# DATASHEET AND OPERATING GUIDE PTCxK-CH Series

Chassis Mount Temperature Controllers



#### TIME-TESTED RELIABILITY

The PTCxK-CH Series Chassis Mount Temperature Controllers deliver the precision performance and long-term reliability you expect from a Wavelength Electronics temperature controller.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

PTCxK-CH Series controllers are found in such diverse applications as particle and droplet measurement, manufacturing machine vision systems, biomolecular interaction analysis, and more.

#### **FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- Drive up to ±2.5, ±5.0, or ±10.0 A of linear bipolar TEC or heater current
- Add a booster unit to drive up to ±20.0 A
- Single supply operation: 5 to 30 VDC
- Small package: 3.0" x 3.2" x 1.1"
- Use a wide variety of temperature sensors
- Remote Output and Setpoint controls
- Short term stability: 0.0012°C
- Long term stability: 0.002°C
- Selectable sensor bias current
- Adjustable current limit
- Failsafe Setpoint default in case of remote temperature setpoint signal error

#### VERSATILE AND EASY TO USE

The PTCxK-CH controllers operate from a single power supply between 5 V and 30 V. The linear bipolar controller drives a Peltier thermoelectric cooler or a resistive heater, and integrates easily into OEM applications.

PTCxK-CH controllers interface with a variety of temperature sensors, and the bias current is adjustable in order to maximize controller sensitivity and stability.

The compact chassis mount design simplifies heatsinking and requires minimal space. PTCxK-CH controllers are quick to configure for your prototype project, and there are no surprises when it's time to integrate the controller into the final design.

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### ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NO	DESCRIPTION		
PTC2.5K-CH	±2.5 A Temperature Controller		
PTC5K-CH	±5.0 A Temperature Controller		
PTC10K-CH	±10.0 A Temperature Controller		
PTC10K-SL	±10.0 A Booster Unit		
WCB105	Sensor Cable (included)		
WCB106	Input / Output Cable (included)		
WCB107	Power / TEC Cable		
WCB501	Master / Booster Cable		
USBKIT	USB Interface kit, with software		















## **ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	PTC2.5K	PTC5K	PTC10K	UNIT	NOTE		
ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS								
Supply Voltage	V+		4.5 to 30		VDC	Consult Safe Operating Area calculator.		
Internal Power Dissipation <sup>1</sup>	P <sub>MAX</sub>		60		W	derating begins at 55°C		
Case Operating Temperature			-40 to 85		°C			
Case Storage Temperature			-65 to 125		°C			
Weight			4.3		oz	120.4 g		
Size			3.0 x 3.2 x 1.1		inches	76.2 x 81.3 x 28.0 mm		

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OUTPUT CURRENT	,			,		<u>'</u>
Max Output Current	I <sub>MAX</sub>	±2.5	±5	±10	А	V+ = 5 VDC
Minimum Compliance Voltage	V <sub>COMP</sub>	V+ – 1.5	V+ - 2.2	V+ - 4.5	V	V+ > 5.3 VDC
Short Term Stability, 1 hr, Off ambient <sup>1,2,3</sup>			< 0.0012		°C	
Short Term Stability, 1 hr, On ambient <sup>1,2,3</sup>		< 0.0014			°C	10 kΩ thermistor at 100 μA bias current
Long Term Stability, 24 hr, Off ambient <sup>1,2,3</sup>		< 0.002			°C	
Temperature Coefficient		< 100			ppm / °C	
POWER SUPPLY						
Power Supply Voltage	V+		5 to 30		VDC	
PTC Quiescent Current			50		mA	
Minimum Current Rating		1.1 * (I <sub>TEC</sub> + Quiescent Current)			А	
TEMPERATURE SENSORS						
Sensor Compatibility		Thermistor, RTD, Linear Sensors				
Sensor Input Voltage Range		0 to (V+ – 1.5) 0 to 5.5			V	V+ < 7 VDC V+ ≥ 7 VDC
Sensor Input Damage Threshold		5.5			V	
BIAS CURRENT						
Bias Current Selection		10 μA, 100μA,1 mA, 10 mA				
Bias Current Accuracy		±0.5%				over full temperature range
Bias Current Temperature Coefficient		25 10			ppm / °C	V+ < 7 VDC V+ ≥ 7 VDC
EXTERNAL SETPOINT AND MONITOR	RS					
External Setpoint Voltage Range		0 to V+ 0 to 6.2			V	V+ < 7 VDC V+ ≥ 7 VDC
External Setpoint Damage Threshold		< -0.5, or > 7.2			V	
SET T MON Output Voltage Range		0 to 6.2			V	
ACT T MON Output Voltage Range		0 to 6			V	
Sensor Voltage to ACT T MON Accuracy		1			mV	
SET T MON to ACT T MON Accuracy		1			mV	
FEEDBACK LOOP						
Proportional Gain Range		5 to 40			A/V	

 $<sup>^{1)}</sup>$ Assumes steady-state operation with a tuned system, using a 10 k $\Omega$  thermistor, and  $P_{GAIN}$  tuned to critical damping point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Use the lowest-noise power supplies available for your application. Contact the factory for recommendations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> When using resistive heaters, stability can only be consistently achieved when specified temperatures are 10°C or more above ambient.