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## Linear Expansion Coefficient Measurement

# Strain Gauge CTE Series

Easy to determine the **linear expansion coefficient** of a material!



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The CTE series of strain gauges for measuring the coefficient of linear expansion is a product in which the **temperature-compensated material of the strain gauge is adjusted to  $0 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$**  so that the **coefficient of linear expansion of any material can be easily calculated.**

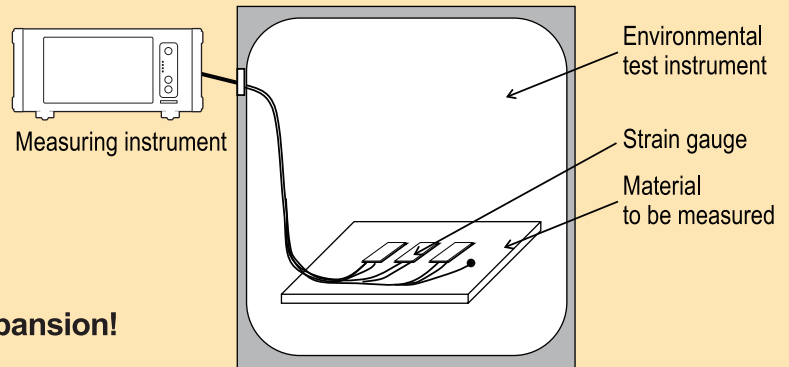
They can also measure **total elongation** (strain due to external force + thermal strain), making them effective for measuring strain on electronic circuit boards.

### Measurement method:

Temperature test under no-load conditions

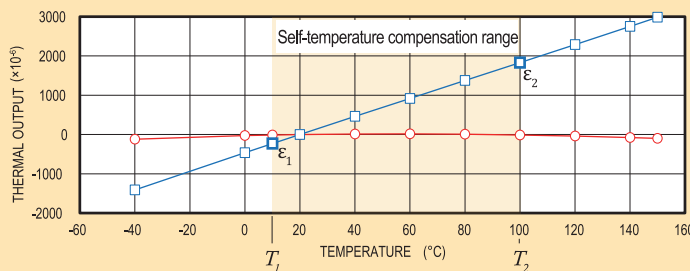
It can be calculated only on the slope of the **heat output** of the material

Easily determine the coefficient of linear expansion!



### Examples of verification

The thermal output of a CTE strain gauge when affixed to **aluminium material (A2024)** is shown in the diagram below



Linear expansion coefficient of certain materials in the self-temperature compensation range (10-100°C).

$$\text{Linear expansion coefficient} = \frac{\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1}{T_2 - T_1}$$

Test temperature (°C)	Thermal output when affixed to aluminium
$T_1 = 10$	$\epsilon_1 = -231$
$T_2 = 100$	$\epsilon_2 = 1831$

$$= \frac{1831 - (-231)}{100 - 10} \approx 22.9 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

- Thermal output when CTE gauges are used on aluminium materials
- Thermal output when using a CTE gauge on a material with a coefficient of linear expansion  $\beta_s \approx 0 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$  → Regard as almost flat

## Specification

Operational temperature (°C)	Temperature compensation range (°C)	Applicable adhesive	Material		Strain limit	Fatigue life at room temperature
			Backing	Element		
-30 to +200°C	+10 to +100°C	CN (-30 to +120°C) NP-50 (-30 to +200°C) EB-2 (-30 to +200°C)	Polyimide	Ni-Cr	1% (10000μϵ)	±1500μϵ ≥1×10 <sup>5</sup> times

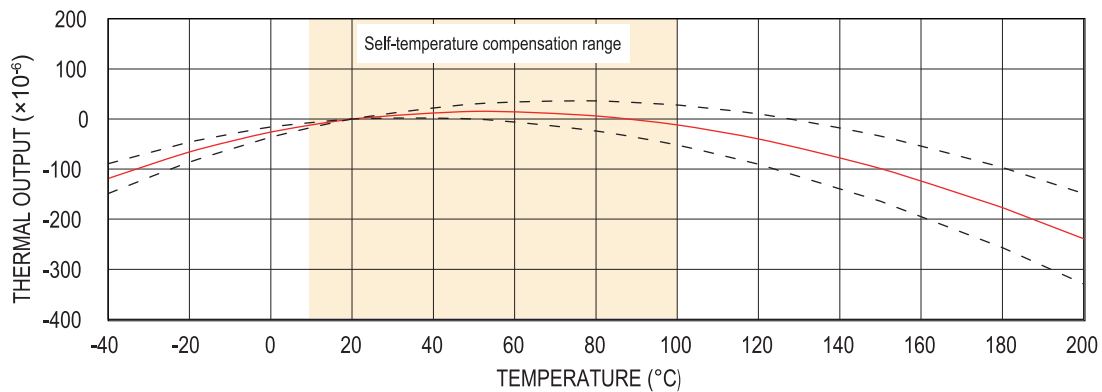
Type	Gauge size(mm)		Backing size(mm)		Resistance Ω
	Length	Width	Length	Width	
CTELA-3	3	1.8	10.5	3.5	120
CTELA-6	6	2.5	15.5	4.5	120
CTELA-3-350	3	3.1	10.2	5.2	350
CTELA-6-350	6	2.8	16	5.3	350

## Example of CTE series thermal output

THERMAL OUTPUT ( $\epsilon_{app}$  : APPARENT STRAIN)

$$\epsilon_{app} = -2.62 \times 10^{-1} + 1.62 \times T^1 - 1.68 \times 10^{-2} \times T^2 + 2.29 \times 10^{-5} \times T^3 - 2.98 \times 10^{-8} \times T^4$$

TOLERANCE : ±0.5 [ $\times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ], T : TEMPERATURE



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