (20.4msec duration)

<Serial No>
 <Vbatt raw ADC 10-bit>
 <Thermocouple raw ADC 12-bit>
 <Txcount>

Message Type 3 (20.4msec duration)

<Serial No>
 <TX Life count 10-bit>
 <Thermocouple raw ADC 12-bit>
 <Txcount>

Calibration

- Each sensor is provided with 5 cal constants: U0, U1, U2, m, k which are unique to the sensor
- A further 3 constants@ C0, C1, C2 are provided but these are the same for all sensors of this design.

