

AN-531 APPLICATION NOTE

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5B37 Transfer Function Calculating the Output Voltage of a 5B37 Signal Conditioner

The output voltage of a 5B37 thermocouple signal conditioner can be calculated by knowing: (a) the thermocouple input voltage at the measurement temperature; (b) the thermocouple input signal at the minimum point of the 5B37 module temperature range; and (c) the 5B37 gain.

Transfer Equation for 5B37

To determine the output voltage from a 5B37 module, use the following equation:

$$V_{OUT}$$
 = (TC Output - V_{ZERO}) × GAIN

where,

- 1. V_{OUT} is the 5B37 module output (in volts).
- 2. *TC Output* is the thermocouple output voltage (in mV) at the temperature being measured.
- 3. *V_{ZERO}* is the thermocouple output voltage (in mV) at the minimum temperature span specified for the 5B37 module.
- 4. *GAIN* is the throughput gain (in V/mV) of the 5B37 module.

Table I provides the thermocouple output voltage at the minimum temperature span of each 5B37 module (V_{ZERO}) and the 5B37 gain.

Sensors Software Program

For assistance in determining a specific thermocouple output voltage at any temperature, you may contact Analog Devices, Inc., and request a copy of the SEN-SORS software program. Alternatively, you may download this program from the Analog Devices World Wide Web Site. This Windows[®] 3.1, 95, NT software program provides a convenient reference to look up tables of temperature sensing devices, including thermocouples, RTDs (Platinum, Nickel and Copper), as well as thermistors. Functions are implemented in both directions (i.e., temperature-to-mV and mV-to-temperature), as well as in both °C and °F.

Parameter		5B37-J-01	5B37-K-02	5B37-T-03	5B37-E-04	5B37-R-05	5B37-S-05	5B37-B-06	5B37-N-08
Temp (°C) Range	Low High	-100 760	-100 1350	-100 400	0 900	0 1750	0 1750	0 1800	0 1300
V _{out} (V) Range	Low High	0 5	0 5	0 5	0 5	0 5	0 5	0 5	0 5
V _{IN} (mV) Range	Low High	-4.632 42.922	-3.553 54.125	-3.378 20.869	0 68.783	0 20.878	0 18.504	0 13.585	0 47.502
V _{IN} Span (mV)		47.554	57.678	24.247	68.783	20.878	18.504	13.585	47.502
Gain (V/mV)		0.105143	0.086688	0.206211	0.072692	0.239486	0.270211	0.368052	0.105258
V _{ZERO} (mV)		4.632	-3.553	-3.378	0	0	0	0	0

Table I. Transfer Functions for Model 5B37 Thermocouple Signal Conditioner

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