

# FLUKE®

## 80PK-4A Type K Air Probe

### *Instruction Sheet*

#### WARNING

**TO AVOID ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT USE THIS PROBE WHEN VOLTAGES EXCEEDING 24V AC RMS OR 60V DC ARE PRESENT. THE PROBE TIP IS ELECTRONICALLY CONNECTED TO THE OUTPUT TERMINALS.**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The 80PK-4A Type K Air Probe is designed for measuring the temperature of air or gases. The measuring bead of the probe is protected by a perforated stainless steel baffle to prevent accidental damage. The sheath material is 304 Stainless Steel. The 38-inch (1-meter) cable is terminated with a Type K miniature thermocouple connector with 0.792-mm (.312-in) pin spacing. The 80PK-4A can be used with any temperature-measuring instrument that is designed to accept Type K thermocouples and has a miniature connector input.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

**Type: K** Standard Grade Ni-Cr vs Ni-Al (Chromel vs Alumel)

**Measurement Range:** -40°C to 816°C (-40°F to 1500°F)

**Accuracy** (With respect to ANSI MC96.1 Standard Limits of Error):

#### NOTE

*All error calculations should be done in °C, then scaled to °F.*

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>ACCURACY (% of reading)</b>
-40°C to 275°C (-40°F to 527°F)	±2.2°C
275°C to 816°C (527°F to 1500°F)	±0.75% (°C)

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**Output:** @ 25°C (77°F) =1.00 mV (reference junction @ 0°C)

**Seebeck Coefficient:** @ 25°C (77°F) =40.50  $\mu\text{V} / ^\circ\text{C}$

**Measurement Time** (Time Constant): 3.0 seconds in 100°C air moving at 3.33 meters/second (10.9 feet/second) at sea level pressure (5 time constants = 1 complete step change, i.e., 15 seconds).

**Maximum Voltage:** 24V ac rms or 60V dc

**Maximum Temperature of Tip:** 816°C (1500°F)

### **Baffle**

Material: 304 Stainless Steel Dimensions  
Diameter: 5.6 mm (0.220 in)  
Length: 3.3 cm (1.3 in)

### **Sheath**

Material: 304 Stainless Steel Dimensions  
Diameter: 5 mm (.2 in)  
Length: 20.32 cm (8 in) from handle body to end of baffle

**Grounding:** Junction welded to sheath.

### **Cable**

Length: 38 inches (1 meter)  
Insulation:  
Material: PVC  
Maximum Temperature: 105°C (220°F)  
Jacket Color: Gray

### **Conductors**

Type: K  
Size: AWG #24 stranded (7 strands of #32)

### **Handle**

Material: Gray Hytrel  
Maximum Temperature: 125°C (257°F)

### **Connector**

Type: Mini-thermocouple connector with .792 mm (0.312 in) pin spacing  
Material: Yellow Hytrel  
Maximum Temperature: 125°C (257°F)

**Overall Length:** 31.9 cm (12.55 in) from baffle tip to end of cable strain relief.

**Protection:** Class 3. Relates solely to insulation and grounding properties defined in IEC 348.

## **MEASUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

### ***Instrument Compatibility***

The 80PK-4A is compatible with any temperature-measuring instrument that accepts Type K thermocouples, has a miniature thermocouple connector, and has cold reference junction compensation. Accuracy of the temperature-measuring instrument must be considered along with the 80PK-4A accuracy specification to determine the overall accuracy of the combination.

### ***Temperature Limitations***

The baffle tip of the 80PK-4A has a continuous temperature rating of 816°C (1500°F). However, the opposite end of the sheath nearest the handle should not be subjected to temperatures greater than 125°C (257°F). This is the maximum temperature limitation of the handle.

### ***Media Limitations***

The stainless steel baffle and sheath should not be exposed to halides or sulfides. Even though the sheath to junction transition is sealed, it is not recommended to immerse the probe in liquid or saturated vapor. The 80PK-4A should not be used in reducing atmospheres or in a vacuum.

## **OPERATION**

Use the 80PK-4A as follows:

1. Use the miniature (0.312-inch spacing) thermocouple connector to connect the 80PK-4A to a compatible Type K temperature-measuring instrument.
2. Turn on the measuring instrument, and select the appropriate range and scale.
3. Check the read out on the measuring instrument. With no heat or cold source applied to the tip of the probe, the measuring instrument should display the ambient (room) temperature. If the instrument does not read out properly, refer to the TROUBLESHOOTING paragraphs that follow.

## **MINIMIZING THERMAL SHUNTING**

The 80PK-4A Air Probe should be inserted at least 6.35 cm (2.5 in) into the environment to be measured to minimize the shunting effect of the sheath.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

With no heat or cold applied to the probe, the measuring instrument should display the ambient temperature. If the measuring instrument does not read out properly, try the following:

1. Verify that the temperature-measuring instrument is designed to be used with Type K thermocouples. The temperature-measuring instrument should have a yellow input connector and / or be marked with a "K".
2. Check for an open circuit indicator on the measuring instrument. Some temperature measuring instruments have a built-in circuit to indicate if the connected probe is open. (All Fluke Temperature-measuring instruments have this feature.) Refer to the owners manual accompanying the measuring instrument to see if this feature is available.

Short the two input pins of the measuring instrument with a piece of wire. If the instrument is functioning, it should indicate the ambient temperature.

3. If you suspect a broken connection, use an ordinary ohmmeter to read the continuity of the probe from pin to pin. The ohmmeter should read 20 ohms or less if there is continuity.

## **SCALE CONVERSIONS**

Use the following equation to convert °C to °F:

$$(^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$$

Use the following equation to convert °F to °C:

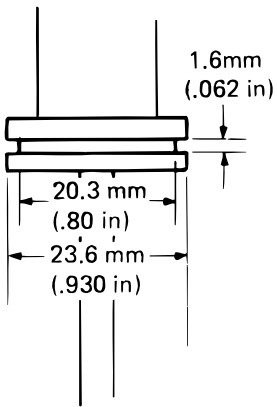
$$(^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 0.5556 = ^{\circ}\text{C}$$

## **PROBE MOUNTING GROOVE**

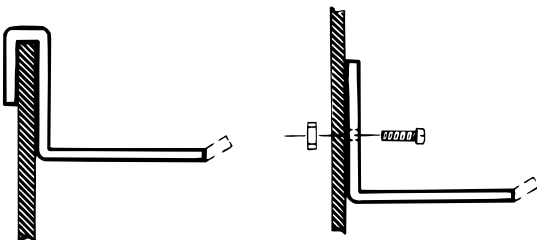
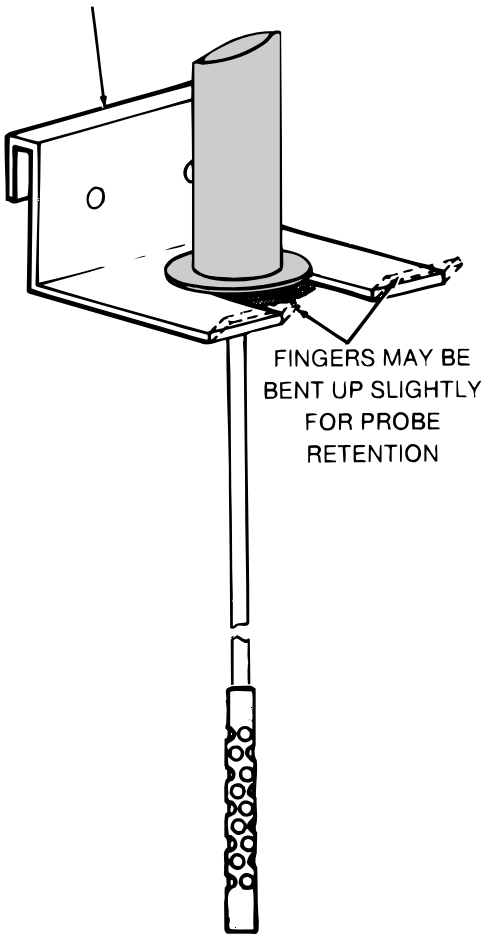
The probe finger guard contains a groove to simplify mounting the probe in a fixed position. The figure below shows nominal dimensions for the finger guard and groove, and suggests a temporary quick mounting method. However, any mounting method should be carefully designed to prevent damage to the probe or the measured medium.

### **CAUTION**

**The handle and plug of the probe are made of material that may deteriorate when exposed to some solvents on a long-term basis.**



CLIP NOT INCLUDED WITH PROBE



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