

# ***PTC8010***

## ***Reference Manual***



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# **1. Introduction**

The Martel PTC8010 Temperature Calibrator is a handheld, battery-operated instrument that measures and sources temperature parameters. The calibrator has the following features and functions:

- A graphics display. The display can be used to source and measure resistance temperature detectors (RTDs), thermocouples, milli volts and resistance.
- A thermocouple (TC) input/output terminal with automatic reference-junction temperature compensation.
- Five setpoints in each range for increasing/decreasing output
- An interactive menu
- Complete RS232 interface for remote control

## **1.1 Customer Service**

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## **1.2 Standard Equipment**















Check to see if your calibrator is complete. It should include:

PTC8010 Calibrator, Instruction Manual, Test Leads, Rubber Boot, NIST Certificate

## 1.3 Safety information

### **Symbols Used**

The following table lists the International Electrical Symbols. Some or all of these symbols may be used on the instrument or in this manual.

Symbol	Description
	AC (Alternating Current)
	AC-DC
	Battery
	CE Complies with European Union Directives
	DC
	Double Insulated
	Electric Shock
	Fuse
	PE Ground
	Hot Surface (Burn Hazard)
	Read the User's Manual (Important Information)
	Off
	On
	Canadian Standards Association

The following definitions apply to the terms “Warning” and “Caution”.

- “Warning” identifies conditions and actions that may pose hazards to the user.
- “Caution” identifies conditions and actions that may damage the instrument being used.

Use the calibrator only as specified in this manual, otherwise injury and damage to the calibrator may occur.

 **Warning**

**To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury:**

- Do not apply more than the rated voltage. See specifications for supported ranges.
- Follow all equipment safety procedures.
- Never touch the probe to a voltage source when the test leads are plugged into the current terminals.
- Do not use the calibrator if it is damaged. Before you use the calibrator, inspect the case. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay particular attention to the insulation surrounding the connectors.
- Select the proper function and range for your measurement.
- Make sure the battery cover is closed and latched before you operate the calibrator.
- Remove test leads from the calibrator before you open the battery door.
- Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Check test leads continuity. Replace damaged test leads before you use the calibrator.
- When using the probes, keep your fingers away from the probe contacts. Keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.
- Connect the common test lead before you connect the live test lead. When you disconnect test leads, disconnect the live test lead first.
- Do not use the calibrator if it operates abnormally. Protection may be impaired. When in doubt, have the calibrator serviced.
- Do not operate the calibrator around explosive gas, vapor, or dust.
- Disconnect test leads before changing to another measure or source function.
- When servicing the calibrator, use only specified replacement parts.
- To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears.

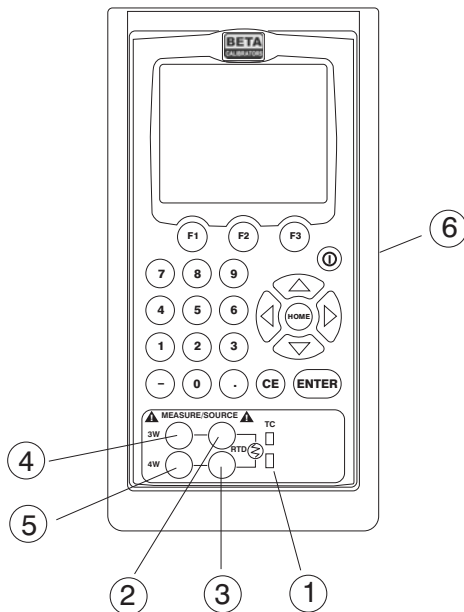
 **Caution**

**To avoid possible damage to calibrator or to equipment under test:**

- Use the proper jacks, function, and range for your measurement or sourcing application.

## 2. Calibrator Interface

Figure 1 shows the location of the input and output connections on the calibrator, while Table 1 describes their use.

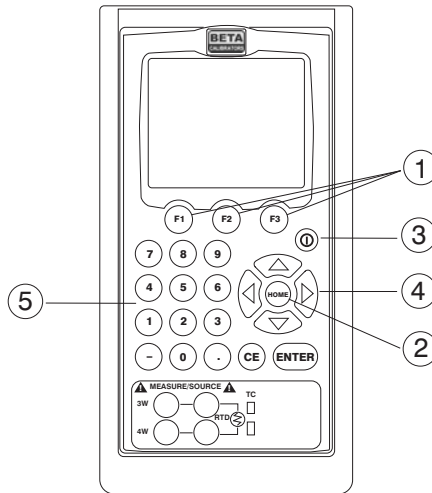


**Figure 1. Input/Output Terminals**

**Table 1: Input and Output Terminals**

No.	Name	Description
1	TC input/output	Terminal for measuring, or simulating thermocouples. Accepts miniature polarized thermocouple plugs with flat in-line blades spaced 7.9 mm (0.312 in) center to center.
2,3	Source/Measure	Terminals for sourcing and measuring RTDs
4,5	Measure RTD, 3W 4W	Terminals for performing RTD measurements with 3-wire or 4-wire setups.
6	Serial port	Connects calibrator to a PC for remote control.

Figure 2 shows the location of the keys on the calibrator. Table 2 lists the functions of each key.

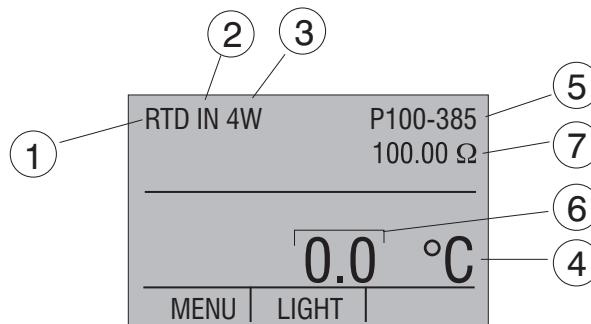


**Figure 2. Keypad**

**Table 2. Key Functions**

No.	Name	Function
1	Function Keys F1, F2, F3	Used to operate the menu bar at the bottom of the calibrator display. F1 is used for selecting options in the left box, F2 for the center box, and F3 for the right box.
2	Home	Returns to home menu on the menu bar.
3	Power	Turns calibrator on and off.
4	Cursor Control Key	Left and right arrow keys are used to select which decade to be changed in output value. Up and down arrow keys are used to increase, decrease, or ramp output value.
5	Numeric Keypad	Allows user to enter Numeric values.

## 2.1 Main Display



**Figure 3. Display**

The display of the calibrator is shown in Figure 3.

The menu bar is used to setup the display to perform the desired function.

Table 3 explains the different parts of the display:

**Table 3: Display Functions**

No.	Name	Description
1	Primary Parameters	Determine what parameter is going to be measured or sourced. The available options are: TC (thermocouple) and RTD
2	Input/Output control	Switches between input mode (read), and output mode (source).
3	Additional Settings	Available only for TC (thermocouple), and RTD measurements. For TC this setting turns the CJC (Cold Junction Connection) on and off. For RTD measure [RTD IN], this setting sets the number of wires used in the measurement (2-wire, 3-wire, or 4-wire)
4	Units	Shows what unit the measurement or source value is in. Available options are for RTD and TC (°C, °F or K)
5	Sensor Types	Allow for measurements to be made for different types of RTDs and TCs. All types are shown in the Specifications.
6	Numeric Displays	Display the numeric values of the signal being measured, or sourced. An "OL" reading indicates an out of range or overload condition.
7	Secondary Valve	Shows the base unit $\Omega$ for RTD or mV for TC.

## 2.2 Menu Bar

The parameters on the display are controlled by the menu bar, which is located at the bottom of the LCD. The function keys (F1, F2, and F3) are used to navigate through all the levels and choices of the menu bar. Refer to the menu tree for a clarification on the layout of all the levels.

The top level of the menu is the home menu. It can be accessed anytime by pressing the HOME key. There are two variations of the home menu: the input home menu and the output home menu.

In the input home menu the only active options are [MENU] and [LIGHT]. The [MENU] option is used to enter the next level of the menu bar, the main menu. Press the corresponding function key (F1) to enter the main menu. The [LIGHT] option is used to turn on the LCD back light. Press the corresponding function key (F2) to turn on the back light.



In the output home menu there are three active options, [MENU], [LIGHT] and [STEP] or [RAMP]. The first two options work the same as in the input home menu. The third option is selectable in the Auto Function Menu and is used to turn on and off the selected auto function. See Section 4.2, Using the Automatic Output Functions. Also leaving this menu or pressing the Home button will stop the auto functions.

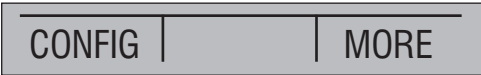




The next level of the menu bar is the main menu. The levels under the main menu depend on what mode the calibrator is in.

The main menu has two active options [CONFIG] and [MORE].

Choosing [CONFIG] calls up the parameter selection menu. [MORE] enters the next menu level.



The Auto Function Menu is the next menu if you are in source mode. Its options are [AUTO FUNC], [NEXT] and [DONE]. [AUTO FUNC] allows you to adjust the Automatic Output Function parameters. [NEXT] proceeds to the next menu level and [DONE] returns to the home menu. See Section 4.2, Using the Automatic Output Functions.



The contrast menu is usually the next menu level. Its options are [CONTRAST], [NEXT], and [DONE]. The [CONTRAST] option is used to adjust contrast. [NEXT] proceeds to the auto off main menu, and [DONE] returns to home menu. Contrast is adjusted using the arrow options, which are available after choosing [CONTRAST].

**NOTE:** The PTC8010 calibrator offers a wide range contrast adjustment feature to accommodate operation in extreme temperatures.

In certain cases making large changes in contrast may render the display difficult to read under normal conditions. If this occurs and the display is too dim or dark to read, proceed with the following process to set the contrast back to a default setting.

1. Turn on the unit while holding down the “HOME” key.
2. Hold the key down for a count of 10 seconds to restore contrast default settings.

If the display is so dim that you cannot tell if the unit is on or off, use the backlight key to determine if the power is on or off.



The auto off main menu contains the options [AUTO OFF], [NEXT], and [DONE].

The [AUTO OFF] option is used to turn the automatic shutoff on and off and set the amount of time the unit needs to stay dormant to shut off. [NEXT] and [DONE] both return to home menu.



When the calibrator is in RTD CUSTOM mode, the RTD custom setup menu, is inserted after the main menu. Options [SET CUSTOM], [NEXT], and [DONE] are available. [SET CUSTOM] is used to enter a custom PRT into the calibrator. Refer to Section 4.1-8a for instructions. [NEXT] is used to enter the contrast main menu, and [DONE] to return to the home menu.

SET CUSTOM	NEXT	DONE
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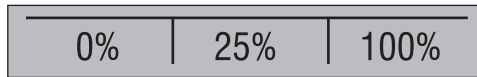
The parameter selection menu is called up when [CONFIG] is selected from the main menu. It contains the following options: [SELECT], [NEXT], and [DONE]. When the display is selected, a parameter will start to flash. Use the [SELECT] option to change the parameter, and the [NEXT] option to switch to another variable. [DONE] returns to the home menu and enables the selected mode.

SELECT	NEXT	DONE
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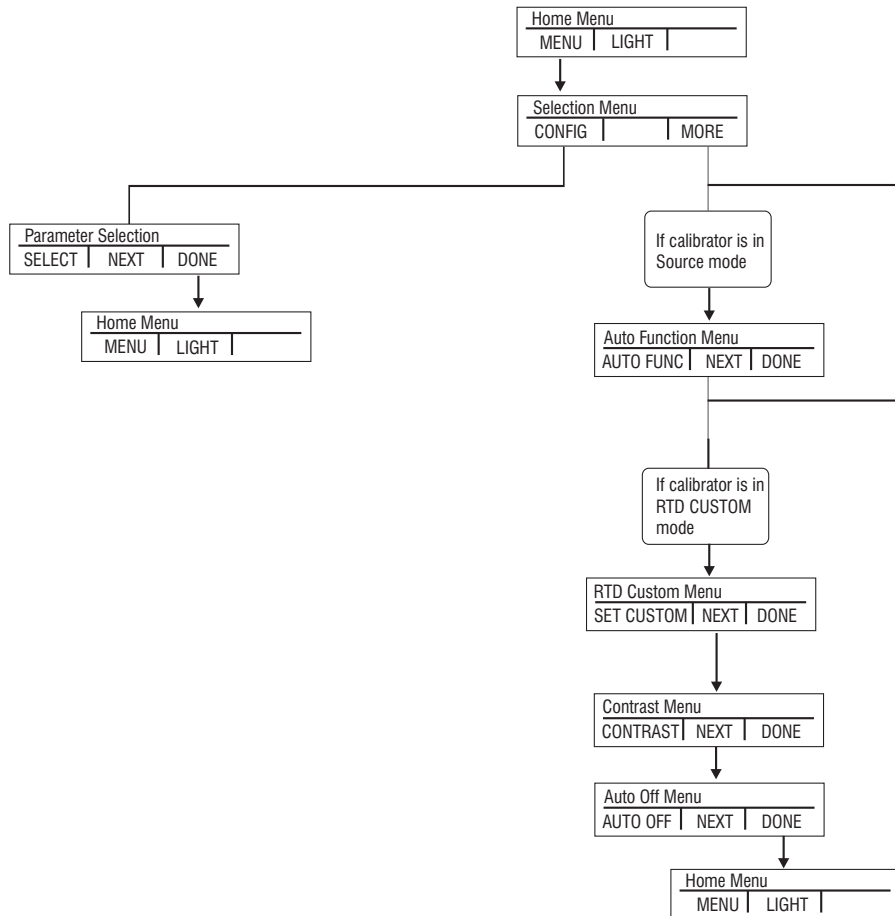
## 2.3 Cursor control / Setpoint control

The output value can be controlled by the four cursor control arrows on the keypad. By pressing one of the arrows a cursor will be added to the display under the last digit of the output value. The left and right arrow keys are used to select which decade to be changed in the output value. The up and down arrow keys are used to increase, decrease, or ramp the output value.

The menu bar will change to the setpoint menu with the touch of any one of the four arrow keys.



The three function keys are associated with 0, 25, and 100% values, respectively. 0 and 100% values can be stored by entering a value and then holding down the corresponding function key. The 25% key will then automatically step through the 25% values.



**Figure 4. The Menu Tree**

## 3.3 Measuring Temperature

### 3.3-1 Using Thermocouples

The calibrator supports the following thermocouple types: B, C, E, J, K, L, N, R, S, T, U, BP, and XK. The characteristics of all the types are described in Specifications section. The calibrator also has a Cold Junction Compensation (CJC) function. Normally this function should be ON and the actual temperature of the thermocouple will be measured. With CJC OFF, the calibrator will measure the difference between the thermocouple at the junction and at its TC input terminal.

**Note:** CJC off mode should only be used when calibration is being done using an external ice bath.

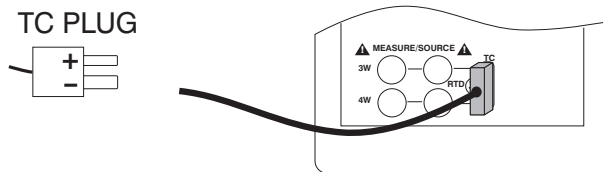
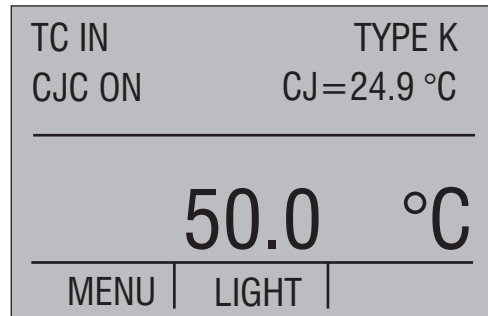
To use the thermocouple to measure temperature, follow these steps:

1. Attach the thermocouple leads to the TC miniplug, and insert the plug into the input/output of the calibrator, as in Figure 7.

**Note:** For best accuracy wait 2 to 5 minutes for the temperature between the miniplug and the calibrator to stabilize before any measurements are taken.

2. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu.
3. Select TC from the primary parameters. Choose [IN] in the input/output control, and then the thermocouple type from the sensor types. The temperature unit may also be changed from Celsius to Fahrenheit or Kelvin.

The calibrator can also measure the mV signal from a Thermocouple, which can be used along with a table in case the corresponding TC type is not supported by the calibrator. To do so, proceed as above and choose mV from sensor types.



**Note:** The TC wire used must match the thermocouple type being calibrated.

### Figure 7. Measuring Temperature Using Thermocouple Terminals

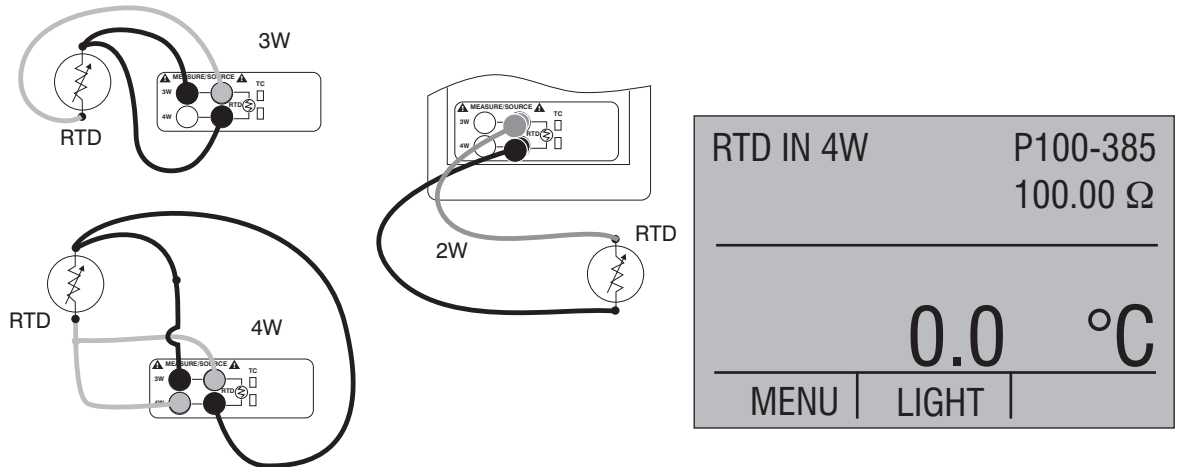
#### 3.3-2 Using Resistance-Temperature-Detectors (RTDs)

The supported types of RTDs are shown in Section 6. Specifications. RTDs are characterized by their 0°C resistance, R<sub>0</sub>. The calibrator accepts two, three, and four wire inputs, with four wire input being the most accurate.

To use the RTD option, apply the following steps:

1. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu.
2. Select RTD from the primary parameters. Select [IN] from input/output control.

3. Choose 2, 3, or 4-wire connection [2W, 3W, 4W]. (4-wire allows for the most precise measurement)
4. Select RTD type from the sensor types.
5. Attach RTD leads as shown in Figure 8.



**Figure 8. Measuring Temperature with RTD Connection**

Resistance can also be measured using this function. To do so, use the above procedure and choose OHMS from the sensor types. This option can be used along with a table to measure an RTD which is not programmed into the calibrator.

## 4. Using Source Modes

The calibrator can generate calibrated signals for testing and calibrating process instruments. It can source resistances and the electrical output of RTD and thermocouple temperature sensors.

### 4.1 Setting 0% and 100% Output Parameters

To set the 0% and 100% points, use the following steps:

1. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu, and choose the desired primary parameter.
2. Select output [OUT] from the input/output control, and enter the desired value. For example select [RTD OUT].
3. Enter 0°C with the keypad and press Enter.
4. Press any one of the four cursor control arrows to display the setpoint control menu.
5. Hold down the Function Key that corresponds to 0% [F1]. 0% will flash and the setpoint is stored.
6. Repeat these steps, entering 100°C and holding the Function Key that corresponds to 100% [F3].
7. Use the [F2] key to step in either 25% or 10% increments.

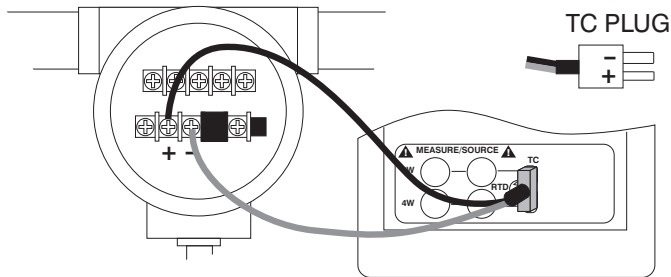
## 4.2 Using the Automatic Output Functions

There are two automatic output functions, step and ramp. The selected function can be turned on and off using the Output Home Menu. The Automatic Output Function parameters can be set in the Auto Function Menu.

Parameters include:

1. Which auto function will be available (Step or Ramp).
2. The Auto Function Time, time between steps for step and time to get from over one limit to the next for ramp.
3. Step Size, the step size can be set to either 10% or 25%

The limits for the ramp and step functions are set to the 0% and 100% values. See Section 4.1 Setting 0% and 100% Output Parameters. Steps are in either 10% or 25% increments from the 0% value to the 100% value.



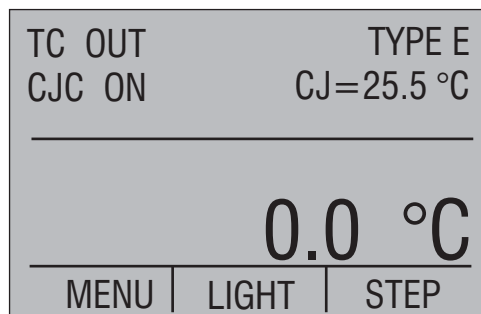
Note: TC wire used must match the thermocouple type being calibrated.

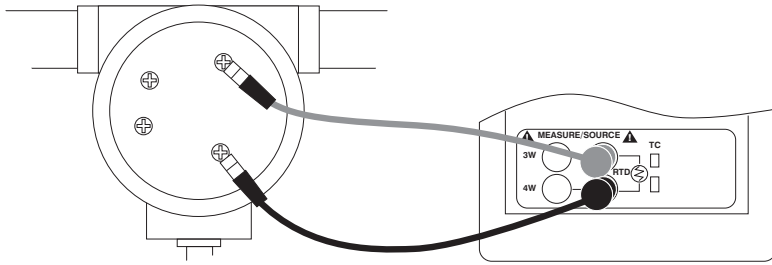
**Figure 9. Connections for Outputting Thermocouples**

## 4.3 Sourcing Thermocouples

To source a thermocouple use the following steps:

1. Connect the thermocouple leads to the appropriate polarized TC miniplug, and insert the plug into the TC terminals on the calibrator, as shown in Figure 13.
2. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu, and choose thermocouple [TC] from the primary parameters.
3. Choose output [OUT] from the input/output control.
4. Select the desired thermocouple type from the sensor types.
5. Enter the temperature using the keypad.



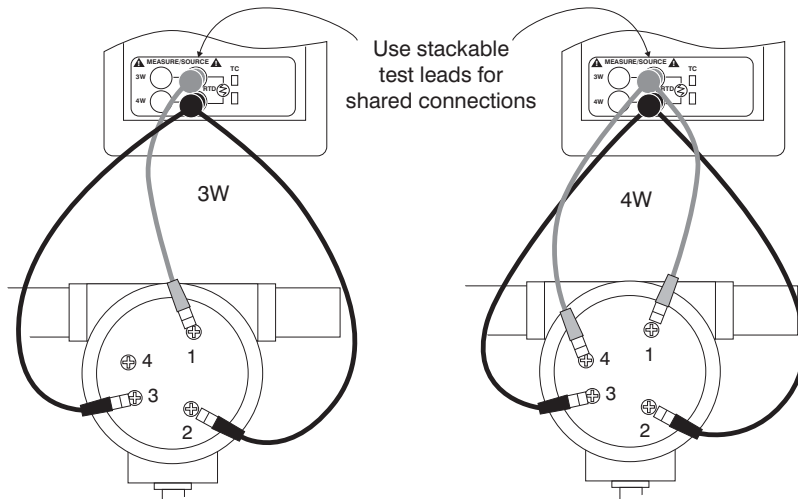


**Figure 10. Connections for Outputting RTDs**

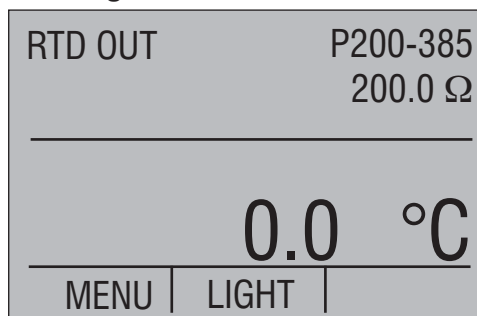
#### 4.4 Sourcing Ohms/RTDs

To source an RTD, follow these steps:

1. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu, and choose [RTD] from the primary parameters.
2. Choose output [OUT] from the input/output control, and select RTD type from the sensor types.
3. Connect the calibrator to the instrument being tested, as in Figure 14.
4. Enter the temperature or resistance using the keypad.



**Figure 11. Using a 3- or 4-wire Connection for RTDs**



**Note:** The calibrator simulates a 2-wire RTD. To connect 3- or 4-wire transmitter, use stacking cables, as shown in Figure 15.

#### 4.4-1 Custom RTD

A custom curve-fit PRT may be entered into the calibrator for sourcing and measuring. To do so follow these steps:

1. Select the [CONFIG] option from the main menu. Select RTD and set sensor type to CUSTOM.
2. Enter the RTD custom setup main menu, and select [SET CUSTOM].
3. Using the keypad, enter the values that the calibrator prompts for: minimum temperature, maximum temperature, R0, and the values for each of the temperature coefficients.

The custom function uses the Calendar-Van Dusen equation for outputting and measuring custom RTDs. The coefficient C is only used for temperatures below 0°C. Only A and B coefficients are needed for the range above 0°C, so coefficient C should be set to 0. The R0 is the resistance of the probe at 0°C. The coefficients for PT385, PT3926, and PT3616 are shown in Table 4 below.

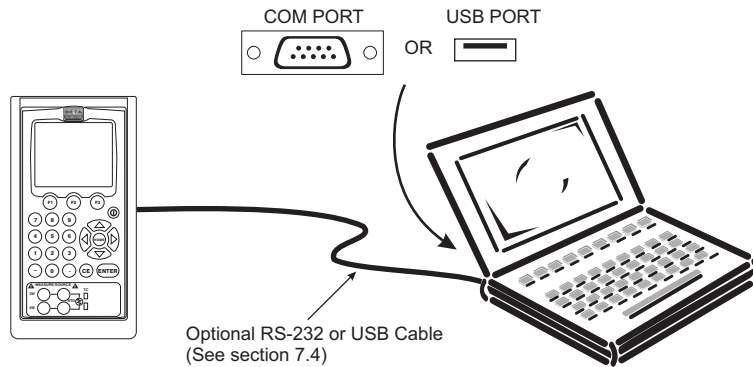
**Table 4. RTD Coefficients**

RTD	Range(°C)	R0	Coefficient A	Coefficient B	Coefficient C
PT385	-260 - 0	100	3.9083x10-3	-5.775x10-7	-4.183x10-12
PT385	0 - 630	100	3.9083x10-3	-5.775x10-7	---
PT3926	Below 0	100	3.9848x10-3	-5.87x10-7	-4x10-12
PT3926	Above 0	100	3.9848x10-3	-5.87x10-7	---
PT3916	Below 0	100	3.9692x10-3	-5.8495x10-7	-4.2325x10-12
PT3916	Above 0	100	3.9692x10-3	-5.8495x10-7	---

## 5. Remote Operation

The calibrator can be remotely controlled using a PC terminal, or by a computer program running the calibrator in an automated system. It uses an RS-232 serial port connection for remote operation. With this connection the user can write programs on the PC, with Windows languages like Visual Basic to operate the calibrator, or use a Windows terminal, such as Hyper Terminal, to enter single commands. Typical RS-232 remote configurations are shown in Figure 16.





**Figure 12. Calibrator-to-Computer Connection**

### 5.1 Setting up the RS-232 Port for Remote Control

**Note:** The RS-232 connection cable should not exceed 15m unless the load capacitance measured at connection points is less than 2500pF.

Serial parameter values:

9600 baud

8 data bits

1 stop bit

no parity

Xon/Xoff

EOL (End of Line) character or CR (Carriage Return) or both

To set up remote operation of the calibrator on the Windows Hyper Terminal, connected to a COM port on the PC as in Figure 23, use the following procedure:

1. Start Hyper Terminal (located in Accessories/Communications of the Windows Start menu)
2. Select New Connection.
3. For Name enter PTC8010. Select the serial port that the unit is connected to.
4. Enter the above information for port settings.
5. Select ASCII setup from File/Properties/Settings and mark these choices:
  - Echo typed characters locally
  - Wrap lines that exceed terminal width
6. Select Ok
7. To see if the port works enter \*IDN?. This command will return information on the unit.

## 5.2 Changing Between Remote and Local Operation

There are three modes of operation of the calibrator, Local, Remote, and Remote with Lockout. Local mode is the default mode. Commands may be entered using the keypad on the unit or using a computer. In Remote mode the keypad is disabled, and commands may only be entered using a computer, but choosing [GO TO LOCAL] from the menu on the calibrator display will restore keypad operation. In Remote with Lockout, the keypad can not be used at all. To switch modes proceed as follows:

1. To enable Remote mode, type in the serial command REMOTE at the computer terminal.
2. To enable Remote with Lockout, type in REMOTE and LOCKOUT in either order.
3. To switch back to local operation enter LOCAL at the terminal. This command also turns off LOCKOUT if it was on. For more information on commands refer to the Remote Commands section.

## 5.3 Using Commands

### 5.3-1 Command types

Refer to the Section on Remote Commands for all available commands.

The calibrator may be controlled using commands and queries. All commands may be entered using upper or lower case. The commands are divided into the following categories:

#### Calibrator Commands

Only the calibrator uses these commands. For example

```
RTD
```

tells the calibrator to measure RTD.

#### Common Commands

Standard commands used by most devices. These commands always begin with an "\*". For example

```
*IDN?
```

tells the calibrator to return its identification.

#### Query Commands

Commands that ask for information. They always end with a "?". For example:

```
FUNC?
```

Returns the current modes of the calibrator.

#### Compound Commands

Commands that contain more than one command on one line. For example:

```
MEAS RTD; RTD_TYPE CU10
```

Sets the calibrator to measure RTD and sets RTD type to Cu 10.

## **Overlapped Commands**

Commands that require more time to execute than normal. The command \*WAI can be used after the overlapped command to tell the calibrator to wait until the command finishes before executing the next command. For example:

```
TRIG; *WAI
```

Triggers the pulse train. Once the pulse train has been triggered, the calibrator can proceed to the next command.

## **Sequential Commands**

Commands that are executed immediately after they are entered. This type includes most of the commands.

### **5.3-2 Character Processing**

The data entered into the calibrator is processed as follows:

- ASCII characters are discarded if their decimal equivalent is less than 32 (space), except 10 (LF) and 13 (CR):
- Data is taken as 7-bit ASCII
- The most significant data bit is ignored.
- Upper or lower case is acceptable.

### **5.3-3 Response Data Types**

The data returned by the calibrator can be divided into four types:

#### **Integer**

For most computers and controllers they are decimal numbers ranging from -32768 to 32768. For example:

```
*ESE 140; *ESE? returns 140
```

#### **Floating**

Numbers that have up to 15 significant figures and exponents. For example:

```
CPRT_COEFA? returns 3.908000E-03
```

#### **Character Response Data (CRD)**

Data returned as keywords. For example:

```
RTD_TYPE? returns PT385_10
```

#### **Indefinite ASCII (IAD)**

Any ASCII characters followed by a terminator. For example:

```
*IDN? returns MARTEL, PTC8010, 250, 1.00
```

### 5.3-4 Calibrator Status

Status registers, enable registers, and queues provide status information on the calibrator. Each status register and queue has a summary bit in the Serial Poll Status Byte. Enable registers generate summary bits in the Serial Poll Status Byte. The following is a list of registers and queues along with their function.

#### Serial Poll Status Byte (STB)

The STB is sent when the calibrator responds to the \*STB? command. Figure 24 demonstrates how it functions. Cleared when power is reset.

#### Service Request Enable Register (SRE)

Enables or disables the bits of the STB. Cleared when power is reset. Setting bits to 0 disables them in the STB. Setting the bits to 1 enables them. Bit assignments for the SRE and the STB are shown below.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	MSS	ESB	0	EAV	0	0	0

#### MSS

Master Summary Status. Set to 1 when ESB or EAV are 1 (enabled). Read using the \*STB? command.

#### ESB

Set to 1 when at least one bit in ESR is 1.

#### EAV

Error Available. An error has been entered into the error queue, and may be read using the Fault? command.

#### Event Status Register (ESR)

A two-byte register, in which the lower bits represent conditions of the Calibrator. Cleared when read and when power is reset.

#### Event Status Enable Register (ESE)

Enables and disables bits in the ESR. Setting a bit to 1 enables the corresponding bit in the ESR, and setting it to 0 disables the corresponding bit. Cleared at power reset. Bit assignments for the ESR and the ESE respectively are shown below.

15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PON	0	CME	EXE	DDE	QYE	0	OPC

### **PON**

Power On. Set to 1 if power was turned on and off before the Event Status Register was read.

### **CME**

Command Error. Set to 1 when the calibrator receives an invalid command. Entering an unsupported RTD type may cause such an error.

### **EXE**

Execution Error. Set to 1 when the calibrator runs into an error while executing its last command. A parameter that has too significant figures may cause such an error.

### **DDE**

Device-dependent Error. Set to 1 when, for example, the output of the calibrator is overloaded.

### **QYE**

Query Error.

### **OPC**

Operation Complete. Set to 1 when the calibrator has finished executing all commands before the command \*OPC was entered.

## **Error Queue**

If an error occurs due to invalid input or buffer overflow, its error code is sent to the error queue. The error code can be read from the queue with the command FAULT?. The error queue holds 15 error codes. When it is empty, FAULT? returns 0. The error queue is cleared when power is reset or when the clear command \*CLS is entered.

## **Input Buffer**

Calibrator stores all received data in the input buffer. The buffer holds 250 characters. The characters are processed on a first in, first out basis.

## 5.4 Remote Commands and Error Codes

The following tables list all commands, and their descriptions, that are accepted by the calibrator.

**Table 5: Common Commands**

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
*CLS	*CLS (Clear status.) Clears the ESR, the error queue, and the RQS bit in the status byte. Terminates pending Operation Complete commands
*ESE	Loads a byte into the Event Status Enable register.
*ESE?	Returns the contents of the Event Status Enable register.
*ESR?	Returns the contents of the Event Status register and clears the register.
*IDN?	Identification query. Returns the manufacturer, model number, and firmware revision level of the Calibrator.
*OPC	Enables setting of bit 0 (OPC for "Operation Complete") in the Event Status Register to 1 when all pending device operations are complete.
*OPC?	Returns a 1 after all pending operations are complete. This command causes program execution to pause until all operations are complete.
*RST	Resets the state of the instrument to the power-up state. This command holds off execution of subsequent commands until it is complete.
*SRE	Loads a byte into the Service Request Enable register.
*SRE?	Returns the byte from the Service Request Enable register.
*STB?	Returns the status byte.
*WAI	Prevents further remote commands from being executed until all previous remote commands have been executed.

**Table 6: Calibrator Commands**

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
CAL_START	Puts the calibrator in calibration mode
CJC_STATE	Turns CJC on or off.
CJC_STATE?	Returns the state of the CJC
CPRT_COEFA	Sets the custom RTD coefficient A
CPRT_COEFA?	Returns the custom RTD coefficient A
CPRT_COEFB	Sets the custom RTD coefficient B
CPRT_COEFB?	Returns the custom RTD coefficient B
CPRT_COEFC	Sets the custom RTD coefficient C
CPRT_COEFC?	Returns the custom RTD coefficient C
CPRT_MIN_T	Sets the custom RTD minimum temperature
CPRT_MIN_T?	Returns the custom RTD minimum temperature
CPRT_MAX_T	Sets the custom RTD maximum temperature
CPRT_MAX_T?	Returns the custom RTD maximum temperature
CPRT_R0	Sets the custom RTD R0 resistance
CPRT_R0?	Returns the custom RTD R0 resistance

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
FAULT?	Returns the error code of an error that has occurred
FUNC?	Returns the current mode of the calibrator
LOCAL	Returns user to manual operation of the calibrator
LOCKOUT	Locks out the keypad of the calibrator, and allows for remote operation only
MEAS	Sets the mode for measuring of the calibrator
OUT	Sets the output of the calibrator
OUT?	Returns the output of the calibrator
REMOTE	Puts the calibrator in remote mode
RTD_TYPE	Sets the RTD type
RTD_TYPE?	Returns the RTD type
RTD_WIRE	Sets the number of wires used by the RTD mode.
RTD_WIRE?	Returns the wire number setting used in the RTD mode
TEMP_UNIT	Sets input/output temperature unit for RTD and TC
TEMP_UNIT?	Returns the temperature unit for RTD and TC
TSENS_TYPE	Sets temperature sensor type.
TSENS_TYPE?	Returns temperature sensor type
VAL?	Returns the measured values

**Table 7: Parameter units**

<b>Units</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
MV	Voltage in millivolts
V	Voltage in volts
Ohms	Resistance in Ohms
Cel	Temperature in Celsius
Far	Temperature in Fahrenheit
Kel	Temperature in Kelvin

<b>Table 8: Error codes</b>	
<b>Error Number</b>	<b>Error Description</b>
100	A non-numeric entry was received where it should be a numeric entry
101	Too many significant digits entered
102	Invalid units or parameter value received
103	Entry is above the upper limit of the allowable range
104	Entry is below the lower limit of the allowable range
105	A required command parameter was missing
107	An invalid CJC_STATE was received
108	An invalid TSENS_TYPE was received

<b>Error Number</b>	<b>Error Description</b>
110	An unknown command was received
111	An invalid RTD or TC parameter value was received
112	The serial input buffer overflowed
113	Too many entries in the command line
114	The serial output buffer overflowed
115	Output is overloaded

## **5.5 Entering Commands**

Commands for the calibrator may be entered in upper or lower case. There is at least one space required between the command and parameter, all other spaces are optional. Almost all commands for the calibrator are sequential, any overlapped commands will be indicated as such. This section will briefly explain each of the commands and describe their general use, which will include any parameters that may be entered with the command as well as what the output of the command is.

### **5.5-1 Common Commands**

#### **\*CLS**

Clears the ESR, the error queue and the RQS bit. Also terminates all pending operations. When writing programs, use before each procedure to avoid buffer overflow.

#### **\*ESE**

Loads a byte into the Event Status Enable register. The command is entered with a decimal number that, when converted to binary, enables the right bits in the Event Status Register. For example:

\*ESE 133

When 133 is converted to binary it is 10000101. Bits 7, 2, and 0 will be enabled.

#### **\*ESE?**

Returns the contents of the Event Status Enable register. The value returned is a decimal. For example, if the register has the following settings:

10000101      than the value returned will be 133.

#### **\*ESR?**

Returns the contents of the Event Status Register in decimal form. For example:

If the ESR contains 10111001, \*ESR? will return 185.



### **\*IDN?**

Returns the manufacturer, model number, and firmware revision of the Calibrator. For example:

\*IDN? will return MARTEL, PTC8010, 250, 1.00

### **\*OPC**

Enables the Operation Complete setting in the ESR. This setting makes it possible to check if an operations is complete after it has been initialized.

For example this operation could be used with the command TRIG.

### **\*OPC?**

Returns 1 when all operations are complete, and causes program execution to pause until all the operations are complete. For example:

TRIG ; \*OPC? will return a 1 when the pulse train initiated by TRIG is complete.

### **\*RST**

Resets the state of calibrator to the power-up state. All subsequent commands are held off until the execution of the command is complete.

### **\*SRE**

Loads a byte into the Service Request Enable register. A decimal number must be entered, which when converted to binary, corresponds to the correct settings.

For example:

\*SRE 8 enters the binary number 00001000 to the SRE. This enables bit 3. Bit 6 is not used.

### **\*SRE?**

Returns a byte from the SRE. The byte is returned in decimal format. For example:

If 40 is returned, bits 5 and 3 are enabled.

### **\*STB**

Returns the status byte in decimal form from the Serial Poll Status Byte. For example;

If 72 is returned, bits 6 and 3 are enabled.

### **\*WAI**

Prevents further remote commands from being executed until all previous commands are executed. For example:

OUT 100°C ; \*WAI ; OUT 200°C will output 100°C and wait until output settles, then the second output command will be processed.

## 5.5-2 Calibrator Commands

### **CAL\_START**

Puts the calibrator in calibration mode. The main display will say CALIBRATION MODE and a calibration menu will be displayed on the terminal.

### **CJC\_STATE**

Turns Cold Junction Compensation (CJC) on or off, when the calibrator is in thermocouple (TC) mode. The command is used by adding ON or OFF after it.

For example:

CJC\_STATE OFF      turns CJC off.

### **CJC\_STATE?**

Tells whether the Cold Junction Compensation in thermocouple mode is turned on or turned off. The calibrator returns OFF if CJC is off, and ON if CJC is on.

### **CPRT\_COEFA**

This command is used for entering a custom RTD into the calibrator. The numeric value entered after the command will be set as the first coefficient of the polynomial used by the custom RTD.

For example:

CPRT\_COEFA 3.908E-03      enters 3.908e-3 as coefficient A.

### **CPRT\_COEFA?**

Returns the number which was entered for the first coefficient of the polynomial used in the custom RTD. Using the example above CPRT\_COEFA? Would return:

3.908000E-03

### **CPRT\_COEFB**

This command is used for entering a custom RTD into the calibrator. The numeric value entered after the command will be set as the second coefficient of the polynomial used by the custom RTD.

For example:

CPRT\_COEFB -5.8019E-07 enters -5.8019e-7 as coefficient B.

### **CPRT\_COEFB?**

Returns the number, which was entered for the first coefficient of the polynomial used in the custom RTD. Using the example above, CPRT\_COEFB? Would return:

-5.801900E-07

## **CPRT\_COEFC**

This command is used for entering a custom RTD into the calibrator. The numeric value entered after the command will be set as the first coefficient of the polynomial used by the custom RTD.

For example:

CPRT\_COEFC -5.8019E-12 enters -5.8019e-12 as coefficient A.

## **CPRT\_COEFC?**

Returns the number which was entered for the first coefficient of the polynomial used in the custom RTD. Using the example above CPRT\_COEFC? Would return:

-5.801900E-12

## **CPRT\_MIN\_T**

Sets the minimum temperature of the custom RTD range. The temperature value must be entered with a degrees label, CEL for Celsius and FAR for Fahrenheit.

For example:

CPRT\_MIN\_T -260 CEL enters -260°C as the minimum temperature.

## **CPRT\_MIN\_T?**

Returns the value entered for minimum temperature in the range for a custom RTD. Note that the Calibrator always returns numbers in scientific notation. The above example would return:

-2.600000E+02, CEL

## **CPRT\_MAX\_T**

Sets the maximum temperature of the custom RTD range. The temperature value must be entered with a degrees label, CEL for Celsius and FAR for Fahrenheit.

For example:

CPRT\_MAX\_T 0.0 CEL enters 0.0°C as the maximum temperature.

## **CPRT\_MIN\_T?**

Returns the value entered for minimum temperature in the range for a custom RTD. The above example would return:

0.000000E+00, CEL

## **CPRT\_R0**

Sets the 0° resistance, R0, in the custom RTD. The value must be entered with a units label. Refer to the Parameter Units table for assistance.

For example:

CPRT\_R0 100 OHM sets R0 to 100 ohms.

CPRT\_R0?

Returns the value for the resistance in custom RTD. The above example would return:

1.000000E+02, OHM

### **FAULT?**

Returns the error code number of an error that has occurred. The command may be entered when the previous command did not do what it was meant to do.

Refer to the Error Codes table for more information on error code numbers.

### **FUNC?**

Returns the current mode of the display. For example if the calibrator is set to RTD FUNC? Would return:

RTD

### **LOCAL**

Restores the calibrator to local operation if it was in remote mode. Also clears LOCKOUT if the unit was in lockout mode.

### **MEAS**

Sets the display to measure mode. The command is followed by the parameters TC for thermocouple or RTD for RTD. For example:

MEAS RTD sets the display mode to RTD IN

### **OUT**

Sets the output of the calibrator. This command may be used to output mA, volts, frequency, temperature, and ohms. The calibrator is automatically set to source mode when OUT is entered. A number and its unit must follow the command. See Table 7. (Parameter Units) for a list of available units. For example:

OUT 10°C sets the calibrator to RTD or TC OUT mode and sets the output to 10°C.

### **OUT?**

Returns the output of the calibrator. Using the above example, OUT? Would return:

1.000000E-02, °C

### **REMOTE**

Puts the calibrator in remote mode. From the remote mode the user can still use the keypad to get back to local unless the command LOCKOUT was entered before REMOTE. Then the keypad is totally locked out, and the user has to send the LOCAL command to get back to local operation.

## **RTD\_TYPE**

Sets the RTD type. The following is a list of RTD types they way they should be entered after the command:

PT385\_10;          PT385\_50;          PT385\_100;          PT385\_200;          PT385\_500;  
PT385\_1000;          PT392\_100;          PTJIS\_100;          Ni120;          Cu10;          Cu50;  
Cu100;          YSI\_400;          OHMS;          CUSTOM;

For example:

RTD\_TYPE PT385\_10 sets RTD type to Pt385-10

## **RTD\_TYPE?**

Returns the RTD type.

## **RTD\_WIRE**

Sets the number of wires used for connection in measuring RTDs. The calibrator measures RTDs using 2-, 3-, and 4-wire connections. After the command, enter 2W for 2- wire, 3W for 3-wire, and 4W for 4-wire. For example:

RTD\_WIRE 4W sets the connection to 4-wire

## **RTD\_WIRE?**

Returns the number of wires used in the RTD connection.

## **TEMP\_UNIT**

Sets the temperature unit for sourcing and measuring RTD and TC. Add CEL after the command for Celsius, FAR for Fahrenheit, or KEL for Kelvin. For example:

TEMP\_UNIT CEL sets the temperature to be measured or sourced to Celsius.

## **TEMP\_UNIT?**

Returns the temperature unit that is currently used for measuring and sourcing RTD and TC.

## **TSENS\_TYPE**

Sets the temperature sensor type to thermocouple, or to RTD for temperature measurement. After the command add TC for thermocouple, or RTD for RTDs. For example:

TSENS\_TYPE TC sets the sensor type to thermocouple

## **TSENS\_TYPE?**

Returns the type of sensor that is currently set to measure temperature, either TC or RTD.

**VAL?**

Returns the value of any measurement taking place on the display. For example, if the display is measuring 10°C, then VAL? will return:

1.000000E+01, 10°C

## 6. Specifications

One year at 23°C ± 5°C, unless specified otherwise. Outside of this range the stability of the measurements is ± 0.005% of reading/°C.

**Table 9: General Specifications**

Operating Temperature	-10°C to 50°C
Storage Temperature	-20°C to 70°C
Power	4 X AA batteries; Alkaline or optional rechargeable
Low battery warning	Yes
Serial Communications	Yes, ASCII
CE - EMC	EN61326: 2006, ANNEX B Criterion A
Safety	CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1: 1992

**Table 10: Resistance Measurement**

	Range	Accuracy (% of reading ± floor)
Ohms low	0.00Ω - 400.0Ω	0.025% ± 0.05Ω
Ohms high	401.0Ω - 4000.0Ω	0.025% ± 0.5Ω

**Table 11: Resistance Source**

	Range	Excitation Current	Accuracy (% of reading ± floor)
Ohms low	5.0Ω - 400.0Ω	0.1mA - 0.5mA	0.025% ± 0.1Ω
	5.0Ω - 400.0Ω	0.5mA - 3mA	0.025% ± 0.05Ω
Ohms high	400Ω - 1500Ω	0.05mA - 0.8mA	0.025% ± 0.5Ω
	1500Ω - 4000Ω	0.05mA - 0.4mA	0.025% ± 0.5Ω

Note: Unit is compatible with smart transmitters and PLCs. Frequency response is ≤ 5ms.

**Table 12: Thermocouple Measurement/Source**

	Range	Accuracy (% of reading ± floor)
Read (mV)	-10.000mV - 75.000mV	0.02% ± 10μV
Source (mV)	-10.000mV - 75.000mV	0.02% ± 10μV
Maximum current output in voltage ranges is 1mA with an output impedance of ≤ 1Ω		

**Table 13: Thermocouple Read and Source (errors in °C)**

TC Type	Range (°C)		Accuracy (°C)	
	Minimum	Maximum	CJC OFF	CJC ON
J	-210.0	0.0	0.4	0.6
	0.0	800.0	0.2	0.4
	800.0	1200.0	0.3	0.5
K	-200.0	0.0	0.6	0.8
	0.0	1000.0	0.3	0.5
	1000.0	1372.0	0.5	0.7
T	-250.0	0.0	0.6	0.8
	0.0	400.0	0.2	0.4
E	-250.0	-100.0	0.6	0.8
	-100.0	1000.0	0.2	0.4
R	0.0	1767.0	1.2	1.4
S	0.0	1767.0	1.2	1.4
B	600.0	800.0	1.2	1.4
	800.0	1000.0	1.3	1.5
	1000.0	1820.0	1.5	1.7
C	0.0	1000.0	0.6	0.8
	1000.0	2316.0	2.3	2.5
XK	-200.0	800.0	0.2	0.4
BP	0.0	800.0	0.9	1.1
	800.0	2500.0	2.3	2.5
L	-200.0	0.0	0.3	0.5
	0.0	900.0	0.2	0.4
U	-200.0	0.0	0.5	0.7
	0.0	600.0	0.3	0.5
N	-200.0	0.0	0.8	1.0
	0.0	1300.0	0.4	0.6

CJC error outside of  $23 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  is  $0.05^\circ\text{C}/^\circ\text{C}$



**Table 14: RTD Read and Source**

RTD Type	Range (°C)		Accuracy (°C)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Measure 4W/Source	Measure 3W
PT385, 10 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	1.3	2.5
	-80.0	0.0	1.3	2.5
	0.0	100.0	1.4	2.7
	100.0	300.0	1.5	3.0
	300.0	400.0	1.6	3.1
	400.0	630.0	1.8	3.3
	630.0	800.0	1.9	3.6
PT385, 50 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.3	0.5
	-80.0	0.0	0.4	0.7
	0.0	100.0	0.4	0.7
	100.0	300.0	0.4	0.7
	300.0	400.0	0.5	0.7
	400.0	630.0	0.5	0.8
	630.0	800.0	0.6	0.9
PT385, 100 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.1	0.3
	-80.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
	0.0	100.0	0.2	0.4
	100.0	300.0	0.2	0.4
	300.0	400.0	0.3	0.5
	400.0	630.0	0.3	0.5
	630.0	800.0	0.4	0.6
PT3926, 100 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.1	0.2
	-80.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
	0.0	100.0	0.2	0.3
	100.0	300.0	0.2	0.3
	300.0	400.0	0.3	0.4
	400.0	630.0	0.3	0.5
	630.0	800.0	0.4	0.6
PT3916, 100 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.1	0.2
	-80.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
	0.0	100.0	0.2	0.3
	100.0	260.0	0.2	0.3
	260.0	300.0	0.3	0.4
	300.0	400.0	0.3	0.4
	400.0	630.0	0.3	0.5

RTD Type	Range (°C)		Accuracy (°C)	
	Minimum	Maximum	Measure 4W/Source	Measure 3W
PT385, 200 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.6	0.6
	-80.0	0.0	0.7	0.7
	0.0	100.0	0.7	0.8
	100.0	260.0	0.7	0.8
	260.0	300.0	0.7	0.8
	300.0	400.0	0.9	0.9
	400.0	630.0	0.9	1.0
PT385, 500 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.2	0.3
	-80.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
	0.0	100.0	0.3	0.3
	100.0	260.0	0.4	0.4
	260.0	300.0	0.4	0.4
	300.0	400.0	0.4	0.5
	400.0	630.0	0.5	0.5
PT385, 1000 ohm	-200.0	-80.0	0.2	0.2
	-80.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
	0.0	100.0	0.2	0.2
	100.0	260.0	0.2	0.2
	260.0	300.0	0.3	0.3
	300.0	400.0	0.3	0.3
	400.0	630.0	0.4	0.4
NI120	-80.0	260.0	0.1	0.2
Cu10	-100.0	260.0	1.3	2.5
Cu50	-180.0	200.0	0.3	0.5
Cu100	-180.0	200.0	0.1	0.3
YSI 400	15.0	50.0	0.1	0.1

## 7. Maintenance / Warranty

### 7.1 Replacing Batteries

Replace batteries as soon as the battery indicator turns on to avoid false measurements. If the batteries discharge too deeply the PTC8010 will automatically shut down to avoid battery leakage.

**Note:** Use only AA size alkaline batteries or optional rechargeable battery pack.

### 7.2 Cleaning the Unit

#### **Warning**

To avoid personal injury or damage to the calibrator, use only the specified replacement parts and do not allow water into the case.

#### **Caution**

To avoid damaging the plastic lens and case, do not use solvents or abrasive cleansers. Clean the calibrator with a soft cloth dampened with water or water and mild soap.

### 7.3 Service Center Calibration or Repair

Only qualified service personnel should perform calibration, repairs, or servicing not covered in this manual. If the calibrator fails, check the batteries first, and replace them if needed.

Verify that the calibrator is being operated as explained in this manual. If the calibrator is faulty, send a description of the failure with the calibrator. Be sure to pack the calibrator securely, using the original shipping container if it is available. To return the product to Martel go to [www.martelcalibrators.com](http://www.martelcalibrators.com) and click on the Customer Service link. Download the RMA form and follow the instructions. Calibration procedures and other related documents can also be found on the website.

### 7.4 Replacement Parts & Accessories

80029	JKTE T/C Wire Kit, Mini Plugs
80036	RSNB T/C Wire Kit, Mini Plugs
CC572	Carrying Case
C232SJ	RS232 Cable with Miniature Plug
1919896	USB/RS232 Converter Cable with Miniature Plug
5353050	48" Stackable Testleads
1001-9V	Battery Adapter/Charger

### 7.5 Warranty

Martel Electronics Corporation warrants all products against material defects and workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months after the date of shipment. Problems or defects that arise from misuse or abuse of the instrument are not covered. If any product is to be returned, a "Return Material Authorization" number must be obtained from our Customer Service Department. This number must be indicated on the return package as notice to our Receiving Department to accept the shipment. Any package not so marked will not be accepted and will be returned to the shipper. Martel will not be responsible for damage as a result of poor return packaging. Out of warranty repairs and recalibration will be subject to specific charges. Under no circumstances will Martel Electronics be liable for any device or circumstance beyond the value of the product.



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