GE
Measurement & Control Solutions

NPC-100 Series
NovaSensor
Disposable Medical Pressure Sensor

Features

• Solid state, high reliability
• Media compatibility
• High performance
• Factory filled with dielectric gel
• Small size
• Fully tested
• Temperature compensated
• Low cost disposable design
• Designed to AAMI specifications

Applications

• Medical instrumentation
• Blood pressure measurement
• Infusion pumps
• Kidney dialysis machines
NPC-100 Series Specifications

The NovaSensor NPC-100 Series pressure sensor is specifically designed for use in disposable medical applications. The device is compensated and calibrated per the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) guidelines for industry acceptability. The sensor integrates a high-performance, pressure sensor die with temperature compensation circuitry and gel protection in a small, low-cost package.

The NPC-100 Series is manufactured in a class 1000 clean-room to minimize possible sources of contamination. A specially designed silicon micromachined sensing element is used to meet or exceed all industry requirements while minimizing assembly and test cost for maximum customer value. Thick-film laser-trimming is employed for final compensation and calibration. Sensitivity is maintained to ±1% and linearity is better than 1% in the physiological operating pressure range.

The NPC-100 Series is batch-manufactured in ceramic plate form and shipped as an intact array for easy customer automation. This assembly method draws from well-established manufacturing techniques used in the electronics industry in order to produce a quality, high volume product.

### Performance Parameters*

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1. All values measured at 6 VDC and 71.6°F (22°C) and after five second warm up unless otherwise specified.
2. Output of sensor with no pressure applied and a 150 kΩ resistor shorted across +VIN to +OUT.
3. Over a temperature range of 59°F to 104°F (15°C to 40°C).
4. Normalized offset/bridge voltage—8 hours after 20 seconds warm-up.
5. Previously qualified, not tested in production.
6. Deviation from straight line drawn through zero and 100 mmHg data points.

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NPC-100 Series pressure port interface

Material is clear Polycarbonate.

NPC-100 Series package diagram

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1. Tolerances reflect typical flaring during the singulation process.
1. Tolerance on electrical pad location is ±0.010 in (±0.25 mm).
2. Contact pads are suitable for soldering.
3. Split pads on +Out and –Out must be connected for proper operation.
4. All dimensions assume a nominal 0.01 in (0.25 mm) distance between the edge of the solder pads to the edge of the ceramic. This distance will vary slightly from part to part.

**NPC-100 Series electrical interface**

Warranty

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Ordering Information

The code number to be ordered may be specified as follows:

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<th>Code</th>
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1. Sensors are shipped as 120 UP snapstrates that must be singulated by the customer.
2. Each reel or plate may include units that have failed visual or electrical parameters as well as good units. Bad units are identified with a dot on the backside of the cell location.
3. Reels and plates are shipped in dust free anti-static containers to prevent contamination of the gel surface.