## **Troubleshooting Guide**

# **Sensor Testing**

### How to Test a Sensor

#### **Checking the Sensor**

- Check sensor if getting sensor short, sensor open or reading does not make sense
- You will need the following to check a sensor
- Terminal screwdriver
- Misc other tools if you have to remove covers for junction boxes
- Colored tape and pen so you can mark the wires
- Manual for sensor
- Ohm meter that can measure 2,000,000 Ohms or 2 MOhms

## What Is the Source of the Error so I Know What to Replace?

- The source of the error can be in 1 of 3 places
- Sensor itself could be bad
- There could be something in the wiring like a bad splice, nail or staple driven through it
- Control itself could have failed and is no longer reading the sensor properly
- The only way to know which is the source is to start measuring

#### Is It the Control?

- Step 1: mark the wire that goes into the sensor terminal
- Step 2: remove the wire and measure the resistance between the wire and the common

#### **A** WARNING

As with any electrical product, care should be taken to guard against potential risks, including electric shock or personal injury.

- Step 3: compare reading to the chart showing temperature and resistance
- If the resistance reading is accurate based on the chart than we need to replace control. In the case the resistance reading is not accurate we need to go to next step. If it's the control put the wire back and get a new control.

#### Is It the Sensor?

- Now that we have established it's either sensor or sensor wiring it's time to test the sensor.
- Step 1: locate the sensor
- Step 2: mark the wires where they connect to the sensor
- Step 3: undo splices if any to isolate sensor
- Step 4: measure the readings and compare to manual in chart.
- If the reading is not accurate than we have a bad sensor. If the reading is accurate than we have wiring issue and you are looking at doing some wire tracing to check all the splices, look for staples driven through the wires etc.

#### Notes

- If the sensor has a home run to the control (no splices) than the source of error is either control or sensor
- Splices must be mechanically and electrically strong. A high resistance splice may throw the reading off
- Sensor placement is critical. Check applications for where sensors should be placed. Is a boil supply sensor on a mixing loop? Is an outdoor air temperature sensor beside a furnace exhaust vent?

#### **Temperature Vs Resistance**

Call customer service if you need assistance with technical details.

TEMPERATURE		RESISTANCE	TEMPERATURE		RESISTANCE	TEMPERATURE		RESISTANCE	TEMPERATURE		RESISTANCE
°F	°C	Ω	°F	°C	Ω	°F	°C	Ω	°F	°C	Ω
-50	-46	490,813	20	-7	46,218	90	32	7,334	160	71	1,689
-45	-43	405,710	25	-4	39,913	<mark>95</mark>	35	6,532	165	74	1,538
-40	-40	336,606	30	-1	34,558	100	38	5,828	170	77	1,403
-35	-37	280,279	35	2	29,996	105	41	5,210	175	79	1,281
-30	-34	234,196	40	4	26,099	110	43	4,665	180	82	1,172
-25	-32	196,358	45	7	22,763	115	46	4,184	185	85	1,073
-20	-29	165,180	50	10	19,900	120	49	3,760	190	88	983
-15	-26	139,403	55	13	17,436	125	52	3,383	195	91	903
-10	-23	118,018	60	16	15,311	130	54	3,050	200	93	829
-5	-21	100,221	65	18	13,474	135	57	2,754	205	96	763
0	-18	85,362	70	21	11,883	140	60	2,490	210	99	703
5	-15	72,918	75	24	10,501	145	63	2,255	215	102	648
10	-12	62,465	80	27	9,299	150	66	2,045	220	104	598
15	-9	53,658	85	29	8,250	155	68	1,857	225	107	553

All specifications are subject to change without notice



