MP-1
Measurement Platform

Absolute thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and specific heat of **solids, liquids, pastes and powders.**

Transient Plane Source (TPS)
ISO 22007-2, GB/T 32064 (solids)

Transient Hot Wire (THW)
ASTM D7896 (liquids)

Transient Line Source (TLS)
ASTM D5334-22a, ASTM D5930

Transient Hot Strip (THS)

Solid

Liquid

Paste

Powder

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INSTRUMENTS

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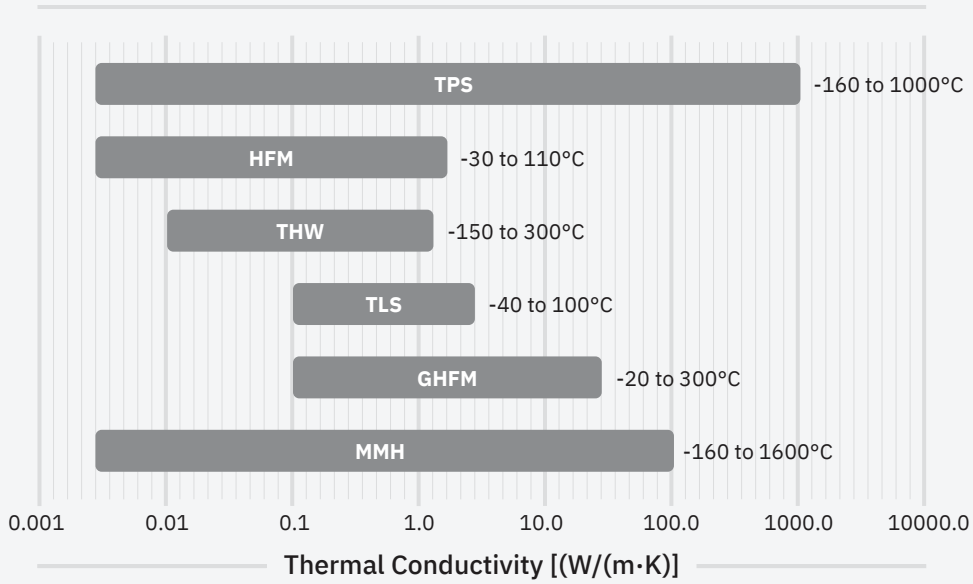

Thermtest™ INSTRUMENTS

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- MP-1: TPS (Transient Plane Source)
- MP-1: THW (Transient Hot Wire)
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MP-V (Measurement Platform)
- TPS (Transient Plane Source)
- THW (Transient Hot Wire)
- TLS (Transient Line Source)
- MTPS (Modified Transient Line Source)

HFM-100 | 50 | HT (Heat Flow Meter)
THW-L1 (Transient Hot Wire)
GHFM-01 (Guarded Heat Flow Meter)

Thermtest™ PORTABLE

MP-2 (Measurement Platform)
- MP-2: TPS (Transient Plane Source)
- MP-2: THW (Transient Hot Wire)
- MP-2: TLS (Transient Line Source)

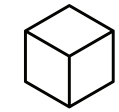
TLS-100 (Transient Line Source)
THW-L2 (Transient Hot Wire)
HFM-25 (Heat Flow Meter)

Thermtest has been advancing the measurement of thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and specific heat since 2005. With more than 3,000 satisfied customers worldwide, our unique combination of advanced thermal conductivity instrumentation for the laboratory, portable meters for the field and accessories enables us to provide ideal solutions to fit any material testing application and budget.

TPS/THW/TLS/THS
Room Temperature

TPS
Temperature Platform

THW
Temperature Platform



TPS/THS - **Solids**

THW - **Liquids**

TPS/THW/TLS - **Pastes**

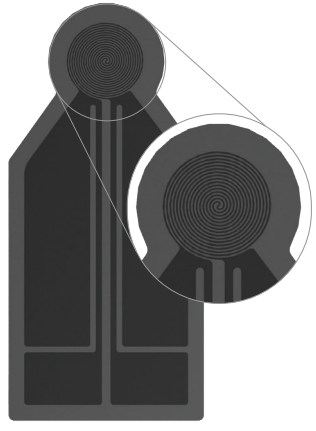
TPS/THW/TLS - **Powders**

MP-1 **Measurement Platform**

The powerful combination of Transient Plane Source (TPS) for solids, Transient Hot Wire (THW) for liquids, Transient Line Source (TLS) and Transient Hot Strip (THS) gives the MP-1 a unique and versatile selection of testing methods for your sample type. The TPS and THW methods are widely used for accurate measurement of absolute thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, specific heat and thermal effusivity. This versatility is greatly expanded with the addition of our proprietary Temperature Platform (TP) which is appreciated by academic and commercial users alike. Following ISO 22007-2 and ASTM 7896-19, the TPS and THW are primary measurement methods trusted worldwide with 1000s of published papers.

Methods

All of the transient methods share similar theory, with differences that are specific to their primary design. The basic theory is that the sensor is electrically connected to a power supply and sensing circuit. A current passes through the sensor and creates an increase in temperature, which is recorded over time. The heat generated is then diffused into the sample at a rate dependent on the thermal transport characteristics of the material.



Transient Plane Source (TPS) Sensor

The TPS sensor designed for solids, pastes and powders is comprised of a double-spiral of nickel encapsulated between layers of insulation. Standard operation of this sensor (Two-Sided) is placed between two pieces of the same sample, with expanded use to Single-Sided sensor, which only requires one piece of sample (Single-Sided). Our proprietary TPS calculation model measures the contact resistance between sensor and sample, as well as the thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, volumetric specific heat and thermal effusivity of the sample.

Transient Hot Wire (THW) Sensor

The THW sensor designed for liquids and phase change materials (PCMs) consists of a replaceable thin heating wire (40 mm in length) secured to specially designed sensor and sample cell which allows back pressurizing liquids to measure thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and volumetric specific heat past boiling temperatures. Measurements are done at short test times (1 second) to limit convective effects on samples with a wide range of viscosities.

Specifications

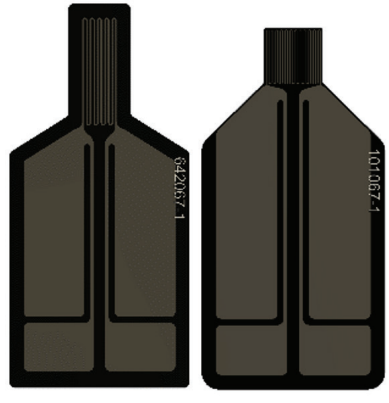
Methods	**Transient Plane Source (TPS)**	**Transient Hot Wire (THW)**
Materials	Solids, Pastes, and Powders	Liquids and PCMs
Testing Modules	3D: Bulk, Anisotropic, Slab | 1D: Standard, Thin-films General: Specific Heat	Bulk
Thermal Conductivity (W/m•K)	0.005 to 2000	0.01 to 2
Thermal Diffusivity (mm^2/sec)	0.01 to 1200	Up to 0.5
Volumetric Specific Heat (MJ/m^3K)	Up to 5	Up to 5
Thermal Effusivity ($W\sqrt{s}/(m^2K)$)	5 to 60000	N/A
Sample Size*	5 x 5 mm to unlimited	20 mL
Sample Thickness*	0.01 mm to unlimited	N/A
Sensor Contact Resistance (m^2K/W)	Measured	N/A
Temperature Platform (TP)	0 to 300 °C -160 °C | -45 °C | -20 °C | 0 to 300 °C	10 to 200 °C | -15/0 to 200 °C 0 to 300 °C | -45 to 300 °C | -160 to 300 °C
Extended Temperature Range	-160 to 1000 °C	N/A
Test Time (seconds)	0.25 to 2560	1
Data-Points (points/second)	Up to 600	400
Thermal Conductivity Accuracy	3%	2%
Repeatability	1%	1%
Sample Configuration	Symmetric (Two-Sided) | Asymmetric (Single-Sided)	N/A
Standard	ISO 22007-2, ISO 22007-7, GB/T 32064	ASTM D7896-19

*Based on testing module used.

Methods

Transient Line Source (TLS) Sensor

The TLS sensor designed for soil, paste and polymers consists of a thin heating wire and temperature sensor sealed in a steel tube. The sensor is completely inserted into the sample to be tested. Heat is delivered to the sample using a constant current source (q) and the temperature rise is recorded over a defined period of time. The slope (a) from plot of temperature rise versus logarithm of adjusted time is used in the calculation of thermal conductivity (k).



Transient Hot Strip (THS) Sensor

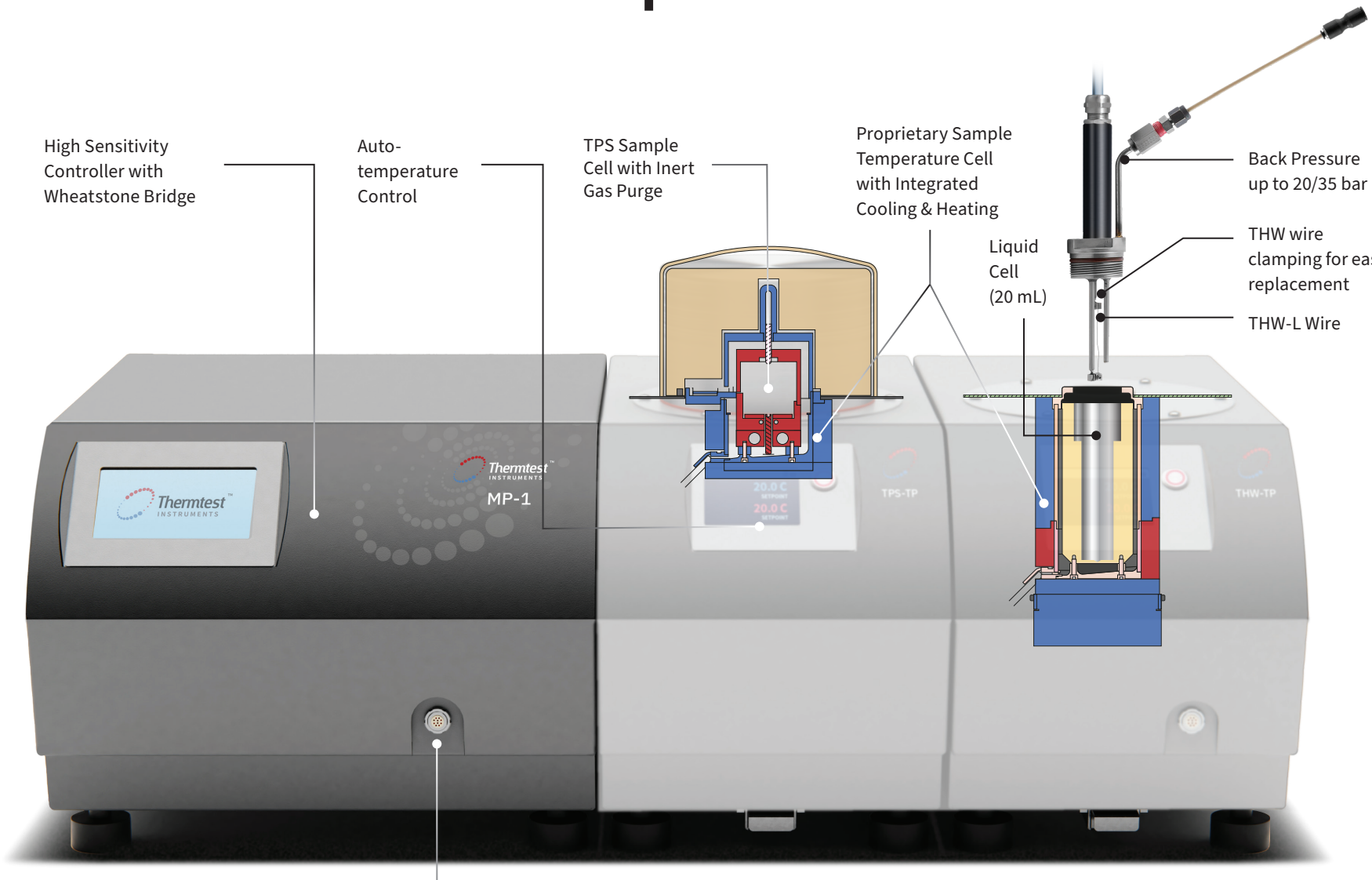
The THS sensor designed for solids is comprised of a nickel pattern encapsulated between layers of insulation. Standard operation of this sensor (Two-Sided) is placed between two pieces of the same sample with expanded use to Single-Sided sensor, which only requires one piece of sample (Single-Sided). Our proprietary TPS calculation model measures the contact resistance between sensor and sample, as well as the thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, volumetric specific heat and thermal effusivity of the sample.

Specifications

Methods	**Transient Line Source (TLS)**	**Transient Hot Strip (THS)**
Materials	Soil, Rock and Polymers	Solids
Testing Modules	N/A	2D: Bulk, Anisotropic, Slab | 1D Standard
Thermal Conductivity (W/m•K)	0.1 to 8	0.1 to 500
Additional Properties	N/A	Thermal Diffusivity and Volumetric Specific Heat
Sample Size*	50 mm to unlimited	10 (fixed) x 30 mm
Sample Thickness*	100 mm to unlimited	0.1 mm to unlimited
Sensor Contact Resistance (m^2K/W)	N/A	Measured
Temperature Range	-40 to 100 °C	-75 to 300 °C
Test Time (seconds)	180	0.25 to 2560
Data-Points (points/second)	400	Up to 600
Thermal Conductivity Accuracy	5%	5%
Repeatability	2%	1%
Sample Configuration	Inserted	Symmetric (Two-Sided) | Asymmetric (Single-sided)
Standard	ASTM D5334-22a, ASTM D5930-17, IEEE 442-2017	N/A

*Based on testing module used.

MP-1 with **Temperature Platform**



TPS-Temperature Platform

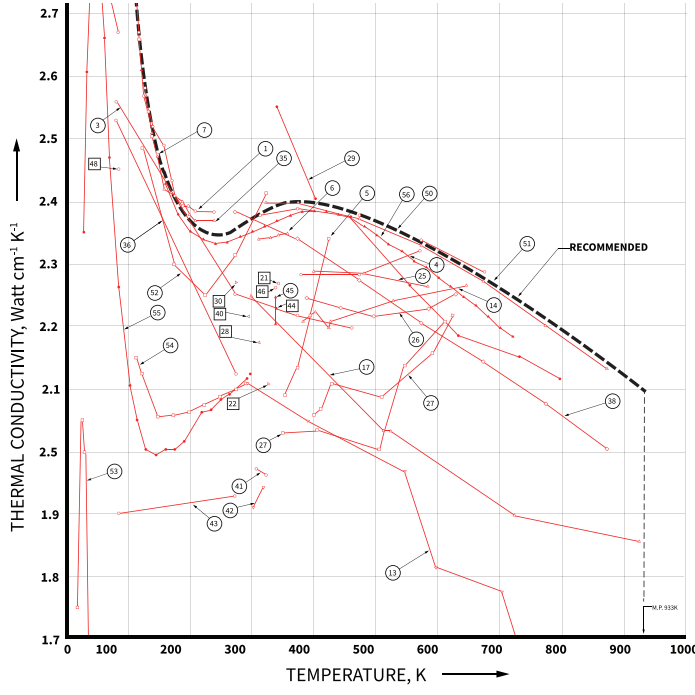
TPS-TP: **0 to 300 °C**
Expanded: **-160 °C | -45 °C | -20 °C | 0 to 300 °C**
Uniformity: **< 0.1 °C**

THW-Temperature Platform

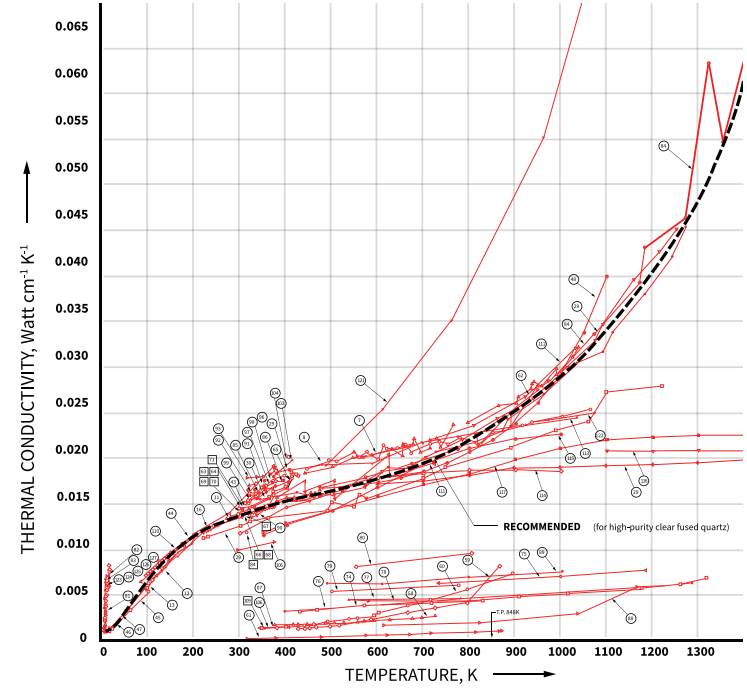
THW-TP: **10 to 200 °C**
Extended for 200 °C: **-15 °C | 0 to 200 °C**
Extended for 300 °C: **-160 °C | -45 °C | 0 to 300 °C**
Uniformity: **< 0.1 °C**

Fully Characterize Your Materials

NIST - **Aluminum**



NIST - **Quartz**



Thermal Conductivity vs. Temperature

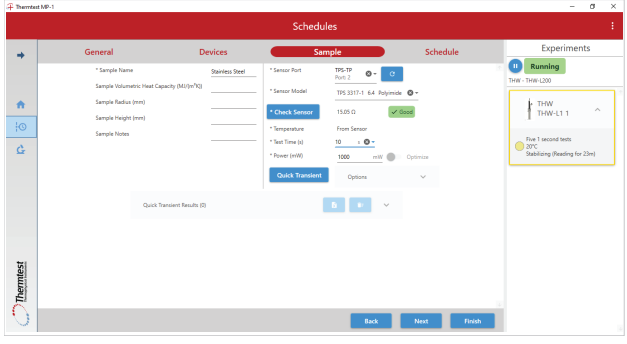
As materials are unique, the reliance on reference information to predict thermal conductivity or its relationship with temperature can lead to the use of inaccurate data. Using NIST's "**Thermal Conductivity of Selected Materials**" reference for aluminum and quartz, we can see that there is a wide variance in thermal conductivity vs. temperature. Due to the dramatic variance in global material sources, it is critically important to fully characterize materials for thermophysical properties. Optional temperature capability can be added to the MP-1 allowing for full temperature characterization.

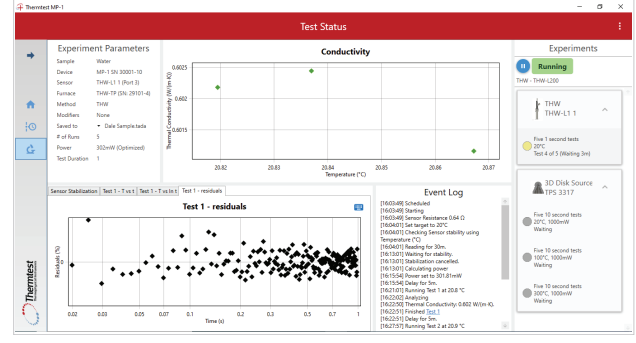
Citation: Powell, R.W., Ho, C.Y., and Liley, P.E. (1996). *Thermal Conductivity of Selected Materials*. Washington, U.S.: Dept. of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards; for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.. Govt. Printing Office. pp. 17, 99.

Data Acquisition Software

Designed from the ground up, the MP-1 Data Acquisition Software (DAQ) smartly controls all aspects of testing and scheduling. Testing methods and experimental parameters may be selected for automated scheduling.

A unique feature for the MP-1 is the integration of a four channel switch which is designed to allow automation of multiple devices and sensors to be controlled at the same time, greatly increasing testing capacity.



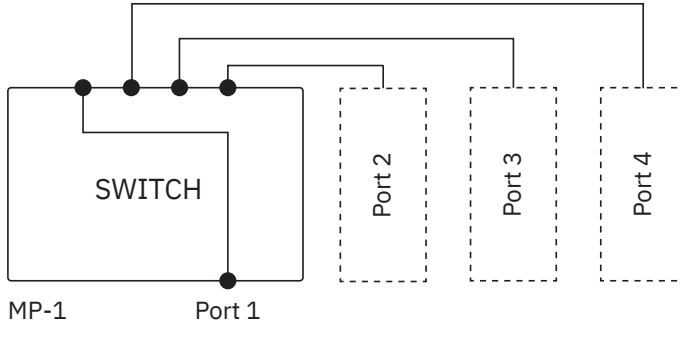


Methods and Parameters

Methods and testing modules can be selected & parameters optimized for solids, liquids, pastes, and powders.

Scheduling

Any combination of methods, devices and sensors can be scheduled to operate at a variety of conditions, such as temperature range.

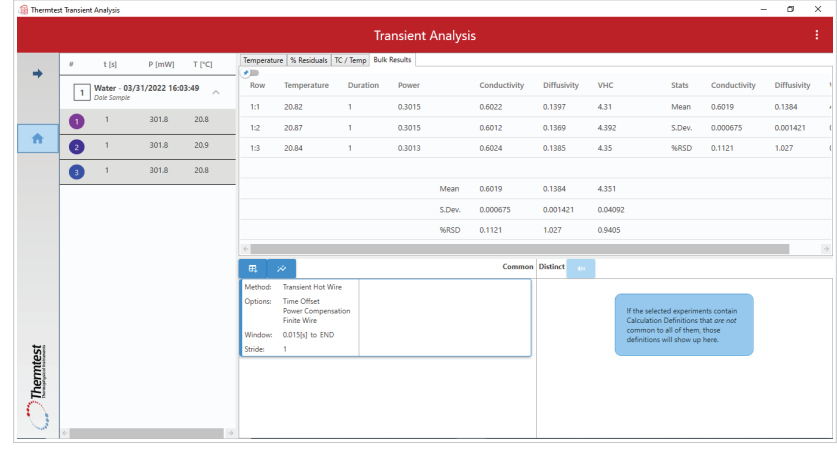


Switch

Integrated into each MP-1, the four port switch enables use of a number of optional devices, temperature platforms and sensors to maximize convenience and capacity.

Analysis Software

Creating a better user experience, the Analysis Software (AS) was designed to operate independent of the DAQ. A wide range of analysis operations can be conveniently accomplished. Testing data is grouped together based on method used, making corresponding calculations easy to apply.



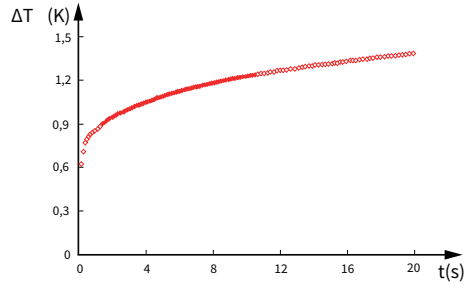
In addition to summary of results, variations in applied corrections are stored for easy comparison and exporting.

TPS Contact Analysis

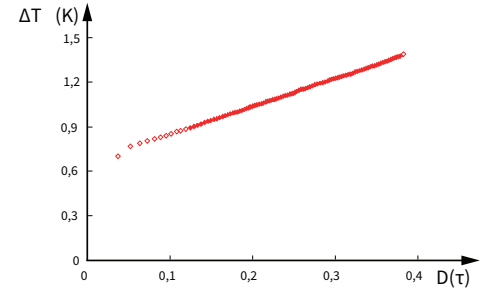
TPS theory states that the non-linear section of temperature rise vs time, known as contact resistance has to be removed, so the intrinsic thermophysical calculations are based on the linear region of transient. This can be done manually by iteratively removing start points till best fit is achieved. Although this is a suitable approach, it does take an experienced user to reduce errors and achieve required repeatability.

The contact resistance between the sensor and sample is dependent on the quality of the sample surface. When manually removing the contact resistance a small number of points (step 1) is removed and newly calculated for best fit analysis. If the resulting residual mean deviation can be improved, more points (step 2) can be removed and calculation steps repeated.

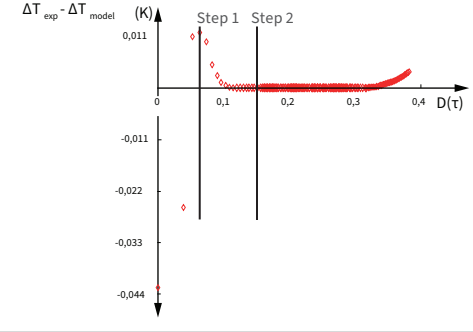
Raw Data



Calculation Data



Residual Data



TPS Contact Analysis

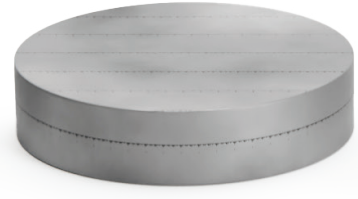
Alternatively, using our proprietary Contact Analysis (CA), the MP-1 is able to calculate the contact resistance (m^2K/W) between sensor and sample, automatically removing the corresponding start time. In addition to better understanding the effects of surface finish on your measurements, this greatly simplifies the analysis for the intrinsic thermophysical properties.

Demonstrating the application of the contact analysis measurement, four samples of stainless steel 316 with different surfaces were measured for thermophysical properties. As the MP-1 is able to measure contact resistance, selection of the calculation window is greatly simplified, maximizing repeatability of the intrinsic properties of the sample as the surface roughness increases, the measured contact resistance also increases.

Stainless Steel 316

Surface Finishes	Surface Roughness Ra (um)		Contact Resistance (m^2K/W)	Conductivity ($W/m{\cdot}K$)	Diffusivity (mm^2/s)	Volumetric Specific Heat (MJ/m^3K)	Effusivity ($W\sqrt{s}/m^2K$)
Polished	0.101	Mean	1.00E-04	13.80	3.73	3.70	7149
		%RSD	6	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
Machined	0.324	Mean	1.54E-04	13.93	3.75	3.71	7194
		%RSD	1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
400 grit	0.516	Mean	1.32E-04	13.84	3.74	3.71	7163
		%RSD	2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1
80 grit	2.78	Mean	2.41E-04	13.85	3.73	3.71	7171
		%RSD	1	0.02	0.2	0.2	0.1

Polished

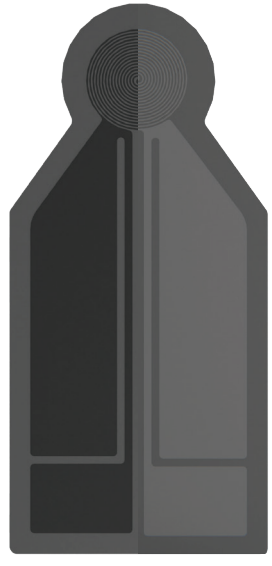


Machined

Sanded (400 grit)

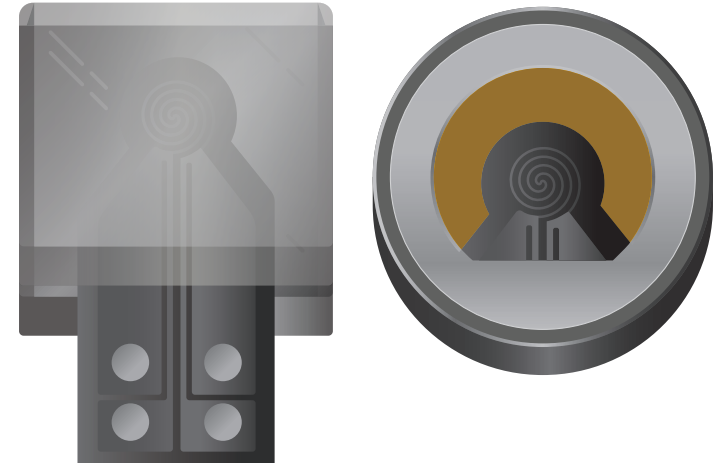
Sanded (80 grit)

TPS Sensors



TPS (400 or 800/1000 °C)

Standard double-spiral nickel sensor patterns can be insulated in various insulation types for use at a wide range of temperatures.



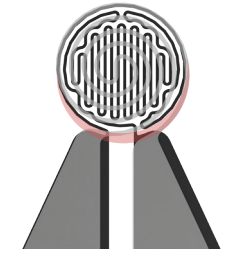
TPS Sensors

Sensors for testing solids, pastes and powders. Configurations of symmetric (Two-Sided) requires one sample piece on the top and bottom of the sensor, while asymmetric (Single-Sided) requires only one piece of sample.

TPS Vertical Strip Sensors

TPS Double Spiral 2 mm radius

TPS Vertical Strip 2 mm radius



Overlay of TPS Double Spiral and TPS Vertical Strip 2 mm radius

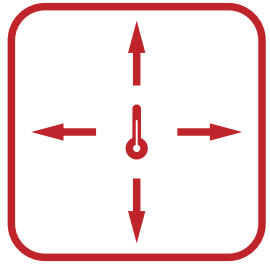
Our new proprietary sensor (TPS Vertical Strip) design is a near perfect circle, which better follows the ideal TPS theory. When testing with small sensor radii, this improved design reduces required corrections, while decreasing measurement uncertainty. When comparing the Corrected Radius between small diameter TPS sensors, the TPS Vertical Strip (2 mm, 1.30%) requires less correction when compared to TPS Double Spiral (2 mm, 5.75%) of the same radius. As the TPS sensor radius increases, this advantage is reduced.

	Radius (mm)	Corrected Radius (mm)	% Difference
TPS Vertical Strip Sensor	2	2.026	1.30
	3.2	3.201	0.03
	6.4	6.405	0.08
TPS Double Spiral Sensor	2	2.115	5.75
	3.2	3.28	2.50
	6.4	6.591	2.98
	9.9	10.11	2.12

TPS Modules

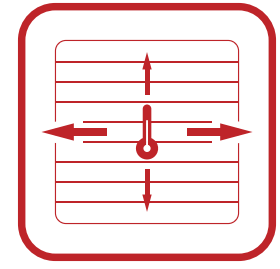
Thermtest offers a growing selection of testing modules which are grouped based on their testing theory.

3-Dimensional



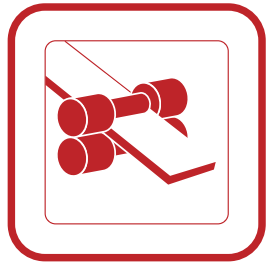
Standard

Bulk thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, specific heat and thermal effusivity. Symmetric and Asymmetric.



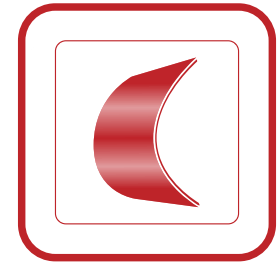
Anisotropic

Anisotropic In-plane and out-of-plane thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity. Symmetric and Asymmetric.



Slab

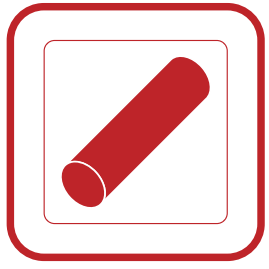
Isolated in-plane, for thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and volumetric specific. Symmetric and Asymmetric.



Thin-Film

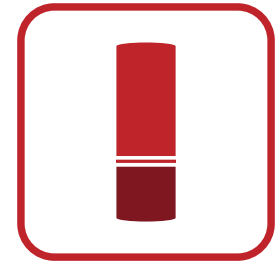
Thermal conductivity of thin-films and coatings according to ISO 22007-2.

1-Dimensional



Standard

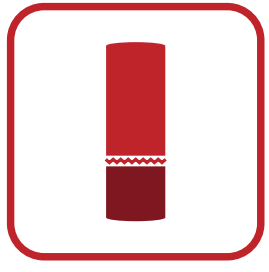
Isolated out-of-plane, for thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and volumetric specific heat for elongated shapes, rods and bars. No input of volumetric specific heat required. Symmetric and Asymmetric.



Thin-Film

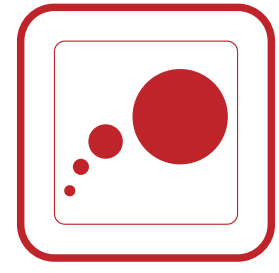
Thermal Resistance and thermal conductivity of free standing thin-films, adhesives and coatings.

General



Contact Resistance

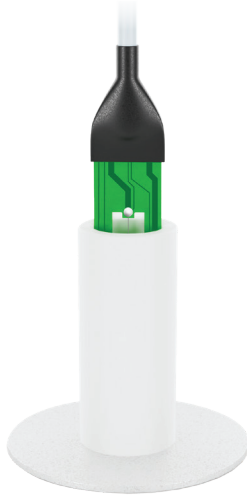
Thermal Contact Resistance between two objects, similar or dissimilar objects, including effects of surface finish, pressure and temperature.



Specific Heat

High accuracy direct measurement of specific heat. Various cell dimensions available, for improved accuracy of heterogenous materials.

THW Sensors



THW-RT Sensor (10 to 40 °C)

THW Sensor for liquids and PCMs in composite for measurements at ambient pressure.

THW-L200 Sensor

(-50 to 200 °C) up to 20 bar

THW Sensor for liquids and PCMs is stainless steel construction with sealed liquid cell for use of back pressure to test past boiling points.

THW-L300 Sensor

(-50 to 300 °C) up to 35 bar

High-Temperature THW Sensor for liquids and PCMs is stainless steel construction with sealed liquid cell for use of back pressure to test past boiling points.

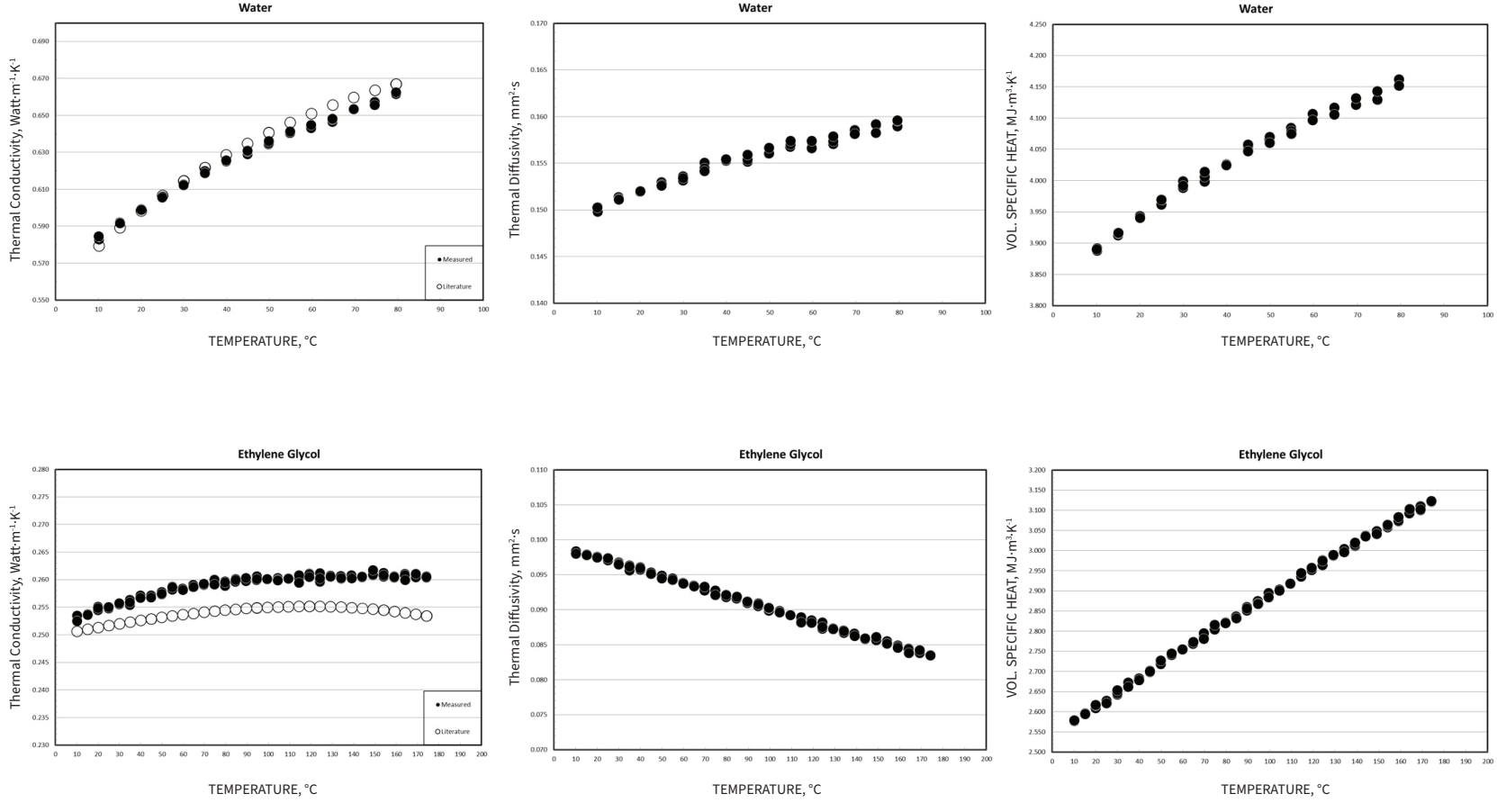
THW-LT Sensor

(-160 to 200 °C) up to 35 bar

Low-Temperature THW Sensor for liquids and PCMs at cryogenic conditions.

THW Testing

Demonstrating the accuracy of the transient hot wire method, below are thermophysical measurements of water and ethylene glycol. Low back pressure can be applied to allow testing past boiling points.



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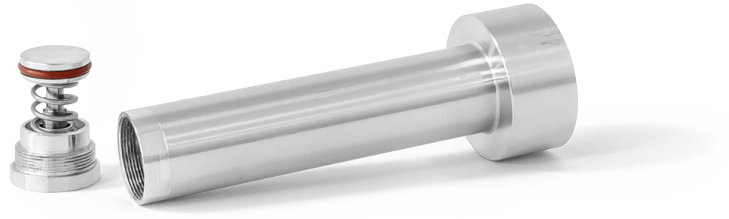
THW Cells

Paste and PCM Cell

Special Phase Change Materials (PCM) with easy to load access. Unique spring design allows sample expansion and contraction while ensuring sample is in constant contact with THW wire during measurement.

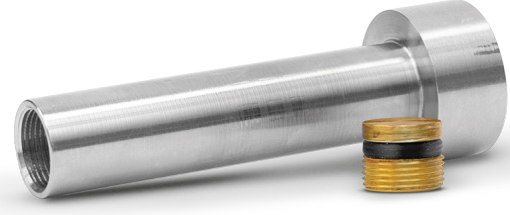


Observation Cell

THW observation sample cell is used for liquids, powder, and paste testing. The cell has convenient glass ports for observing what is happening with the sample. Typical applications are phase separation, boiling or particle settling.

Ambient Density Powder Cell

The THW Ambient Density Powder Cell is suitable for basic powder sample testing at ambient pressure.

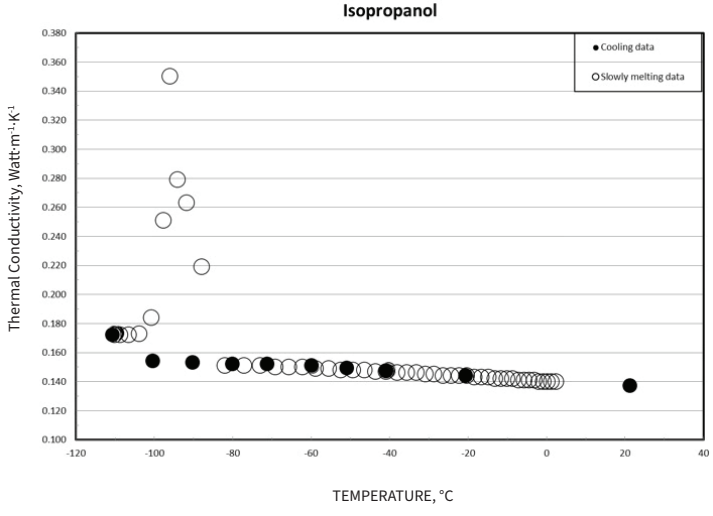


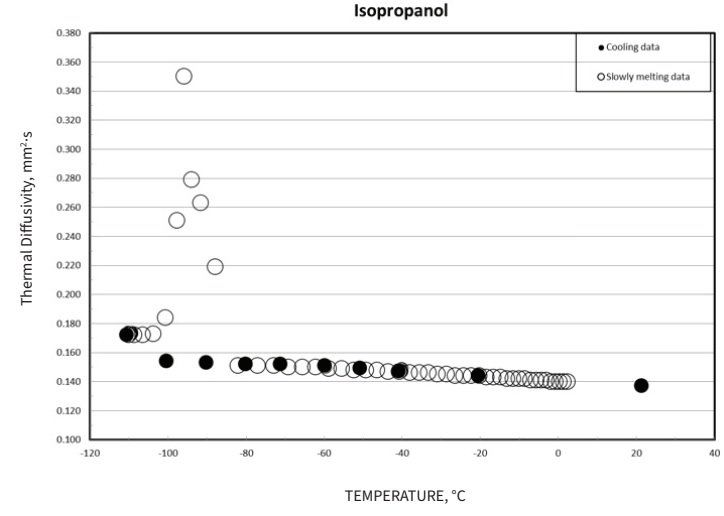
Variable Density Powder Cell

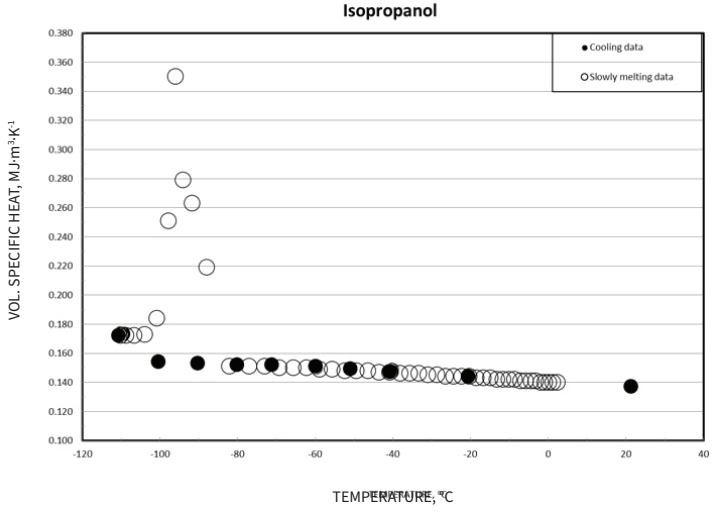
THW test cell with screw-type compression system for varying the density of powder samples. It can also be used to ensure powders stay in contact with THW wire.

PCM Tests

Testing of phase change materials is possible with the use of the optional PCM cell. The unique spring design ensures the sample stays in contact with the sensing wire through phase changes. Isopropanol was measured for thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and specific heat from 20 °C to -110 °C . The sharp “anomalous” thermal conductivity rise during the phase transition is expected during the melting of the samples.







TPS Accessories

Muffle Furnace

- Large sample or multiple samples
- Size up to: 150 x 150 x 50 mm
- 750 °C in backfilled environment

Tube Furnace

- Option 1: 40 x 40 x 13 mm
- Option 2: 75 x 75 x 25 mm
- 1000 °C in backfilled environment

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Fan Furnace

- Affordable, versatile, expandable
- Up to 4 samples
- Size up to: 75 x 75 x 50 mm
- 300 °C and 400 °C options

TPS Expanding Switch

- Automate multi-sensor testing
- Channels: x2, x4, or x8

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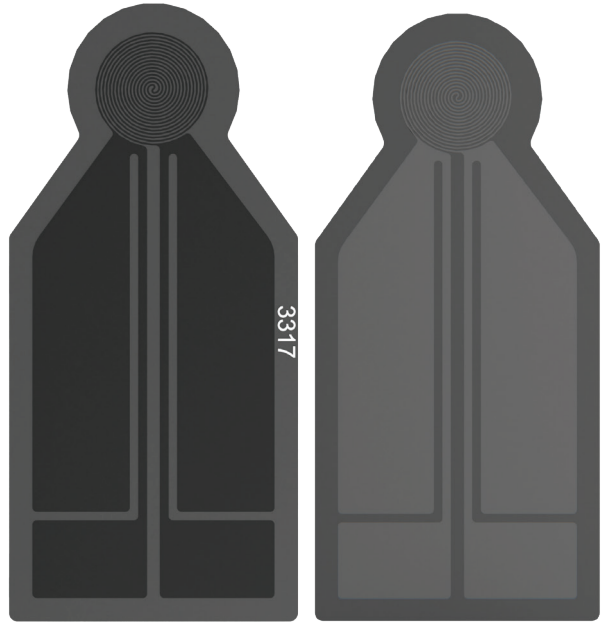
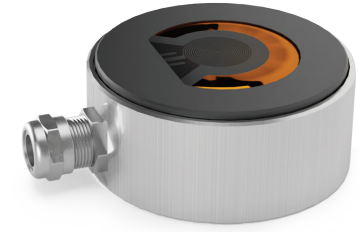


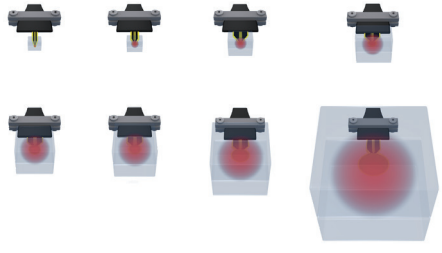
Two-Sided TPS Sensor

Two-Sided sensor for accurate lab testing.



Single-Sided TPS Sensor

Spring-loaded sensor for testing large samples or one when only one piece of sample is available.



Extended TPS Sensors

- Small sensors for samples as small as 5 mm
- Large sensors for heterogeneous samples or large particle powders

Testing Cells

- Powder Cell
- Liquid Cell
- Paste Cell
- Polymer Melt Cell

Compression Stand + Temperature

- For compressible materials
- Force gauge: 10 to 100 N
- Distance gauge
- Room temperature or -40 to 200 °C

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