



### Selecting the Correct Tempco-Pak Thermocouple Assembly

Thermocouples must be selected to meet the conditions of each particular application. The environment, operating temperature and atmosphere, response time and length of service must be considered when selecting the sheath, insulation, calibration, junction and termination of the thermocouple assembly.

Refer to the Mineral Insulated Thermocouples and Cable section regarding sheath, insulation and calibration (pages 14-114 through 14-118).

*TEMPCO's engineering staff will be happy to assist you with the design and selection of your thermocouple requirements.*

#### Sheath Materials

The most commonly used sheath materials and their maximum continuous operating temperatures in an oxidizing atmosphere are as follows:

Sheath Material	Max. Operating Temperature
Alloy 600	2150°F (1177°C)
304 Stainless Steel	1650°F (899°C)
316 Stainless Steel	1650°F (899°C)
310 Stainless Steel	2100°F (1150°C)



**Note:** For temperatures exceeding 2200°F (1204°C), Noble or Refractory metal sheaths are normally used.

#### Formability

Because Tempco-Pak is fully annealed it can normally be formed around a mandrel 4 times the sheath diameter. Consult TEMPCO if special forming is required.

#### Weldability

The thermocouple sheath can be brazed, soldered or welded. Welding the thermocouple sheath in the field is not recommended on diameters less than .093 in. All welding should be done in an inert atmosphere.

#### Calibrations

The table shows the standard temperature ranges for the various ANSI thermocouple calibrations:

ANSI Letter	Thermocouple Type	Temperature Range	
		°F	(°C)
J	Iron-Constantan	32-1400	(0-760)
K	CHROMEL P®-ALUMEL®	32-2300	(0-1260)
N	Nicrosil-Nisil	32-2300	(0-1260)
T	Copper-Constantan	32-660	(0-350)
E	CHROMEL P®-Constantan	32-1600	(0-871)
R	Pt 13% Rhodium-Platinum	32-2700	(0-1482)
S	Pt 10% Rhodium-Platinum	32-2700	(0-1482)
B	Pt 30% Rh-Pt 6% Rh	1600-3100	(871-1704)

#### Assembly Tolerances: Sheath Length Dimensions

Sheath O.D.	"L" Tolerance Up to 24"	"L" Tolerance Over 24"
Up to .038"	±½"	±2%
.038" to .065"	±¾"	±1½%
Larger than .065"	±¼"	±1%

#### Flexible Lead Dimensions

Lead Length (ft.)	Tolerance
Up to 5	+6", -1"
5 to 10	+6", -2"
over 10	+5%, -2%