TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

CATEGORY: NO-CLEAN SOLDER PASTE
NAME: 293+
ALLOY: SAC (Tin-Silver-Copper)

FEATURES

- ENHANCED PRINTING CHARACTERISTICS
- LOW RESIDUE
- 14-16 HOUR STENCIL LIFE
- 8-12 HOURS TACK TIME
- IMPROVED IDLE TIMES / RESPONSE TO PAUSE
- EXCELLENT WETTING
- PRINTS UP TO 8 INCHES/ SECOND
- AIR REFLOW / NITROGEN NOT NECESSARY

DESCRIPTION

293+ is a mildly activated, resin-based formulation developed to offer enhanced printing characteristics and improved idle times. 293+ also offers excellent activity and wetting characteristics (even for hard-to-wet alloys such as palladium, nickel/gold, organic coatings, etc.) and superior slump resistance, even during high-speed printing. In addition, 293+ offers high humidity tolerance, cleanable, low post-process residues, and a chemistry developed for use in air reflow. Slump and humidity tolerances found in 293+ extend the solder pastes useable life in facilities where environmental control is not at its optimum. 293+ has been utilized on various assemblies with RF designs without cleaning; however, the compatibility of flux residues on RF assemblies is strongly dependent upon circuitry design.

STANDARD PASTE COMPOSITION

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<th>Application Method</th>
<th>IPC Powder Type</th>
<th>Metal Load</th>
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<tr>
<td>Standard Stencil Printing</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>88.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fine Pitch Stencil Printing</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ultra-Fine Pitch Stencil Printing</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>87.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dispensing syringes</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>84%</td>
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Note: These are typical starting guidelines. To achieve optimal performance, actual metal load and particle size may vary per process, application, and environment.

HANDLING

- 293+ has a refrigerated shelf life of 1 year, at 4°C; (40°F), and a non-refrigerated shelf life of 6 months at 22°C; (72°F). Do not freeze this product.
- Allow the solder paste to warm completely and naturally to ambient temperature; (8 hours is recommended), prior to breaking seal for use. Do not force warm the paste as separation of the product may occur.
- Mix the product lightly and thoroughly for 1 to 3 minutes to ensure even distribution of any separated material resulting from storage.
- Do not store new and used paste in the same container. Re-seal any opened containers while not in use.

PRINTER SETUP

Suggested starting parameters for your screen printer. Assumptions were made as to the printer types used in today’s applications, and adjustments will vary between equipment, application and facility environment.

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<th>SNAP-OFF DISTANCE</th>
<th>ON CONTACT (0.00”)</th>
<th>SQUEEGEE PRESSURE</th>
<th>.75-1.25 LBS/IN. OF BLADE</th>
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<tr>
<td>PCB SEPARATION DISTANCE</td>
<td>.030-.050”</td>
<td>SQUEEGEE STROKE SPEED</td>
<td>.5 - 8 IN/SEC *</td>
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<td>PCB SEPARATION SPEED</td>
<td>MEDIUM/SLOW (.010 -.015)</td>
<td>* DEPENDENT ON PCB AND PAD DESIGNS</td>
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PASTE APPLICATION

- Apply sufficient paste to the stencil to allow a smooth, even roll during the print cycle. A bead diameter of 1/2 to 5/8 inch is normally sufficient to begin.
- Apply small amounts of fresh solder paste to the stencil at frequent, controlled intervals to maintain paste chemistry and workable properties.
- Cleaning of your stencil will vary according to the application; however, it can be accomplished using AIM’s 200AX-10 or DJAW-10 stencil cleaners. Use these in moderation and remove any excess cleaner from the stencil surface.
- 293+ provides the necessary tack time/force for today’s high-speed placement equipment. Ensuring proper support of PCBs during assembly and handling will enhance product performance and reliability.

REFLOW DATA

See attached Reflow Profile Supplement.

PASTE TECH-TIPS

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<th>POTENTIAL CAUSE</th>
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<td>BRIDGING:</td>
<td>EXCESS SOLDER DEPOSITION, COMPONENT ALIGNMENT, PAD/COMPONENT SOLDERABILITY</td>
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<td>LEACHING:</td>
<td>EXCESSIVE REFLOW TIME OR TEMPERATURE</td>
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<td>SOLDER BALLS:</td>
<td>LOW PREHEAT TEMPERATURE, EXCESSIVE HEAT RAMP-UP, OXIDIZED PASTE, EXCESS PASTE</td>
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<td>TOMBSTONING:</td>
<td>EXCESSIVE HEAT RATE, COMPONENT TO PAD SIZE MISMATCH, PASTE REGISTRATION</td>
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<td>WHITE RESIDUE:</td>
<td>SOLDER PASTE OXIDATION, EXCESSIVE TIME AT TEMPERATURE</td>
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<td>DISCOLORED JOINT:</td>
<td>PASTE OXIDATION, BOARD/COMPONENT CONTAMINATION, EXCESSIVE SOAK TIME</td>
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CLEANING

293+ can be cleaned, if necessary, with a saponified tap water. AIMTERGE-520 is recommended. DI-water is recommended for the final rinse. A temperature of 120 - 150°F is sufficient for removing any residues. An in-line or other pressurized spray cleaning system is suggested, but is not required.

SAFETY

- Use with adequate ventilation and proper personal protective equipment.
- Refer to the accompanying Material Safety Data Sheet for any specific emergency information.
- Do not dispose of any lead-containing materials in non-approved containers.
# PRODUCT TESTING RESULTS

**CATEGORY:** NO-CLEAN SOLDER PASTE  
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*This Product has been tested in accordance with following specifications.*

## INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES

**Surface and Insulation Resistance - PASS**  
Bellcore GR-78  
35/85, 4 Days ($1.75 \times 10^{10}$ minimum)  
Pattern Up (Uncleaned)  
$3.89 \times 10^{11}$  
Pattern Up (Cleaned)  
$1.00 \times 10^{12}$  

**Electromigration - PASS**  
Bellcore GR-78  
65°C/85%RH, 20 Days ($R_f/R_i > 0.1$)  
Taiyo PSR4000  
$3.16 \times 10^{11}/4.15 \times 10^{11}$  
Ciba Geigy Probimer 52  
$8.07 \times 10^{10}/2.08 \times 10^{11}$

**Silver Chromate - PASS**  
Bellcore GR-78  
RT  
PASS - No white ppt.

**Copper Mirror - PASS**  
Bellcore GR-78  
24 hrs, 25°C, 50% RH  
PASS - No Copper Removal

## AIM LABORATORY

**Tack - PASS**  
IPC  
TM-650 2.4.44  
Initial Tack = 43gm

**Viscosity - PASS**  
IPC  
J-STD-005  
Relative to production batch

**Silver Chromate**  
IPC  
TM-650 2.3.33  
PASS

**Solder Ball Test**  
IPC  
J-STD-005  
PASS

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ALLOY: Sn/Ag/Cu

Ramp-Soak-Spike (RSS): Recommended profile.

RSS Profile Guidelines
- The typical initial rate of rise for the RSS profile is 1.4 to 1.8°C/second.
- Ramp up to 150°C and then soak the assembly for 30 to 45 seconds.
- The soak zone should be controlled between 150 - 170°C.
- Proceed to spike immediately once the PCB has reached thermal stability.
- Peak temperature is 240°C ± 5°C.
- Time above liquidus is 45 ± 15 seconds.
- The total profile length should be between 2 ¾ - 3 ½ minutes from ambient to peak temperature.
- Cool down should be controlled within 4°C/second.

Low-Voiding Profile: Designed specifically to eliminate/reduce voiding with BGA and CSP devices

Profile Guidelines
- The initial rate of rise is 0.5 to 4°C/second.
- Ramp up to 190°C and then soak the assembly between 190 to 200°C for up to 120 seconds.
- Proceed to spike immediately after exiting the soak zone.
- Peak temperature is 238 to 253°C.
- Time above liquidus is 30 to 60 seconds.
- The total profile length should be between 4 ½ - 5 minutes from ambient to peak temperature.
- Cool down should be controlled within 4°C/second.