



# Some things are even better when cooled

Thermal management for ICS series  
electronics housings

# Our ICS housings service

## ICS electronics housings

- Modularity and flexibility in connection technology
- Customized design

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## Thermal simulation

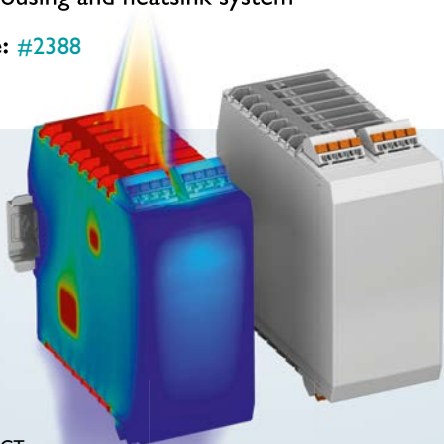
- Automated online tool
- Professional application-specific consultation

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## Customer-specific ICE heatsinks

- Tailored processing
- Coordinated housing and heatsink system

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# 1. ICS modular housing system



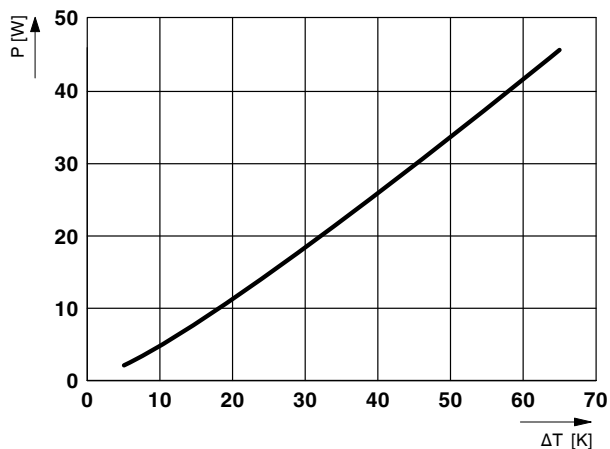
## ICS electronics housings – your advantages

- ✓ Flexible use, thanks to a modular system and unique modularity in connection technology
- ✓ Standardized connections such as RJ45, USB, D-SUB, and antenna jacks as components that can be integrated
- ✓ Optimal space utilization, as well as flexibility of design, colors, and printing
- ✓ 8-pos. DIN rail connectors with parallel and serial contacts for easy module-to-module communication
- ✓ Individual design of the upper housing part possible
- ✓ Passive heatsinks for reliable heat dissipation

## 2. Technical background

### Thermal resistance $R_{th}$

This value describes the thermal properties and the thermal behavior of a heatsink.



$R_{th}$  diagram of the ICE 122 mm heatsink

## Targeted thermal management

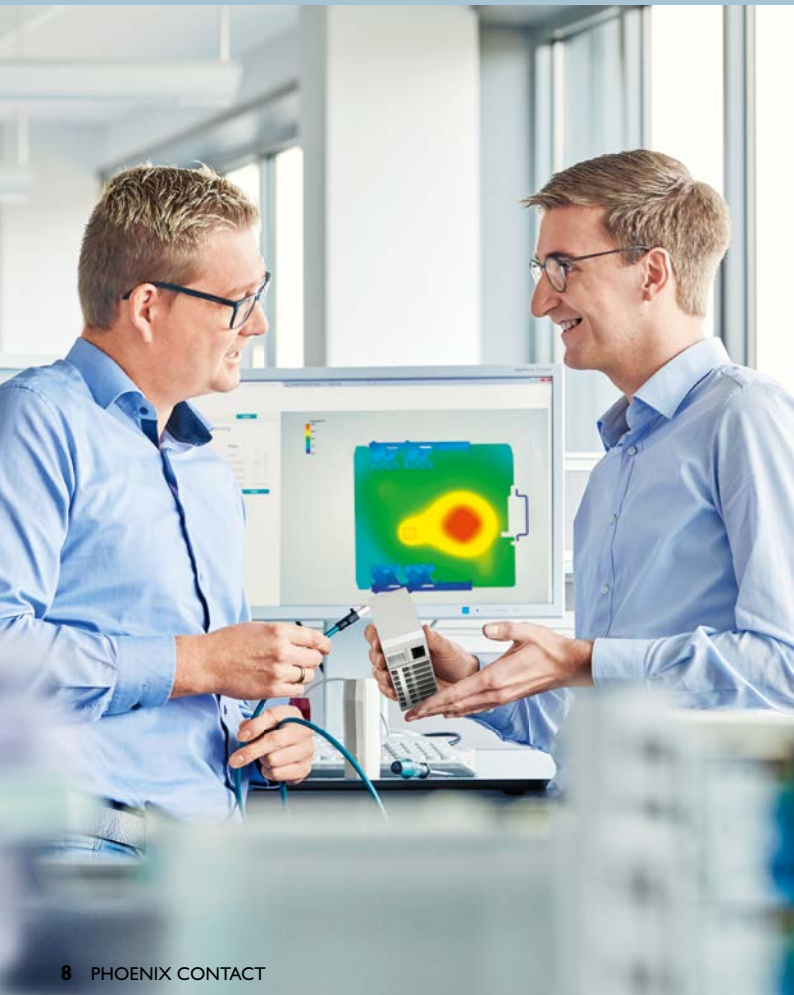
The power density of electronic systems increases more and more as size decreases. This trend makes it a challenge to dissipate the lost heat in a targeted manner into the environment.

To describe the thermal conduction in electronic components, the thermal resistance  $R_{th}$  in K/W is used. This value describes the maximum thermal conduction  $P$  [W] that can be dissipated with a specified temperature difference of  $\Delta T$  [K], and serves as an indicator of the efficiency of a heatsink.

Heat can be transferred through thermal conduction, convection, and heat radiation. When developing a cooling strategy, analyzing the heat paths and higher-level transport mechanisms is particularly challenging.

Through a targeted optimization of the heat transport mechanisms, the dissipation performance is increased and, at the same time, the service life of the electronic components is extended.

### 3. Thermal management: tips and tricks



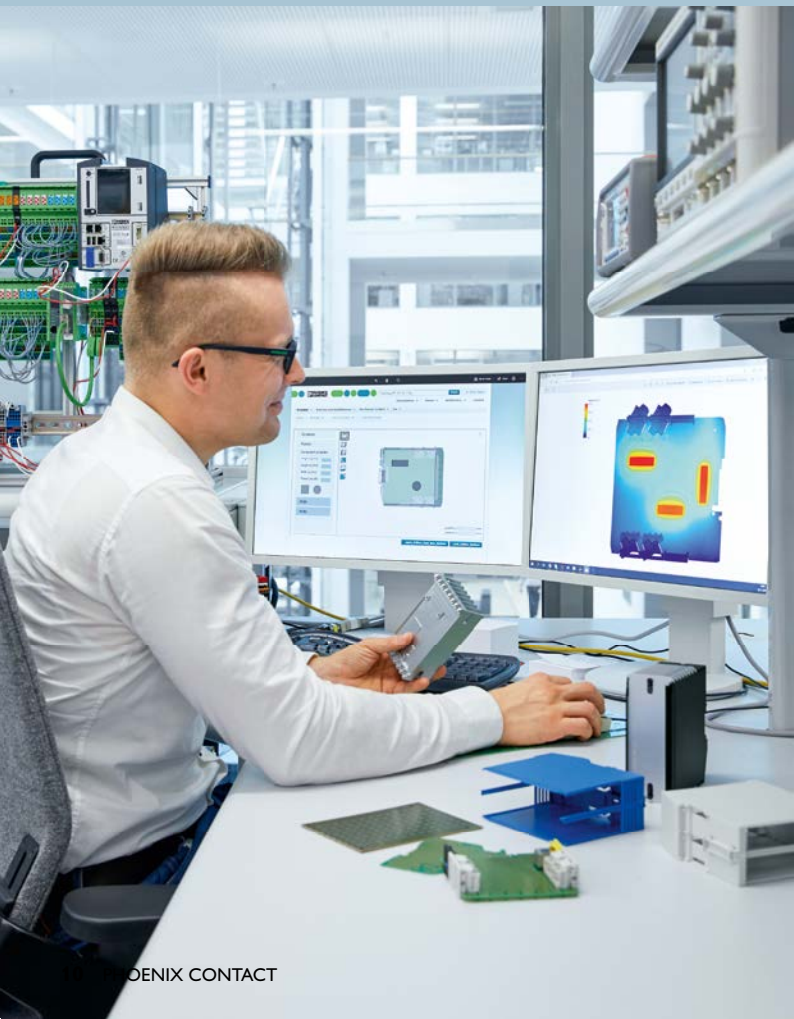


The thermal optimization of electronic devices always depends on the application

**These tips can help:**

- Use of fillers with ventilation slots instead of closed fillers
- In general, hot spots (heat-critical components) should be placed near the lower ventilation slots so that they can have cool fresh air flow over them
- At the same time, however, further thermally sensitive components should never be negatively influenced by the positioning of the hot spots
- Use of a passive customer-specific heatsink

## 4. Automated thermal simulation



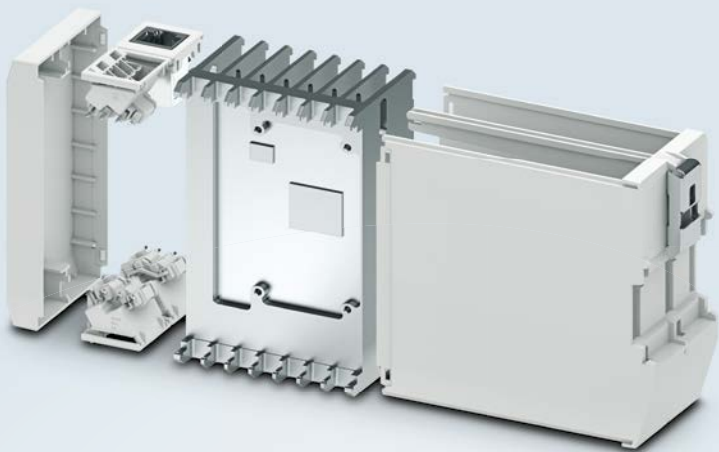
## Use our easy to operate online simulation tool to thermally analyze your application

1. Assemble your housing in a way that is suitable for your application online using our electronic housing configurator

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2. Position hot spots on your PCB and define the thermal boundary conditions of your application
3. Receive your application-specific results in the form of a 3D PDF by email
4. If needed, take advantage of our offer of an individual consultation or the customer-specific heatsink service from Phoenix Contact

## 5. Function and customization of the heatsink



## Customer-specific consultation on the heatsink

- Extruded heatsink made of aluminum corresponding to the ICS housing geometry for simple slide-in assembly
- Custom milling of the standard heatsink depending on customer application
- Hot spots are connected to the heatsink using thermal interface materials (TIMs)
- Heat-dissipating surface of the hot spot is enlarged by the heatsink
- The heatsink ensures that the heat loss of the component is spread through thermal conduction and dissipates this radiation and convection into the environment

## 6. Your complete solution from PHOENIX CONTACT



## Benefit from the services and product solutions from PHOENIX CONTACT

- ICS housing system with comprehensive module selection and variable connection technology



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- Individual cover with the digital ICS Cover Designer



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- Heatsinks that can be individually machined for the ICS housing series




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- ICS mounting device for quick and easy final assembly
- Online tool for thermal simulations
- Color versions, mechanical processing, and tool modifications for your customer-specific design
- Professional support in the development process through application-specific simulations and recommendations on optimum housing selection and heatsink design

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