



Features

- RoHS compliant*
- Conductive plastic or cermet
- Linear and audio tapers
- PC board and bushing mount
- Gangable
- Metal bushing and shaft
- Sealed for board washing



51/53 - Sealed 1/2" (12.5 mm) Square Control

Electrical Characteristics ¹	Conductive Plastic	Cermet
Standard Resistance Range		
Linear	1 K ohms to 1 megohm.....	150 ohms to 1 megohm
Audio	1 K ohms to 1 megohm.....	1 K ohms to 1 megohm
Total Resistance Tolerance		
Linear Tapers	±10 % or ±20 %	±10 % or ±5 %
Audio Tapers	±10 % or ±20 %	±10 %
Independent Linearity	±5 %	±5 %
Absolute Minimum Resistance	2 ohms maximum	2 ohms maximum
Effective Electrical Angle	270 ° ±5 °	270 ° ±5 °
Contact Resistance Variation	2 %	2 %
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage (MIL-STD-202 – Method 301)		
Sea Level	1,500 VAC minimum	1,500 VAC minimum
70,000'	500 VAC minimum	500 VAC minimum
Insulation Resistance	1,000 megohms minimum	1,000 megohms minimum
Power Rating At 70 °C (Derate To 0 At 125 °C) (Voltage Limited By Power Dissipation or 350 VAC, Whichever Is Less)		
Linear Tapers	0.5 watt	1.0 watt
Audio Tapers	0.25 watt	0.5 watt
Theoretical Resolution	Essentially infinite	Essentially infinite
Environmental Characteristics ¹		
Operating Temperature Range	+1 °C to +125 °C	+1 °C to +125 °C
Storage Temperature Range	-55 °C to +125 °C	-55 °C to +125 °C
Temperature Coefficient Over Storage Temperature Range	±1,000 ppm/°C	±150 ppm/°C
Vibration (Single Section)	15 G	15 G
Total Resistance Shift	±2 % maximum	±2 % maximum
Voltage Ratio Shift	±5 % maximum	±5 % maximum
Shock (Single Section)	30 G	30 G
Total Resistance Shift	±2 % maximum	±2 % maximum
Voltage Ratio Shift	±5 % maximum	±5 % maximum
Load Life	1,000 hours	1,000 hours
Total Resistance Shift	±10 % TRS maximum	±5 % TRS maximum
Rotational Life (No Load)	50,000 cycles	25,000 cycles
Total Resistance Shift	±10 % TRS maximum	±10 % TRS maximum
Contact Resistance Variation @ 25,000 Cycles	±2 %	±4 %
Moisture Resistance (MIL-STD-202, Method 103, Condition B)		
Total Resistance Shift	±10 % TRS	±5 % TRS
IP Rating		
Entire Unit	IP64	IP64
Shaft/Bushing	IP65	IP65
Mechanical Characteristics		
Stop Strength	56 N-cm (5 lb.-in.)	
Mechanical Angle	290 ° ±5 °	
Torque		
Starting (Dual Sections)	+0.35 N-cm (+0.5 oz.-in.) maximum	
Running (Single Section)	0.15 to 1.4 N-cm (0.2 to 2.0 oz.-in.)	
Running (Dual Section)	0.35 to 1.8 N-cm (0.5 to 2.5 oz.-in.)	
Detent (Single Section)	1.94 N-cm (2.75 oz.-in.) minimum	
Mounting (Torque on Bushing)	1.7 to 2.0 N-m (15 to 18 lb.-in.) maximum	
Weight (Single Section)	5.5 grams	
(Additional Section)	3.0 grams	
Terminals	PC pin or solder lug	
Soldering Condition	Recommended hand soldering using Sn95/Ag5 no clean solder, 0.025" wire diameter. Maximum temperature 399 °C (750 °F) for 3 seconds. No wash process to be used with no clean flux. Part can be wave soldered at 260 °C (500 °F) for 5 seconds, no wash process with no clean flux.	
Marking	Manufacturer's trademark, part number, resistance value and date code.	
Ganging (Multiple Section Potentiometer)	2 sections maximum**	
Hardware	One lockwasher and one mounting nut is shipped with each potentiometer, except where noted in the part number.	

¹At room ambient: +25 °C nominal and 50 % relative humidity nominal, except as noted.

** Additional sections available on special request with higher minimum order quantities.

*RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC Jan. 27, 2003 including annex and RoHS Recast 2011/65/EU June 8, 2011.

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Product Dimensions

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



(SINGLE AND DUAL MODULE SHOWN)



MODEL 51



(DOUBLE MODULE FRONT AND REAR BRACKET SHOWN)

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS PCB MOUNTING BRACKET



SOLDER LUG TERMINALS MODEL 53



ELECTRICAL SCHEMATIC



ANTI-ROTATION LUG (Style "A" Shown)



SHAFT FLAT ORIENTATION



SUGGESTED PANEL LAYOUT



FOR TOLERANCES SHOWN: .XX = ± .25 (.010)
.XXX = ± .13 (.005)
SHAFT DIMENSIONS ± .80 (1/32)

DIMENSIONS: $\frac{\text{MM}}{(\text{INCHES})}$

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Shaft/Bushing Styles



A Style Bushing

STD. LENGTH "L"
.500 (12.7)
.625 (15.88)
.750 (19.05)
.875 (22.23)
1.000 (25.4)



C Style Bushing

STD. LENGTH "L"
.375 (9.53)
.500 (12.7)
.625 (15.88)
.750 (19.05)
.875 (22.23)
1.000 (25.4)



A Style Bushing - Flatted Shaft

STD. LENGTH "L"
.625 (15.88)
.750 (19.05)
.875 (22.23)
1.000 (25.4)



S Style Bushing

STD. LENGTH "L"
.630 (16.0)
.866 (22.0)
.984 (25.0)



U Style Bushing

STD. LENGTH "L"
.630 (16.0)
.866 (22.0)
.984 (25.0)



R Style Bushing

STD. LENGTH "L"
.630 (16.0)
.866 (22.0)
.984 (25.0)

DIMENSIONS: $\frac{\text{MM}}{(\text{INCHES})}$

How To Order

51	A	A	D	-	B	28	-	A	15	/	A15	L
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Part number for multiple section potentiometers must have a taper and resistance value for each section.

RoHS IDENTIFIER
L Compliant

MOUNTING BRACKET/ ANTI-ROTATION LUG

Code	Description
A	AR Lug 90 °CW
D	No AR Lug or Bracket
L	Front Bracket
M	Rear Bracket
N	Front and Rear Bracket

SECTIONS/DETENTS

Code	Description
A	Single No Detent
B	Double No Detent
E	Single w/Center Detent
F	Double w/Center Detent

BUSHING CONFIGURATION

Code	Description
A	3/8 " D x 3/8 " L
C	1/4 " D x 1/4 " L
R	10 mm D x 9.5 mm L
S	6 mm D x 8 mm L
U	7 mm D x 8 mm L

MODEL

Code	Description
51	PC Pins (.100 " centers)
53	Solder Lugs

ELEMENT TAPER TYPE/TOLERANCE	RESISTANCE (CODE)
(A) Linear Cermet ±10 %	(28) - 150 (14) - 7.5 K
(H) Linear Cermet ±5 %	(06) - 200 (30) - 15 K
	(07) - 250 (30) - 15 K
	(08) - 500 (16) - 20 K
	(09) - 750 (17) - 25 K
	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
	(29) - 1.5 K (19) - 75 K
	(11) - 2 K (20) - 100 K
	(12) - 2.5 K (23) - 500 K
	(13) - 5 K (25) - 1 M
(B) Linear C-P ±20 %	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
(E) Linear C-P ±10 %	(12) - 2.5 K (20) - 100 K
	(13) - 5 K (22) - 250 K
	(15) - 10 K (23) - 500 K
	(16) - 20 K (25) - 1 M
	(17) - 25 K
(C) CW Audio Cermet ±10 %	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
(F) CCW Audio Cermet ±10 %	(12) - 2.5 K (20) - 100 K
	(13) - 5 K (22) - 250 K
	(15) - 10 K (23) - 500 K
	(16) - 20 K (25) - 1 M
	(17) - 25 K
(D) CW Audio C-P ±20 %	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
(S) CW Audio C-P ±10 %	(12) - 2.5 K (20) - 100 K
	(13) - 5 K (22) - 250 K
	(15) - 10 K (23) - 500 K
	(16) - 20 K (25) - 1 M
	(17) - 25 K
(G) CCW Audio C-P ±20 %	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
(T) CCW Audio C-P ±10 %	(12) - 2.5 K (20) - 100 K
	(13) - 5 K (22) - 250 K
	(15) - 10 K (23) - 500 K
	(16) - 20 K (25) - 1 M
	(17) - 25 K
(Y) CW Dual Audio Taper C-P ±20 %	(10) - 1 K (18) - 50 K
	(12) - 2.5 K (20) - 100 K
	(13) - 5 K (22) - 250 K
	(15) - 10 K (23) - 500 K
	(16) - 20 K (25) - 1 M
	(17) - 25 K

SHAFT TYPE	AVAILABLE ONLY IN BUSHINGS
Code	Description
B	Single Slotted 1/4 "D
C	Single Slotted 1/8 "D
E	Single Slotted 1/8 "D
R	Single Slotted 6 mmD
T	Single Slotted 4 mmD
U	Single Slotted 3 mmD

SHAFT LENGTH (FMS)	AVAILABLE ONLY IN BUSHING
Code	Description
12	3/8 "
16	1/2 "
20	5/8 "
24	3/4 "
28	7/8 "
32	1 "
16	16 mm
22	22 mm
25	25 mm

Boldface features are Bourns standard options. All others are available with higher minimum order quantities.

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