

# 3200 Series High Reliability Thermostats in Satellite Applications

### BACKGROUND

Satellites (see Figure 1) perform a variety of critical functions, from communications and navigation to surveillance and reconnaissance.

The aerospace industry needed a high reliability thermostat that could provide temperature control for a variety of satellite functions, including:

- Directional thrusters
- Battery recharging
- Environmental control
- Propellant lines
- Heaters
- Inertial guidance systems
- Gimbals
- Solar panel monitoring
- Gyros
- Avionics

### SOLUTION

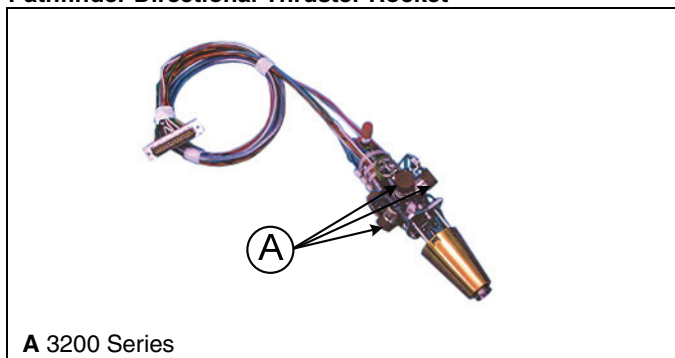
The 3200 Series High Reliability Thermostat was developed in 1979 at the request of the Aerospace Corporation for use in these applications.

The 3200 Series thermostats shown in Figure 2 are designed to control the primary and backup heaters on directional thruster rockets that determine the course and altitude of various satellites. The heaters prevent the flow of rocket fuel (hydrazine) through the nozzle from cooling to the point where the flow is restricted, which would limit thrust.

**Figure 1. Satellites**



**Figure 2. 3200 Series Thermostats Used on the Mars Pathfinder Directional Thruster Rocket**



**Table 1. 3200 Series High Reliability Thermostat**

3200 Series
Features and Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hermetically sealed to withstand most harsh conditions found in space</li> <li>• Withstands most high shock and vibration levels</li> <li>• Contact ratings up to 120 Vdc offer a significant range of electrical loads for use in multiple applications</li> <li>• Tight temperature tolerances of <math>\pm 1,7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}</math> [<math>\pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}</math>] provide tight controls in the application</li> <li>• Wide temperature set point range from <math>-51,1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}</math> to <math>162,8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}</math> [<math>-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}</math> to <math>325\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}</math>] allows operation in the extreme temperature conditions of space</li> <li>• Individually serialized devices include a test data form for accountability</li> <li>• Qualified to NASA specifications S-311-641 and SA-311-641/01</li> <li>• Variety of mounting studs, brackets and terminal available for mounting flexibility</li> </ul>

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