ALPHA® OM-338-A Solder Paste

No-Clean, Lead-Free, Zero-Halogen, Low Voids, Fine Feature, & Excellent Pin Test Performance

DESCRIPTION

ALPHA OM-338-A is a lead-free, zero-halogen no-clean solder paste designed for applications where residue with excellent pin testing property and ability to pass JIS Copper Corrosion test are required.

This product is also designed to enable consistent fine pitch printing capability, down to 180μm circle printed with 100μm thickness stencil. Its excellent print volume deposit repeatability also provides value by reducing defects associated with print process variability. Additionally, **ALPHA OM-338-A** achieves IPC7095 Class III voiding performance.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- **Long Stencil Life:** consistent performance for at least 8 hours of continuous printing without addition of new paste
- **Long, High Tack Force Life:** ensures high pick-and-place yields, good self-alignment
- **Wide Reflow Profile Window:** allows best quality solderability of complicated, high density PCB assemblies in both air and nitrogen reflow, using ramp and soak profiles, as high as 175 to 185 °C
- **Reduced Random Solder Ball Levels:** minimizes rework and increases first time yield
- **Excellent Coalescence and Wetting Performance:** coalesced 180μm circle deposit, even at high soak profile environment
- **Excellent Solder Joint and Flux Residue Cosmetics:** after reflow soldering, even using long/high thermal soaking, without charring or burning
- **Excellent Voiding Performance:** Meets IPC7095 Class III Requirement
- **Halogen Content:** Zero Halogen, no halogen intentionally added
- **Residue:** Excellent Pin Testing property and Pass JIS Copper Corrosion Test
- **Safe and Environmentally Friendly:** Materials comply with RoHS and Halogen-free requirements (see table below), as well as TOSCA & EINECS

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Alloys:	SAC035
Powder Size:	Type 4
Packaging Sizes:	500 gram jars
Flux Gel:	Flux gel is available in 10 and 30 cc syringes for rework applications
Lead Free:	Complies with RoHS Directive 2011/65/EC

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Formulated for both standard and fine pitch stencil printing, at print speeds of between 25mm/sec (1in/s) and 150mm/sec (6in/s), with stencil thickness of 0.100mm (0.004in) to 0.150mm (0.006in), particularly when used in conjunction with ALPHA Stencils. Blade pressures should be 0.21 to 0.36 kg/cm of blade (1.25 to 1.5 lbs/inch), depending upon the print speed. The higher the print speed employed, the higher the blade pressure that is required. The reflow process window will give high soldering yield with good cosmetics and minimized rework.

HALOGEN STATUS

ALPHA OM-338-A is a Zero Halogen product and passes the standards listed in the Table below:

Halogen Standards			
Standard	**Requirement**	**Test Method**	**Status**
JEITA ET-7304 Definition of Halogen Free Soldering Materials	< 1000 ppm Br, Cl, F in solder material solids	**TM EN 14582**	Pass
IEC 612249-2-21	Post Soldering Residues contain < 900 ppm each or total of < 1500 ppm Br or Cl from flame retardant source		Pass
JEDEC A Guideline for Defining "Low Halogen" Electronics	Post soldering residues contain < 1000 ppm Br or Cl from flame retardant source		Pass
Zero Halogen: No halogenated compounds have been intentionally added to this product			

TECHNICAL DATA

Category	Results	Procedures/Remarks
Chemical Properties		
Activity Level	ROL0	IPC J-STD-004B
Halide Content	Halide free (by IC)	IPC J-STD-004B
Fluoride Spot Test	**Pass**	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.1.4.2.4
Halogen Test	**Pass**, Zero Halogen - No halogen intentionally added	EN14582, by oxygen bomb combustion, Non-detectable (ND) at < 50 ppm
Ag Chromate Test	**Pass**	IPC J-STD-004B
	Pass	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.1.4.2.3
Copper Mirror Test	**Pass**	IPC J-STD-004B
	Pass	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.4.2
Copper Corrosion Test	**Pass** (No evidence of Corrosion)	IPC J-STD-004B
	Pass (No evidence of Corrosion)	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.4.1
Electrical Properties		
Water Extract Resistivity	13,400 ohm-cm	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.1.1
SIR (7 days, 40 °C/90%RH, 12 V bias)	**Pass**	IPC J-STD-004B TM-650 2.6.3.7 (Pass ≥ 1 x 10^8ohm)
Electromigration (Bellcore 500 hrs @ 65 °C /85%RH 10V)	**Pass**	Bellcore GR78-CORE (Pass=final > initial/10)
JIS Electromigration (1000 hours @ 85 °C/85%RH 48V)	**Pass**	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.5.4
Physical Properties		
Color	Clear, Colorless Flux Residue	
Tack Force vs. Humidity	**Pass,** > 100gf over 24 hours at 25%, 50% and 75 % Relative Humidity	JIS Z 3284:1994, Annex 9

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	Pass, Change of <1g/mm2 over 24 hours at 25% and 75 % Relative Humidity	IPC J-STD-005 TM-650 2.4.44
Tack Force at 32 °C/35%RH, measured after 0, 1, 2, 3 & 4 hours print duration	> 100gf	JIS Z 3284:1994, Annex 9
Viscosity Stability at 25 °C for 20 days	Pass	Malcom Spiral Viscometer
Continuous Viscosity Measurement at 25 °C for 24 hours	Pass	Malcom Spiral Viscometer
Solder Ball	Preferred	IPC J-STD-005 TM-650 2.4.43
Wetting Time	Pass 0.34 second	Rhesca Test, Test Time T2, 3 seconds
Spread	80%	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.3.1.1
Stencil Life	>8 hours	@ 50% RH 23 °C (74 °C)
Cold Slump	No bridge for 0.2 mm space	JIS Z 3284:1994 Annex 7
	Not tested	IPC J-STD-005 TM-650 2.4.35
Hot Slump	No bridge for 0.4 mm space	JIS Z 3284:1994 Annex 8
	Pass	IPC J-STD-005 TM-650 2.4.35
Dryness Test (Talc)	Pass	JIS Z 3197:1999 8.5.1

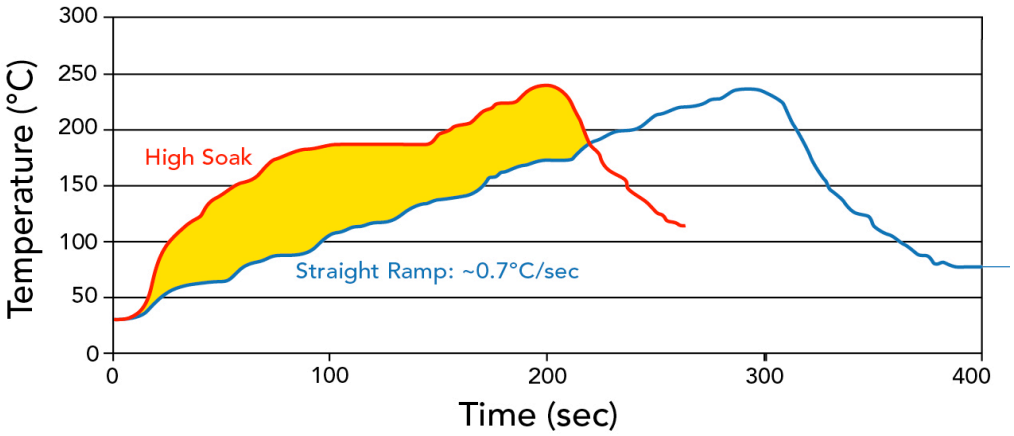
PROCESSING GUIDELINES

While the ALPHA OM-338-A flux system is not considered toxic, its use in typical reflow will generate a small amount of reaction and decomposition vapors. These vapors should be adequately exhausted from the work area.

Storage & Handling	Printing	Reflow (see Fig. 1)	Cleaning
1. Refrigerate to guarantee stability @ 0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F). When stored under these conditions, the shelf life of OM-338-A is 6 months. 2. Paste can be stored for 4 weeks at room temperature up to 25 °C(77 °F) prior to use 3. When refrigerated, warm up paste container to room temperature for up to 4 hours. Paste must be 19 °C (66 °F) before processing. Verify paste temperature with a thermometer to ensure paste is at 19 °C (66 °F) or greater before set up of printer. 4. Paste can be manually stirred before use. A rotating/Centrifugal force mixing operation is not required. If a rotating/centrifugal force mixing is used, 30 to 60 seconds at 300 RPM is adequate. 5. Do not remove worked paste from stencil and mix with unused paste in jar. This will alter the rheology of unused paste. 6. These are starting recommendations and all process settings should be reviewed independently.	**Stencil**: Recommend ALPHA CUT, ALPHA NICKEL-CUT, ALPHA TETRABOND®, or ALPHA FORM stencils @ 0.100 to 0.150 mm (4 to 6 mil) thick for 0.4 to 0.5 mm (0.016" or 0.020") pitch. Stencil design is subject to many process variables. Contact your local Alpha stencil site for advice. **Squeegee:** Metal (recommended) **Pressure:** 0.21 to 0.36 kg/cm of blade (1.25 to 2.0 lbs/inch) **Speed:** 25 to 150 mm per second (1 to 6 inches per second). **Paste Roll:** 1.5 to 2.0 cm diameter and make additions when roll reaches 1-cm (0.4") diameter (min). Max roll size will depend upon blade. **Stencil Release Speed:** 1 to 5 mm/sec. **Lift Height:** 8 to 14mm (0.31 to 0.55")	**Atmosphere:** Clean-dry air or nitrogen atmosphere. **Profile (SAC Alloys):** Straight Ramp: 0.7 °C/sec & 1.3 °C/sec ramp profiles, 45 to 90 TAL. **Soak**: 155 to 175 °C, 60 to 100 sec soak profiles have been determined to give optimal results. If required, good results are also achievable with high soak temperature profiles of 170 to 185 °C for 60 s. Typical peak temperature is 235 to 245 °C. Note 1: Keeping the peak temperature below 241 °C may reduce the number and size of BGA and QFN voids. Note 2: Refer to component and board supplier data for thermal properties at elevated temperatures. Lower peak temperatures require longer TAL for improved joint cosmetics.	ALPHA OM-338-A residue is designed to remain on the board after reflow. If reflowed residue cleaning is required, Vigon® A201 (in line cleaning), Vigon A 250 (Batch Cleaning) or Vigon US (Ultrasonic Cleaning) are recommended. Vigon is a registered trademark of Zestron. Misprints and stencil cleaning may be done with IPA, ALPHA SM-110E, ALPHA SM-440, and Bioact® SC-10E cleaners. Bioact is a registered trademark of Petroferm.

REFLOW PROFILES

Fig 1: ALPHA OM-338-A SAC305 Typical Reflow Profile



RECYCLING SERVICES

We provide safe and efficient recycling services to help companies meet their environmental and legislative requirements and at the same time, maximize the value of their waste streams.

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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