

I noticed something interesting that I thought I ought to report on. I built the *Auto-Temp* (Page 84—**Hands-On Electronics**) and was performing the assembly last steps, encapsulating the ends of the temperature-sensing probes in epoxy. While waiting for the epoxy to set, I tentatively turned on the unit, and noticed a marked increase in the temperature readings for both inside and outside. They continued to rise and then, after stabilizing, settled back to normal readings. How do you account for that phenomenon?

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Your experience was actually quite normal. Epoxy is an exothermic, in that it gives off heat as it sets. The probes were merely recording the increase in heat. ■