



## WTC3243HB

Ultrastable Thermoelectric Controller  
**Warning: This is a Low Voltage Device**

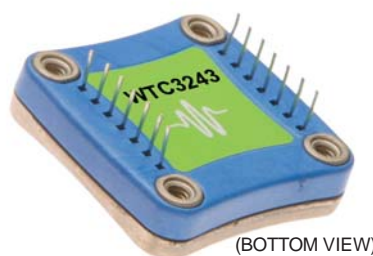
### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The WTC3243 is a powerful, compact analog PI (Proportional, Integral) control loop circuit optimized for use in ultrastable thermoelectric temperature control applications. The HB version of WTC3243 offers low voltage operation for use with a **Lithium Ion Battery** or other low voltage power supplies.

The WTC3243 maintains precision temperature regulation using an adjustable sensor bias current and error amplifier circuit that operates directly with thermistors, RTDs, AD590, and LM335 type temperature sensors.

Supply up to 2.2 Amps of heat and cool current to your thermoelectric from a single power supply. Operate resistive heaters by disabling the cooling current output. Adjust temperature at the voltage setpoint input pin. Independently configure the adjustable PI control loop using simple resistors. An evaluation board is available to quickly integrate the WTC3243HB into your system.

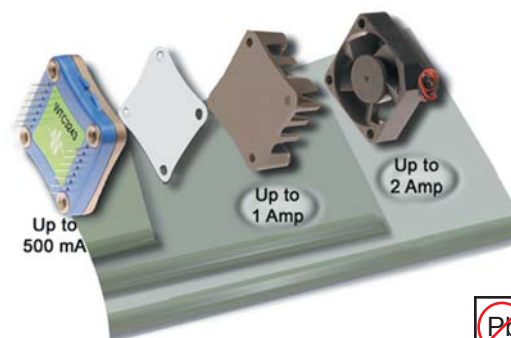
The robust and reliable WTC3243 is designed into electro-optical systems, airborne instrumentation, spectroscopic monitors, and medical diagnostic equipment. It is particularly suited to applications where temperature is scanned across ambient.



(BOTTOM VIEW)

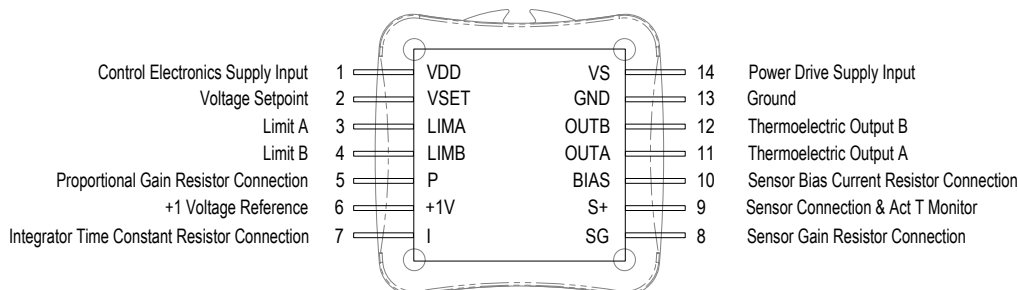
### FEATURES:

- Operates with 3.6 V Lithium-ion battery
- Ultrastable PI Control
- Drive  $\pm 2.2$  Amps of TEC or RH Current
- Linear Stability: 0.001°C
- Small Size: 1.3" X 1.26" X 0.313"
- Heat and Cool Current Limits
- Supports Thermistors, RTDs, and IC sensors
- Single supply operation: +3.3 V to +8 V
- Adjustable sensor bias current
- 14-pin DIP PCB mount



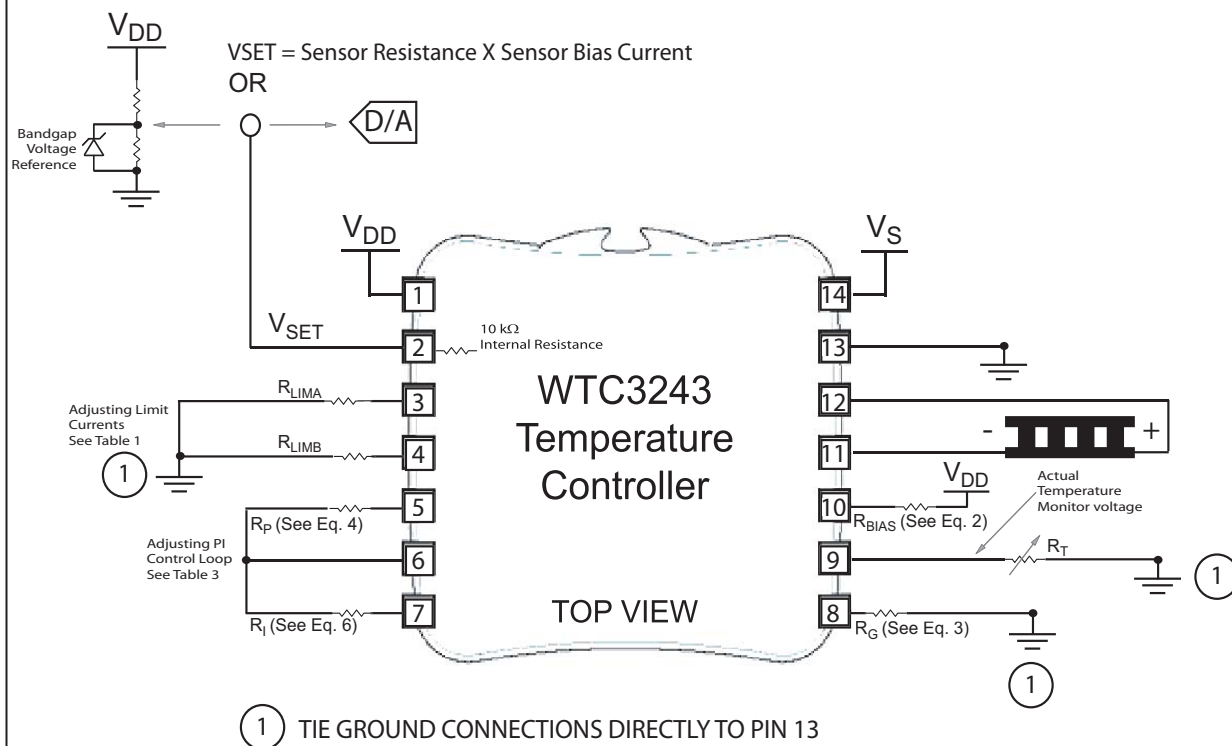
**Figure 1**  
 Top View Pin Layout  
 and Descriptions

### TOP VIEW



**IF YOU ARE UPGRADING FROM THE WHY5640:** The position of Pin 1 on the WHY5640 is reversed (or mirrored) relative to the position of Pin 1 on the WTC3243.

**Figure 2**  
Quick Connect  
Using Thermistor Temperature Sensors



**ELECTRICAL AND OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS RATING</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>UNIT</b>
Supply Voltage 1 (Voltage on Pin 1 -- can be connected to $V_S$ )	$V_{DD}$	+3 to +5.5	Volts DC
Supply Voltage 2 (Voltage on Pin 14 -- can be connected to $V_{DD}$ )	$V_S$	+3 to +8	Volts DC
Output Current (See SOA Chart)	$I_{OUT}$	$\pm 2.2$	Amperes
Power Dissipation, $T_{AMBIENT} = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (See SOA Chart) (with fan and heat sink)	$P_{MAX}$	9	Watts
Operating Temperature, case	$T_{OPR}$	-40 to +85	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Storage Temperature	$T_{STG}$	-65 to +150	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Weight		0.6	ounces

<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>TEST CONDITIONS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>TYP</b>	<b>MAX</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
<b>TEMPERATURE CONTROL</b>					
Short Term Stability (1 hour) <sup>(1)</sup>	OFF ambient temperature		0.0009		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Short Term Stability (1 hour) <sup>(1)</sup>	ON ambient temperature		0.002		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Long Term Stability, (24 hour) <sup>(1)</sup>	OFF ambient temperature		0.002		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Control Loop		P	PI		
P (Proportional Gain)		1		100	A/V
I (Integrator Time Constant)		0.53		4.5	Sec.
Setpoint vs. Actual Accuracy <sup>(1)</sup>		0.1	2 <1% (Rev A)	4	mV
<b>OUTPUT</b>					
Current, peak, see SOA Chart		$\pm 2.0$		$\pm 2.2$	Amps
Compliance Voltage, Pin 11 to Pin 12	Full Temp. Range, $I_{OUT} = 100 \text{ mA}$		$ V_S - 0.1 $		Volts
Compliance Voltage, Pin 11 to Pin 12	Full Temp. Range, $I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ Amp}$		$ V_S - 0.3 $		Volts
Compliance Voltage, Pin 11 to Pin 12	Full Temp. Range, $I_{OUT} = 1.5 \text{ Amps}$		$ V_S - 0.3 $		Volts
Compliance Voltage, Pin 11 to Pin 12	Full Temp. Range, $I_{OUT} = 2.0 \text{ Amps}$		$ V_S - 0.6 $		Volts
Compliance Voltage, Resistive Heater	Full Temp. Range, $I_{OUT} = 2.2 \text{ Amps}$		$ V_S - 0.6 $		Volts
<b>POWER SUPPLY</b>					
Voltage, $V_{DD}$		3		5.5	Volts
Current, $V_{DD}$ supply, quiescent			8		mA
Voltage, $V_S$		3		8	Volts
Current, $V_S$ supply, quiescent			8		mA

**NOTES:**

<sup>(1)</sup> TSET =  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  using 10 k $\Omega$  thermistor

## ELECTRICAL AND OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
<b>INPUT</b>					
Offset Voltage, initial	Pins 2 and 9		1	2	mV
Bias Current	Pins 2 and 9, $T_{\text{AMBIENT}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		20	50	nA
Offset Current	Pins 2 and 9, $T_{\text{AMBIENT}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		2	10	nA
Common Mode Range	Pins 2 and 9, Full Temp. Range	0		$V_{\text{DD}} - 2^1$	V
Common Mode Rejection	Full Temperature Range	60	85		dB
Power Supply Rejection	Full Temperature Range	60	80		dB
Input Impedence			500		k $\Omega$
Input voltage range		GND		$V_{\text{DD}} - 2^1$	Volts
<b>THERMAL</b>					
Heatspreader Temperature Rise	$T_{\text{AMBIENT}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	28	30	33	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Heatspreader Temperature Rise	With WHS302 Heatsink, WTW002 Thermal Washer	18	21.5	25	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$
Heatspreader Temperature Rise	With WHS302 Heatsink, WTW002 Thermal Washer, and 3.5 CFM Fan	3.1	3.4	3.9	$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$

<sup>1</sup>The bias source has a compliance up to  $V_{\text{DD}} - 2.0\text{ V}$ . In normal operation this limits the sensor voltage range from 0.0V to  $V_{\text{DD}} - 2.0\text{ V}$ . While voltages up to  $\pm 5\text{ V}$  outside this range on the Vset pin will not damage the unit, it will not provide proper control under these conditions.

**PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

PIN NO.	PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	VDD	Control Electronics Power Supply Input	Connect a +3V to +5V power supply to Pin 1 (VDD) and Pin 13 (GND). NOTE: can be connected to $V_S$ .
2	VSET	Voltage Setpoint [Transfer functions are noted on operating diagrams]	Connect a voltage source between Pin 2 (VSET) and Pin 13 (GND) to control the temperature setting.
3	LIMA	Limit A	A resistor connected between Pin 3 (LIMA) and Pin 13 (GND) limits the output current drawn off the Pin 14 (VS) supply input to the Pin 11 (OUTA).
4	LIMB	Limit B	A resistor connected between Pin 4 (LIMB) and Pin 13 (GND) limits the output current drawn off the Pin 14 (VS) supply input to the Pin 12 (OUTB).
5	P	Proportional Gain Resistor Connection	Connect a resistor between Pin 5 (P) and Pin 6 (+1V) to configure the Proportional Gain setting.
6	+1V	+1 Volt	+1 Volt Reference
7	I	Integrator Time Constant Resistor Connection	Connect a resistor between Pin 7 (I) and Pin 6 (+1V) to configure the Integrator Time Constant setting.
8	SG	Sensor Gain Resistor Connection	Connect a resistor between Pin 8 (SG) and Pin 13
9	S+	Sensor Connection	(GND) to adjust the Sensor Gain setting. Connect resistive and LM335 type temperature sensors across Pin 9 (S+) and Pin 13 (GND). Connect a 10 k $\Omega$ resistor across Pin 9 (S+) and Pin 13 (GND) when using AD590 type temperature sensors. The negative terminal of the AD590 sensor connects to Pin 9 (S+) and the positive terminal to Pin 1 (VDD). AD590 operation requires that VDD be +8 Volts or greater for proper operation.
10	BIAS	Sensor Bias Current Resistor Connection	Connect a resistor between Pin 10 (BIAS) and Pin 1 (VDD) to configure the sensor bias current.

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## PIN DESCRIPTIONS

PIN NO.	PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
11	OUTA	Thermoelectric Output A	<p>Connect Pin 11 (OUTA) to the negative terminal on your thermoelectric when controlling temperature with Negative Temperature Coefficient thermistors.</p> <p><b>With NTC sensors the TEC current will flow from OUTA to OUTB when heating (opposite polarity for PTC sensors).</b></p> <p>Connect Pin 11 (OUTA) to the positive thermoelectric terminal when using Positive Temperature Coefficient RTDs, LM335 type, and AD590 type temperature sensors.</p>
12	OUTB	Thermoelectric Output B	<p>Connect Pin 12 (OUTB) to the positive terminal on your thermoelectric when controlling temperature with Negative Temperature Coefficient thermistors.</p> <p><b>With NTC sensors the TEC current will flow from OUTB to OUTA when cooling (opposite polarity for PTC sensors).</b></p> <p>Connect Pin 12 (OUTB) to the negative thermoelectric terminal when using Positive Temperature Coefficient RTDs, LM335 type, and AD590 type temperature sensors.</p>
13	GND	Ground	Connect the power supply ground connections to Pin 13 (GND). All ground connections to this pin should be wired separately.
14	VS	Power Drive Supply Input	<p>Provides power to the WTC3243 H-Bridge power stage. Supply range input for this pin is +3 to +8 Volts DC. The maximum current drain on this terminal should not exceed 2.2 Amps.</p> <p><b>CAUTION:</b> Care should be taken to observe the maximum power dissipation limits before applying power to the device.</p> <p>NOTE: can be connected to <math>V_{DD}</math>.</p>

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## SAFE OPERATING AREA & HEATSINK REQUIREMENTS

### Caution:

Do not exceed the Safe Operating Area (SOA). Exceeding the SOA voids the warranty.

An online tool is available for calculating Safe Operating Area at:

<http://www.teamwavelength.com/support/calculator/soa/soatc.php>.

To determine if the operating parameters fall within the SOA of the device, the maximum voltage drop across the controller and the maximum current must be plotted on the SOA curves.

These values are used for the example SOA determination:

$V_s = 5$  volts

$V_{load} = 1.5$  volts

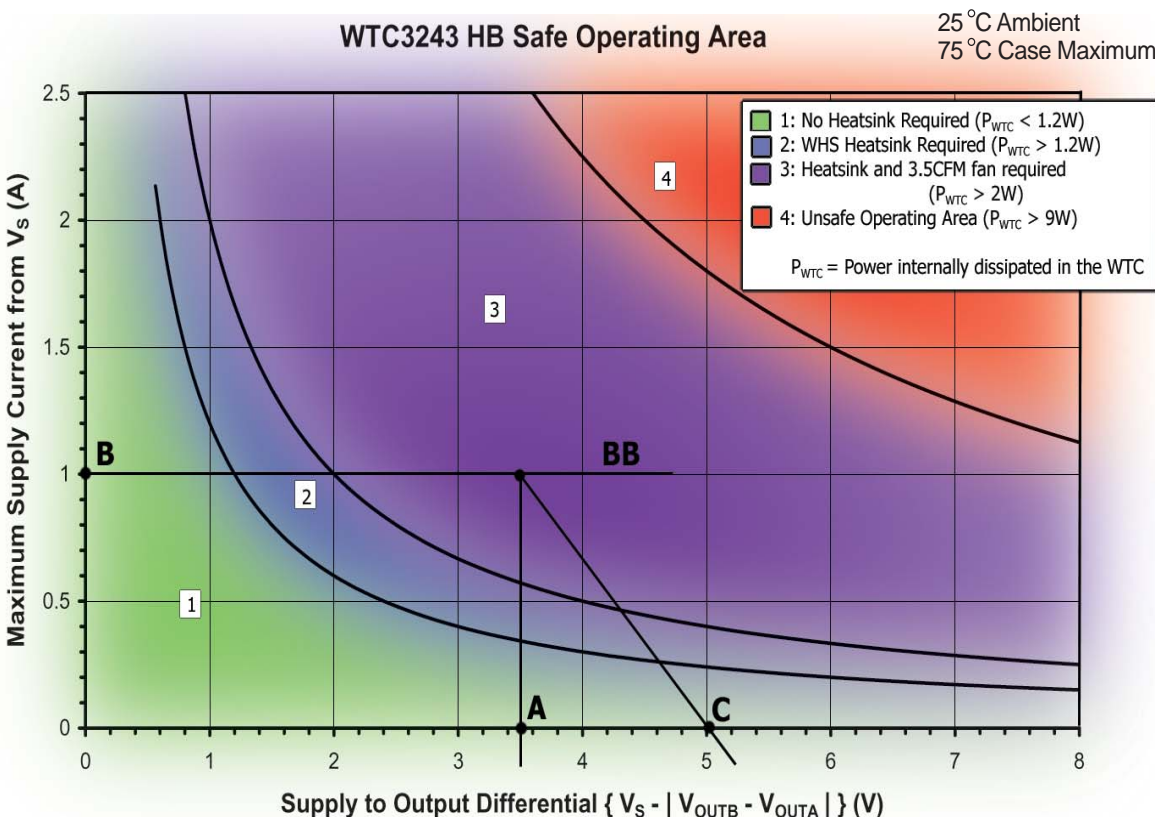
$I_{load} = 1$  amp

} These values are determined from the specifications of the TEC or resistive heater

Follow these steps:

1. Determine the maximum voltage drop across the controller,  $V_s - V_{load}$ , and mark on the X axis.  
(5 volts - 1.5 volts = 3.5 volts, Point A)
2. Determine the maximum current,  $I_{load}$ , through the controller and mark on the Y axis:  
(1 amp, Point B)
3. Draw a horizontal line through Point B across the chart. (Line BB)
4. Draw a vertical line from Point A to the maximum current line indicated by Line BB.
5. Mark  $V_s$  on the X axis. (Point C)
6. Draw the Load Line from where the vertical line from point A intersects Line BB down to Point C.

Refer to the chart shown below and note that the Load Line is in the Unsafe Operating Areas for use with no heatsink (1) or the heatsink alone (2), but is outside of the Unsafe Operating Area for use with heatsink and Fan (3).



## OPERATION

### 1. CONFIGURING HEATING AND COOLING CURRENT LIMITS

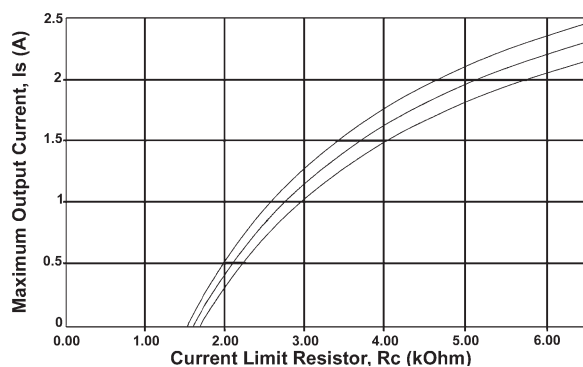
Refer to Table 1 to select appropriate resistor values for  $R_A$  and  $R_B$ .

#### Setting Current Limits Independently Using Trimpots

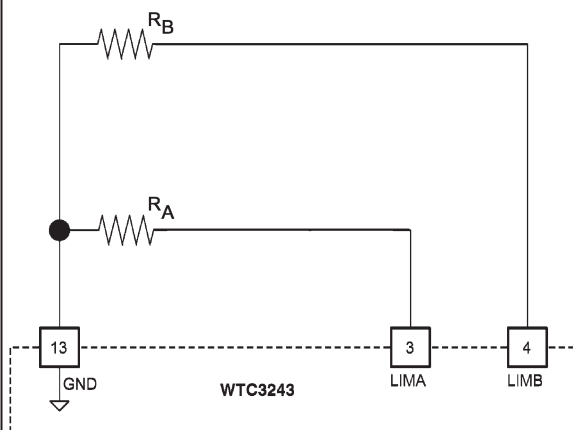
The  $5\text{k}\Omega$  trimpots shown in Figure 4 adjust the maximum output currents from 0 to 2.2 Amps.

#### Heat and Cool Current Limits

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF CURRENT LIMIT RESISTOR  $R_C$  vs MAXIMUM OUTPUT CURRENT



**Figure 3**  
Fixed Heat and Cool Current Limits

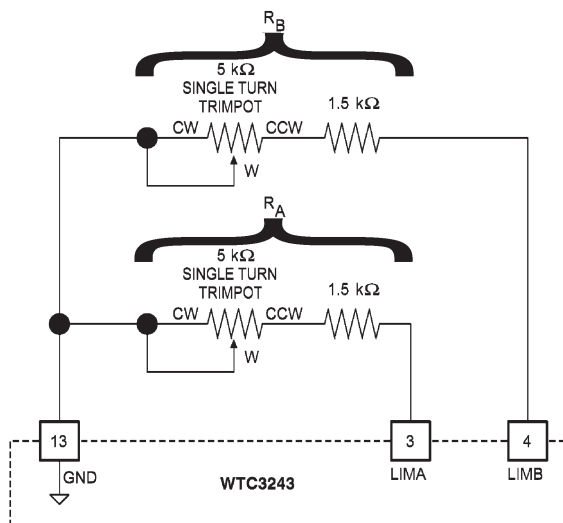


**Table 1**

Current Limit Set Resistor vs Maximum Output Current

Maximum Output Currents (Amps)	Current Limit Set Resistor, (k $\Omega$ ) $R_A, R_B$	Maximum Output Current (Amps)	Current Limit Set Resistor, (k $\Omega$ ) $R_A, R_B$
0.0	1.58	1.2	2.86
0.1	1.66	1.3	3.01
0.2	1.74	1.4	3.18
0.3	1.83	1.5	3.36
0.4	1.92	1.6	3.55
0.5	2.01	1.7	3.76
0.6	2.11	1.8	3.98
0.7	2.22	1.9	4.23
0.8	2.33	2.0	4.50
0.9	2.44	2.1	4.79
1.0	2.58	2.2	5.11
1.1	2.71		

**Figure 4**  
Independently Adjustable Heat and Cool Current Limits





## OPERATION

### 2. RESISTIVE HEATER TEMPERATURE CONTROL

The WTC3243 can operate resistive heaters by disabling the cooling output current. When using Resistive Heaters with NTC thermistors, connect Pin 3 (LIMA) to Pin 13 (GND) with a 1.5 kΩ resistor.

Connect Pin 4 (LIMB) to Pin 13 (GND) with a 1.5 kΩ resistor when using RTDs, LM335 type, and AD590 type temperature sensors with a resistive heater.

### 3. DISABLING THE OUTPUT CURRENT

The output current can be enabled and disabled, as shown in Figure 5, using a DPST (Double Pole–Single Throw) switch.

### 4. DETERMINING $I_{BIAS}$

Connect a resistor  $R_{BIAS}$  between Pin 10 (BIAS) and Pin 1 (VDD) to adjust the sensor bias current. The resistance of your sensor in conjunction with the sensor bias current must produce a setpoint voltage between 0.25 V and ( $V_{DD} - 2$  V) in order to be used in the control loop. Equation 1 shows the relationship.

### 5. ADJUSTING THE SENSOR BIAS CURRENT AND SENSOR GAIN FOR RESISTIVE TEMPERATURE SENSORS

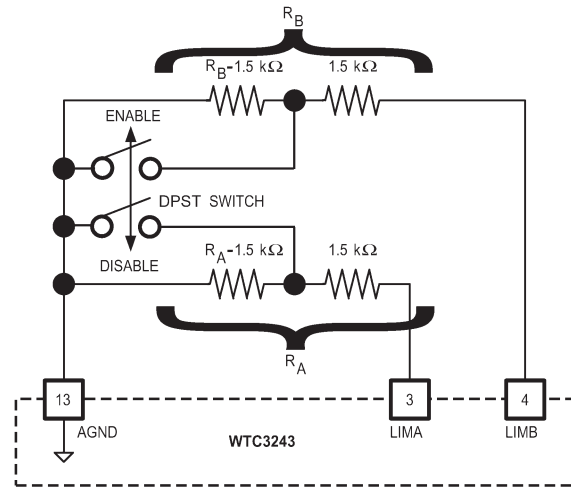
Table 2 lists the suggested resistor values for  $R_{BIAS}$  versus the range of resistances of the resistive temperature sensor. Equation 2 demonstrates how to calculate a value of  $R_{BIAS}$  given a desired sensor bias current,  $I_{BIAS}$ .

When using RTDs, signal can be very low. The sensor signal applied to Pin 9 (S+) can be amplified up to a factor of 10 by inserting a resistor,  $R_G$ , between Pin 8 (SG) and Pin 13 (GND). Connect Pin 8 (SG) directly to Pin 13 (GND) for a sensor gain of 10.09. The lower the value of  $R_G$ , the more gain applied to the sensor signal.

Equation 3 demonstrates how to calculate a value for  $R_G$  given a desired sensor gain.

Table 2 lists the suggested resistor values for  $R_G$  versus the range of resistances of the resistive temperature sensor.

**Figure 5**  
Disabling the Output Current



#### Equation 1

Calculating  $I_{BIAS}$

$$I_{BIAS} = \frac{V_{SET}}{\text{Sensor Resistance}}$$

#### Equation 2

Calculating  $R_{BIAS}$

$$R_{BIAS} = \frac{2}{I_{BIAS}} [\Omega]$$

#### Equation 3

Calculating  $R_G$

$$R_G = \left( \frac{90,900}{(G_{\text{sensor}} - 1)} - 10,000 \right) [\Omega]$$

**Table 2**

Recommended Bias Current based on sensor type and resistance

Sensor Type	$R_{BIAS}$	$I_{BIAS}$	$R_G$	Sensor Gain
2.252 kΩ Thermistor	2 kΩ	1 mA	Open	1
5 kΩ Thermistor	10 kΩ	200 μA	Open	1
10 kΩ Thermistor	20 kΩ	100 μA	Open	1
20 kΩ Thermistor	40 kΩ	50 μA	Open	1
50 kΩ Thermistor	100 kΩ	20 μA	Open	1
100 kΩ Thermistor	200 kΩ	10 μA	Open	1
500 kΩ Thermistor	1 MΩ	2 μA	Open	1
100 Ω Platinum RTD	2 kΩ	1 mA	Short or 100 Ω *	10
1 kΩ Platinum RTD	2 kΩ	1 mA	Open	1
LM335	2 kΩ	1 mA	Open	1
		$R_{BIAS}$		
AD590	Open	10 kΩ	Open	1

\* Sensor gain with 100 Ω is exactly 10.  
Sensor gain shorted is 10.09

## OPERATION

### 6. ADJUSTING THE CONTROL LOOP PROPORTIONAL GAIN

The control loop proportional gain can be adjusted by inserting a resistor,  $R_P$ , between Pin 5 (P) and Pin 6 (+1V) to set P from 1 to 100.

Equation 4 demonstrates how to calculate a value for  $R_P$  given a desired proportional gain.

Equation 5 demonstrates how to calculate the Proportional gain, P, given a value for  $R_P$ .

Table 3 lists the suggested resistor values for  $R_P$  versus sensor type and the ability of the thermal load to change temperature rapidly.

### 7. ADJUSTING THE CONTROL LOOP INTEGRATOR TIME CONSTANT

The control loop integrator time constant can be adjusted by inserting a resistor,  $R_I$ , between Pin 6 (+1V) and Pin 7 (I) to set  $I_{TC}$  from 0.53 to 4.5 seconds.

Equation 6 demonstrates how to calculate a value for  $R_I$  given a desired integrator time constant. The integrator time constant,  $I_{TC}$ , is measured in seconds.

Equation 7 demonstrates how to calculate the integrator time constant,  $I_{TC}$ , given a value for  $R_I$ .

Table 4 lists the suggested resistor values for  $R_I$  versus sensor type and the ability of the thermal load to change temperature rapidly.

#### Overshoot with Small Loads

When using the WTC with small, fast loads, the unit has a tendency to overshoot by up to 10°C. This problem is caused by overcompensation by the integrator and can be solved by taking the integrator term out of the system. This can be done by placing a shorting jumper between Pin 6 (+1V) and Pin 7 (I).

#### Equation 4

Calculating  $R_P$  from P

$$R_P = \left[ \frac{100,000}{\frac{100}{P} - 1} \right] [\Omega]$$

#### Equation 5

Calculating P From  $R_P$

$$P = \left[ \frac{100}{\frac{100,000}{R_P} + 1} \right] [\text{Amps} / \text{Volts}]$$

#### Equation 6

Calculating  $R_I$  from  $I_{TC}$

$$R_I = \left[ \frac{100,000}{(1.89) I_{TC} - 1} \right] [\Omega]$$

#### Equation 7

Calculating  $I_{TC}$  from  $R_I$

$$I_{TC} = (0.53) \left[ \frac{100,000}{R_I} + 1 \right] [\text{Seconds}]$$

**Table 3**

Proportional Gain Resistor  $R_P$  vs Sensor Type and Thermal Load Speed

Proportional Gain Resistor, $R_P$	Proportional Gain, [Amps/Volt]	Sensor Type/ Thermal Load Speed
4.99 k $\Omega$	5	Thermistor/Fast
24.9 k $\Omega$	20	Thermistor/Slow
100 k $\Omega$	50	RTD/Fast
Open	100	RTD/Slow
24.9 k $\Omega$	20	AD590 or LM335/ Fast
100 k $\Omega$	50	AD590 or LM335/ Slow

**Table 4**

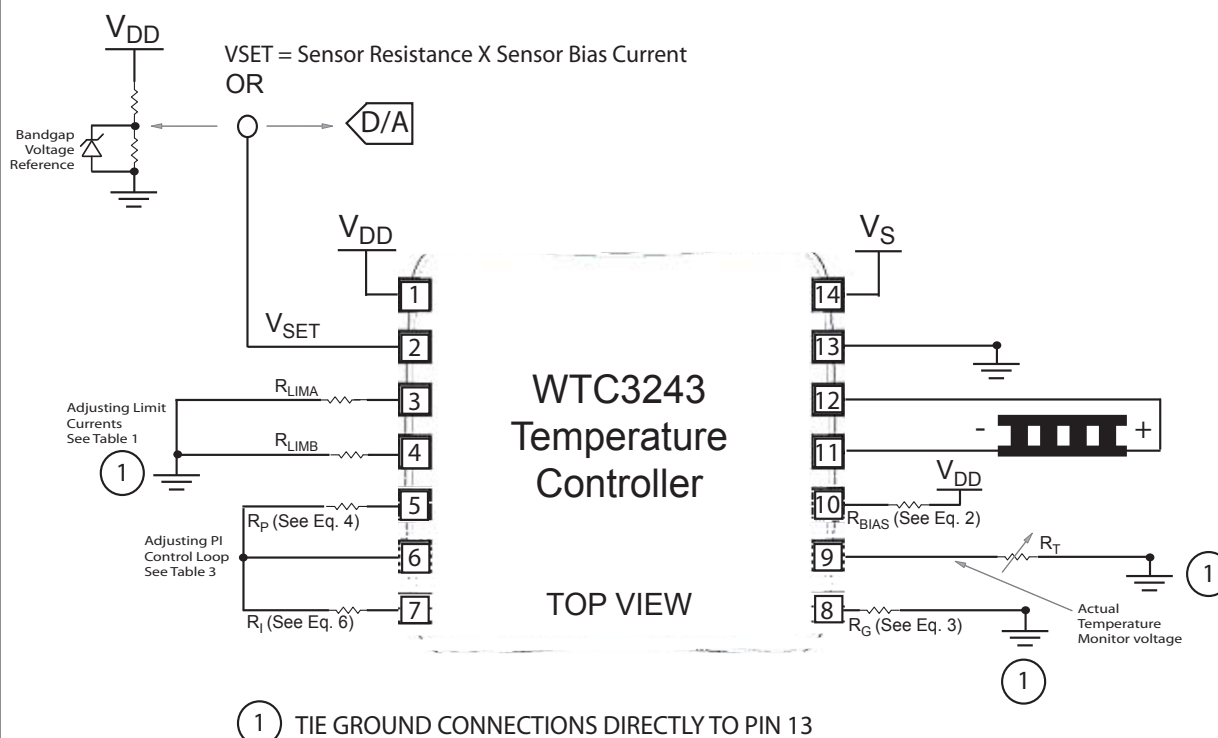
Integrator Time Constant vs Sensor Type and Thermal Load Speed

Integrator Resistor, $R_I$	Integrator Time Constant, [Seconds]	Sensor Type/ Thermal Load Speed
21.4 k $\Omega$	3	Thermistor/Fast
13.3 k $\Omega$	4.5	Thermistor/Slow
Open	0.53	RTD/Fast
112 k $\Omega$	1	RTD/Slow
112 k $\Omega$	1	AD590 or LM335/ Fast
13.3 k $\Omega$	4.5	AD590 or LM335/ Slow

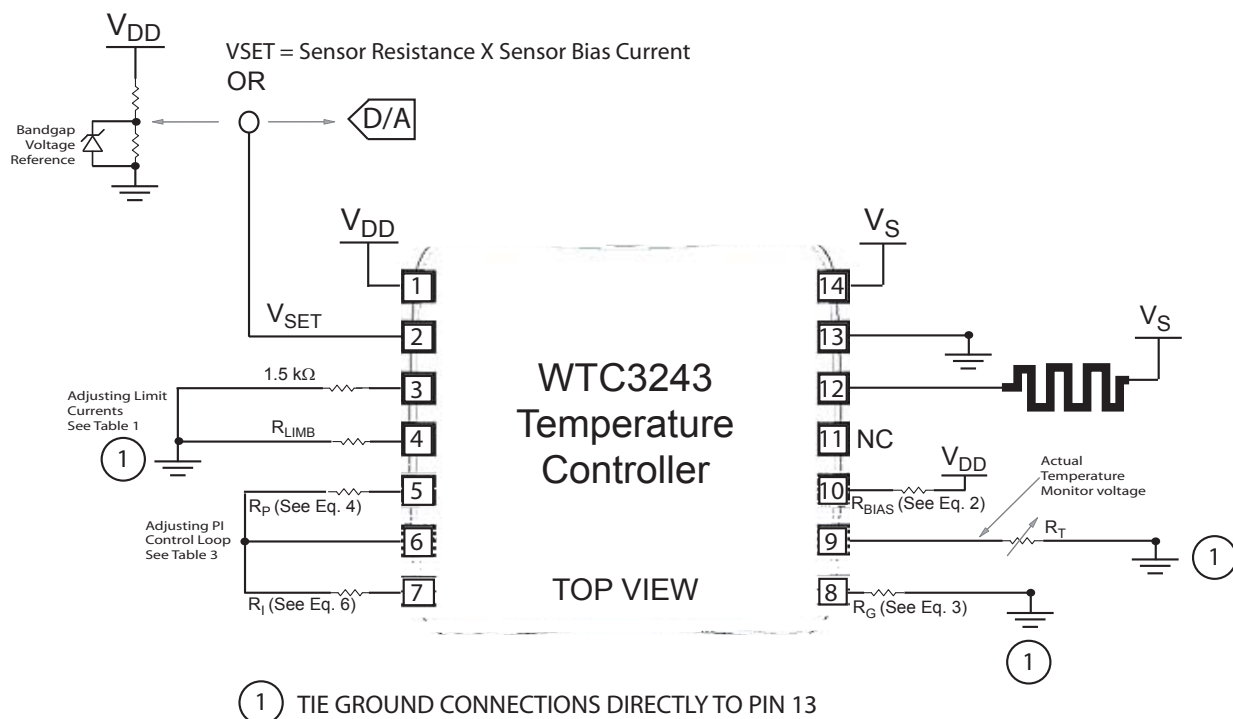
## 8. OPERATING WITH THERMISTOR TEMPERATURE SENSORS

The diagrams on this page demonstrate how to configure the WTC3243 for operation with a thermistor temperature sensor. An online calculation utility to determine resistances is available at: <http://www.teamwavelength.com/support/calculator/wtc/default.php>.

### THERMISTOR / THERMOELECTRIC OPERATION -- TOP VIEW



### THERMISTOR / RESISTIVE HEATER OPERATION -- TOP VIEW



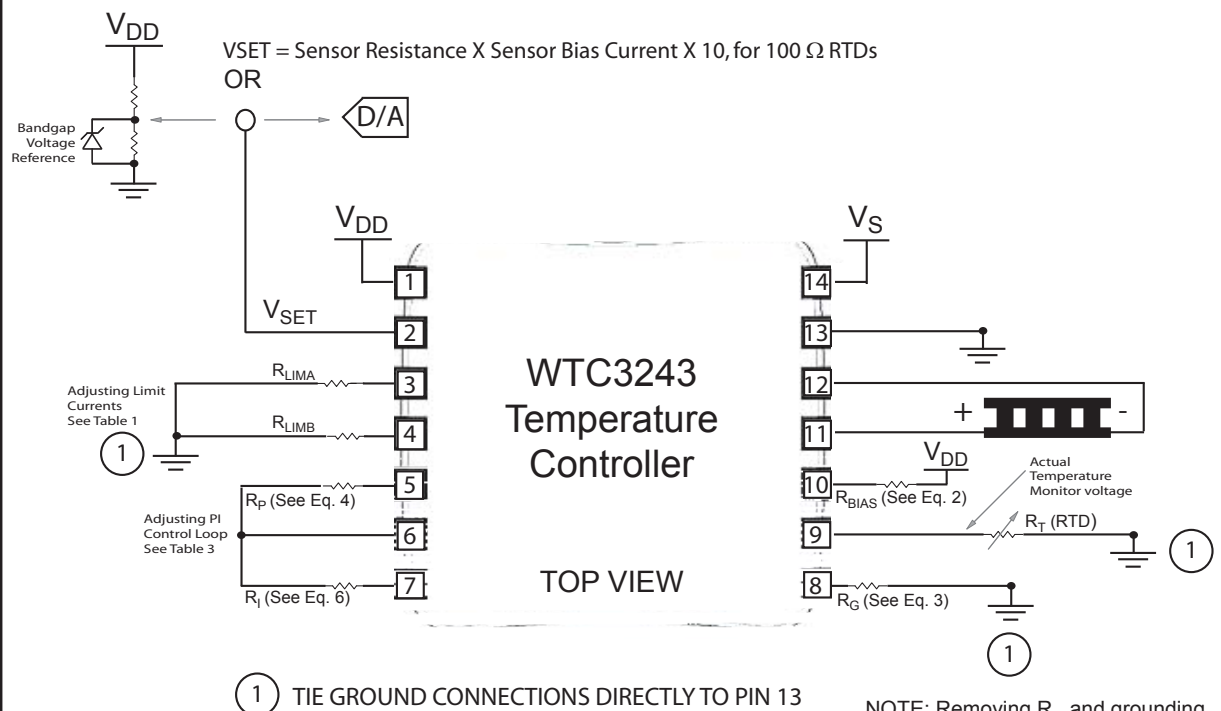
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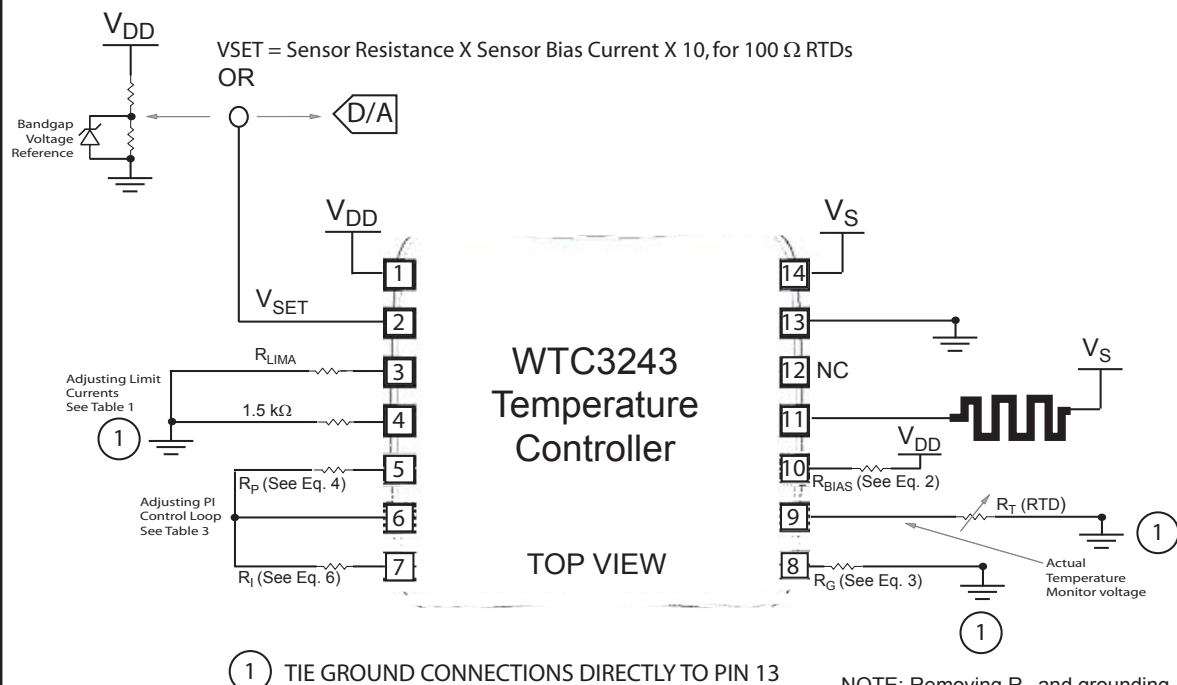
## 9. OPERATING WITH RTD TEMPERATURE SENSORS

The following diagrams demonstrate how to configure the WTC3243 for operation with a Platinum RTD temperature sensor.

### RTD / THERMOELECTRIC OPERATION -- TOP VIEW



### RTD / RESISTIVE HEATER OPERATION -- TOP VIEW



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The following diagrams demonstrate how to configure the WTC3243 for operation with a National Semiconductor LM335 temperature sensor.

**Figure 1: WTC3243 Pin Connections**

The diagram illustrates the pin connections for the WTC3243 Temperature Controller, showing both the top and bottom views of the package. The pins are numbered 1 through 14.

**Top View Pin Connections:**

- Pin 1:  $V_{DD}$
- Pin 2:  $V_{SET}$
- Pin 3:  $R_{LIMA}$
- Pin 4:  $R_{LIMB}$
- Pin 5:  $R_P$  (See Eq. 4)
- Pin 6:  $R_{PI}$  (See Table 3)
- Pin 7:  $R_I$  (See Eq. 6)
- Pin 8: NC
- Pin 9:  $R_T$  (LM335)
- Pin 10:  $R_{BIAS}$  (See Eq. 2)
- Pin 11:  $V_{DD}$
- Pin 12: Actual Temperature Monitor voltage
- Pin 13: Actual Temperature Monitor voltage
- Pin 14:  $V_S$

**Bottom View Pin Connections:**

- Pin 1:  $V_{DD}$
- Pin 2:  $V_{SET}$
- Pin 3:  $R_{LIMA}$
- Pin 4:  $R_{LIMB}$
- Pin 5:  $R_P$  (See Eq. 4)
- Pin 6:  $R_{PI}$  (See Table 3)
- Pin 7:  $R_I$  (See Eq. 6)
- Pin 8: NC
- Pin 9:  $R_T$  (LM335)
- Pin 10:  $R_{BIAS}$  (See Eq. 2)
- Pin 11:  $V_{DD}$
- Pin 12: Actual Temperature Monitor voltage
- Pin 13: Actual Temperature Monitor voltage
- Pin 14:  $V_S$

**Notes:**

- 1 TIE GROUND CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY TO PIN 13

**Figure 1: WTC3243 Pin Connections**

The figure illustrates the internal circuitry and pin configuration of the WTC3243 Temperature Controller. The schematic shows a bandgap voltage reference connected to  $V_{DD}$  and ground, with a feedback loop to a D/A converter. The pin configuration diagram shows a 14-pin package with pins 1 through 14. Pin 1 is connected to ground, pin 2 to  $V_{SET}$ , pin 3 to  $R_{LIMA}$ , pin 4 to a  $1.5\text{ k}\Omega$  resistor, pin 5 to  $R_P$ , pin 6 to  $R_I$ , pin 7 to ground, pin 8 to NC, pin 9 to  $R_T$  (LM335), pin 10 to  $R_{BIAS}$ , pin 11 to  $V_{DD}$ , pin 12 to NC, pin 13 to ground, and pin 14 to  $V_S$ . A note indicates that pins 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 should be tied to ground connections directly to pin 13.

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The following diagrams demonstrate how to configure the WTC3243 for operation with an Analog Devices AD590 Temperature Sensor.

**WTC3243 Temperature Controller**

**TOP VIEW**

Pin 1:  $V_{DD}$

Pin 2:  $V_{SET}$

Pin 3:  $R_{LIMA}$

Pin 4:  $R_{LIMB}$

Pin 5:  $R_P$  (See Eq. 4)

Pin 6:  $R_I$  (See Eq. 6)

Pin 7:  $R_I$  (See Eq. 6)

Pin 8: NC

Pin 9: AD590

Pin 10: NC

Pin 11: +

Pin 12: -

Pin 13: Ground

Pin 14:  $V_S$

Internal components: Bandgap Voltage Reference, OR, D/A,  $V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{SET}$ ,  $R_{LIMA}$ ,  $R_{LIMB}$ ,  $R_P$ ,  $R_I$ , AD590, 10kΩ, Ground.

Formula:  $V_{SET} = \frac{(1\mu A \times 10k\Omega)}{K} \times \text{Operating Temp } ^\circ K$

Adjusting Limit Currents See Table 1

Adjusting PI Control Loop See Table 3

Actual Temperature Monitor voltage

1 TIE GROUND CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY TO PIN 13

① TIE GROUND CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY TO PIN 13

**Figure 1: WTC3243 Temperature Controller Pin Connections**

The diagram illustrates the pin connections for the WTC3243 Temperature Controller. The chip has 14 pins, with the following connections:

- Pin 1:** V<sub>DD</sub>
- Pin 2:** V<sub>SET</sub>
- Pin 3:** R<sub>LIMA</sub>
- Pin 4:** 1.5 kΩ
- Pin 5:** R<sub>P</sub> (See Eq. 4)
- Pin 6:** R<sub>I</sub> (See Eq. 6)
- Pin 7:** R<sub>I</sub> (See Eq. 6)
- Pin 8:** NC
- Pin 9:** AD590
- Pin 10:** NC
- Pin 11:** NC
- Pin 12:** NC
- Pin 13:** NC
- Pin 14:** V<sub>S</sub>

Additional components and connections shown include:

- A **Bandgap Voltage Reference** connected to V<sub>DD</sub> and V<sub>SET</sub>.
- A **D/A** (Digital-to-Analog) converter connected to V<sub>SET</sub>.
- A **Temperature Sensor** (AD590) connected to V<sub>DD</sub> and V<sub>S</sub>.
- A **10kΩ** resistor connected to V<sub>S</sub> and ground.
- A **tie ground connection** made directly to pin 13.

**TOP VIEW**

**1 TIE GROUND CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY TO PIN 13**

① TIE GROUND CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY TO PIN 13

IF YOU ARE UPGRADING FROM THE WHY5640: The position of Pin 1 on the WHY5640 is reversed (or mirrored) relative to the position of Pin 1 on the WTC3243.

## OPERATION

### 12. HELPFUL HINTS

#### Selecting a Temperature Sensor

Select a temperature sensor that is responsive around the desired operating temperature. The temperature sensor should produce a large change in sensor output for small changes in temperature. Sensor selection should maximize the voltage change per °C for best stability.

Table 5 compares temperature sensors versus their ability to maintain stable load temperatures with the WTC3243.

**Table 5**

Temperature Sensor Comparison

SENSOR	Thermistor	RTD	AD590	LM335
RATING	Best	Poor	Good	Good

#### Mounting the Temperature Sensor

The temperature sensor should be in good thermal contact with the device being temperature controlled. This requires that the temperature sensor be mounted using thermal epoxy or some form of mechanical mounting and thermal grease.

**Hint: Resistive temperature sensors and LM335 type temperature sensors should connect their negative termination directly to Pin 13 (GND) to avoid parasitic resistances and voltages effecting temperature stability and accuracy.**

Avoid placing the temperature sensor physically far from the thermoelectric. This is typically the cause for long thermal lag and creates a sluggish thermal response that produces considerable temperature overshoot near the desired operating temperature.

#### Mounting the Thermoelectric

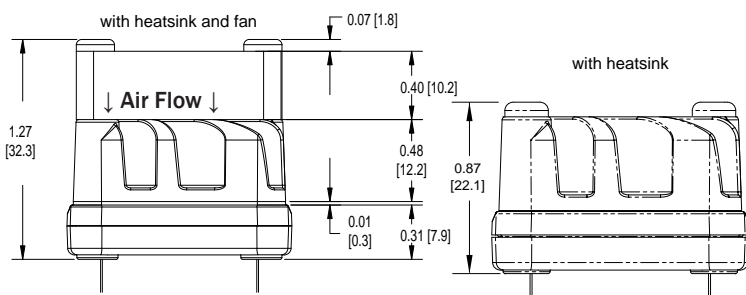
The thermoelectric should be in good thermal contact with its heatsink and load. Contact your thermoelectric manufacturer for their recommended mounting methods.

#### Heatsink Notes

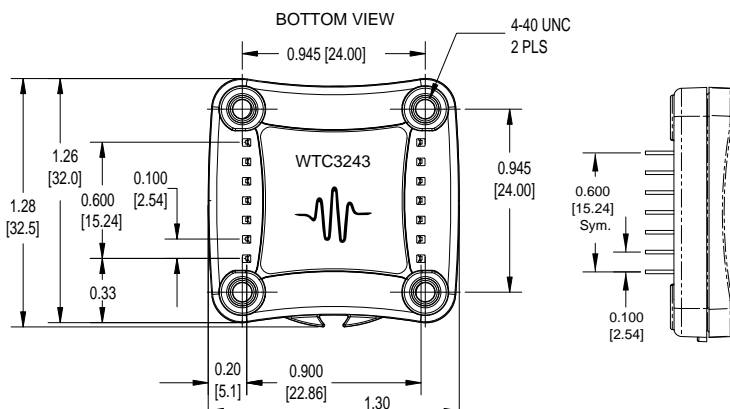
If your device approaches the setpoint temperature but then drifts away from the setpoint temperature towards ambient, you may be experiencing a condition known as thermal runaway. This is caused by insufficient heat removal from the thermoelectric's hot plate and is most commonly caused by an undersized thermoelectric heatsink.

Ambient temperature disturbances can pass through the heatsink and thermoelectric and affect the device temperature stability. Choosing a heatsink with a larger mass and lower thermal resistance will improve temperature stability. Active cooling of the thermoelectric's heat sink may be required.

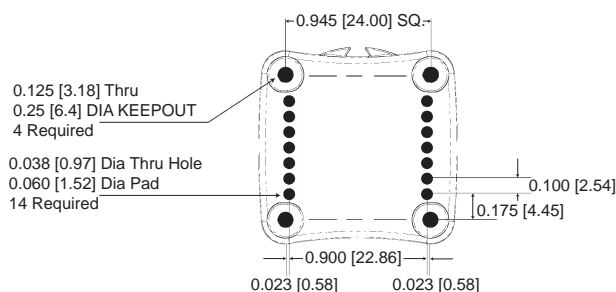


**Weights**

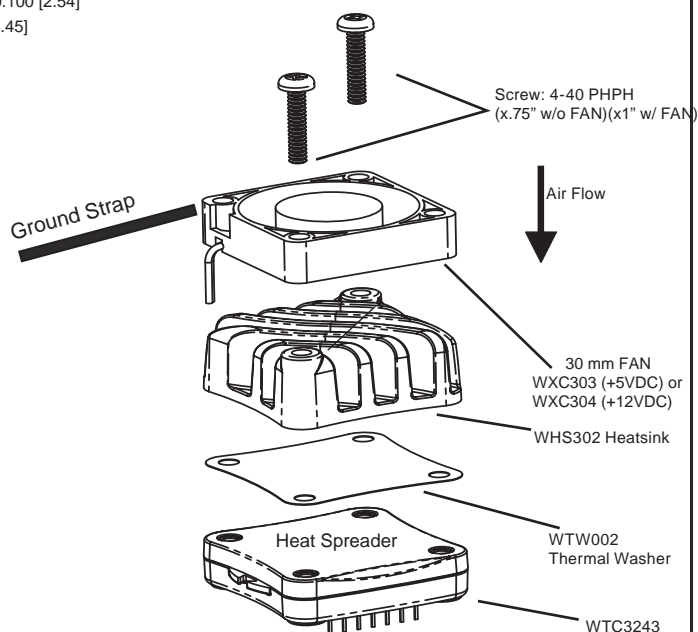
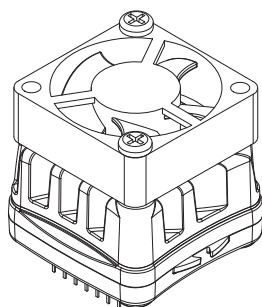
WTC3243	0.6 oz
WHS302 Heatsink	0.5 oz
WXC303/4 Fan	0.3 oz



PIN DIAMETER: 0.028"  
 PIN LENGTH: 0.126"  
 HEAT SPREADER: Nickel Plated Aluminum  
 PLASTIC COVER: LCP Plastic  
 ISOLATION: 1200 VDC any pin to case  
 THERMAL WASHER: WTW002  
 HEATSINK: WHS320  
 FANS: WXC303 (+5 VDC)  
 or WXC304 (+12 VDC)

**PCB FOOTPRINT**

The WTC3243 can be directly soldered to a PCB or installed in a socket soldered to the PCB. Two 7-pin SIP sockets are required. Wavelength recommends Aries Electronics, PN 25-0513-10.

**WTC3243 ASSEMBLED WITH HEATSINK & FAN**

**\*All Tolerances are +/- 5%**

**Noise Reduction:** Grounding the heatspreader (metal plate on top of the controller) will reduce electrical noise. In the case where a heatsink or fan is attached, connect the strap on top of the unit with the connecting screws.



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REV. A	Dec-2007	Document Control release
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