

Apollo SeikoEstimated Iron Tip Life

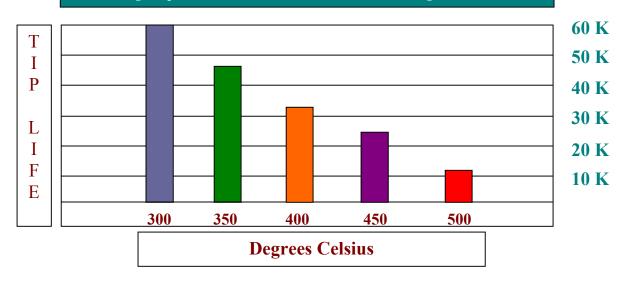
Below is a chart that depicts normal iron tip life of the Apollo Seiko RS-P iron tips. The number of cycles is estimated and should only be used as a guide.

Items that <u>negatively</u> impact iron tip life are as follows:

Temperature	50%
Proper Feed Set-Up	25%
Flux	15%
Substrate / Component to be Soldered	10%

Tip Temperature	Estimated Tip Life	Percentage of Reduction
300 Degrees Celsius	~ 50,000	
350 Degrees Celsius	~ 42,500	15%
400 Degrees Celsius	~ 36,125	15%
450 Degrees Celsius	~ 30,700	15%
500 Degrees Celsius*	~ 20,000	35%

* Soldering temperature is not recommended above 450 degrees Celsius



<u>Iron Tip Temperature Range – Effective Usable Temperature</u>

The Apollo Seiko DCN/DCS iron tips have a thermocouple (Type K) integral to the Copper base material. These tips are programmable but have an effective range per application. If a specific application has a soldering temperature of 400 degrees Celsius than the iron tip operating range would be between 380 degrees Celsius and 420 degrees Celsius.

Actual application / soldering temperature range is between 280 degrees Celsius and 450 degrees Celsius.