

# ALPHA<sup>®</sup> RF-800PT

**No-Clean, Low Residue Flux** 

#### DESCRIPTION

**ALPHA RF-800PT** is a low-solids, no-clean flux for wave soldering through-hole, mixed technology and surface mount assemblies. It has a unique formulation that provides high activity with virtually no visible residue and an extremely low level of solder balls with most solder masks. **ALPHA RF-800PT** leaves a tack-free surface with high surface insulation resistance.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

#### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Low Solids No-Clean Formulation; Eliminates the Need for Cleaning
- Unique Activator System providing Extremely Low Levels of Solder-balling and Solder Bridging
- No Visible Residue for Accurate Pin Testing and Enhanced Board Cosmetics

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

ALPHA RF-800PT Flux utilizes a unique blend of organic activators which significantly reduces solder bridging, icicling and solder balling on difficult to solder assemblies. ALPHA RF-800PT Flux can be applied by foam, spray or wave techniques. Topside preheat temperatures of 80 to 100 °C (180 to 210 °F) are recommended. Higher preheat temperatures can lead to premature volatilization of the activators, leading to less than optimal soldering performance. Best results are obtained using the following guidelines:

- 1. Maintain spray volume of the flux on each board.
- 2. Replace the flux daily unless a sealed, self-contained system is available.
- 3. Adjust the acid number as determined with the ALPHA Flux Solids Control Kit #3 to between 14.0 and 16.0 mgKOH/g with ALPHA 425 Thinner.
- 4. Add fresh ALPHA RF-800PT to maintain the appropriate flux level.
- 5. Regularly clean the fluxing equipment. Equipment can be easily cleaned with sponge and water. For foam fluxers, the stone should be cleaned with ALPHA NC-T Thinner.
- 6. ALPHA RF-800PT Flux can be maintained by monitoring specific gravity, but control by acid number determination is recommended.





# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Item	Typical Values	ltem	Typical Values
Appearance	Clear, Colorless to Pale Yellow Liquid	Flash Point (T.C.C.)	12 °C
Solid Content, %wt/wt	1.8	Recommended Thinner	ALPHA 425
Specific Gravity @ 25 °C (77 °F)	0.795 ± 0.003	Shelf Life (from Date of Mfg.)	540 Days
Acid Number (mg KOH/g)	15.0 ± 1.0	IPC J-STD-004 Designation	ORL0
Packaging Size	1, 5 & 55 Gallons		

## **CORROSION & ELECTRICAL TESTING**

#### **Corrosion Test**

Test	Requirement	Results
Silver Chromate Paper Test (IPC / Bellcore Method)	No Detection of Halide	PASS
Copper Mirror Test (IPC / Bellcore Method)	No Complete Removal of Copper	PASS
Copper Corrosion Test (IPC)	No Evidence of Corrosion	PASS

## J-STD-004 Surface Insulation Resistance (All Values in Ohms)

Test	Conditions	Requirement	Results		
"Comb-Down" Un-cleaned	85 °C / 85% RH, 7 Days	1.0 X 10 <sup>8</sup> min	6.2 X 10 <sup>9</sup> min		
"Comb-Up" Un-cleaned	85 °C / 85% RH, 7 Days	1.0 X 10 <sup>8</sup> min	1.0 X 10 <sup>10</sup> min		
Control	85 °C / 85% RH, 7 Days	2.0 X 10 <sup>8</sup> min	4.0 X 10 <sup>10</sup> min		
IPC Test condition (per J-STD-004): -50V, measurements @ 100V / IPC B-24 board (0.4mm lines, 0.5mm spacing)					





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#### **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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