

The Designers View of Lead Free

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- *Material Selection*
- *Lead Free Impact on Board Fabrication*
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Why Lead Free

Concern over:

Exposure

Landfill

4% of landfill is Electronics

Shorter lifetime of products

Issues:

No full life cycle analysis

What are the alternatives?

Cost of substitutes

1% of lead used is Electronics

RoHS Directive

RoHS Directive number 2002/95/EC

- *Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment.*

RoHS Directive

RoHS Requirements

From July 1st 2006 new electrical and Electronic equipment should not contain any of the following:

- *Lead*
- *Mercury*
- *Hexavalent Chromium*
- *Cadmium*
- *Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)*
- *Polybrominated Diphenyls (PBDE)*

RoHS Directive

Scope

Includes all equipment dependant upon electrical currents or electromagnetic fields falling into the following categories:

1. *Large Household Appliances*
2. *Small Household Appliances*
3. *IT/Telecommunications*
4. *Consumer Equipment*
5. *Lighting Household (including electric light bulbs and household luminaires)*
6. *Electrical and Electronic Tools*
7. *Toys, Leisure & sports*
8. *Medical devices*
9. *(Monitoring & Control Instruments)*
10. *Automatic Dispensers*

Exemptions are in red and also includes 'Spare parts' used for the repair or reuse of equipment on the market before July 1st 2006

Product Types NOT within RoHS

- *Automotive, Aerospace, Military*
 - Exclusions have never been within the legislative scope but being evaluated for inclusion at a later date
- *Intended to protect **national security** and/or for military*
- *Where electricity is not main power source*
 - e.g. **electronic control** of gas heating
- *Where electronic products are not needed to fulfil the primary function*
 - e.g. musical birthday card
- *That are part of another type of equipment*
 - do not have a direct function outside that equipment
 - e.g. vehicle engine management
- *Batteries*
 - Covered under battery regulations

Product Types NOT within RoHS

- *Network Infrastructure (solder only)*
- *Servers and Storage Arrays (solder only) until 2010*
- *Equipment rated above 1000 VAC or 1500 VDC*

Military Exemption??

MIL-PRF-31032

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| Carbon Tetrachloride | Mercury and Compounds | 1,1,1 - Trichloroethane |
| Chloroform | Methyl Ethyle Ketone | Trichloroethylene |
| Chromium and Compounds | Methyl Isobutyl Ketone | Xylenes |
| Cyanide and Compounds | Nickel and Compounds | |

Military Exemption??

MIL-PRF-55110 “*SUPERCEDED FOR FUTURE DESIGN*”??

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Established Levels

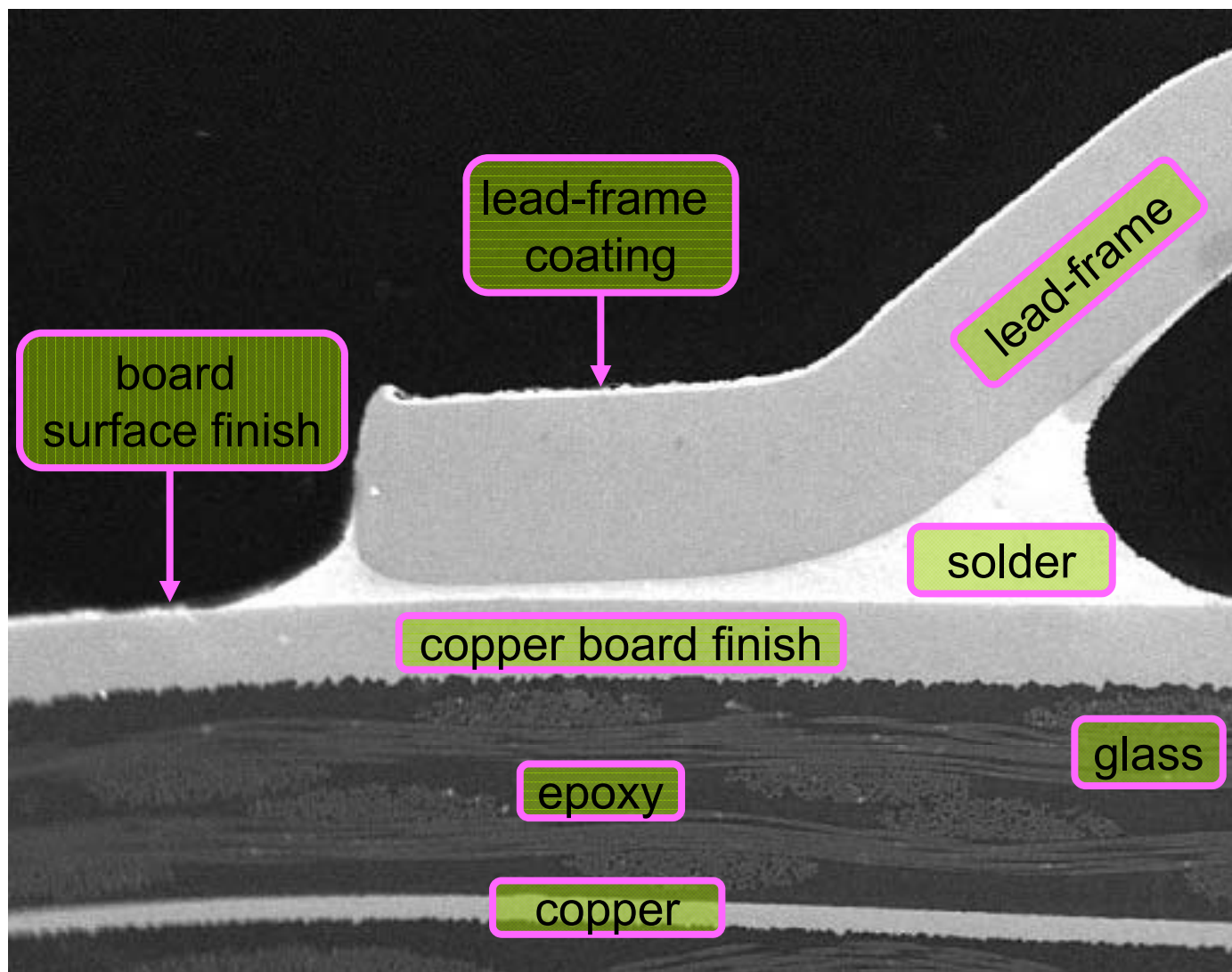
Current levels are as follows:

- *Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg) and Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6+) <0.1% component weight = <1000 PPM*
- *Cadmium (Cd) <0.01% component weight = <100PPM*
- *PBB's and PBDE's <0.1% component weight = <1000PPM*

“By weight in homogeneous materials shall be tolerated”

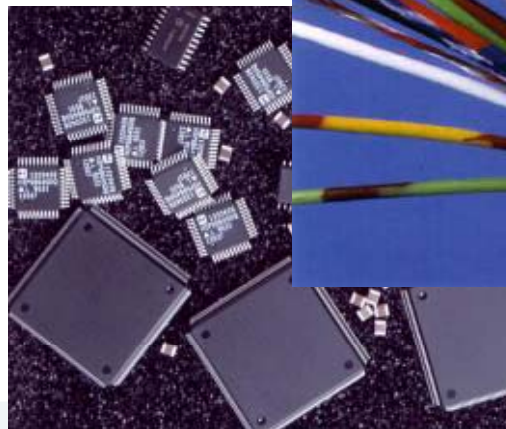
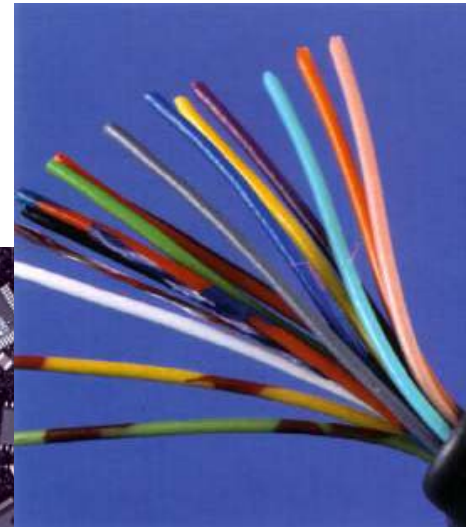
What is the definition of ‘homogeneous materials’?

Homogeneous Material



Hidden Banned Substances?

- *Mechanical fixings – may be Zn plated with hexavalent Cr used as a passivation layer*
- *Plastics – may contain Pb, Cd or PBDE*
- *Components – may have Pb on surface finish or as internal connections*



Material Selection

Material Selection

- *Resin Formula*
- *Flame Resistance*
- *Thermal Stability*
- *Mechanical Strength*
- *Electrical Properties*

Material Selection Cont'd

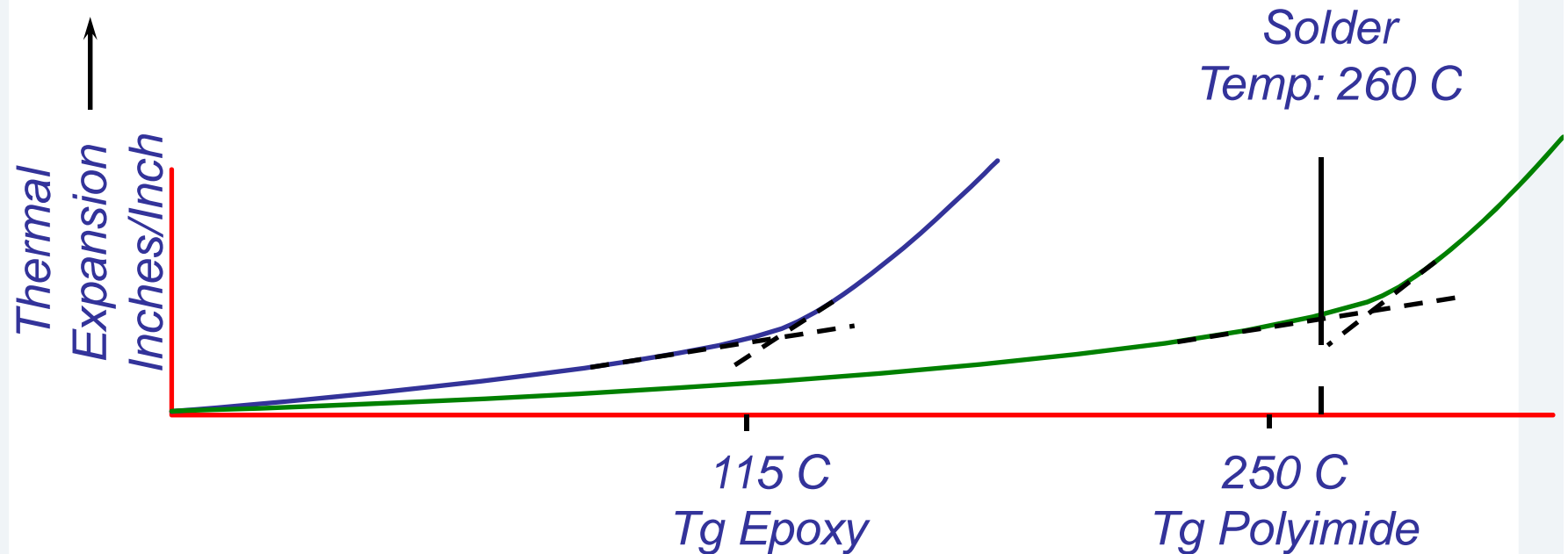
- *Flexural Strength*
- *Reinforcing Sheet Material*
- *Maximum Operating Temperature*
- *CAF Resistant*
- *Halogen Free*

But, is this enough?

Definition:

The temperature at which an amorphous polymer changes from being in a hard and relatively brittle condition to being in a viscous or rubbery condition.

Glass Transition Temperature - T_g



*Increased layer count and thermal reliability
have prompted specifying minimum T_g 's*

Is that enough??

Test Methods

Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)
Measures modulus

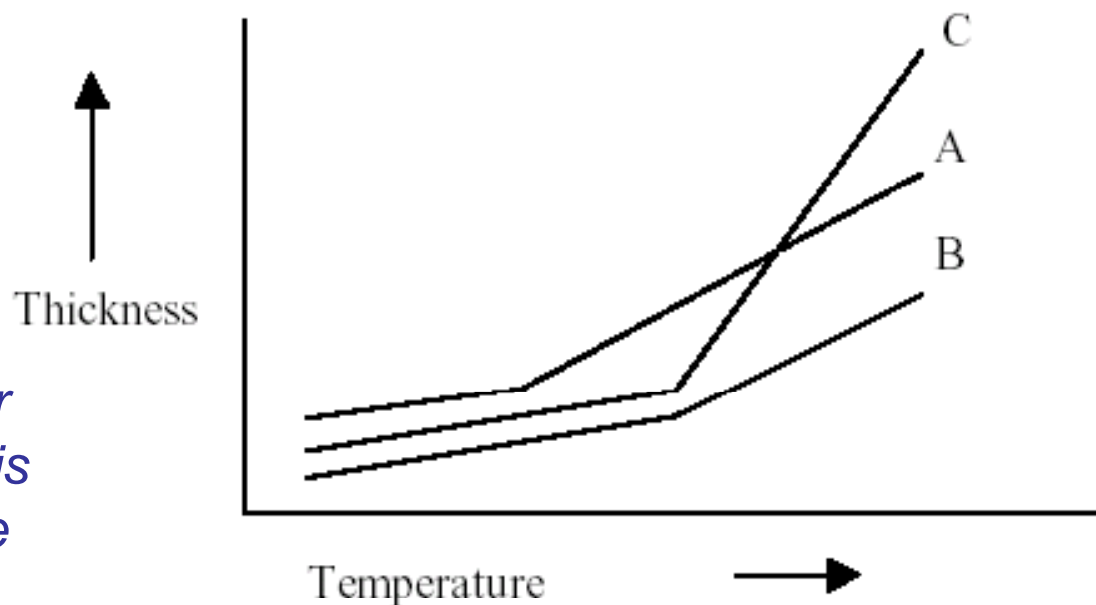
Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
Measures rate of heat absorption

Thermal Mechanical Analysis (TMA)
Measures expansion rate

Z-Axis Expansions

Post-Tg CTEs are higher than pre-Tg CTEs.

- “A” exhibits more total Z axis expansion than “B” because of a lower-Tg.
- But “C”, even with a higher Tg, exhibits more total Z-axis expansion than “A” because its post- Tg CTE is so high.



Typical Supplier Data Sheets

Key Engineering Values

| | N4000-13 | N4000-13 SI |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| X/Y CTE (ppm/°C)[-40 to 125°C] | 10 - 14 | 9 - 13 |
| Z Axis Expansion (%) [50 to 260°C] | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| T _g by DSC (°C) | 210 | 210 |
| Dielectric Constant (50% resin content) | | |
| @ 1 GHz (RF Impedance) | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| @ 2.05 GHz (Split Post) | 3.9 | TBD |
| @ 10 GHz (Stripline) | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| @ 10 GHz (Split Post) | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Dissipation Factor (50% resin content) | | |
| @ 2.05 GHz (Split Post) | 0.008 | TBD |
| @ 10 GHz (Stripline) | 0.009-0.011 | 0.009 |
| @ 10 GHz (Split Post) | 0.009 | 0.006 |

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Typical Supplier Data Sheets

POLYCLAD LAMINATE/PREPREG GRADE - PCL-FR-370HR/PCL-FRP-370HR (Provisional) IPC-4101A SPECIFICATION SHEET(S) /98

| LAMINATE | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Property | | Typical Values/IPC-4101/98 Specification | | | | Units | Test Method |
| | | Thickness <0.50 mm (< 0.0197 in) | | Thickness ≥0.50 mm (≥ 0.0197 in) | | | |
| | | Typical Value | Specification | Typical Value | Specification | Metric (English) | IPC-TM-650 (or as noted) |
| Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) by DSC, spec minimum | | 180 | 150-200 | 180 | 150-200 | °C | 2.4.25 |
| Decomposition Temperature (Td) | | 350 | — | 350 | — | °C | ASTM D3850 |
| CTE, Z-axis | A. Pre-Tg | — | AABUS | 45 | AABUS | ppm/°C | 2.4.24 |
| | B. Post-Tg | — | — | 220 | — | | |
| CTE, X-, Y-axes | A. Pre-Tg | — | AABUS | 14 | AABUS | ppm/°C | 2.4.24 |
| | B. Post-Tg | — | — | 16 | — | | |
| Thermal Conductivity | | — | — | TBD | — | W/mK | ASTM D5930 |
| Thermal Stress 10 Sec @ 288°C (550.4°F), spec minimum | A. Unetched | Pass | Pass Visual | Pass | Pass Visual | Rating | 2.4.13.1 |
| | B. Etched | Pass | Pass Visual | Pass | Pass Visual | | |
| Permittivity, spec maximum (Laminate & prepreg as laminated) | A. @ 1 MHz | 4.7 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.4 | — | 2.5.5.3 |
| | B. @ 100 MHz | 4.6 | — | 4.6 | — | | 2.5.5.9 |
| | C. @ 1 GHz | 4.4 | — | 4.5 | — | | 2.5.5.5 |
| Loss Tangent, spec maximum (Laminate & prepreg as laminated) | A. @ 1 MHz | .015 | 0.035 | .015 | 0.035 | — | 2.5.5.3 |
| | B. @ 100 MHz | .015 | — | .015 | — | | 2.5.5.9 |
| | C. @ 1 GHz | .015 | — | .015 | — | | 2.5.5.5 |
| Volume Resistivity, spec minimum | A. 96/35/90 | 1.0x10 ⁸ | 10 ⁸ | — | — | MΩ -cm | 2.5.17.1 |
| | B. After moisture resistance | — | — | 9.5x10 ⁸ | 10 ⁴ | | |
| | C. At elevated temperature | 7.5x10 ⁸ | 10 ³ | 9.6x10 ⁸ | 10 ³ | | |
| Surface Resistivity, spec minimum | A. 96/35/90 | 2.0x10 ⁸ | 10 ⁴ | — | — | MΩ | 2.5.17.1 |
| | B. After moisture resistance | — | — | 2.0x10 ⁷ | 10 ⁴ | | |

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|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Specification Sheet # | : | IPC-4101/99 | |
| Reinforcement | : | Woven E-glass | |
| Resin System | : | Primary: Epoxy | |
| | : | Secondary 1: Multifunctional Epoxy | Secondary 2: Modified Epoxy or Non-epoxy (max. 5%) |
| Curing Agent | : | Non-Dicy | |
| Flame Retardant Mechanism | : | Bromine / RoHS Compliant | |
| Fillers | : | Contains inorganic fillers | |
| ID Reference | : | UL/ANSI: FR-4/99 | Keywords (For search only; not grade requirement - See Section 7) |
| Glass Transition (T_g) | : | 150 – 200°C | - Lead-free FR-4 |
| | : | | - CAF resistance |
| UL Max Operating Temp | : | 130°C rating | - High decomposition temperature |

Keywords (For search only; not grade requirement - See Section 7)

- Lead-free FR-4
- CAF resistance
- High decomposition temperature
- High reliability FR-4
- Low Z-axis CTE

| Laminate Requirement | Specification <0.50 mm [0.0197 in] | Specification ≥0.50 mm [0.0197 in] | Units | Test Method | Ref. Para. |
|---|--|--|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Peel Strength, minimum | | | | | |
| A. Low profile copper foil and very low profile copper foil - all copper weights > 17µm [0.669 mil] | AABUS | AABUS | N/mm (lb/inch) | 2.4.8 | 3.9.1.1 |
| B. Standard profile copper foil | | | | 2.4.8.2 | 3.9.1.1.1 |
| 1. After Thermal Stress | 0.80 (4.57) | 1.05 (6.00) | | 2.4.8.3 | 3.9.1.1.2 |
| 2. At 125°C [257 F] | 0.70 (4.00) | 0.70 (4.00) | | | 3.9.1.1.3 |
| 3. After Process Solutions | 0.55 (3.14) | 0.80 (4.57) | | | |
| C. All other foil – composite | AABUS | AABUS | | | |
| 2. Volume Resistivity, minimum | | | | | |
| A. C-96/35/90 | 10 ⁶ | --- | MΩ-cm | 2.5.17.1 | 3.11.1.3 |
| B. After moisture resistance | — | 10 ⁴ | | | |
| C. At elevated temperature E-24/125 | 10 ³ | 10 ³ | | | |

IPC-4101 Slash Sheet

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|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 3. Surface Resistivity, minimum A. C-96/35/90 B. After moisture resistance C. At elevated temperature E-24/125 | 10 ⁴ — 10 ³ | — 10 ⁴ 10 ³ | MΩ | 2.5.17.1 | 3.11.1.4 |
| 4. Moisture Absorption, maximum | - | 0.5 | % | 2.6.2.1 | 3.12.1.1 |
| 5. Dielectric Breakdown, minimum | - | 40 | kV | 2.5.6 | 3.11.1.6 |
| 6. Permittivity at 1 MHz, maximum (Laminate & Prepreg as laminated) | 5.4 | 5.4 | — | 2.5.5.3 2.5.5.5 2.5.5.6 | 3.11.1.1 3.11.2.1 |
| 7. Loss Tangent at 1 MHz, maximum (Laminate & Prepreg as laminated) | 0.035 | 0.035 | — | 2.5.5.3 2.5.5.3 2.5.5.9 | 3.11.1.2 3.11.2.2 |
| 8. Flexural Strength, minimum A. Length direction B. Cross direction | — — | 415 (60,190) 345 (50,140) | N/mm ² (lb/in ²) | 2.4.4 | 3.9.1.3 |
| 9. Flexural Strength at Elevated Temperature, length direction, minimum | — | — | N/mm ² (lb/inch ²) | 2.4.4.1 | 3.9.1.4 |
| 10. Arc Resistance, minimum | 60 | 60 | S | 2.5.1 | 3.11.1.5 |
| 11. Thermal Stress 10 s at 288°C [550.4F], minimum A. Unetched B. Etched | Pass Visual Pass Visual | Pass Visual Pass Visual | Rating | 2.4.13.1 | 3.10.1.2 |
| 12. Electric Strength, minimum (Laminate & Prepreg as laminated) | 30 | — | kV/mm | 2.5.6.2 | 3.11.1.7 3.11.2.3 |
| 13. Flammability, (Laminate & Prepreg as laminated) | V-0 minimum | V-0 minimum | Rating | UL94 | 3.10.2.1 3.10.1.1 |
| 14. Glass Transition Temperature | -- | 150 - 200 minimum | °C | 2.4.24 2.4.25 | 3.10.1.6 |
| 15. Decomposition Temperature | -- | 330 minimum | °C | TBD (5% wt loss) | 3.10.1.10 |
| 16. Z-Axis CTE A. Alpha 1 B. Alpha 2 C. 50 to 260 Degrees C | -- -- -- | 60 maximum 300 maximum 3.5 | PPM/°C PPM/°C % | 2.4.24 | 3.10.1.11 |

IPC-4101 Slash Sheet

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|--------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 17. Thermal Resistance | | | | | |
| A. T260 | -- | 30 minimum | Minutes | 2.4.24.1 | 3.10.1.12 |
| B. T288 | -- | 5 minimum | Minutes | | |
| C. T300 | -- | AABUS | Minutes | | |
| 18. CAF Resistance | -- | AABUS | Pass/Fail [‡] | AABUS | 3.12.1.4 |

[‡] Pass or Fail are determined by Fail being ≥ 1 decade drop in the sample's initial insulation resistance value.

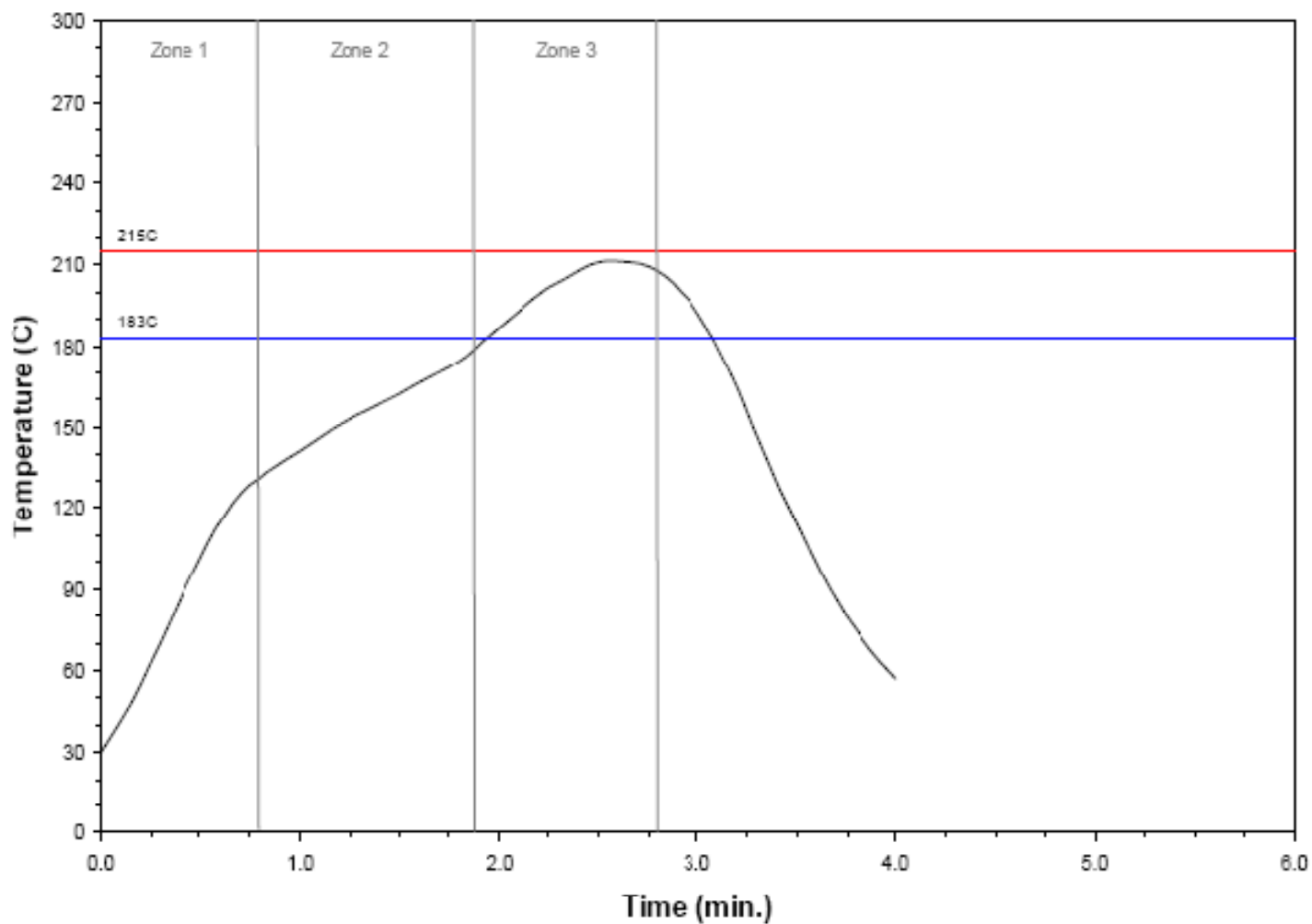
PREPREG REQUIREMENTS

| Prepreg Requirement | Specification | Units | Test Method | Ref. Para. |
|--|---------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Shelf Life, minimum (Condition 1/Condition 2) | 180/90 | Days | AABUS | 3.17 |
| 2. Reinforcement | As per IPC-4412 or AABUS. | | | |
| 3. Volatile content maximum | 1.5 | % | 2.3.19 | 3.9.2.2.8 |
| 4. Prepreg Parameters | — | AABUS | AABUS | 1.1.7 |
| 5. Flammability (as laminated) | V-1 minimum | rating | UL94 | 3.10.2.1 |
| 6. Other | — | | | |

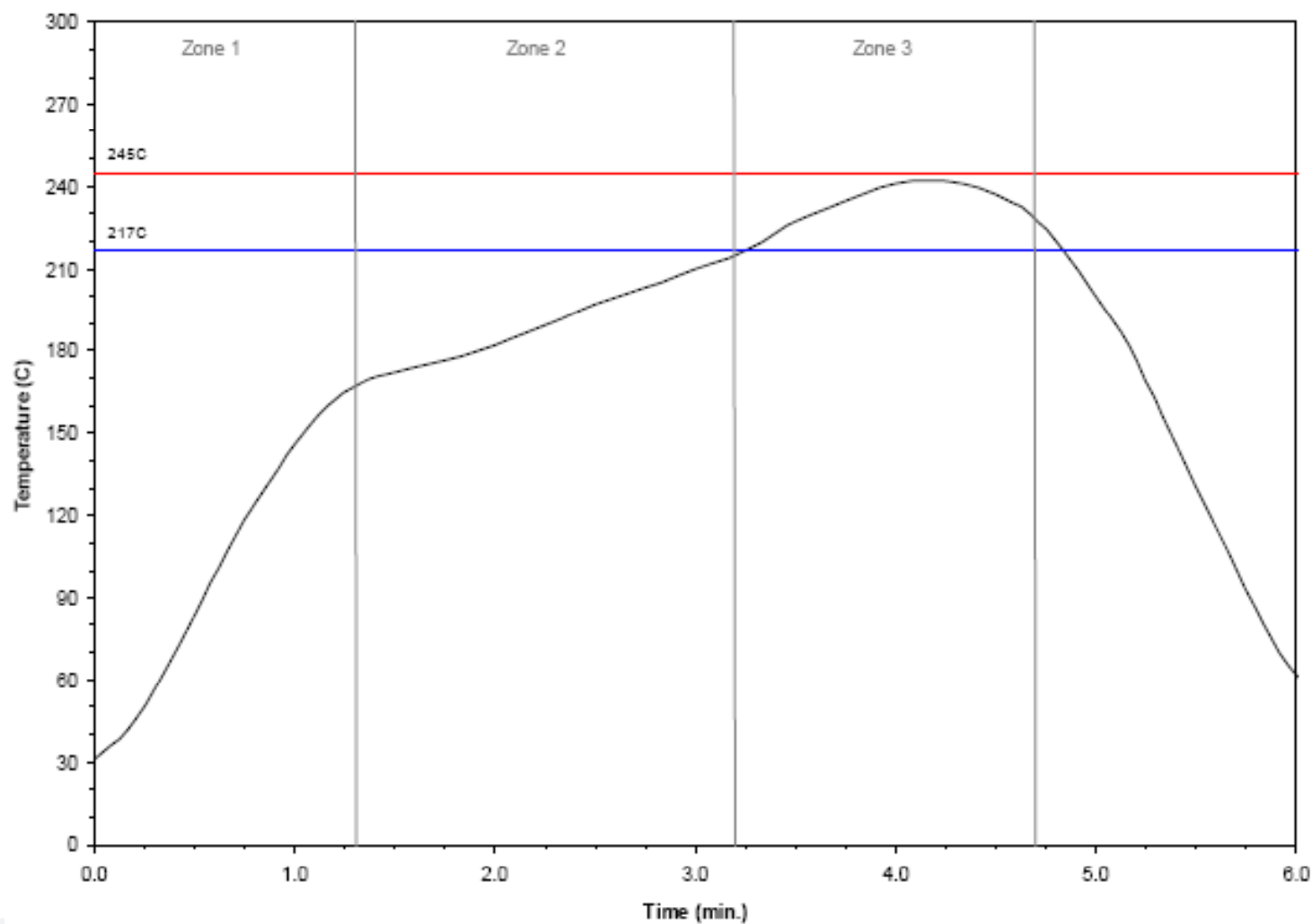
*AABUS = As agreed upon between user and supplier. **See Slash Sheet 2 in IPC-4121.

Lead Free Impact on Board Fabrication

SnPb – Eutectic Profile

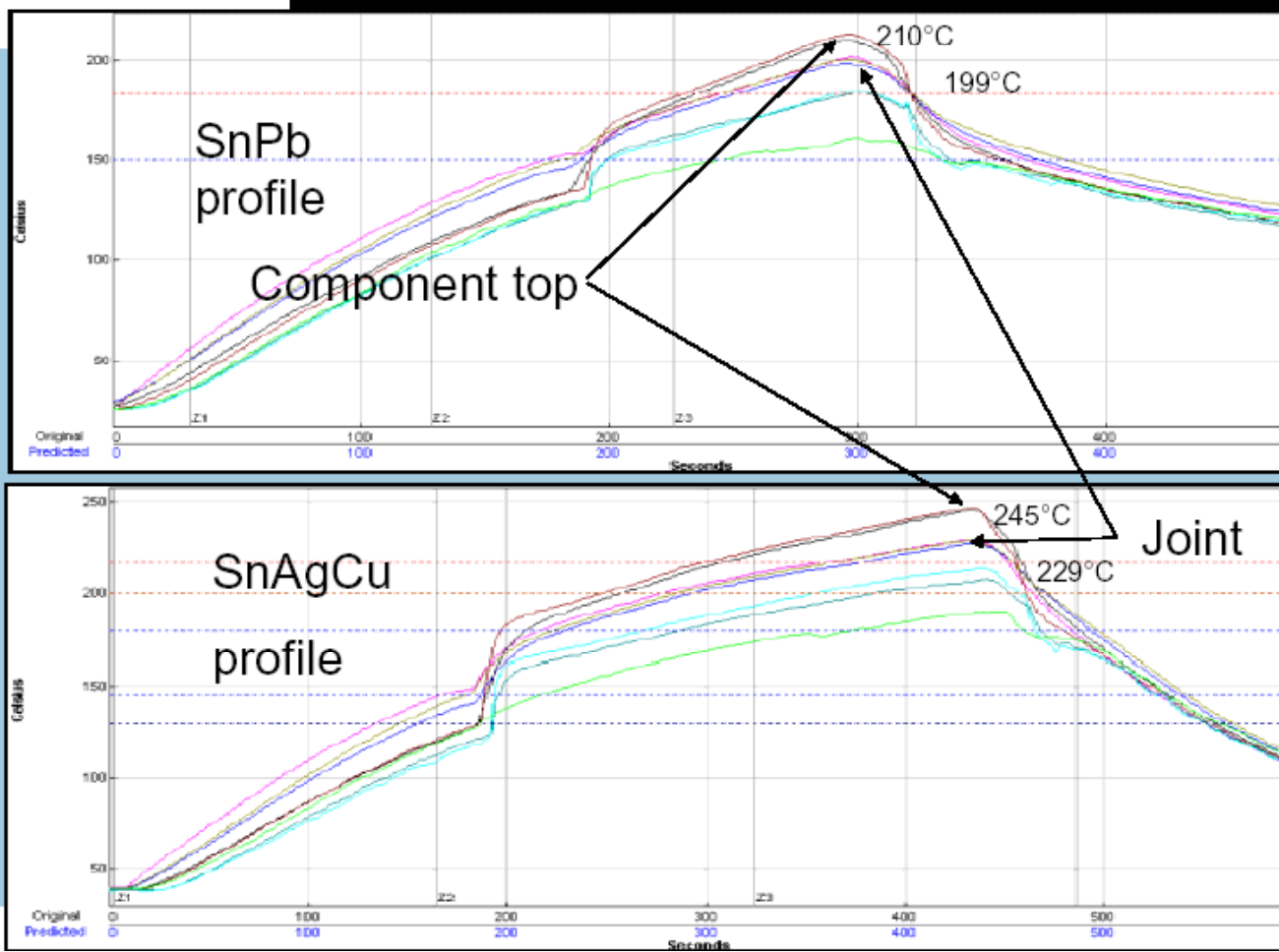


SnAgCu - Profile



Lead Free Impact on Board Fab

**NEMI Payette board 135mil thick:
uBGA256 Rework by Jabil Circuits (USA)**



Mis-conceptions

- *“Lead free assembly will have only a minor effect on laminates.”*
- *“Just switch to existing high-Tg materials.”*
- *“Most existing materials can be used in Lead free assembly without a significant problem.”*

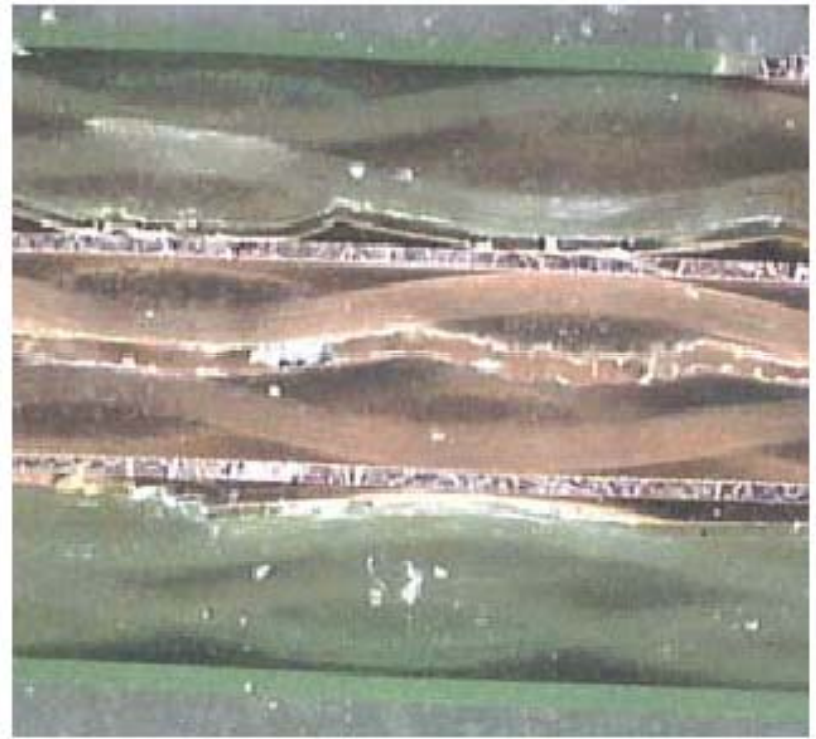
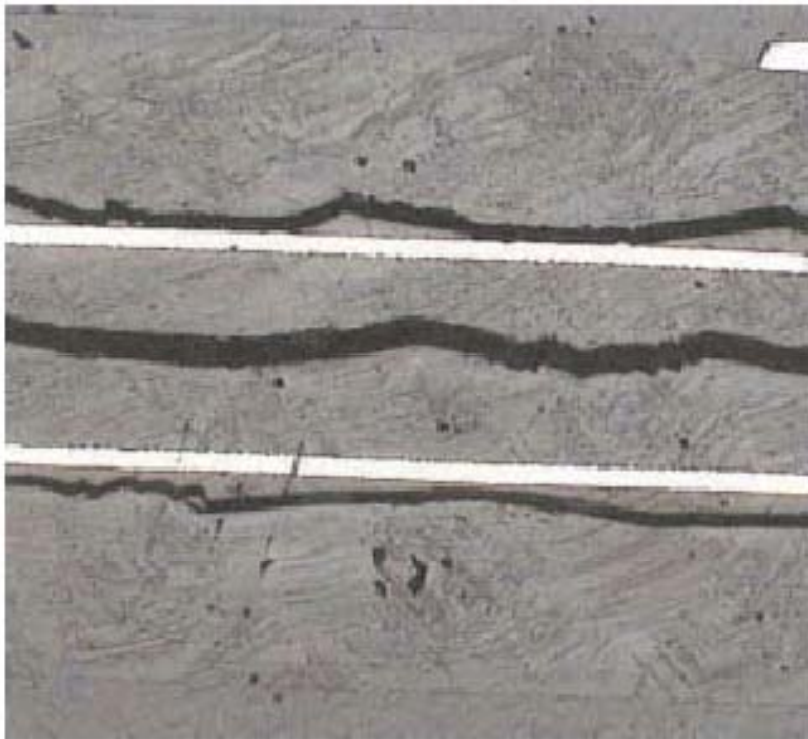
Lead Free Impact on Board Fab

Challenges as a result of Higher Temperature Processing

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|------------------------------|---|
| Problems | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through hole reliability |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delamination• Measle• Blister resistance |
| Mechanisms | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Z Axis expansion• Thermal stability |
| Key Base Material Properties | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degradation temp/Tg• Time at temperature performance |

Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Worse Case Results

A Common High Tg FR-4 After Lead Free Assembly



Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Decomposition Temperature - Td

Definition:

The Temperature at which a 5% weight loss occurs by thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) using Test Method ASTM D3850

Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Decomposition Temperature - Td

What happens as the decomposition temperature is exceeded?

Irreversible degradation and damage of material due to breakage of chemical bonds

Even 2-3% loss, especially when exposed to multiple thermal cycles, can significantly degrade reliability

- *The point at which this level of decomposition occurs is critical.*

Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Time at Temperature Performance

Definition:

A number of ways to evaluate -

*T260/T288 measures time to delamination
at specific temperature (i.e.
260° C/288° C)*

Test Method: IPC-TM-650

- T260 = 30 minutes minimum*
- T288 = 10 minutes minimum*
- T300 = 1 minute minimum*

Lead Free Impact on Board Fabrication Time at Temperature Performance

What happens and what does it mean?

- *At the test temperature after some period of time the sample will delaminate*
- *Longer T260/T288 times indicate better delamination/measle/blister resistance*
- *Results are dependent on decomposition temperature, Tg and other factors*

Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Supplier Material Studies

| Material Type/Property | Material A | Material B | Material C | Material D |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Resin System | High Tg Epoxy | Enhanced High Tg | High Tg Epoxy | Mid Tg Epoxy |
| Primary Cure Chemistry | Non-Dicy | Non-Dicy | Dicy | Dicy |
| Tg (DSC) | 175°C | 210° C | 175°C. | 155°C. |
| CAF Resistant | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Contains Bromine | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Dielectric Constant (1 MHz) | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| Dissipation Factor (1MHz) | 0.020 | 0.009 | 0.023 | 0.018 |
| X/Y axis CTE (-40 to +125°C) | 12-14 ppm/°C | 10-14 ppm/°C | 12-16 ppm/°C | 12-15 ppm/°C |
| Low Z-CTE Resin Chemistry | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

Table 1 – PWB Substrate Material Properties

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Lead Free Impact on Board Fab

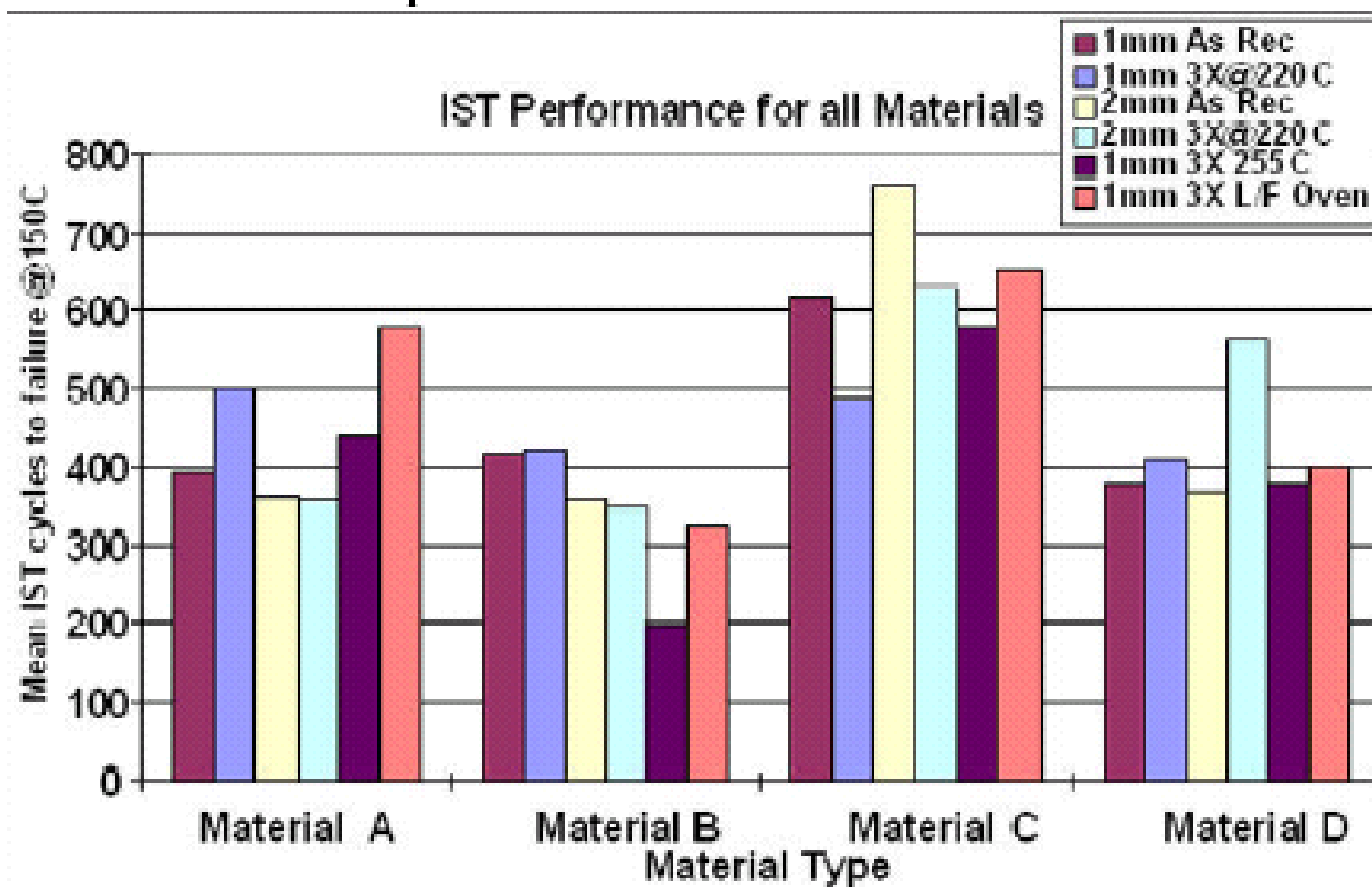
Supplier Material Studies

| Property/Condition | Material A | Material B | Material C | Material D |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Resin System | High Tg Epoxy | High Tg Enhanced | High Tg Epoxy | Mid Tg Epoxy |
| Tg (DSC) | 175°C | 210° C | 175°C. | 155°C. |
| Tg (TMA) | 165°C | 200° C | 170°C. | 150°C. |
| Tg (DMA) | 195°C | 240°C | 180°C | 160°C. |
| Degradation Temperature | | | | |
| (TGA - 5% weight loss) | 362°C | 357°C | 325°C | 330°C. |
| Z axis expansion* | | | | |
| (50 to 260°C in %) | 3.20% | 3.50% | 3.70% | 3.80% |
| Z axis expansion | | | | |
| (50 to 288°C) | 4.20% | 4.10% | 5.90% | 4.60% |
| Moisture Resistance | | | | |
| (24 hr. immersion) | 0.15% | 0.10% | 0.15% | 0.07% |
| T260 | 30 min. | > 30 min. | 7 min. | 16 min. |
| T288 | 6 min. | 9 min. | N/A | 1.4 min. |
| Solder Float (4"x4" Cu Clad) | | | | |
| (288°C. - time to failure) | 550 sec. | >600 sec. | 230 sec. | 263 sec. |

Table 3 – Thermal Test Data of Substrate Materials

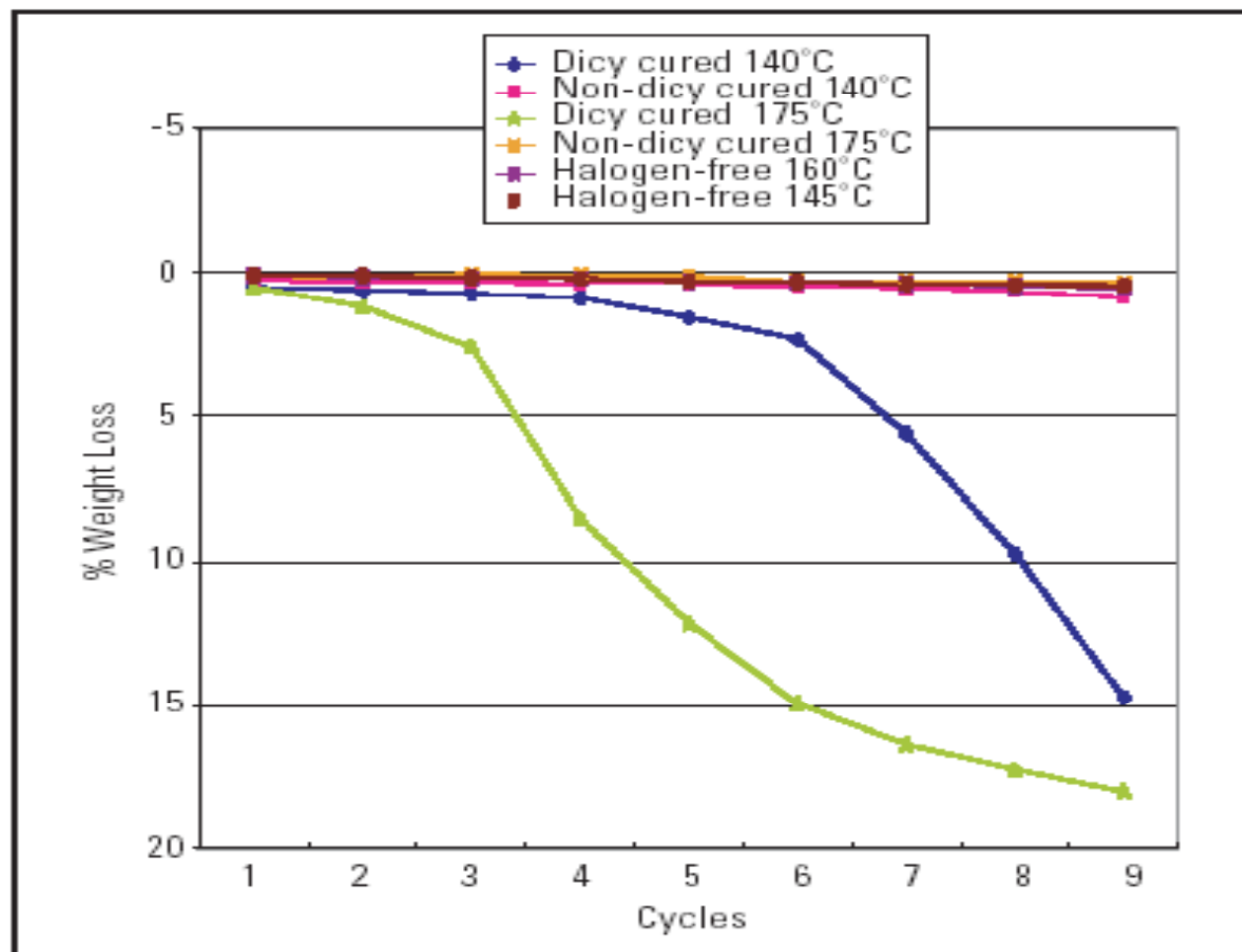
Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Supplier Material Studies

Graph 3 – Relative IST Performance



Lead Free Impact on Board Fab Supplier Material Studies

Thermal cycles
@ 235°C



Isola Laminates

Lead Free Impact on Board Fab

Tg and Td are *not* the only issues to consider CTE must considered as well

The following formula takes all three into consideration. A *minimum* index of *215* is recommended for the lead free environment:

Soldering Temperature Impact Index (STII)

$$\text{STII} = (Tg + Td)/2 - (\% \text{ thermal expansion from } 50 - 260^{\circ}\text{C}) \times 10$$

Material Selection Summary:

- Specifying Tg may be necessary, but it is *insufficient*. Higher Tg is *not* always better.
- Decomposition temperature is a critical property to understand when specifying materials for Pb free assembly.
- CTE values should be considered also. *Calculate STII !*
- Time to delamination tests are increasingly relevant, but multilayer PCBs can be affected by other variables than just materials.
- If switching materials, verify other performance characteristics also, e.g. Dk and Df values. *Don't forget the electricals!*

Stress Testing:

- *Typical fabricator thermal testing is in the range of 1 – 3 thermal cycles (solder floats)*
- *Revised requirement for Lead Free; 5-6 thermal cycles @ 260°C*
- *Hats or IST testing*

Land Characteristics

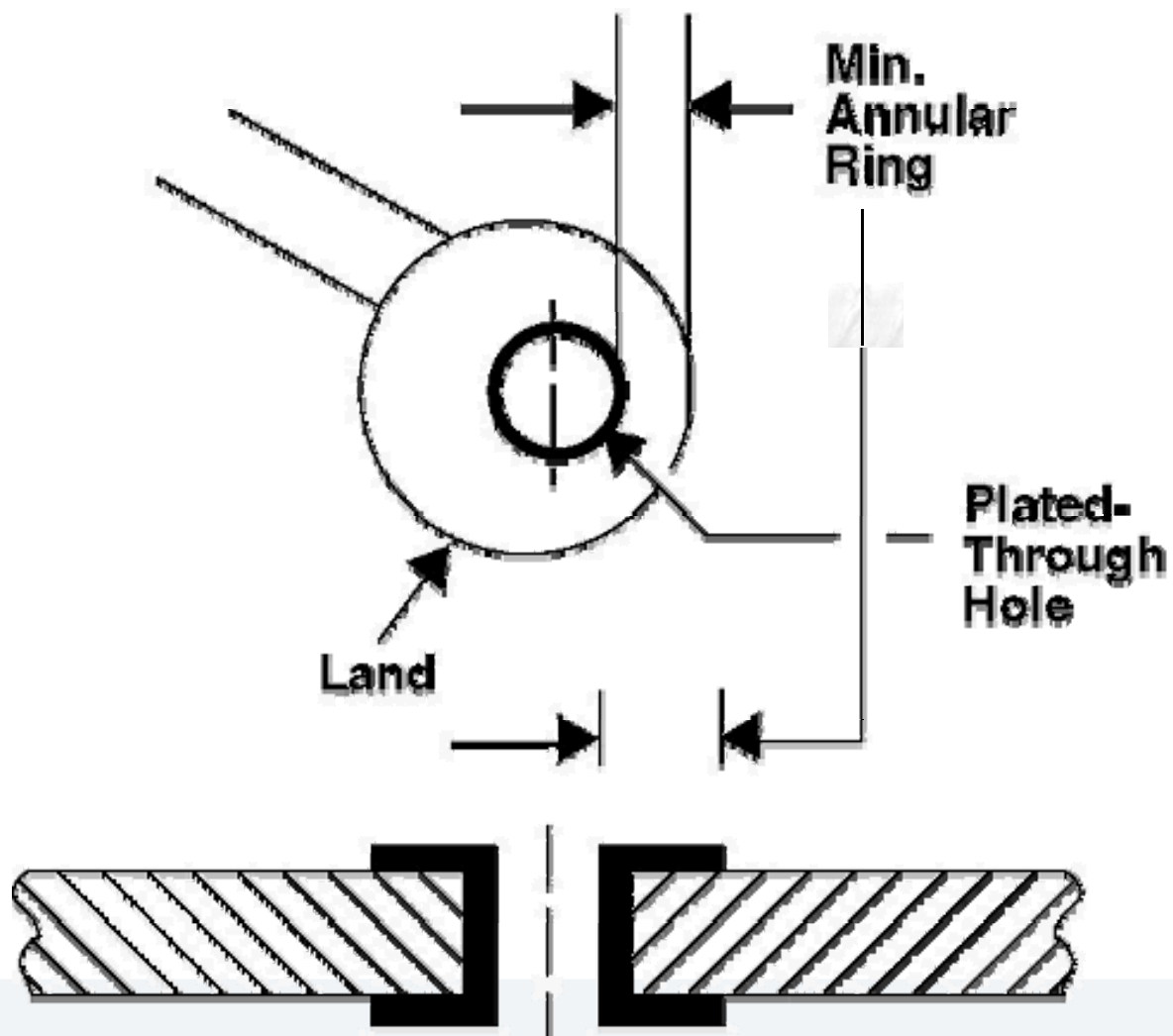
9.1.2 Annular Ring Requirements

The minimum annular ring for unsupported and supported holes **shall** be in accordance with Table 9-2 and Figures 9-2 and 9-3.

Table 9-2 Annular rings (Minimum)

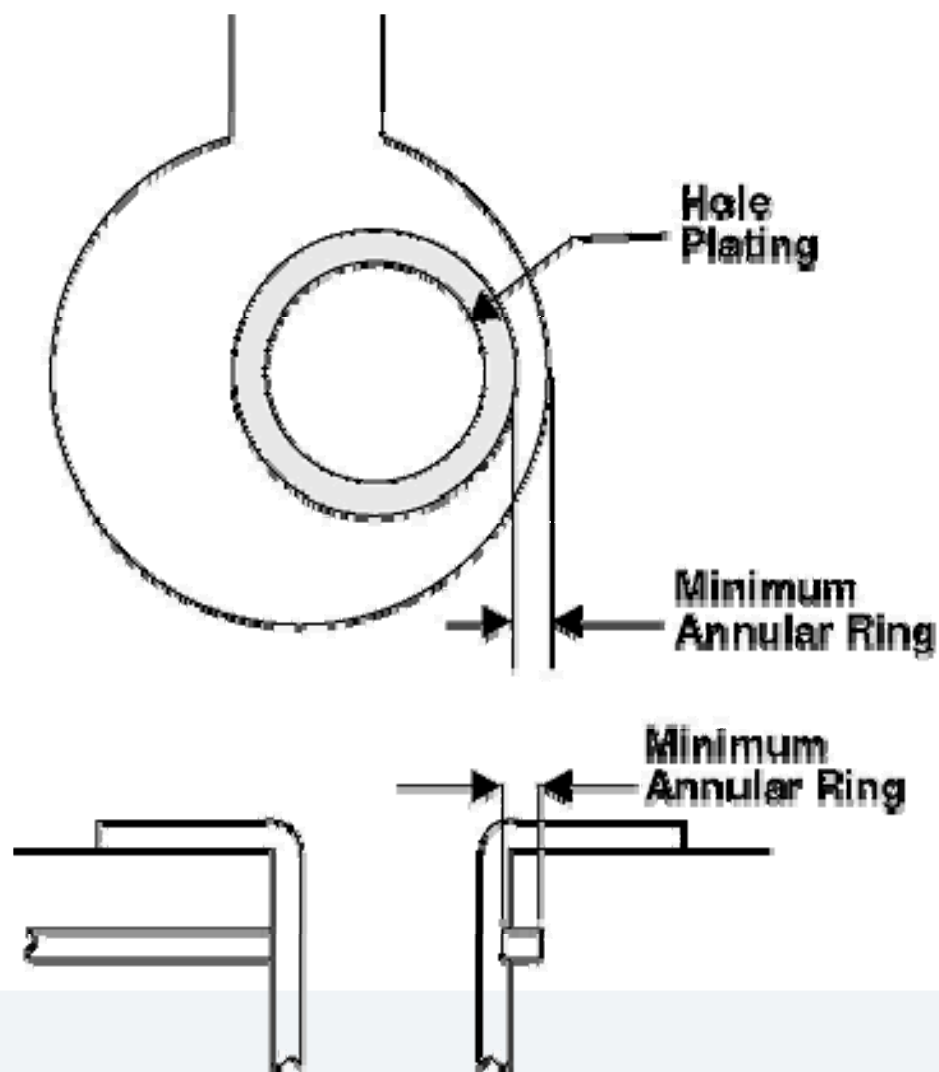
| Annual Ring | Class 1,2,3 |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Internal Supported | 0.03 mm |
| External Supported | 0.05 mm |
| External Unsupported | 0.15 mm |

IPC-2221 Figure 9-2 External Annular Ring



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Figure 9-3 Internal Annular Ring



Minimum Standard Fabrication Allowance For Interconnection Lands

| <i>Level A</i> | <i>Level B</i> | <i>Level C</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>0.4 mm</i> <i>[0.016]</i> | <i>0.25 mm</i> <i>[0.010]</i> | <i>0.2 mm</i> <i>[0.008]</i> |

Land Size Calculation

Maximum Hole Size = 0.041

Annular Ring (0.005) X 2 = 0.010

Fabrication Allowance = 0.010

*Minimum Land Size $0.041 + 0.010 + 0.010 =$
0.061 Diameter*

What About Lead Free Impact?

- *Surface Adhesion*
 - *increased annular rings?*
- *Plated Barrel Thickness*
 - *ductility of the copper*

SURFACE FINISHES

Surface Finishes

The “Ideal” PCB surface finish would have these characteristics:

- *No-clean and water soluble paste & flux compatibility*
- *Strong intermetallic joint - BGA - tensile stress*
- *Three reflow sequences spread over 1 week*
- *Storage for 1 year*
- *Press fit connector Compatibility*
- *Visually inspection - quality assurance*
- *Lead free - environmental initiatives*
- *Minimize total cost*

Surface Finishes

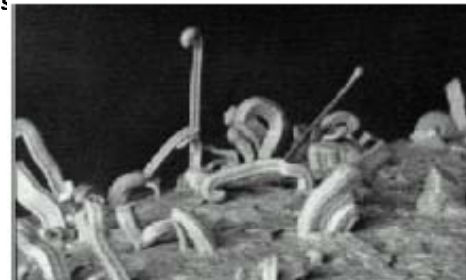
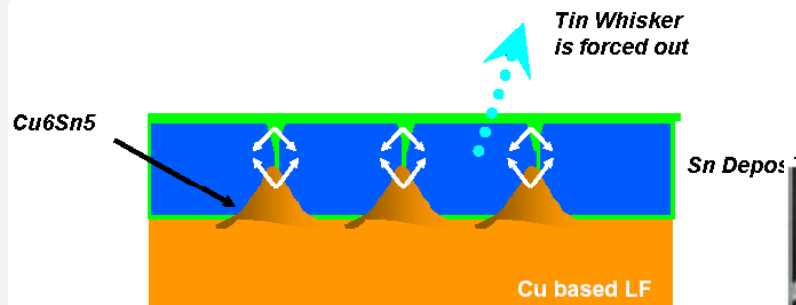
Popular Lead Free Surface Finishes:

- *PCB Surface Finishes*
- *OSP*
- *Tin (Sn)*
- *ENIG (NiAu)*
- *Silver (Ag)*
- *Palladium / Gold (PdAu)*
- *Lead Free HASL*
- *Gold (Au) on copper*

Surface Finishes

Tin Whiskers

Whiskers grow because of compressive stress in the plating which is caused by irregular growth of intermetallics



Problems with Tin Whiskers

A number of government and industry alerts have been issued relating to whiskers for aerospace, defense and medical industries. Tin Whiskers can contribute to a number of potential problems in electronic hardware.

These problems include:

- *Permanent short circuits*
- *Transient short circuits*
- *Metal vapor (plasma arc in a vacuum)*
- *Debris / contamination*

IPC Lead-Free Alloy Testing



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APPENDIX A3 – SPECIFIC MATERIAL DATA

Customer: _____

Customer Part Number: _____

Your Part Number: _____

| Where Used | Substance | Substance Wt. (grams) | Substance % | Substance (ppm) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Metal Conductors | Arsenic | 0.15 | 0.012 | 118 |
| | Chromium VI | 0.00 | 0.000 | 0 |
| | Copper | 304.20 | 23.930 | 239,296 |
| | Copper Phosphide | 0.03 | 0.002 | 24 |
| | Zinc | 0.00 | 0.000 | 0 |
| Reinforcement | SiO ₂ | 284.86 | 22.408 | 224,082 |
| | CaO | 105.50 | 8.299 | 82,990 |
| | Al ₂ O ₃ | 73.85 | 5.809 | 58,093 |
| | B ₂ O ₃ | 39.56 | 3.112 | 31,119 |
| | MgO | 13.19 | 1.038 | 10,376 |
| | Na ₂ O/K ₂ O | 2.64 | 0.208 | 2,077 |
| | Remainder | 7.92 | 0.623 | 6,230 |
| Resin | Bromine | 72.71 | 5.720 | 57,197 |
| | Chlorine | 0.10 | 0.008 | 79 |
| | Epoxy | 355.02 | 27.927 | 279,273 |
| Soldermask | Epoxy | 6.26 | 0.492 | 4,924 |
| | SiO ₂ | 4.53 | 0.356 | 3,563 |
| Surface Finish | Tin | 0.71 | 0.056 | 559 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | | 1271.23 | 100.000 | 1,000,000 |



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Stress Testing

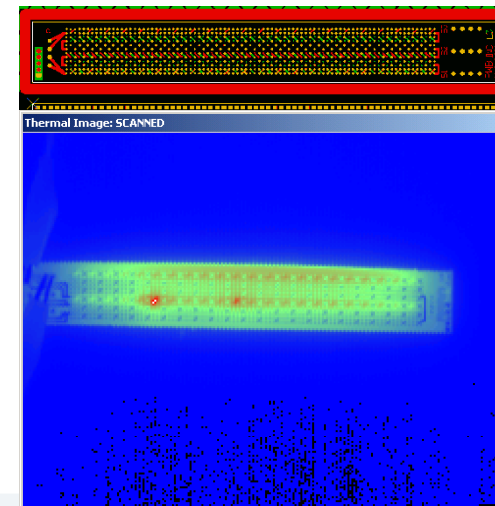
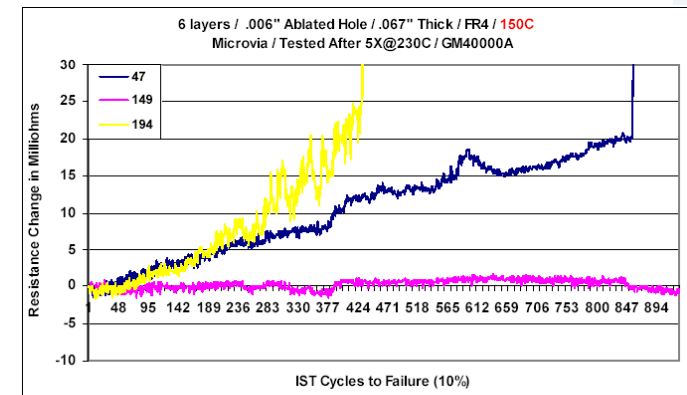
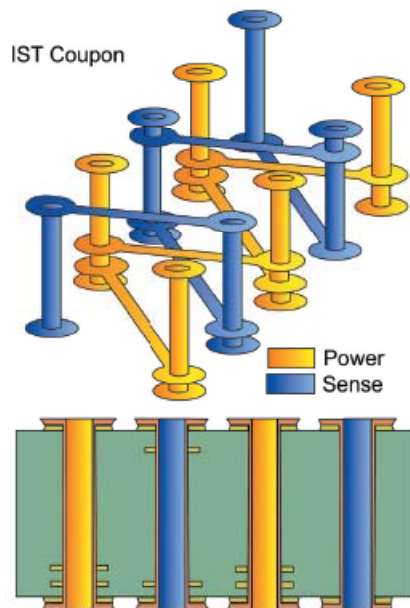
Used to evaluate the effects of high temperature soldering PCB structure

Types:

- *Air-to-Air*
- *Interconnect Stress Test (IST)*
- *Highly Accelerated Thermal Shock (HATS)*
- *Reflow Oven*

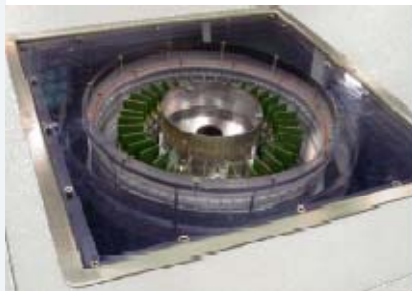
Interconnect Stress Test (IST)

The method uses the copper circuits (both traces and vias) integrated into the DUT as direct-current heating elements, and is cooled to ambient temperature with circulated air.



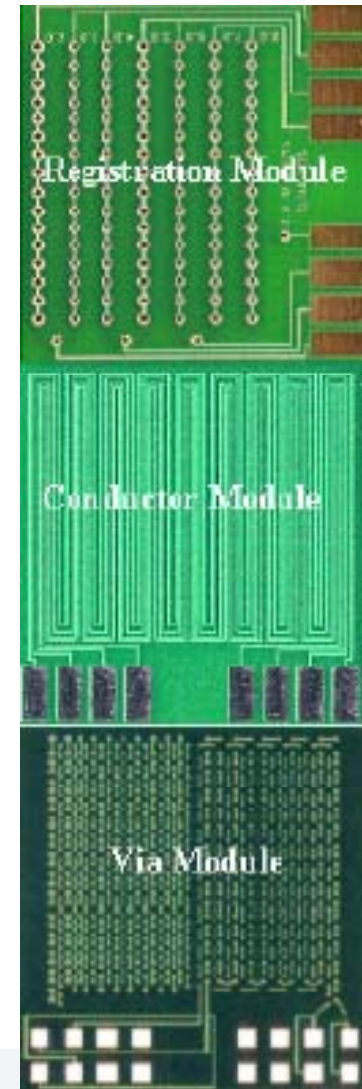
Highly Accelerated Thermal Shock (HATS)

The test uses a single chamber in which high volume hot and cold air pass stationary samples.



Chamber

Wired Modules



Stress Testing

| <i>HATS</i> | <i>IST</i> |
|---|--|
| <i>Range: -60 to 160°C</i> | <i>Range: 25°C minimum</i> |
| <i>Heating Method: air</i> | <i>Heating Method: DC current</i> |
| <i>36 coupons</i> | <i>6 coupons</i> |
| <i>4 nets each</i> | <i>2 nets each</i> |
| <i>144 nets total</i> | <i>12 nets total</i> |
| <i>Coupon emulates PCB design</i> | <i>Coupons with special heating nets</i> |
| <i>Typical cycle time:</i> <i>3.5 min. from 25 to 150°C</i> <i>6 min. from -45 to 150°C</i> | <i>Typical cycle time:</i> <i>3 min. from 25 to 150°C</i> |

Stress Testing

*Preconditioning using reflow oven is
the most accurate assessment of
survivability!*

Assembly Issues

Suggested marking per IPC-1066

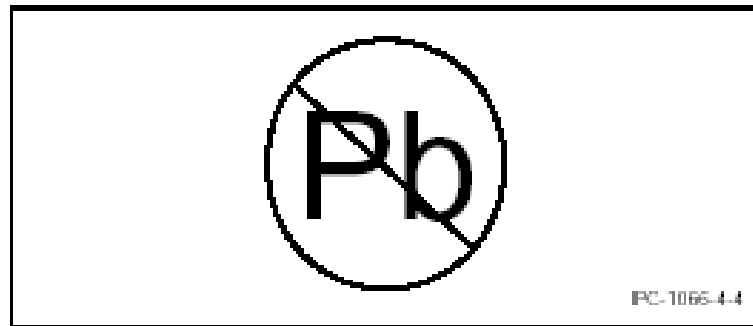


Figure 4-4 Pb-Free Symbol

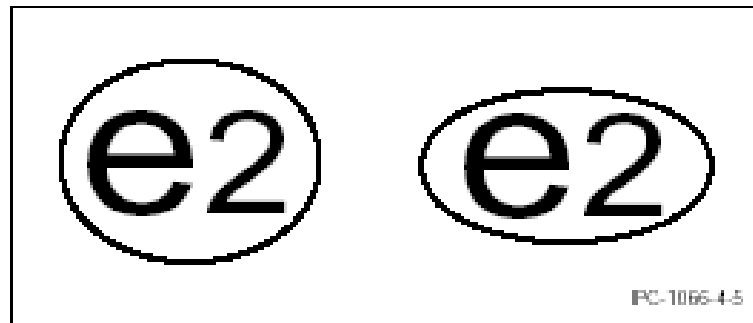


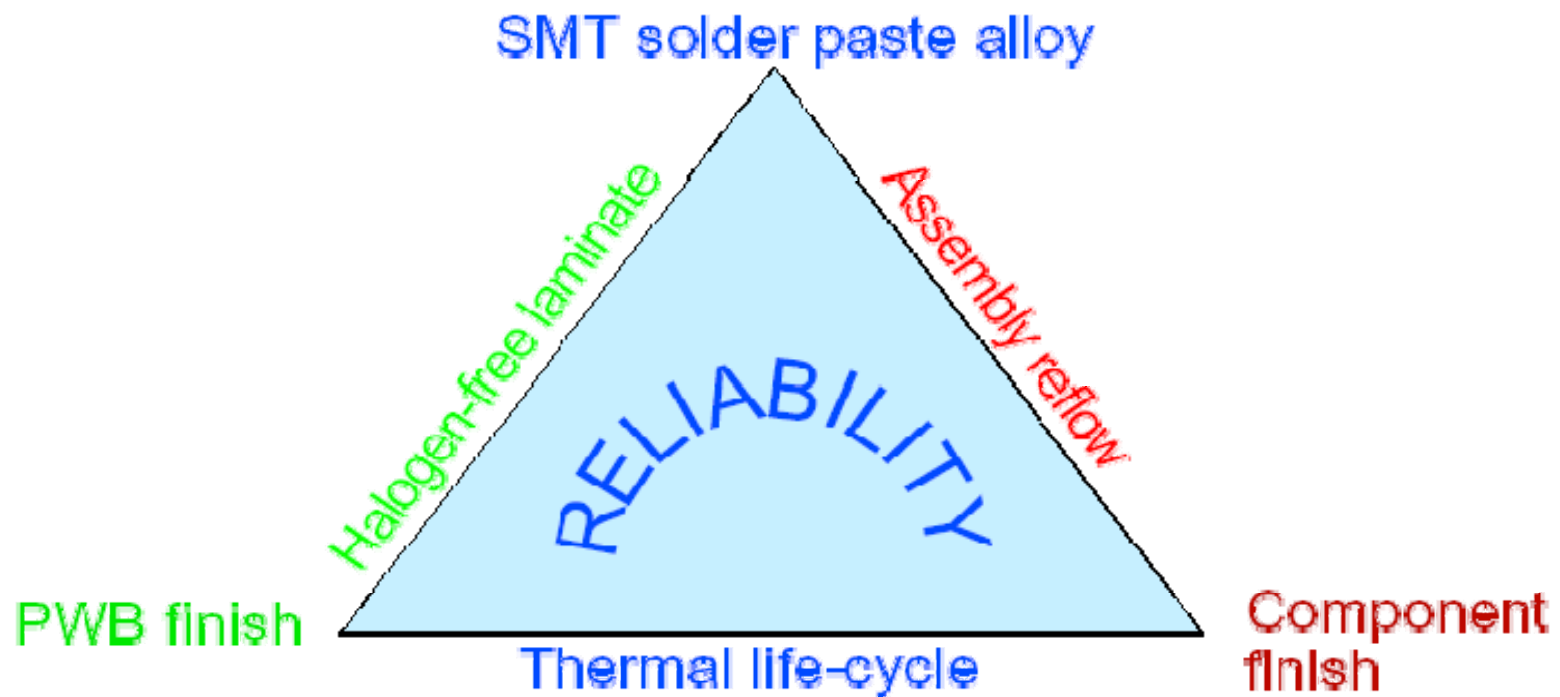
Figure 4-5 Example of Mark Showing Category 2 and Option of Circle or Ellipse

5 LABELING CATEGORIES

5.1 Solder Finish Categories The following categories are meant to describe the Pb-free 2nd level interconnect (see Figure 4-5) terminal finish/material of components and/or the solder paste/solder used in assembly.

- e1 – SnAgCu
- e2 – Other Sn alloys (ie. SnCu, SnAg, SnAgCuX, etc.)
(No Bi or Zn)
- e3 – Sn
- e4 – Precious metals (ie. Ag, Au, NiPd, NiPdAu, but no Sn)
- e5 – SnZn, SnZnX (no Bi)
- e6 – Contains Bi
- e7 – Low temperature solder (<150°C) containing indium but no bismuth
- e8, e9 symbols are unassigned categories at this time.

Lead Free Assembly Issues



*The final solder joint alloy could be very unpredictable.
Who pays for the failures could end up with a lot of finger pointing*

Lead Free Assembly Issues

Reflow Process Window

With Tin-Lead: melting point = 183C

lower temp limit for reflow = 200C

upper temp limit for reflow = 235C

process window = over 30C

With 95.6Sn-3.7Ag-0.7Cu: melting point = 217C

lower temp limit for reflow = 235C

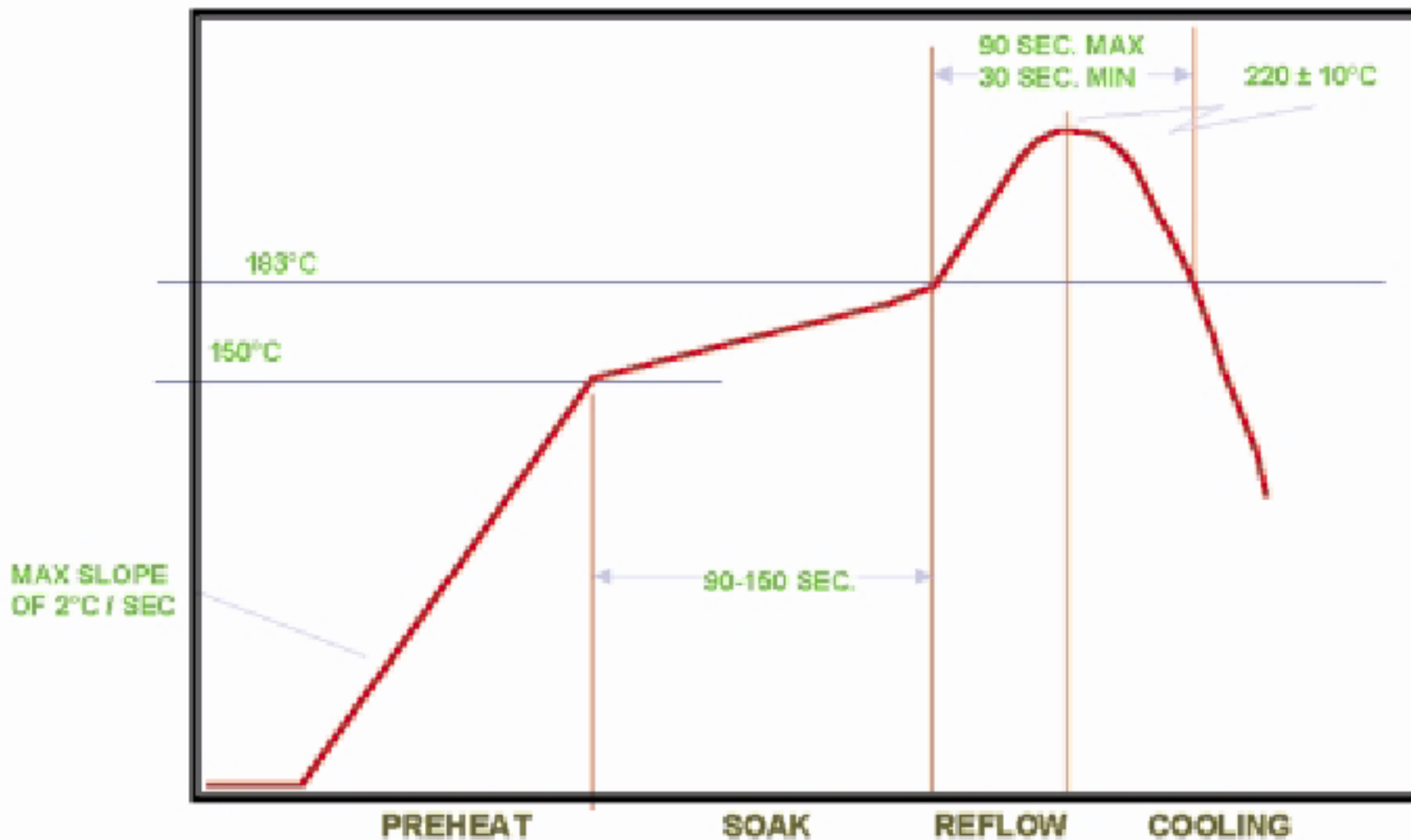
upper temp limit for reflow = 260C

process window = 25C

High temperatures can lead to many new problems: component cracking and "popcorning", laminate measling & delamination, stress on thru-holes, second-side oxidation and non-wetting and intermetallic growths. The lower the temperature, the better!

source: Assembly, Dec.2003

Typical Soldering Profile



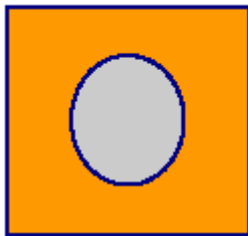
Lead Free Assembly Issues

- *Wetability*
- *Joint appearance*

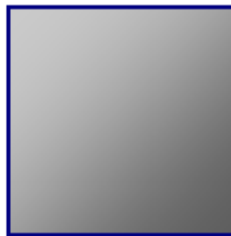
Lead Free Assembly Issues

Wetability

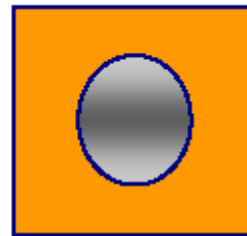
- *Lead-free solders do not spread during reflow*
- *Dependant upon Surface Finish*



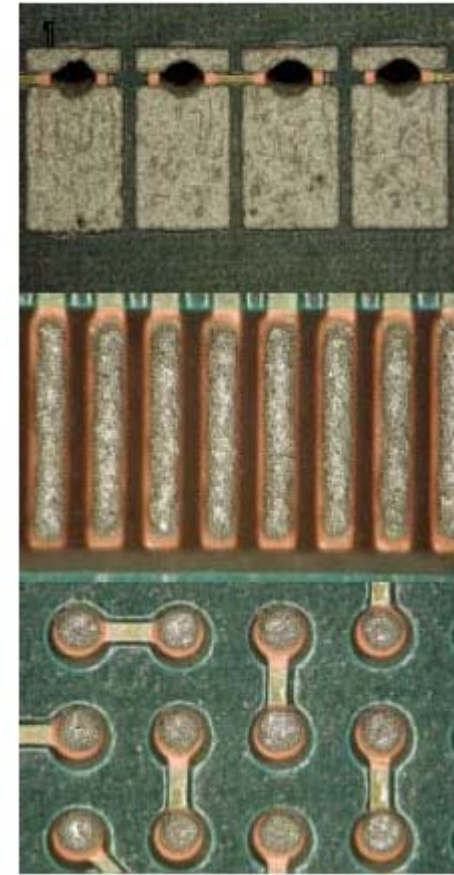
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Pb-Sn



Lead-free



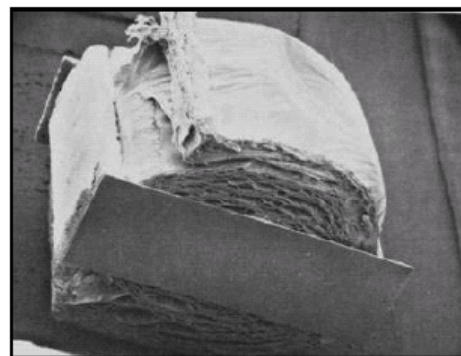
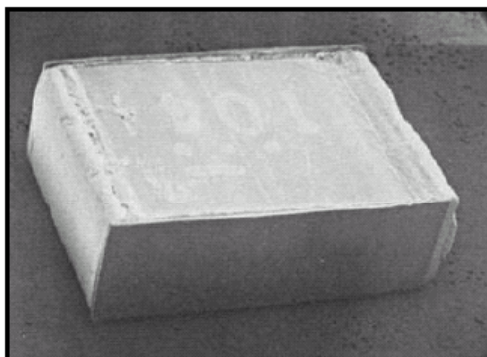
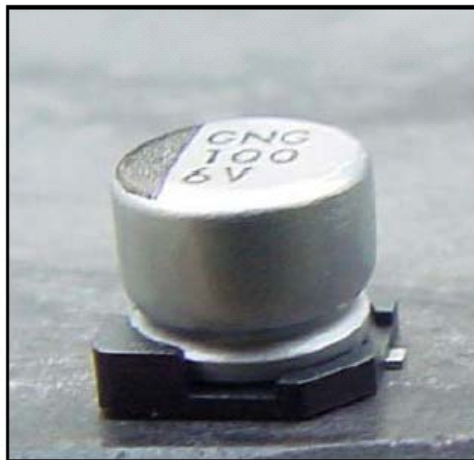
Placement Issues

Placement Issues

- *Decoupling caps placed next to large thermal masses, such as BGAs with SAC alloy balls and heat sinks, are subject to **much greater** heat profiles !*
- *Becomes a major decoupling issue for high speed applications*

Lead Free Assembly Issues

Component Damage



Pictures: Philips

225°
C

250°
C

Component Selection

Component Selection

- *Typical Component Lead Free finishes:*
 - *Tin (Sn)*
 - *8 – 12 microns typical thickness*
 - *Some manufacturers anneal right after plating*
 - *Tin/Bismuth (SnBi)*
 - *Nickel/Palladium/Gold (NiPdAu)*
- *Tested to Proposed NEMI and JEDEC Standards*
 - *JESD22A121*
- *Tin Whiskers*
 - *Some growth allowed under certain conditions*

Component Selection

Each component would need the following information:

- *MSL testing for non-hermetic sealed plastic parts (J-STD-020C)*
- *Testing Data is needed to 260°C peak*
- *High temperature Storage data (JEDEC 22-A103-B)*
- *Tin whisker testing*
- *Maximum reflow temperature rating*
- *Solderability Test with tin-lead and lead free solder (J-STD-002B)*

ROHS compliant:

- *Lead, Mercury, Hexavalent Chromium, PBB, PBDE < 0.1 wt%,*
- *Cadmium < 0.01wt%*

Component Selection

- *Mechanical Hardware*
 - *Screws, nuts, washers*
 - *Mounting brackets*
 - *Card extractors*
 - *Roll pins*
 - *Etc.*

Lead Free Assembly Issues - Summary

For a robust lead free process consider the following

- *solder used*
- *board surface finishes*
- *components and lead finishes*
- *printing process (stencil)*
- *reflow soldering*
- *wave soldering*
- *cleaning*
- *rework and repair*

Master *Drawing* *Notes*

MATERIAL:

LAMINATE GLASS FIBER EPOXY FLAME RETARDANT PER IPC-4101/126, 170°C T_g MINIMUM, AS TESTED TO IPC-TM-650, 2.4.24C (TMA). DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE 340°C MINIMUM, AS TESTED TO IPC-TM-650, 2.4.24.6. A T288 DELAMINATION TIME OF 35 MINUTES MINIMUM, AS TESTED TO IPC-TM-650, 2.4.24.1C. A MAXIMUM THICKNESS EXPANSION OF 3% FROM 50 - 260°C. PREPREG MATERIALS PER IPC-4101/126 SHALL MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS BASE MATERIAL. CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIGURE 1.