

THE PERFORMANCE FACTS

A General purpose stainless steel terminal boxes provide a simple and economical way to eliminate exposure to live electrical terminals. To simplify electrical wiring, the box has two knockouts for standard 1/2" BX cable connectors. Boxes can be supplied factory prewired with high temperature lead wire protected with armor cable or wire braid. Other boxes are available to accommodate your requirements. See pages 3-56 and 3-57.

B Threaded post terminals with 10-32 threads are securely fastened to the tubular heating element cold pin, assuring positive electrical contact for maximum amperage carrying capacity. Other terminations are available to accommodate your requirements. See pages 3-54 and 3-55.

C The standard Type "S" terminal has specially designed ceramic insulators that provide support to the screw terminals. The tubular heater is recessed into the insulator to help prevent the screw terminals from bending or breaking from mechanical abuse. Other specially designed ceramic insulators are available for the screw terminals and the connecting wire. See page 3-54.

D Specially designed, low expansion 430 stainless steel clamping straps with 1/4"-20 socket head cap screws and barrel nuts, in either 3/4" or 1-1/4" widths, are supplied as our standard method for securing the casting to the barrel. The number and width of the straps is determined by the length and weight of the heater. For optional bolt and nut clamping design see page 3-50.

E Having an in-house foundry gives us the flexibility to apply sound foundry techniques to control the quality of each casting. Specially designed steel and cast iron molds are used in our Permanent Mold Casting Process, producing a dense casting, free of internal voids with smoother as-cast surfaces. When casting small quantities, the No-Bake Sand Mold process is used. This process produces a better quality casting than other sand processes. The inside diameter of all Cast-In Band Heaters is machine finished to customer specifications.



F A critical consideration in the design of a heat and liquid cooled Cast-In Heater is the cooling tube itself, since cooling tube failures usually occur before heating element failures. Tempco has devoted many years of research and testing to select alloy tubes that are resistant to corrosion, and that will also withstand the continuous stress that is placed on the cooling tube. Our testing also included developing the proper tube forming techniques to limit the effects of thermal shock from repetitive heat/cool cycling that can produce stress cracking, especially at the point the cooling tube exits the casting.



G To maintain lower watt densities important for good heater life, the largest possible diameter steel sheath tubular heater is used. Tempco most commonly uses a .430 diameter element with 1/8" diameter cold pins. This pin size allows installation of larger and stronger screw terminal connections, providing additional strength to prevent broken terminals due to mechanical abuse.

H Cooling tube extensions can be cut to your specified length, with various types of tube fittings factory installed. The casting can also be supplied with non-exposed cooling tube fittings, which reduce cooling tube failure due to stress corrosion cracking. For a complete selection of cooling tube terminations see page 3-52.