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New Product Update: HDC3x New Generation Humidity Sensor

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Agenda

- RH sensor types, design challenges
- RH sensing portfolio
- Introduction to TI new HDC3020 RH sensor family
- · How to optimize thermal mass
- Drift correction demonstration
- Helpful resources for designing RH sensors



Types of RH sensors, Design Challenges

- 1. Resistive
- 2. Capacitive

Design Challenges:

- Drift caused by natural aging moisture
- Environmental stress
- Interactions with contaminants





TI Humidity Sensor Portfolio





The solution: TI's new HDC3x RH sensor family

High accuracy

- RH new CMOS sensor architecture and polymer
- ±1.5% RH / ±2% RH max across a wide RH and T range
- 0.21% RH per year, long-term drift
- 85°C/85% RH
- RH drift correction technology
- RH protective tape and IP67 filter cover
- Leverages 4 decades of TI temp sensing expertise
- $\pm 0.1^{\circ}C / \pm 0.4^{\circ}C$ max across wide temperature range

Low power

• 0.7uA

Wide supply range

• 1.62V to 5.5V on same device





HDC3x: Package options with protective covers



| | RH | Temperature |
|--------------|---|---|
| Accuracy | <u>+</u> 1.5% (typ) / <u>+</u> 2% RH max from 10% to 90% Long-term drift 0.21% RH per year Low drift post 85°C + 85% RH | <u>+</u> 0.1°C (typ) / <u>+</u> 0.3°C max from -20°C to 60°C <u>+</u> 0.2°C (typ) / <u>+</u> 0.4°C max from -40°C to 125°C |
| Supply Range | 1.62V to 5.5V, wide VCC range without accuracy tradeoff | |



HDC3x: Low power without sacrificing features



0.7 uA current consumption without accuracy tradeoff



HDC3x: Small footprint, new features





Simple design rules – how to optimize thermal mass

Thermal isolation layout examples



- Thermal isolation, with & without PCB cutout, no copper pour around device
- PCB layer, thickness, cutout, copper pour impact thermal mass



Drift correction demo using HDC3020EVM

- 1. Artificially cause the HDC3020 to cause out of spec
 - Measure the HDC3020 RH accuracy against chilled mirror
- 2. Correct HDC3020 sensor drift with drift correction
 - Re-measure the HDC3020 RH accuracy against chilled mirror





Additional resources





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