PTC thermistors for switching applications

Plastic Case, 220 V

Series/Type: **B59339, B59342, B59346**
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Applications

- Starting resistance in switch-mode power supplies

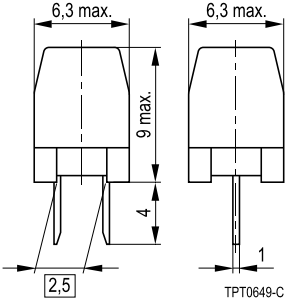
Features

- Encased thermistor disk with clamp contacts
- Flame-retardant plastic case
- Case material UL-listed
- Silver-plated lead-free solder pins
- Manufacturer's logo and type designation stamped on in white
- Stable performance throughout 100 000 switching cycles
- RoHS-compatible

Delivery mode

- Packed in blister trays

Dimensional drawing



Dimensions in mm

General technical data

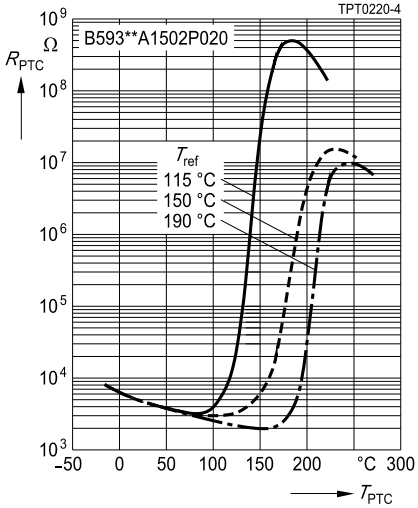
Max. operating voltage	(T_A = 60 °C)	V_{max}	265	VAC
Rated voltage		V_R	220	VAC
Switching cycles		N	100000	
Rated resistance		R_R	5000	Ω
Tolerance of R_R		ΔR_R	±25	%
Operating temperature range	(V = 0)	T_{op}	−25/+125	°C
Operating temperature range	($V = V_{max}$)	T_{op}	0/+60	°C

Electrical specifications and ordering codes

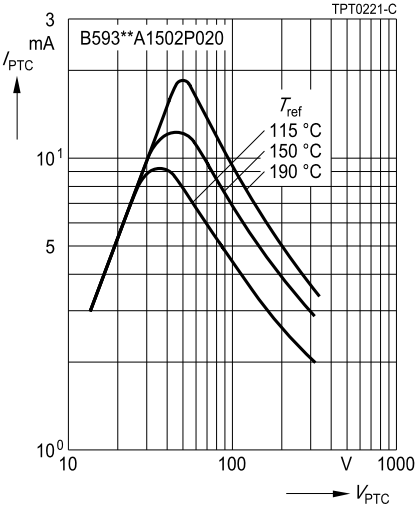
I_R	I_S	I_{Smax} ($V = V_{max}$)	I_r ($V = V_{max}$)	t_s	R_{min}	T_{ref}	Ordering code
mA	mA	A	mA	s	Ω	°C	
7	15	0.1	1.5	≤ 0.5	3200	115	B59339A1502P020
10	20	0.1	1.8	≤ 1.0	2800	150	B59342A1502P020
14	30	0.1	2.0	≤ 2.0	2000	190	B59346A1502P020

Characteristics (typical)

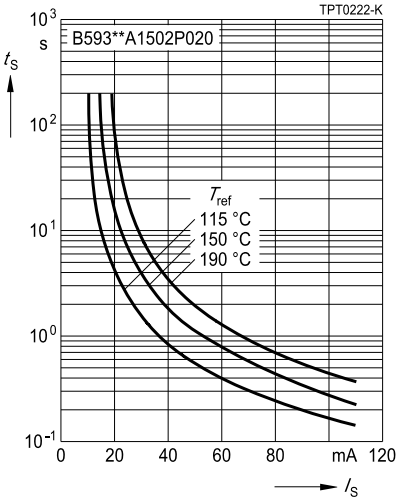
PTC resistance R_{PTC} versus
PTC temperature T_{PTC}
(measured at low signal voltage)



PTC current I_{PTC} versus PTC voltage V_{PTC}
(measured at 25 °C in still air)



Switching time t_S versus switching current I_S
(measured at 25 °C in still air)



Cautions and warnings

General

- EPCOS thermistors are designed for specific applications and should not be used for purposes not identified in our specifications, application notes and data books unless otherwise agreed with EPCOS during the design-in-phase.
- Ensure suitability of thermistor through reliability testing during the design-in phase. The thermistors should be evaluated taking into consideration worst-case conditions.

Storage

- Store thermistors only in original packaging. Do not open the package before storage.
- Storage conditions in original packaging: storage temperature −25 °C ... +45 °C, relative humidity ≤75% annual mean, maximum 95%, dew precipitation is inadmissible.
- Avoid contamination of thermistors surface during storage, handling and processing.
- Avoid storage of thermistor in harmful environment with effect on function on long-term operation (examples given under operation precautions).
- Use thermistor within 6 months after delivery.

Handling

- PTCs must not be dropped. Chip-offs must not be caused during handling of PTCs.
- Components must not be touched with bare hands. Gloves are recommended.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during handling.

Soldering

- Use rosin-type flux or non-activated flux.
- Insufficient preheating may cause ceramic cracks.
- Rapid cooling by dipping in solvent is not recommended.
- Complete removal of flux is recommended.

Mounting

- Electrode must not be scratched before/during/after the mounting process.
- Contacts and housing used for assembly with thermistor have to be clean before mounting. Especially grease or oil must be removed.
- When PTC thermistors are encapsulated with sealing material, the precautions given in chapter "Mounting instructions", "Sealing and potting" must be observed.
- When the thermistor is mounted, there must not be any foreign body between the electrode of the thermistor and the clamping contact.
- The minimum force of the clamping contacts pressing against the PTC must be 10 N.
- During operation, the thermistor's surface temperature can be very high. Ensure that adjacent components are placed at a sufficient distance from the thermistor to allow for proper cooling at the thermistors.
- Ensure that adjacent materials are designed for operation at temperatures comparable to the surface temperature of thermistor. Be sure that surrounding parts and materials can withstand this temperature.
- Avoid contamination of thermistor surface during processing.

Operation

- Use thermistors only within the specified temperature operating range.
- Use thermistors only within the specified voltage and current ranges.
- Environmental conditions must not harm the thermistors. Use thermistors only in normal atmospheric conditions. Avoid use in deoxidizing gases (chlorine gas, hydrogen sulfide gas, ammonia gas, sulfuric acid gas etc), corrosive agents, humid or salty conditions.Contact with any liquids and solvents should be prevented.
- Be sure to provide an appropriate fail-safe function to prevent secondary product damage caused by abnormal function (e.g. use VDR for limitation of overvoltage condition).

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