

# ALPHA<sup>®</sup> PV-65

## No Clean Tabbing & Stringing Flux

## DESCRIPTION

**ALPHA PV-65** is an active, low solid, no-clean flux designed to meet the demanding requirements of the Photovoltaic industry when high reliability & good peel strength is deemed necessary. It is formulated with a proprietary mixture of organic activators which provides excellent soldering in standard module assembly processes and methods that are widely used (preheat and soldering). **ALPHA PV-65** provides excellent solder joint cosmetics with very low levels of non-tacky residues left after soldering.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

## **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Applicable to Standard and Multi-Busbar solar module assembly applications
- Very Low Level of Tack-Free residues
- Good Peel Strength
- Bellcore Compliant for long term Electrical Reliability
- Applicable for both Spray or Dipping application methods
- Eliminates the need for cleaning

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

ALPHA PV-65 flux is engineered for use in most standard and multi-busbar assembly applications, such non-contact high speed soldering systems including manual contact soldering. Care should be taken to ensure flux is applied only to those areas being soldered in order to avoid overspray. This is a no-clean flux, no cleaning is required.

ALPHA PV-65 flux can be maintained by titration. Assistance in controlling the flux by this method can be obtained through our Customer Technical Service department. Acid number should be controlled between 17.0 to 19.0 mg KOH/g.





# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Item	Typical Values	Item	Typical Values
Appearance	Clear, colorless liquid	Flash Point (T.C.C.)	12 °C
Solids Content (wt/wt%)	2.3	Recommended Thinner	ALPHA 425
Specific Gravity @ 25 °C	0.801 ± 0.003	Bellcore TR-NWT-000078, Issue 3 compliant	Yes
Acid Number (mg KOH/g)	18.0 +/-1.0	IPC J-STD-004 Designation	ORL0
pH, 5% aqueous solution	3.36 +/- 0.30	Shelf Life (from Date of Mfg.)	1 Year

## **CORROSION & ELECTRICAL TESTING**

#### **Corrosion Test**

	Test	Requirement for ROL0	Results
	Silver Chromate Paper IPC-TM 650 Test Method 2.3.33	No detection of halide	PASS
IPC	Copper Mirror Test IPC-TM 650 Test Method 2.3.32	No complete removal of copper	PASS
	Copper Corrosion Test IPC-TM650 Test Method 2.6.15	No evidence of corrosion	PASS

## IPC-J-STD-004A Surface Insulation Resistance (All values shown are in ohms)

Test	Conditions	Requirements	Results
"Comb down" – Uncleaned	85 °C/85% RH, 7 days	> 1.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	2.1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>
"Comb up" – Uncleaned	85 °C/85% RH, 7 days	> 1.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup>
Control Board	85 °C/85% RH, 7 days	>1.0 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	1.1 x 10 <sup>10</sup>
IPC Test Condition (per J-STD-004A):50V, measurement @ 100V/IPC B-24 board (0.4 mm lines, 0.5 mm spacing).			





## **Bellcore Surface Insulation Resistance** (All values shown are in ohms)

Test Condition	Requirements	Results
Bellcore "Comb-Down" – uncleaned	> 1.0 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	4.5 x 10 <sup>11</sup>
Bellcore "Comb-Up" – Uncleaned	> 1.0 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.4 x 10 <sup>11</sup>
Bellcore Control Board	> 2.0 x 10 <sup>11</sup>	9.3 x 10 <sup>11</sup>
Bellcore Test Condition (per TR NWT-000078, Issue 3): 48 Volts, measurement @ 100V/25 mil lines/50 mil spacing.		





#### **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.** 

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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