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## Meritek Part Numbers are designated as follows:

| * Meritek series ———<br>* Element size (Diameter  | SCK<br>in m/m)       | 05    |   | 7 | T | 무 |  |
|---|----------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|--|
| <ul> <li>Zero power resistance</li> <li>2~3 significant digits</li> <li>Max steady state curre</li> </ul> |                      | SK 38 |   |   |   |   |  |
| * Tolerance: L:+15% M   | +20%                 | -     |   |   |   |   |  |
| * Lead Type ————————————————————————————————————  | a <u>arcentera</u> s | Y typ | e |   |   |   |  |

## Thermal dissipation coefficient( $\delta$ )

The thermal dissipation coefficient is the ratio, normally expressed in milliwatts per degree C (mW/°C), at a specified ambient temperature, of a change in power dissipation in a thermistor to the resultant body temperature change. ( $\delta = VXI/\Delta T$ )

## Thermal time constant(t)

The thermal time constant is the time required for a thermistor to change 63.2 percent of total difference between its initial and final body temperature when subjected to a step function change in ambient temperature under zero-power condition and is normally expressed in seconds.

## Material constant(B)

The material constant of a NTC thermistor is a measure of its resistance at one temperature compared to its resistance at a different temperature. Its value may be calculated by the formula shown below and is expressed in degrees kelvin (°K ). The reference temperature used in this formula for determining material constant rating of Meritek's thermistor is 298.15°K and 323.15°K B=Ln(R<sub>1</sub>/R<sub>2</sub>)/(1/T<sub>1</sub>-1/T<sub>2</sub>)

## Temperature coefficient of resistance (a)

The temperature coefficient of resistance is the ratio at a specified temperature, T, of the rate of change of zero-power resistance with temperature to the zero-power resistance of the thermistor. The temperature coefficient is commonly expressed in percent per degree  $C(\%^{p}C)$ .  $\alpha = I/R dR/dT$ 

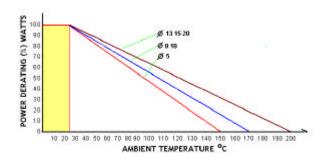
## Surge energy

Surge energy is the maximum energy of pulses. The thermistor is capable of tolerating surge energy more than 1000 times with the resistance changing rates within ± 10%. This energy varies with voltage and capacitance.

Storage temperature range: 40 to +125 °C Operating temperature range: 30 to +125 °C

# DERATING CURVE OF SURGE CURRENT LIMITING THERMISTOR

The maximum power of a thermistor will decrease with the change of ambient temperature.(See Fig.G)



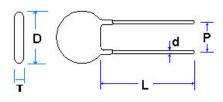
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|-------------|--|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| SCK05-052   | 5  | 2  | 429   | 14                                      | 17                                      | -40~+150                          |
| SCK05-101   | 10   | 1  | 1126  | 15                                      | 17                                      | -40~+150                          |
| SCK05-20X3  | 20   | 0.3                                      | 5560  | 14                                      | 22                                      | -40~+150                          |
| SCK08-042   | 4  | 2  | 441   | 17                                      | 31                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-053   | 5  | 3  | 261   | 17                                      | 36                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-063   | 6  | 3  | 283   | 17                                      | 38                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-082   | 8  | 2  | 520   | 16                                      | 36                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-102   | 10   | 2  | 542   | 17                                      | 38                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-152   | 15   | 2  | 548   | 15                                      | 38                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-201   | 20   | 1  | 1544  | 17                                      | 41                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK08-30X   | 30   | 0.5                                      | 4094  | 16                                      | 33                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-2R55A | 2.5  | 5  | 120   | 18                                      | 46                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-034   | 3  | 4  | 156   | 18                                      | 45                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-035   | 3  | 5  | 119   | 18                                      | 45                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-044   | 4  | 4  | 161   | 16                                      | 40                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-054   | 5  | 4  | 180   | 17                                      | 33                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-083   | 8  | 3  | 278   | 17                                      | 43                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-103   | 10   | 3  | 297   | 17                                      | 46                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-122   | 12   | 2  | 512   | 18                                      | 50                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-123   | 12   | 3  | 301   | 18                                      | 50                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-133   | 13   | 3  | 356   | 18                                      | 49                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-152X  | 15   | 2.5                                      | 442   | 17                                      | 51                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-162   | 16   | 2  | 604   | 18                                      | 55                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-162X  | 16   | 2.5                                      | 442   | 16                                      | 45                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-202   | 20   | 2  | 646   | 17                                      | 54                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-252   | 25   | 2  | 674   | 17                                      | 52                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-302   | 30   | 2  | 700   | 17                                      | 50                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-472   | 47   | 2  | 720   | 18                                      | 49                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-501X  | 50   | 1.5                                      | 1170  | 18                                      | 48                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-502   | 50   | 2  | 813   | 18                                      | 48                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-801   | 80   | 1  | 2236  | 17                                      | 53                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-1001  | 100  | 1  | 2318  | 17                                      | 45                                      | -40~+170                          |
| SCK10-1201  | 120  | 1  | 2406  | 19                                      | 54                                      | -40~+170                          |

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|------------|--|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| SCK13-1R37 | 1.3  | 7  | 70  | 17                                      | 49                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-2R55 | 2.5  | 5  | 117   | 17                                      | 61                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-2R56 | 2.5  | 6  | 94  | 17                                      | 48                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-055  | 5  | 5  | 166   | 18                                      | 75                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-084  | 8  | 4  | 206   | 17                                      | 65                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-104  | 10   | 4  | 217   | 17                                      | 66                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-124  | 12   | 4  | 217   | 17                                      | 66                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-153  | 15   | 3  | 343   | 18                                      | 66                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-163  | 16   | 3  | 348   | 16                                      | 68                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK13-203  | 20   | 3  | 410   | 20                                      | 76                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-1R38 | 1.3  | 8  | 64  | 21                                      | 59                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-1R58 | 1.5  | 8  | 62  | 21                                      | 66                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-028  | 2  | 8  | 78  | 20                                      | 63                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-2R58 | 2.5  | 8  | 75  | 20                                      | 63                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-037  | 3  | 7  | 91  | 21                                      | 73                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-046  | 4  | 6  | 117   | 20                                      | 62                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK 15-048 | 4  | 8  | 87  | 27                                      | 76                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-056  | 5  | 6  | 121   | 20                                      | 66                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-057  | 5  | 7  | 98  | 20                                      | 65                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-065  | 6  | 5  | 159   | 20                                      | 74                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-075  | 7  | 5  | 161   | 20                                      | 79                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-078  | 7  | 8  | 108   | 28                                      | 57                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-086  | 8  | 6  | 130   | 20                                      | 68                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-105  | 10   | 5  | 178   | 20                                      | 79                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-125  | 12   | 5  | 185   | 19                                      | 59                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-152  | 15   | 2  | 704   | 21                                      | 77                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-154  | 15   | 4  | 261   | 19                                      | 79                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-164  | 16   | 4  | 261   | 19                                      | 79                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-204  | 20   | 4  | 283   | 18                                      | 90                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-253  | 25   | 3  | 425   | 21                                      | 76                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-303  | 30   | 3  | 461   | 20                                      | 90                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-403  | 40   | 3  | 511   | 22                                      | 83                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-404  | 40   | 4  | 360   | 22                                      | 86                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-473  | 47   | 3  | 501   | 20                                      | 77                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-802X | 80   | 2.5                                      | 693   | 19                                      | 71                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK15-1202 | 120  | 2  | 1010  | 19                                      | 65                                      | -40~+200                          |

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|-------------|--|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| SCK 20-0R78 | 0.7  | 8  | 59   | 28                                      | 96                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-0R715 | 0.7  | 15                                       | 35   | 29                                      | 122                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-0120  | 1  | 20                                       | 20   | 25                                      | 73                                      | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-2R512 | 2.5  | 12                                       | 60   | 29                                      | 104                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-2R515 | 2.5  | 15                                       | 46   | 29                                      | 103                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-058   | 5  | 8  | 93   | 28                                      | 101                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-0510  | 5  | 10                                       | 82   | 29                                      | 123                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-0512  | 5  | 12                                       | 66   | 29                                      | 124                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-106   | 10   | 6  | 173  | 32                                      | 100                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-108   | 10   | 8  | 122  | 29                                      | 119                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-128   | 12   | 8  | 106  | 24                                      | 130                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-138   | 13   | 8  | 106  | 24                                      | 130                                     | -40~+200                          |
| SCK20-206   | 20   | 6  | 190  | 28                                      | 107                                     | -40~+200                          |



## **Dimensions:**

| Dimensions: Unit: mm |   |       |       |                |           |      |  |
|----------------------|---|-------|-------|----------------|-----------|------|--|
| Disc Ø               | Ď | D max | L min | d              | Р         | Tmax |  |
| 05                   |   | 6.5   | 31    | $0.8 \pm 0.02$ | 4 ± 0.6   | 5    |  |
| 08                   |   | 9.5   | 31    | $0.8 \pm 0.02$ | 5 ± 0.8   | 5    |  |
| 10                   |   | 11.5  | 31    | $0.8 \pm 0.02$ | 5 ± 0.8   | 5    |  |
| 13                   |   | 14.5  | 30    | $0.8 \pm 0.02$ | 7.5 ± 1.1 | 6    |  |
| 15                   |   | 16.5  | 29    | 1.0 ± 0.02     | 8 ± 1.2   | 6    |  |
| 20                   |   | 21.5  | 26    | 1.0 ± 0.02     | 8 ± 1.2   | 6    |  |

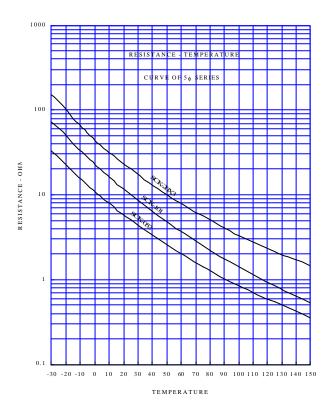




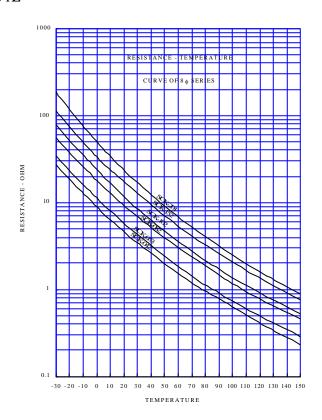
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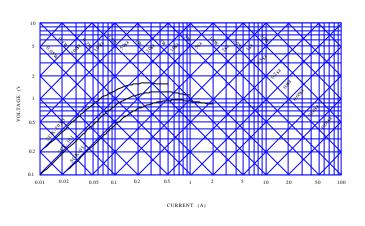


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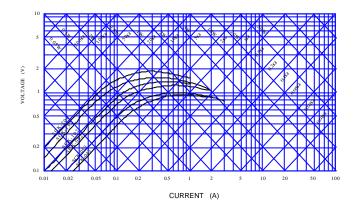


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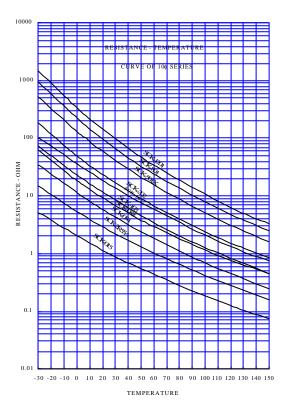
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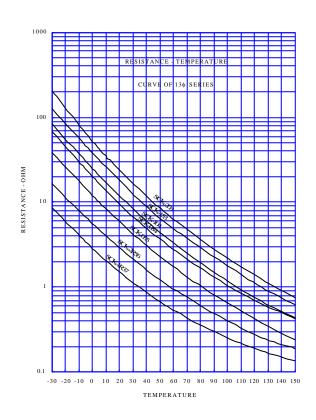
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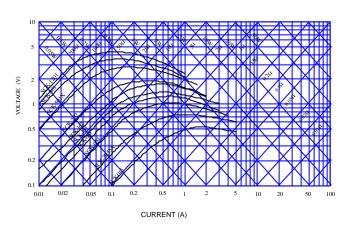


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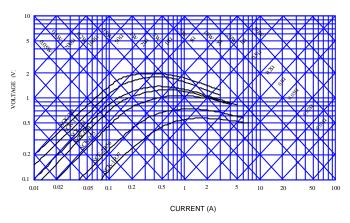


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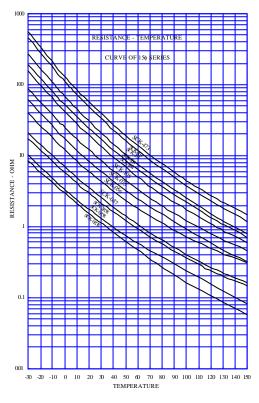
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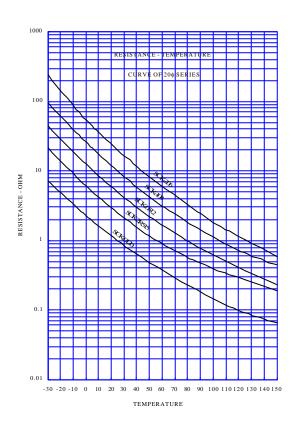
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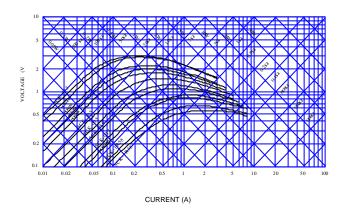


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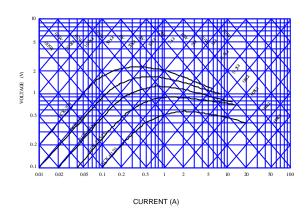


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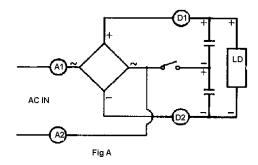
# NTC THERMISTOR-INRUSH CURRENT LIMITING DEVICES

Meritek NTC Power Thermistor (SCK) devices are made of a specially formulated metal oxide ceramic material which is capable of suppressing high inrush current surges.

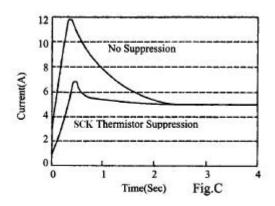
SCK devices, being of relatively high resistance, shall limit the inrush current for I - 2 seconds during which time the device decreases in resistance substantially to a point where its voltage drop is negligible. The devices are especially useful in power supplies (see Fig A) because of the extremely low impedance of the capacitor being charged, of which the bridge is usually subjected to an exceedingly high current surge at turn on point.



- \* High inrush current restriction effect.
- \* Small power loss in stationary state. (Normally IW or less than 50W power.)
- \* High thermal and electrical stability.
- \* Wide selection of electrical characteristics.
- \* Special coating material: gray silicone.



# PS Fig.B



### NTC THERMISTOR CHARACTERISTICS

To choose for application or take as referable parameters, the NTC thermistors are usually decided by the following three fundamental characteristics:

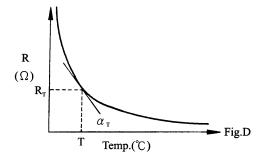
\* Temperature-Resistance Characteristic:

The resistance value of NTC thermistor is decreased while the ambient temperature or itself temperature is increased. (see Fig.D)

## **APPLICATION**

As shown in Fig. B, the current surge can be eliminated by placing a NTC thermistor in series with a filament string.

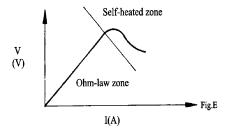
Yet, if the resistance of one NTC thermistor does not provide sufficient inrush current limiting functions for your application, two or more may be used in series or in separate legs of the supply circuit(Fig. A). Notic that , the thermistor cannot be used in parallel since one unit will tend to conduct nearly all the current available. Thus, SCK thermistor may be used in the AC(point AI or A2) or the DC(point DI or D2) locations in the circuit.(See Fig. A) The resistance of NTC thermistors is designed higher than the total resistance of filaments when the circuit is turned on. As current begins flowing, the thermistor shall immediately "self-heat". Then, in I - 2 seconds, its resistance will be reduced to a minimum and become insignificant to the total resistance of a circuit. With the same concept, current surges in electric motors can be held to a minimum. Fig. C shows a typical DC motor's turn on surge before and after the application of a SCK thermistor to the circuit.



- Nominal resistance at 25 $^{\circ}$ C ( $\Omega$ ) R<sub>25</sub> Zero-power resistance ( $\Omega$ ) R<sub>T</sub>
- Tolerance on the resistance nominal  $\Delta R_{25}/R_{25}=15\%(L),20\%(M)$
- Material constant(Sensibility index)(°K)
   Temperature coefficient of resistance(%°C)

## **Voltage-Current Characteristic:**

When operating in small current (see Fig.E), the low power will Not allow the NTC thermistor self-hot, thus its resistance value is thus maintained constant and displayed with a linear curve (in conformity with Ohm-law V/R=I). If the current is increased, the NTC thermistor will follow Joule-efficiency(P=V x I) and make itself self-heated, resulting in a decreasing resistance value current and voltage are then inversely related.



- Thermal dissipation coefficient(mW/°C) δ
- Maximum steadystate current(A)
- Imax

RImax

Resistance at maximum current(Ω)

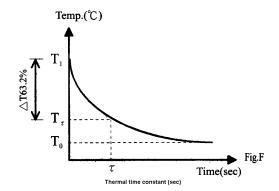
## **Temperature-Time Characteristic:**

As shown in Fig. F which explains the time needed to reach the thermal equilibrium of NTC components with the environment. This characteristic depends on two important parameters as outlined below.

If a step change in temperature is applied to a component e.g. from high( $T_1$ ) to low( $T_0$ ) temperature, the energy lost by the component(-HdT) is equal to the energy dissipated by it ( $\delta$  (T- $T_0$ ) dt).

-HdT=  $(\delta (T-T_0) dt$ 

This equation yields:  $T-T_1=(T_0T_1) \times e^{1/4}$ ,  $t=H/\delta$ 



### **PARAMETERS DEFINITION**

#### **Thermistor**

A thermistor is a thermally sensitive resistor whose primary function is to exhibit a change in resistance accompanying a change in temperature.

# Negative Temperature Coefficient (NTC) Thermistor

NTC thermistor is a thermistor whose the zero-power resistance decreases while itself temperature is increased.

#### Inrush current

Inrush current is the initial surge of current that results when power is first applied to a load having a low starting impedance, such as a discharged capacitor, a cold lamp filament, or a stopped motor, etc.

### **Inrush current limiter**

Specially designed and constructed NTC thermistor may be used as an inrush current limiters. Meritek's inrush current limiter(SCK) is available in a wide range of current handling and zero-power resistance value combinations.

#### Zero-power resistance(R<sub>t</sub>)

The zero-power resistance is the direct current resistance value of a thermistor measured at a specified temperature "T" with a power dissipation by the thermistor low enough that any further decrease in power will result in less than 0. I percent change in resistance.

#### Maximum steady-state current (Imax.)

The maximum steady-state current is the rating of the maximum current, normally expressed in amperes (A), allowable to be conducted by an inrush limiting NTC thermistor for an extended period of time.

#### Resistance at maximum current (RImax.)

The resistance at maximum current is the approximate resistance of an inrush current limiting thermistor, expressed in ohms( $\Omega$ ), when it is conducting its rated maximum steady state current.