Overview

- Waterproof
- Corrosion Resistant
- UV Resistant Wire
- Operating range -40 to 356°F (-40 to 180°C)
- 0.24 in (6 mm) OD for immersion well installation
- 5 ft (1.5 m) wire length

The tekmar Solar Sensor 085 has a stainless steel head and silicone jacketed wire, ideal for use as an immersion well sensor in a solar collector.

Sensor Wiring

**Caution:** Do not run sensor wires parallel to telephone or power cables. If the sensor wires are located in an area with strong sources of electromagnetic interference, shielded cable or twisted pair should be used or the wires can be run in a grounded metal conduit.

- Sensor wiring can be extended up to 520’ (158 m) using 18 AWG wire.
- Wire splices should be properly soldered and protected in an accessible waterproof junction box.

Installation

Controller effectiveness depends heavily on proper installation of temperature sensors. The 085 sensor should always be measuring the hottest part of the collectors which is normally the flow output of the last collector in a string.

The Solar Sensor 085 was specifically designed to mount in a 6.2 mm ID temperature sleeve or well provided by most collector manufacturers.

If a temperature well isn’t available, the Solar Sensor 085 can be strapped directly to the pipe using a stainless steel clamp (not provided).

Insulation should be placed around the sensor in this case to reduce the effects of air currents on the temperature measurement. Thermal paste is recommended to improve thermal contact with the sensor.

Sensor Testing Instructions

A good quality test meter capable of measuring up to 5,000 kΩ (1 kΩ = 1000Ω) is required to measure the sensor resistance. In addition to this, the actual temperature must be measured with either a good quality digital thermometer, or if a thermometer is not available, a second sensor can be placed alongside the one to be tested and the readings compared.

First measure the temperature using the thermometer and then measure the resistance of the sensor at the control. The wires from the sensor must not be connected to the control while the test is performed. Using the chart on the following page, estimate the temperature measured by the sensor. The sensor and thermometer readings should be close. If the test meter reads a very high resistance, there may be a broken wire, a poor wiring connection or a defective sensor. If the resistance is very low, the wiring may be shorted, there may be moisture in the sensor or the sensor may be defective. To test for a defective sensor, measure the resistance directly at the sensor location.

Do not apply voltage to a sensor at any time as damage to the sensor may result.
**Temperature vs. Resistance Table**

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**Note:** This sensor is capable of measuring temperatures beyond the range of some controls. A higher than measurable temperature is displayed as a short circuit while a lower than measurable temperature is displayed as an open circuit.

**Technical Data**

- Literature – D085
- Approvals – CSA C US
- Operating Range – -40°F to 356°F (-40°C to 180°C)
- Dimensions – 0.24” (6 mm) O.D., 1.77” (45 mm) long with 5’ (1.5 m) cable length
- Sensor – NTC thermistor, 10 kΩ @ 77°F (25°C ± 0.2°C), ß = 3892
- Materials – SS304 metal tube, black silicone rubber insulated, 2 conductor cable
- Packaged Weight – 0.12 lb (55 g)

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