

VFCP Series (Z-Foil) (0805, 1206, 1506, 2010, 2512)

Ultra High-Precision Z-Foil Flip Chip Resistor

with TCR of ±0.2 ppm/°C, 35% Space Saving vs. Wraparound Design and PCR of 5 ppm at Rated Power

FEATURES

- Temperature coefficient of resistance (TCR): ± 0.2 ppm/°C typical (-55°C to +125°C, +25°C ref.)
- Tolerance: to ±0.01% (100 ppm)
- Power coefficient "∆R due to self heating" 5 ppm at rated power
- Load-life stability (70°C for 2000 h): ±0.005% (50 ppm)
- Power rating to: 600 mW at +70°C
- Electrostatic discharge (ESD): at least to 25 kV
- Resistance range: 5 Ω to 125 k Ω (for lower and higher values, please contact us)
- Bulk Metal[®] Foil resistors are not restricted to standard values; specific "as required" values can be supplied at no extra cost or delivery (e.g., 1K2345 vs. 1K)
- Non-inductive, non-capacitive design
- Thermal stabilization time: <1 s (within 10 ppm of steady state value)
- Short time overload: ≤0.005% (50 ppm)
- Non hot spot design
- Rise time: 1 ns effectively no ringing
- Current noise: <0.010 μV_{rms} / V of applied voltage (<–40 dB)
- Voltage coefficient: <0.1 ppm/V
- Non-inductive: <0.08 µH
- Terminal finishes available: lead (Pb)-free, tin/lead alloy
- Compliant to RoHS directive 2002/95/EC*
- · Matched sets are available per request
- Rapid prototype sample quantities are available. For more information, please contact us at foil@vpgsensors.com

INTRODUCTION

Based on VFR's Bulk Metal Z-Foil technology, the VFCP Series (foil resistor flip-chip) excels over all previous stability standards for precision resistors with an order of magnitude improvement in high-temperature stability, load-life stability, and moisture resistance. These new benchmark levels of performance provide design engineers with the tools to build circuits not previously achievable while reducing costs and space in the most



critical applications by eliminating the need for corrective circuitry and reducing the large land patterns needed for a wrap-around configuration. The device's flip-chip configuration saves up to 35% PCB space compared with a surface-mount chip with wraparound terminations while also providing better strain relief to eliminate cracked substrates and board delamination.

In addition to its remarkably improved load-life stability, the VFCP Series is noise-free and provides ESD protection of 25 kV or more for increased reliability. The device's solid element alloy is matched to the substrate, forming a single entity with balanced resistance versus temperature characteristics for an unusually low and predictable TCR over a wide temperature range from -55°C to more than +125°C. The adhesive that holds the foil to the flat substrate withstands high temperatures, pulsing power, moisture incursions, shock and vibration, and low-temperature exposure while still holding securely to the foil element. Resistance patterns are photo-etched into the element to permit the trimming of resistance values to very tight tolerances as low as 0.01%.

The Flip Chips devices are qualified as anti-sulfurated resistors for use in environments with high levels of contamination. Such environments include alternative energy applications, industrial control systems, sensors, RTDs, electric instrumentation, weather and communication base stations, and any electronic appliance used in high concentrations of sulfur. The combination of flip-chip terminations and Z-Foil construction and materials results in the most stable resistors available, requiring the lowest error allowance. This means that more error allowance can be transferred to active devices—resulting in lower costs—or applied to the foil resistors themselves, allowing for looser initial tolerances than would be required for other resistor technologies.

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Refer to Bulk Metal® Foil Resistor TCR Performance (Product Demo).

* This datasheet provides information about parts that are RoHS-compliant and/or parts that are non-RoHS-compliant. For example, parts with lead (Pb) terminations are not RoHS compliant. Please see the information/tables in this datasheet for details.



TABLE 1-TOLERANCE AND TCR VS.RESISTANCE VALUE				
Resistance Value (Ω)	Tolerance (%)	Typical TCR and Max. Spread (–55°C to +125°C, +25°C Ref.) (ppm/°C)		
250 to 125k	±0.01%	±0.2 ±1.6		
100 to <250	±0.02%	±0.2 ±1.6		
50 to <100	±0.05%	±0.2 ±1.8		
25 to <50	±0.1%	±0.2 ±2.8		
10 to <25	±0.25%	±0.2 ±2.8		
5 to <10	±0.5%	±0.2 ±7.8		



Note

The TCR values for <100 Ω are influenced by the termination composition and result in deviation from this curve.

TABLE 2-MODEL SELECTION						
Chip Size	Rated Power at +70°C (mW)	Maximum Voltage Rating (≤√P × R)	Resistance Range (Ω)	Max. Weight (mg)		
0805	100 mW	28 V	5 to 8k	5.2		
1206	250 mW	79 V	5 to 25k	10.3		
1506	300 mW	95 V	5 to 30k	12		
2010	400 mW	167 V	5 to 70k	25		
2512	600 mW	220 V	5 to 125k	35		



FIGURE 3-TRIMMING TO VALUES (conceptual illustration) Interloop capacitance Current path reduction before trimming in series Mutual Current path after trimming inductance reduction Trimming process removes this material due to change in current from shorting strip area direction changing current path and increasing resistance Foil shown in black, etched spaces in white Note

To acquire a precision resistance value, the Bulk Metal Foil chip is trimmed by selectively removing built-in "shorting bars." To increase the resistance in known increments, marked areas are cut, producing progressively smaller increases in resistance. This method reduces the effect of "hot spots" and improves the long-term stability of VFR resistors.

TABLE 3-LOAD-LIFE STABILITY (+70°C for 2000 h)				
Chip Size	MAXIMUM AR LIMITS			
0805	±0.005% at 50 mW ±0.01% at 100 mW			
1206	±0.005% at 150 mW ±0.01% at 250 mW			
1506	±0.005% at 150 mW ±0.01% at 300 mW			
2010	±0.005% at 200 mW ±0.01% at 400 mW			
2512	±0.005% at 500 mW ±0.01% at 600 mW			





TABLE 4-PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS					
Test or Condition	MIL-PRF-55342 Characteristic E ∆R Limits	Typical ∆R Limits	Maximum ΔR Limits ⁽¹⁾		
Thermal Shock	±0.1%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	± 0.01% (100 ppm)		
Low Temperature Operation	±0.1%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	± 0.01% (100 ppm)		
Short Time Overload	±0.1%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	± 0.01% (100 ppm)		
High Temperature Exposure	±0.1%	±0.01% (100 ppm)	±0.02% (200 ppm)		
Resistance to Soldering Heat	±0.2%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	±0.015% (150 ppm)		
Moisture Resistance	±0.2%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	±0.03% (300 ppm)		
Load Life Stability +70°C for 2000 hours at Rated Power	±0.5%	±0.005% (50 ppm)	±0.01% (100 ppm)		

Note

(1) As shown +0.01 ohms (Ω) to allow for measurement errors at low values.



Notes

Avoid the use of those cleaning agents that could attack epoxy resins, which form part of the resistor construction. Vacuum pick-up is recommended for handling. Soldering iron not recommended.

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HARMONIC DISTORTION

Harmonic distortion is an important consideration in the choice of precision resistors for sensitive applications. A significant signal voltage across the resistor may change

the resistance value depending on the construction, material, and size. Under these conditions Bulk Metal Foil resistors behave more linearly than other resistor types.

FLOWER OF SULFUR

ASTM B 809, also known as flower of sulfur, is a test to determine the porosity of metallic coating using humid sulfur vapor. This vapor can penetrate conformal coatings and cause damage to the device when it reacts with lower layers of silver. Surface-mount Bulk Metal Foil chip resistors avoid this problem with a special coating that is proven to be reliable in extreme environments and even against sulfur. The flower of sulfur test is especially

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relevant to designers of circuits used in alternative energy and industrial applications, where environmental pollution is a constant concern. Analog circuitry in these applications almost always operates under severe environmental, thermal, and mechanical conditions, and must withstand frequent and extended service by professionals and novices alike. The picture is further complicated by tough regulatory restrictions and high consumer expectations. VFR received a steady stream of customer inquiries, which led to more focus on antisulfurated resistor research and development. As a result we have qualified our surface-mount foil chip resistors as "antisulfurated resistors." These resistors are capable of exposure to sulfurous environments without damage. Beyond alternative energy, applications include industrial control systems, sensors, RTDs, electric instrumentation, weather and communication base stations. These resistors are also suited for electronic appliances used in high concentrations of sulfur.

POWER COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE (PCR)

The TCR of a resistor for a given temperature range is established by measuring the resistance at two different ambient temperatures: at room temperature and in a cooling chamber or oven. The ratio of relative resistance change and temperature difference gives the slope of DR/R = f(T) curve. This slope is usually expressed in parts per million per degree Centigrade (ppm/°C). In these conditions, a uniform temperature is achieved in the measured resistance. In practice, however, the temperature rise of the resistor is also partially due to self-heating as a result of the power it is dissipating. As stipulated by the Joule effect, when current flows through a resistance, there will be an associated generation of of a heat flow and of a temperature gradient. Therefore, the TCR alone does not provide the actual resistance change for precision resistor. Hence, another metric is introduced to incorporate this inherent characteristic-the Power Coefficient of Resistance (PCR). PCR is expressed in parts per million per Watt or in ppm at rated power. In the case of Z-based Bulk Metal® Foil, the PCR is 5 ppm typical at rated power or 4 ppm per Watt typical for power resistors.



Note

(1) For non-standard requests, please contact Application Engineering



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