

ALPHA[®] UP-78 PASTE FLUX

No Clean Paste Flux

DESCRIPTION

ALPHA UP-78 Paste flux can be used for touch-up or rework in conjunction with the use of ALPHA UP-78 solder paste. This paste flux is identical to the paste flux used to manufacture ALPHA UP-78 solder paste.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Designed for use with OSP protected copper pads
- Fully compatible with ALPHA UP-78 solder paste residue

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Formulated for standard and fine pitch printing through stencil apertures. Suitable for use across a wide variety of process settings, including rework applications with BGA's and other components. ALPHA UP-78 paste flux is especially suitable for printing on assemblies that have OSP coated copper pads.

Cleaning

Although designed as a no clean flux system, the residue may be cleaned with 10% ALPHA 2110 saponifier with water or with other commercially available electronic cleaners. Incidental water washing will not cause the residues to become cloudy in appearance; as long as no alcohols are present in the wash water. Production stencils or pin transfer equipment can be cleaned with ALPHA SM-110.

AVAILABILITY

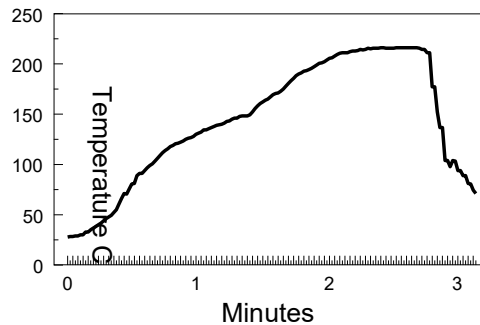
This CSP/BGA Flux is available in 10 or 30 cc syringe, 6 inch cartridges and jars.

TECHNICAL DATA

Category	Results
Chemical Properties	
Color	Pale, off white
Specific Gravity	~0.99 (g/cc)
Viscosity, 5 RPM @ 25 °C	380 to 500 poise
Tack Strength	> 6 grams/mm ²
Stencil Life	~ 8 hours @ 40 to 60% RH and 20 to 25° C
Reflowed Residue	Tack Free
Corrosivity	Passes Copper Mirror
Halide Content	~550ppm REL-1 Classification for IPC J-STD-004
Water Content	0.2% Max
J-STD-004 SIR (pass > 10 ⁸)	>2 X 10 ⁹ , ohms, 7 Days, uncleaned, comb down
J-STD-004 SIR (pass > 10 ⁸)	>3 X 10 ⁹ , ohms, 7 Days, uncleaned, comb up
BELLCORE SIR (pass > 10 ¹¹)	>1 X 10 ¹² , ohms, 4 Days, uncleaned, comb down
BELLCORE SIR (pass > 10 ¹¹)	>3 X 10 ¹² , ohms, 4 Days, uncleaned, comb up
Electromigration (500 hours) (BELLCORE)	X 10 ¹² ohms, initial X 10 ¹² ohms, 500 hours (passes)
Shelf Life	6 Months

REFLOW PROFILES

Reflow can be accomplished in clean, dry air or nitrogen controlled atmosphere. The initial ramp rate should be at 60 to 120 °C per minute to 110 to 130 °C. If necessary, a dwell of 1 to 2 minutes at 110 to 130 °C is acceptable. (Because of the uniform furnace load in CSP and BGA manufacture versus typical surface mount board assembly applications, equilibrium or dwells at a "preheat" temperature are not usually necessary.) Following this equilibrating period is a ramp of 60 to 120 °C to a peak temperature of 210 to 225 °C. The time over alloy liquidus (183 °C for 63Sn/37Pb or 179 °C for 62Sn/36Pb/2Ag) should be 45 to 90 seconds maximum. The cooling rate should be at 90 to 120 °C per minute to room temperature.



For Alloys Sn63 or Sn62

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.**

STORAGE

The paste flux should be stored in sealed containers and need not be refrigerated. The shelf life of unopened containers at room temperature (19 to 25 °C / 66 to 77 °F) is up to 6 months from the manufacturing date. If the material has been exposed to lower temperatures, the containers should be allowed to reach room temperature before opening to prevent moisture condensation from ambient air onto the flux.

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Also read carefully warning and safety information on the Safety Data Sheet. This data sheet contains technical information required for safe and economical operation of this product. READ IT THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO PRODUCT USE . Emergency safety directory assistance: US 1 202 464 2554, Europe + 44 1235 239 670, Asia + 65 3158 1074, Brazil 0800 707 7022 and 0800 172 020, Mexico 01800 002 1400 and (55) 5559 1588

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