

ALPHA[®] RF-800-NS

Low Solids, No-Clean Flux

DESCRIPTION

ALPHA RF-800-NS is a no-clean flux formulated with a small percentage of rosin and nonhalide activators. This unique rosin-activation system promotes excellent solder wetting to protect copper and solder-coated surfaces.

Post-soldering residue of **ALPHA RF-800-NS** is minimal, slightly glossy and can be pin tested without removal.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ALPHA RF-800-NS is formulated to be applied with foam, wave, spray, and mist fluxers. Flux deposition density and uniformity are critical to successful use of low solids no-clean flux. Applying ALPHA RF-800-NS to a flux coating density of 500 to 1500 μ g/in² is recommended. Preheating the circuit assembly will partially dry the flux, enhance oxide removal and promote optimum wicking, as well as superior solder joint formation. Degree of preheat is dependent on many variables such as conveyor speed, type of components and substrates. Entering the solder wave with a top-side temperature of 88 to 115 °C (190 to 240 °F) and a bottom-side temperature of 121 to 163 °C (250 to 325 °F) is typical.

Control: The foam applicators should be supplied with compressed air, free of oil and water. Maintain flux fluid level sufficiently above the aerator stone to produce adequate foam height. Adjust air pressure to produce optimum height with foam consisting of uniform bubbles.

Flux applicators will require the addition of flux thinner to replace evaporative losses and maintain the balance in flux composition.

In time, debris and contaminates will accumulate in recirculating flux type applicators. For consistent soldering performance, dispose of spent flux in accordance with local laws, rules and regulations periodically. After emptying used flux, the reservoir and applicator should be thoroughly cleaned with flux thinner. Refill reservoir with fresh flux and allow a few minutes to stabilize before resuming soldering operation.

Flux residues built up on equipment can be removed with IPA.





Key factors for no-clean soldering: Start with clean boards and components. Maintain uniform flux coating. Separate boards to prevent flux carry-over.

TECHNICAL DATA

Item	Typical Values	Item	Typical Values
Appearance	Clear, pale yellow liquid	IPC SF-818 Class III Classification	L3CN
Solids Content, wt/wt	3.3%	Water Extract Resistivity (Mil-F-14255 E)	35,000 Ω-cm
Specific Gravity @ 25 °C (77 °F)	0.795 ± 0.005	Flash Point (TM-06010)	13 °C (56 °F)
Acid Number (mg KOH/g)	15 ± 1.5	Recommended Thinner	800 Additive
% Chloride	None	Shelf Life (from Date of Mfg.)	360 days
Pounds per Gallon (Calculated)	6.6	Packaging Size	1, 5 and 55 gallons

CORROSION & ELECTRICAL TESTING

Corrosion Test

Test	Test Method	Results
Silver Chromate Paper Test	Mil-F-14255 E	PASS
Copper Mirror Test	IPC TM-650 (2.3.32)	PASS
Copper Corrosion Test	IPC TM-650 (2.6.15)	PASS





Surface Insulation Resistance (all values in ohms)

Test	Results	
IPC-TM-650 (7-day) Minimum Required	1.0 x 10 ⁸	
IPC-TM-650 (7-day) Cleaned	5.88 x 10 ⁹	
IPC-TM-650 (7-day) Uncleaned	2.94 x 10 ⁹	
Bellcore Comb-Up – Uncleaned	3.2 x 10 ¹²	
Bellcore Comb-Down – Uncleaned	3.1 x 10 ¹¹	
Bellcore Comb-Down – Cleaned	1.7 x 10 ¹²	
Bellcore Minimum Required	9.85 x 10 ¹⁰	
Bellcore Test Condition (per TR-TSY-000078): Comb Pattern 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 <u>link here</u>.



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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