

Calculation formulas for Platinum RTDs (Resistance Temperature Detectors)

using the Callendar–Van Dusen equation

(-> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Callendar%E2%80%93Van_Dusen_equation)

This calculations are valid for the different Platinum RTDs:

Pt 100 $R_0=100\Omega$

Pt 500 $R_0=500\Omega$

Pt1000 $R_0=1000\Omega$

Pt10000 $R_0=10000\Omega$

To perform the calculation different coefficients are necessary,
which are standardized in various national and international standards:

Callendar-Van Dusen Coefficients Corresponding to Common RTDs

Standard	Temperature Coefficient α_0	A	B	C *
DIN 43760	0,003850	3,9080E-03	-5,8019E-07	-4,2735E-12
IEC 60751:2008 DIN EN 60751:2009-5	0,003850	3,9083E-03	-5,7750E-07	-4,1830E-12
American	0,003911	3,9692E-03	-5,8495E-07	-4,2325E-12
ITS-90	0,003926	3,9848E-03	-5,8700E-07	-4,0000E-12

**(For temperatures below 0°C only / C = 0.0 for temperatures above 0°C)*

Reverse Coefficients (numerical calculated):

(for calculating temperature t from resistance R_t for $R_t < R_0$ (-200°C ... 0°C)

Standard	D	E	F	G
DIN 43760	-241,97178	2,2239318	2,5537693E-03	-5,9699237E-06
IEC 60751:2008 DIN EN 60751:2009-5	-242,08907	2,2275964	2,5172525E-03	-5,8537925E-06
American	-238,70083	2,2018291	2,4081649E-03	-5,5744200E-06
ITS-90	-238,09156	2,2032821	2,2936607E-03	-5,1835420E-06

1.) Linear approximation

Linear approximation formula for 0°C ... 100°C with errors up to +/- 0,4°C

by using the coefficient α_0 (from tables above):

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{R_{100} - R_0}{100 * R_0}$$

with R_0 = resistance of the sensor at 0°C and R_{100} = resistance of the sensor at 100°C

$$R_t = R_0 * (1 + (\alpha_0 * t))$$

$$t = \frac{R_t - R_0}{\alpha_0 * R_0}$$

2.) More exact quadratic and cubic approximation

2.1) Calculating resistance from temperature

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$$R_t = R_0 * (1 + A * t + B * t^2)$$

2.2.2) Calculating resistance R_t from temperature t for -200°C ... 0°C:

$$R_t = R_0 * (1 + A * t + B * t^2 + C * (t - 100) * t^3)$$

2.2) Calculating temperature from resistance

2.2.1) Calculating temperature t from resistance R_t for 0°C ... +850°C:

$$t = \frac{A}{2 * ABS(B)} - \sqrt{\frac{A^2}{4 * B^2} - \frac{R_t - R_0}{R_0 * ABS(B)}}$$

2.2.2) Calculating temperature t from resistance R_t for -200°C ... 0°C:

$$t = D + E * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right) + F * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right)^2 + G * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right)^3$$

Example for IEC 60751:2008 (=DIN EN 60751:2009-5)

(The signs (+/-) of the coefficients must be respected !)

$$t = -242,089 + 2,227596 * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right) + 2,51725 * 10^{-3} * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right)^2 - 5,85379 * 10^{-6} * \left(\frac{R_t * 100}{R_0}\right)^3$$