## Vishay BCcomponents



# **Humidity Sensor**







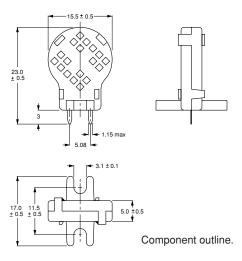
QUICK REFERENCE DATA		
PARAMETER	VALUE	UNIT
Humidity range (RH)	10 to 90	%
Capacitance at +25 °C; 43% RH; 100 kHz	122 ±15%	PF
Tan δ at +25 °C; 100 kHz; 43% RH	≤0.035	
Sensitivity between 12 and 75% RH	0.4 <b>±</b> 0.05	PF/%R
Frequency	1 to 1000	KHZ
Temperature dependence	0.1	%RH/K
Response time in minutes		
(to 90% of indicated RH change at		
+25 °C, in circulating air):		
between 10 and 43% RH	<3	
between 43 and 90% RH	<5	
Hysteresis (for RH excursion of	≈3	%
10 to 90 to 10%)		
Maximum AC or DC voltage	15	V
Storage humidity range (RH)	0 to 100	%
Ambient temperature range:		
operating	0 to +85	°C
storage	-25 to +8	°C
Drop test:		
height of free fall	1	М
Mass	<b>≈</b> 1.3	G

#### Note

Unless otherwise stated, measurements are in accordance with "IEC publication 60539".

Stability is in accordance with "CECC 43000" and "IEC 60068-2".

## **DIMENSIONS** in millimeters



#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Humidity measurements in electronic hygrometers for domestic use
- · Self-regulating air humidifiers, etc.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This capacitive atmospheric humidity sensor consists of a non-conductive foil, which is covered on both sides with a layer of gold. The dielectric constant of the foil changes as a function of the relative humidity of the ambient atmosphere and, accordingly, the capacitance value of the sensor is a measure for relative humidity. The foil is clamped between contact springs and assembled in a plastic housing. It is provided with two connecting pins which fit printed-circuit boards with a grid pitch of 2.54 mm, provision is also made for fastening with 3 mm bolts. The characteristics are not affected by incidental water condensation on the sensor foil. It should not be exposed to either acetone or chlorine vapours.

#### **MOUNTING**

The device can be soldered directly on to a printed-circuit board or fastened with 3 mm bolts.

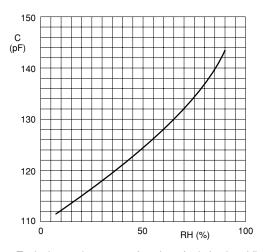
## **SOLDERING**

Solderability: ≤240 °C; ≤4 s.
Resistance to heat: ≤240 °C; ≤4 s.

## **ROBUSTNESS OF TERMINATIONS**

Tensile strength: 10 N.

### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**



Typical capacitance as a function of relative humidity.

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