

ALPHA[®] K183

Halide-Free, Water Soluble Flux

DESCRIPTION

ALPHA K183 is a highly active, halide-free, water soluble organic flux especially designed to give excellent solder wetting with Kovar, ALLOY 42, Nickel and Copper surfaces. The residues from **ALPHA K183** can be cleaned to low levels of ionic contamination.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ALPHA K183 is recommended for automatic wave soldering applications where there is a concern about the presences of halide activator in the flux. This concern may arise from the possibility of either flux penetrating micro-cracks in component seals, or flux entrapment underneath or in open or porous cavities of components.

ALPHA K183 can be used both as a flux for waver soldering printed circuit assemblies, as well as for tinning lead frames or component leads.

Flux Application: ALPHA K183 can be applied by foam, wave, dip or spray techniques.

Thinning: The non-volatile content of ALPHA K183 should be maintained by the addition of thinner to compensate for evaporation losses. ALPHA 425 Thinner is recommended for the ALPHA K183 Flux.

Residue Removal: Residues from the ALPHA K183 Flux should be removed after soldering as soon as possible. Thorough cleaning of these residues can be accomplished with warm to hot water. For critical cleanliness requirements, final rinsing with DI water may be required.

TECHNICAL DATA

Item	Typical Values	Item	Typical Values
Appearance	Clear, pale yellow liquid	Flash Point (T.C.C.)	12 °C
Non-Volatile Content, %wt/wt	18	Recommended Thinner	ALPHA 425

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Specific Gravity @ 25 °C (77 °F)	0.865 ± 0.005	Shelf Life (from Date of Mfg.)	540 Days
pH, 5% aqueous	2.8	IPC J-STD-004 Designation	ORH0
Total Halides	10ppm max	Packaging Size	1, 5 & 55 Gallons

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Our service collects solder dross, solder scrap, and various forms of solder paste waste. Please contact your local sales representative for recycling capabilities in your area or [link here](#).



SAFETY & WARNING

It is recommended that the company/operator read and review the Safety Data Sheets for the appropriate health and safety warnings before use. **Safety Data Sheets are available at MacdermidAlpha.com/assembly-solutions/knowledge-base.**

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