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# CeraLink™

## Capacitors for fast-switching semiconductors

<b>Series/Type:</b>	<b>Low profile (LP) series</b>
<b>Ordering code:</b>	<b>B58031*</b>
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Version:	5.0

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## Applications

- Power converters and inverters
- DC link/ snubber capacitor for power converters and inverters

## Features

- High ripple current capability
- High temperature robustness
- Low equivalent serial inductance (ESL)
- Low equivalent serial resistance (ESR)
- Low power loss
- Low dielectric absorption
- Optimized for high frequencies up to several MHz
- Increasing capacitance with DC bias up to operating voltage
- High capacitance density
- Minimized dielectric loss at high temperatures
- Qualification based on AEC-Q200 rev. D
- Suitable for reflow soldering only



## Construction

- RoHS-compatible PLZT ceramic (lead lanthanum zirconium titanate)
- Copper inner electrodes
- Silver outer electrodes
- Silver coated copper-invar lead frame

## General technical data

Dissipation factor	$\tan \delta$	< 0.02	
Insulation resistance	$R_{\text{ins, typ}}$	> 1	GΩ
Operating device temperature	$T_{\text{device}}$	-40 ... +150	°C
Weight of device		approx.. 1.3	g

## Electrical specifications and ordering codes

Lead type	V <sub>pk, max</sub> V	V <sub>R</sub> V	V <sub>op</sub> V	C <sub>nom, typ</sub> μF	C <sub>eff, typ</sub> μF	C <sub>0</sub> μF	Ordering code
L-style	650	500	400	1	0.6	0.35 ±20%	B58031I5105M062
J-style	650	500	400	1	0.6	0.35 ±20%	B58031U5105M062
L-style	1000	700	600	0.5	0.25	0.14 ±20%	B58031I7504M062
J-style	1000	700	600	0.5	0.25	0.14 ±20%	B58031U7504M062
L-style	1300	900	800	0.25	0.13	0.07 ±20%	B58031I9254M062
J-style	1300	900	800	0.25	0.13	0.07 ±20%	B58031U9254M062

## Typical values

		ESR 0 V <sub>DC</sub> , 0.5 V <sub>RMS</sub> , 25 °C, 1 MHz mΩ	ESR 0 V <sub>DC</sub> , 0.5 V <sub>RMS</sub> , 25 °C, 1 kHz Ω	ESL nH	I <sub>op</sub> <sup>1)</sup> 100 kHz T <sub>A</sub> = 85 °C A <sub>RMS</sub>	I <sub>op</sub> <sup>1)</sup> 100 kHz T <sub>A</sub> = 105 °C A <sub>RMS</sub>
V <sub>R</sub>	500 V	12	3	2.5	11.4	9.7
V <sub>R</sub>	700 V	29	9	2.5	7.1	6.5
V <sub>R</sub>	900 V	45	14	2.5	5.1	4.6

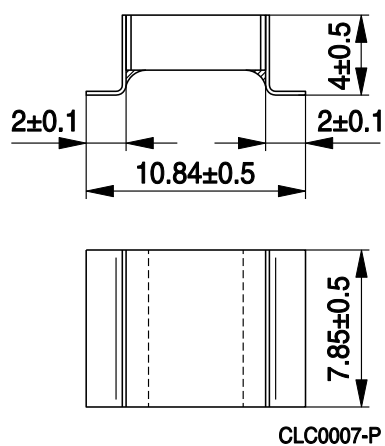
<sup>1)</sup> Normal operating current without forced cooling at T<sub>device</sub> = 150 °C. Higher values permissible at reduced lifetime.

## Packaging

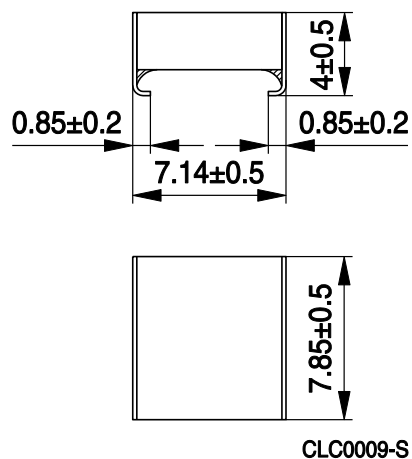
All types are delivered on 330-mm reel with 1000 pieces.

### Dimensional drawings

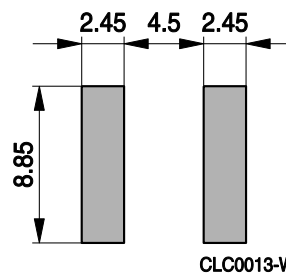
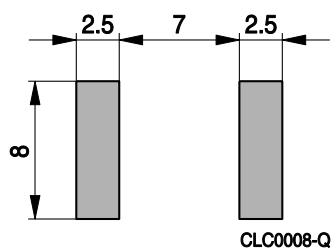
#### L-style



#### J-style



#### Recommended solder pads



Dimensions in mm

**Polarity  $V_R = 500\text{ V}$**

L-style



J-style

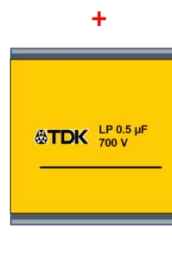


**Polarity  $V_R = 700\text{ V}$**

L-style



J-style



**Polarity  $V_R = 900\text{ V}$**

L-style



J-style



**Marking of components**

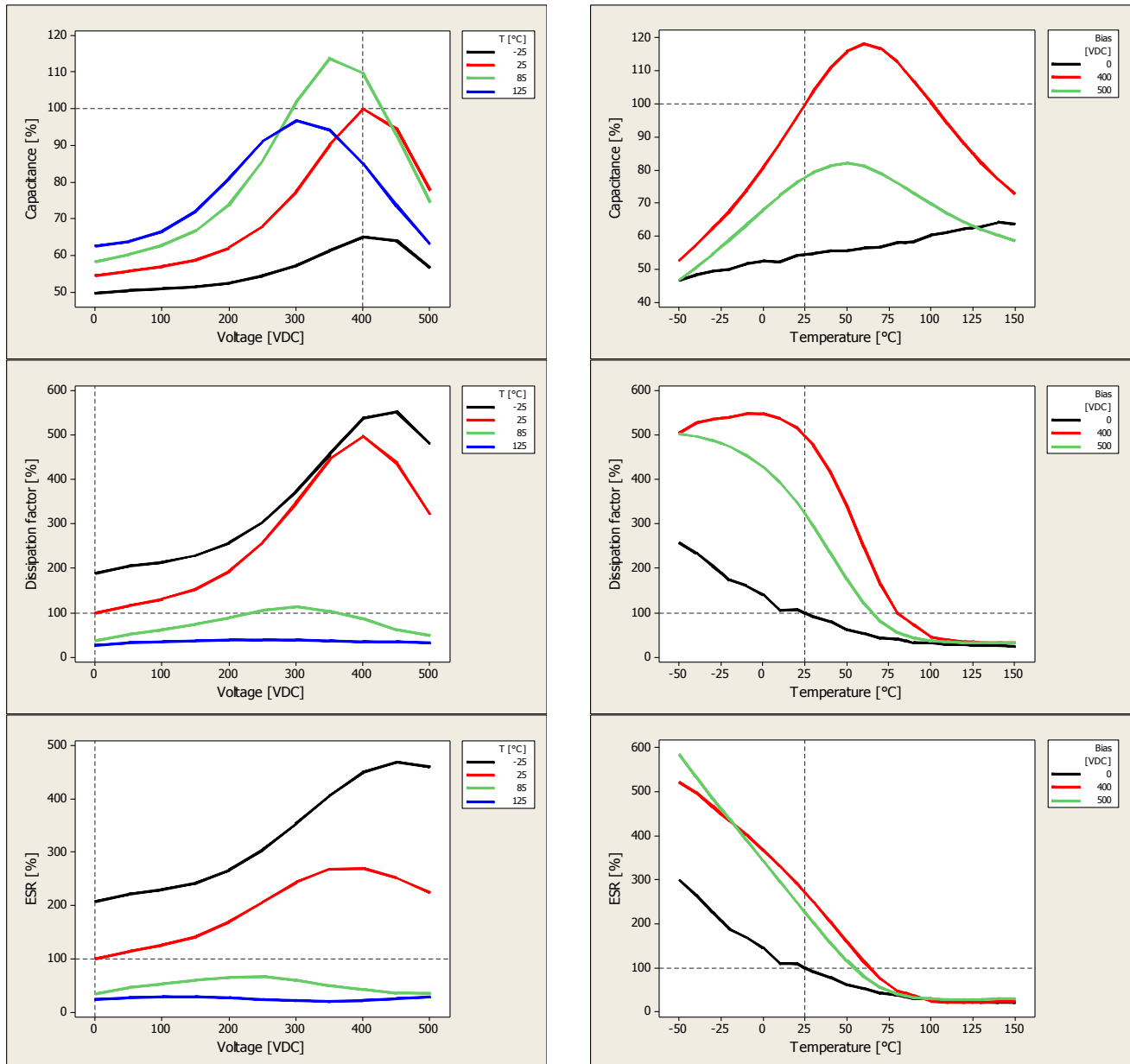
- Manufacturer's logo
- CeraLink™ type
- Nominal capacitance
- Rated voltage

**Typical characteristics as a function of temperature and voltage  $V_R = 500\text{ V}$**

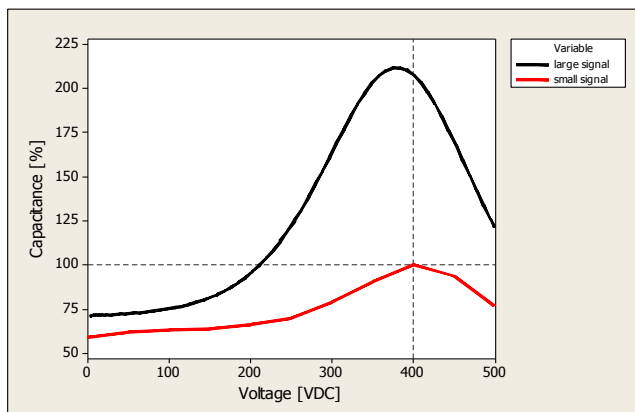
( $V_{AC} = 0.5 V_{RMS}$ , frequency = 1 kHz)

All given temperatures are device temperatures.

The curves show the relative changes of the capacitance, dissipation factor and ESR. The 100% values correspond to  $C_{eff,typ}$  and  $\tan \delta$  which are given on page 2 and 3 of this data sheet.



**Typical capacitance values as a function of voltage  $V_R = 500\text{ V}$**



Large signal capacitance:

Quasistatic (slow variation of the voltage), 25 °C

The nominal capacitance is defined as the large signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .

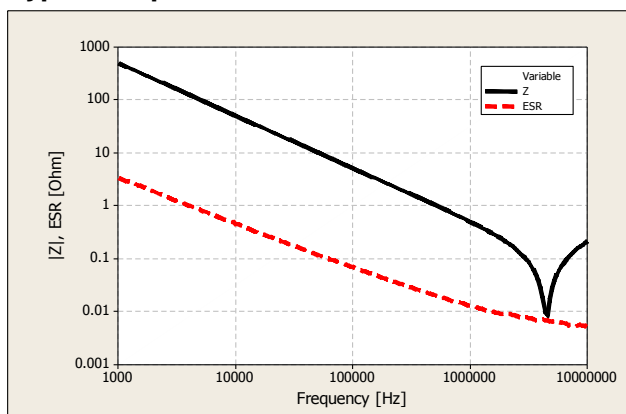
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Small signal capacitance:

0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C

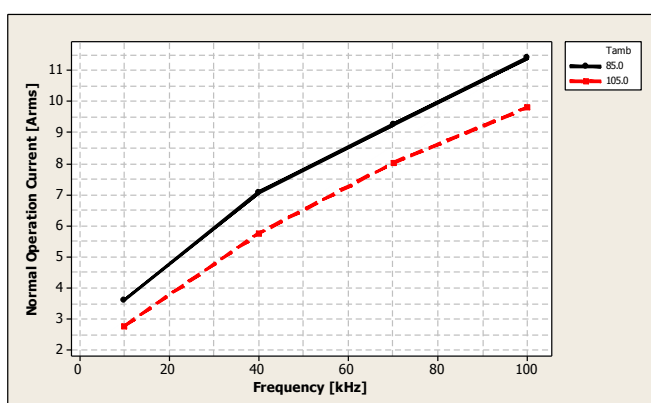
The effective capacitance is defined as the small signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .

**Typical impedance and ESR as a function of frequency  $V_R = 500\text{ V}$**



$V_{DC} = 0\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{AC} = 0.5\text{ V}_{RMS}$ ,  $T_{device} = 25\text{ °C}$

**Typical permissible current as a function of frequency  $V_R = 500\text{ V}$**



Measurement performed at  $V_{op}$ .

The values correspond to a device temperature of 150 °C.

No forced cooling was used.

**Aging**

The capacitance has an aging behavior which shows a decrease of capacitance with time.

The typical aging rate is about 2.5% per logarithmic decade in hours.

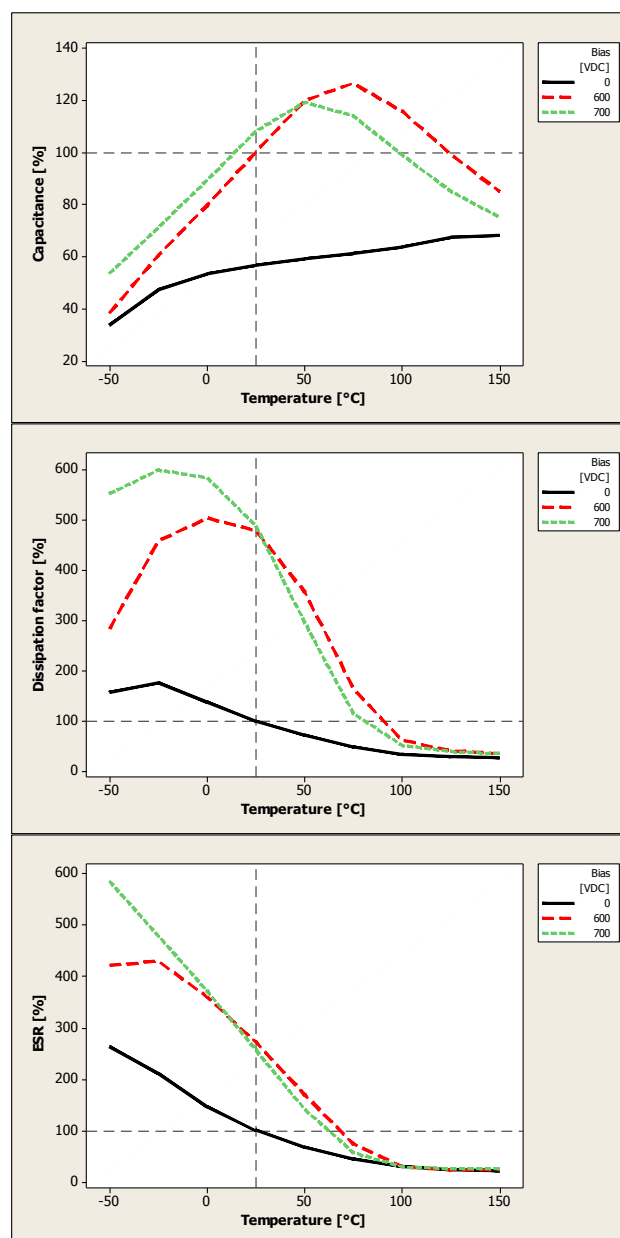
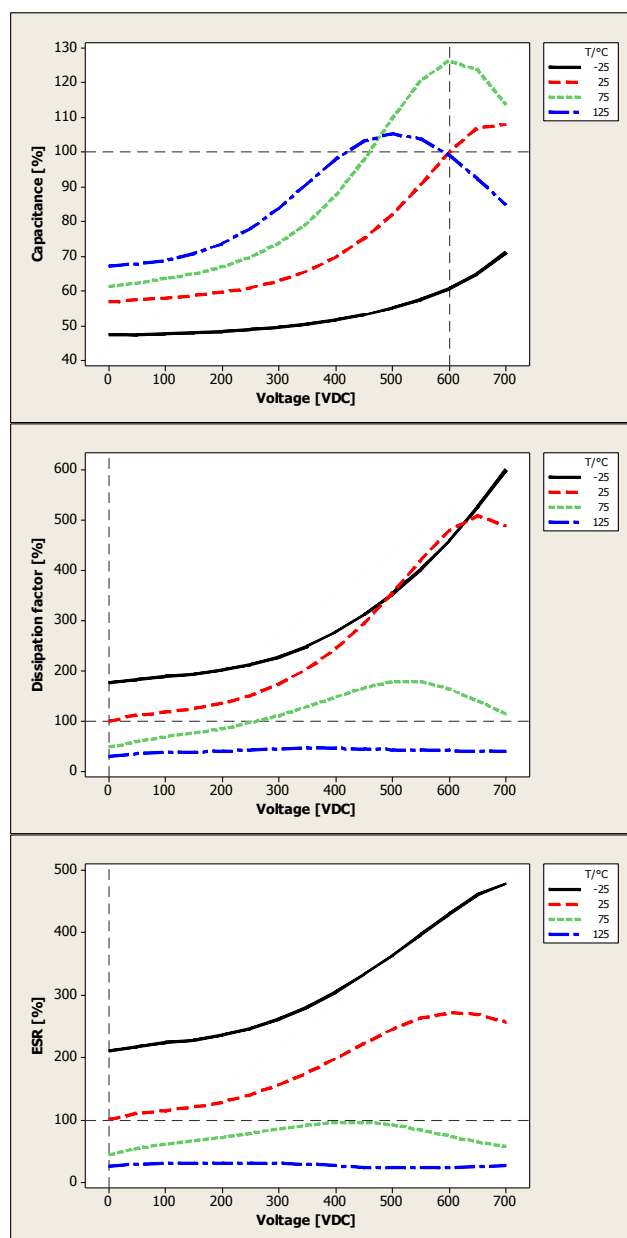


Typical characteristics as a function of temperature and voltage  $V_R = 700\text{ V}$

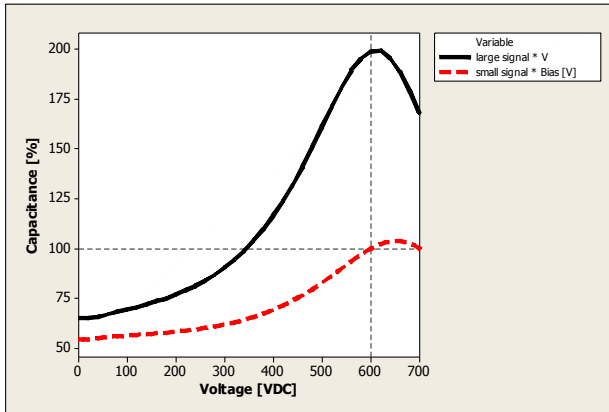
( $V_{AC} = 0.5 V_{RMS}$ , frequency = 1 kHz)

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The curves show the relative changes of the capacitance, dissipation factor and ESR. The 100% values correspond to  $C_{eff, typ}$  and  $\tan \delta$  which are given on page 2 and 3 of this data sheet.



**Typical capacitance values as a function of voltage  $V_R = 700$  V**



Large signal capacitance:

Quasistatic (slow variation of the voltage), 25 °C

The nominal capacitance is defined as the large signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .

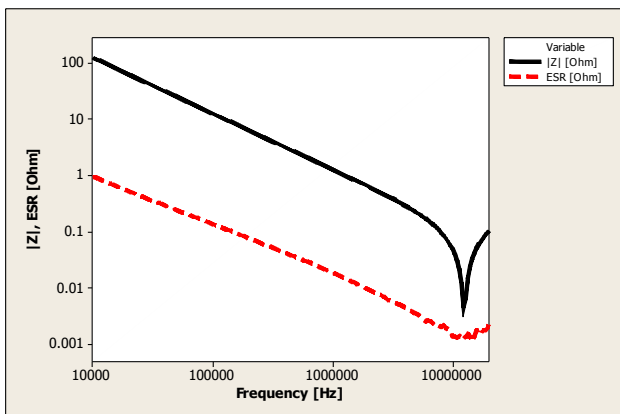
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Small signal capacitance:

0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C

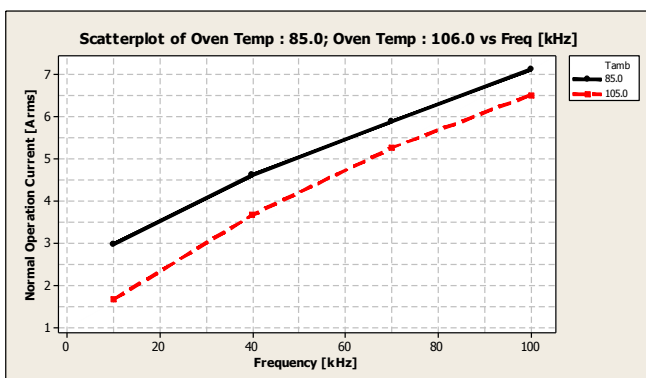
The effective capacitance is defined as the small signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .

**Typical impedance and ESR as a function of frequency  $V_R = 700$  V**



$V_{DC} = 0$  V,  $V_{AC} = 0.5 V_{RMS}$ ,  $T_{device} = 25$  °C

**Typical permissible current as a function of frequency  $V_R = 700$  V**



Measurement performed at  $V_{op}$ .

The values correspond to a device temperature of 150 °C.

No forced cooling was used.

**Aging**

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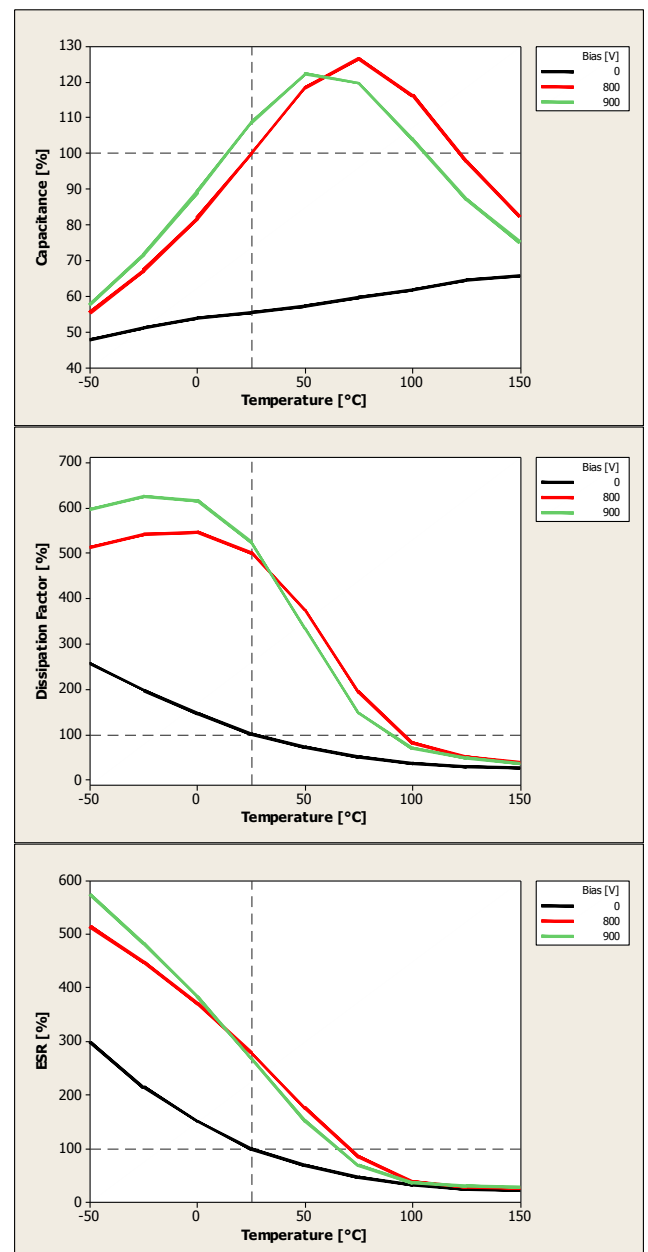
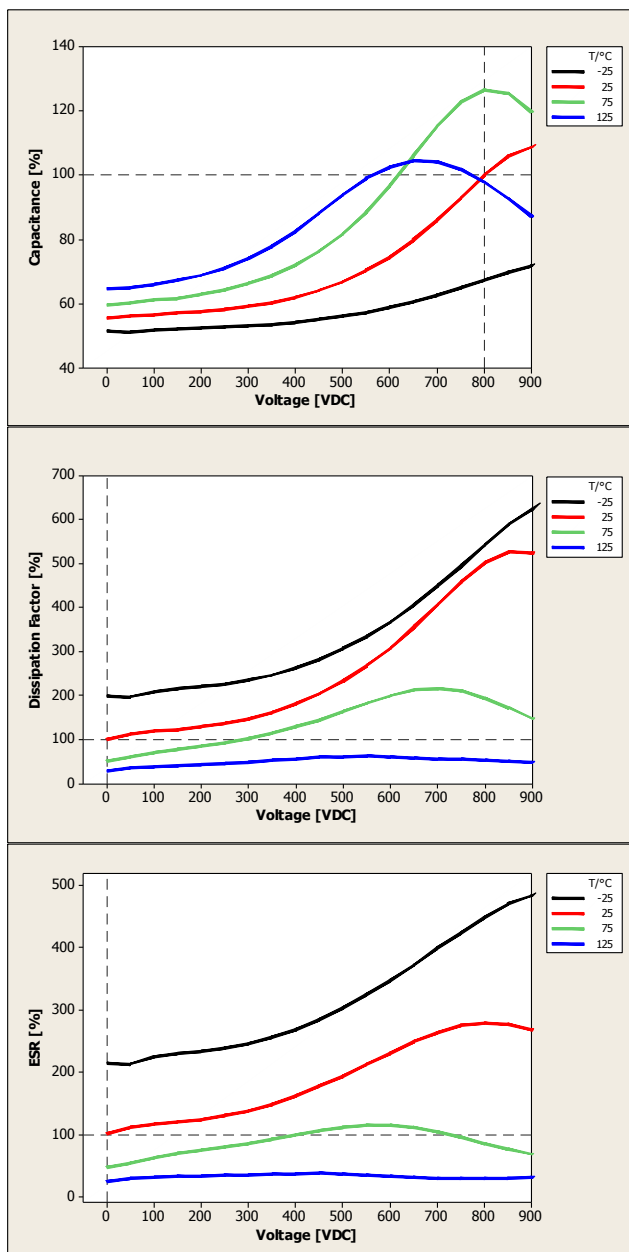
The typical aging rate is about 2.5% per logarithmic decade in hours.

Typical characteristics as a function of temperature and voltage  $V_R = 900\text{ V}$

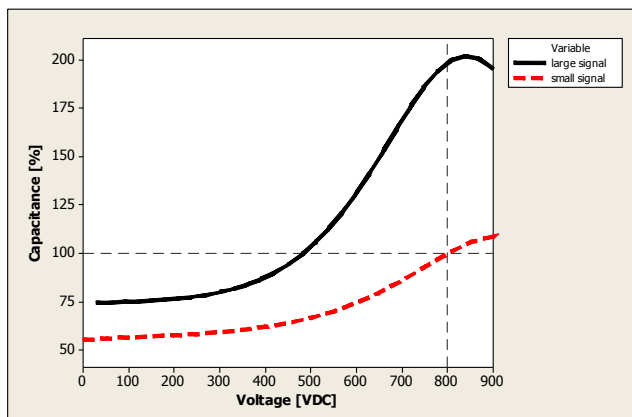
( $V_{AC} = 0.5 V_{RMS}$ , frequency = 1 kHz)

All given temperatures are device temperatures.

The curves show the relative changes of the capacitance, dissipation factor and ESR. The 100% values correspond to  $C_{eff, typ}$  and  $\tan \delta$  which are given on page 2 and 3 of this data sheet.



**Typical capacitance values as a function of voltage  $V_R = 900\text{ V}$**

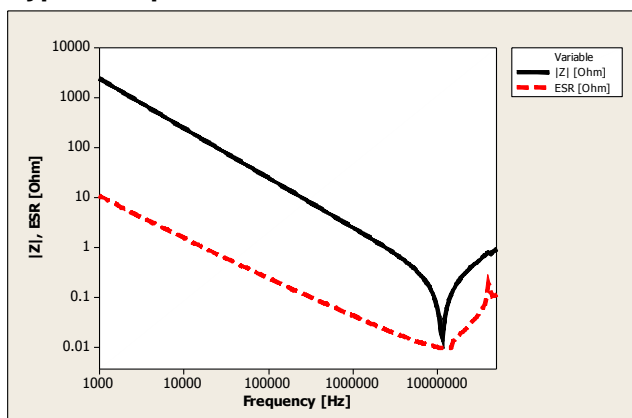


Large signal capacitance:  
 Quasistatic (slow variation of the voltage), 25 °C  
 The nominal capacitance is defined as the large signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .  
 See glossary for further information.

Small signal capacitance:  
 0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C

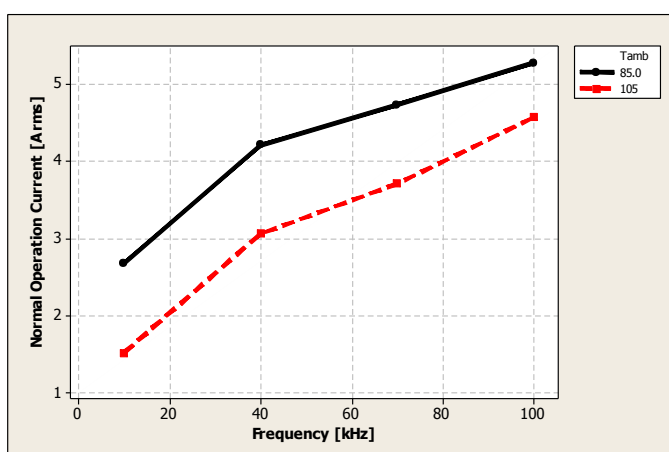
The effective capacitance is defined as the small signal capacitance at  $V_{op}$ .

**Typical impedance and ESR as a function of frequency  $V_R = 900\text{ V}$**



$V_{DC} = 0\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{AC} = 0.5\text{ V}_{RMS}$ ,  $T_{device} = 25\text{ °C}$

**Typical permissible current as a function of frequency  $V_R = 900\text{ V}$**



Measurement performed at  $V_{op}$ .  
 The values correspond to a device temperature of 150 °C.  
 No active cooling was used.

**Aging**

The capacitance has an aging behavior which shows a decrease of capacitance with time.  
 The typical aging rate is about 2.5% per logarithmic decade in hours.

## Reliability

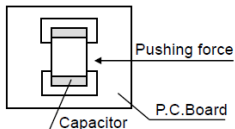
### A. Preconditioning:


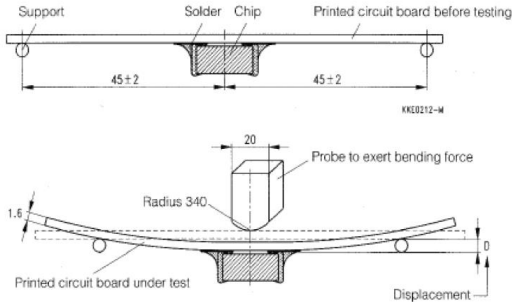
- Reflow solder the capacitor on a PCB using the recommended soldering profile
- Check of external appearance
- Measurement of electrical parameters  $R_{ins}$ ,  $C_0$ ,  $\tan \delta$ 
  - Apply  $V_{pk,max}$  for 7 seconds and measure  $R_{ins}$  at room temperature:  
Isolation resistance (@  $V_{pk,max}$ , 7 s, 25 °C)  $R_{ins} > 100 M\Omega$
  - Measure  $C_0$  and  $\tan \delta$  within 10 minutes to 1 hour afterwards:  
Initial capacitance (@ 0  $V_{DC}$ , 0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C)  
Dissipation factor (@ 0  $V_{DC}$ , 0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C)

### B. Performance of a specific reliability test.

### C. After performing a specific test:

- Check the external appearance again
- Repeat the measurement of the electrical parameters
  - Apply  $V_{pk,max}$  for 7 seconds and measure  $R_{ins}$  at room temperature:  
Isolation resistance (@  $V_{pk,max}$ , 7 s, 25 °C)  $R_{ins} > 10 M\Omega$
  - Measure C and  $\tan \delta$ :  
Change of initial capacitance (@ 0  $V_{DC}$ , 0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C)  $|\Delta C / C_0| < 15\%$
  - Dissipation factor (@ 0  $V_{DC}$ , 0.5  $V_{RMS}$ , 1 kHz, 25 °C)  $\tan \delta < 0.05$

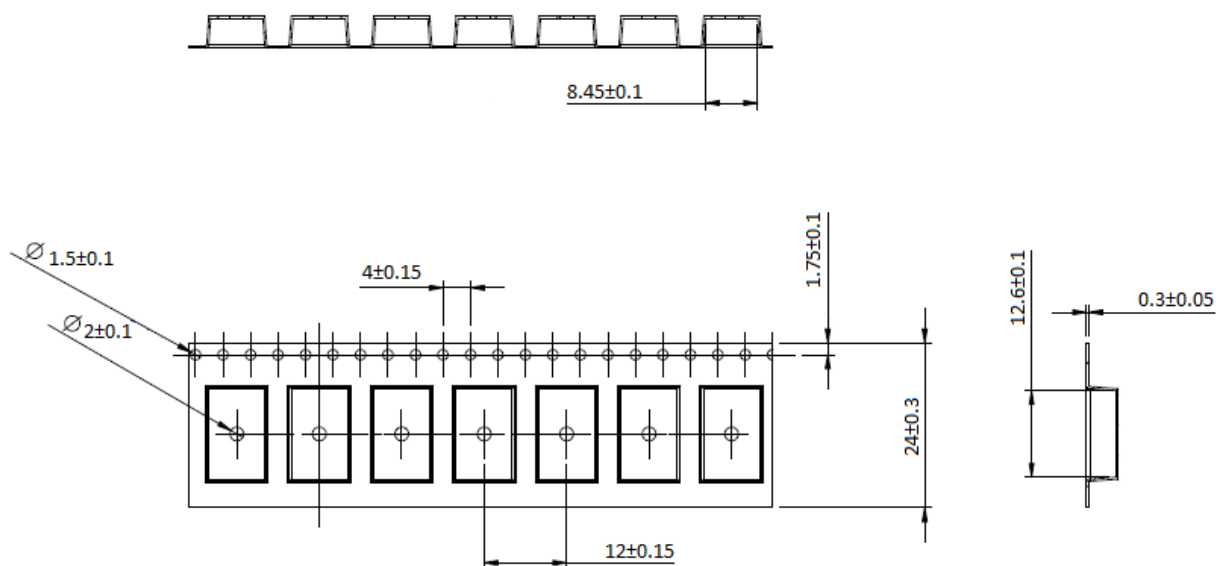
Test	Standard	Test conditions	Criteria
External appearance		Visual inspection with magnifying glass	No defects that might affect performance
High temperature operating life	MIL-STD-202, method 108	150 °C, $V_R$ , 1000 hours	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Biased humidity	MIL-STD-202, method 103	85 °C, 85% rel. hum., $V_R$ , 1000 hours	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Temperature shock	IEC 60384-9, 4.8	-55 °C to +150 °C 20 seconds transfer time 15 minutes dwell time 1000 cycles	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Terminal strength test	AEC-Q200-005	Apply a force of 17.7 N for 60 seconds 	No detaching of termination. No rupture of ceramic $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits

Test	Standard	Test conditions	Criteria
Tensile strength test (unsoldered)		Apply a force of 10 N in the shown direction. Ceramic body is clamped : 	No detaching of termination. No rupture of ceramic $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Board flex	AEC-Q200-005	Bending of 2 mm for 60 seconds  Dimensions in mm	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Vibration	MIL-STD-202, method 204	5 g/ 20 min, 12 cycles, 3 axis 10 Hz to 2000 Hz	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Mechanical shock	MIL-STD-202, method 213	Acceleration 400 m/s <sup>2</sup> Half sine pulse duration 6 milliseconds 4000 bumps	No mechanical damage $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Reflow test		3 times recommended reflow soldering profile	No mechanical damage Proper solder coating of contact areas $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Leaching test (lead frame only)	MIL-STD-202, method 210, condition B	Dip test of contact areas in solder bath (260 °C for 10 seconds)	No damage of lead frame silver coating
Solderability (lead frame only)	J-STD-002, method A @ 235 °C, category 3	Dip test of contact areas in solder bath (235 °C for 5 ± 0.5 seconds)	> 95% wettability of lead frame
Resistance to solvent		Dipping and cleaning with isopropanol	Marking must be legible $ \Delta C / C_0 $ , $\tan \delta$ and $R_{ins}$ within defined limits
Geometry		Using a caliper	Within specified tolerance in the chapter construction

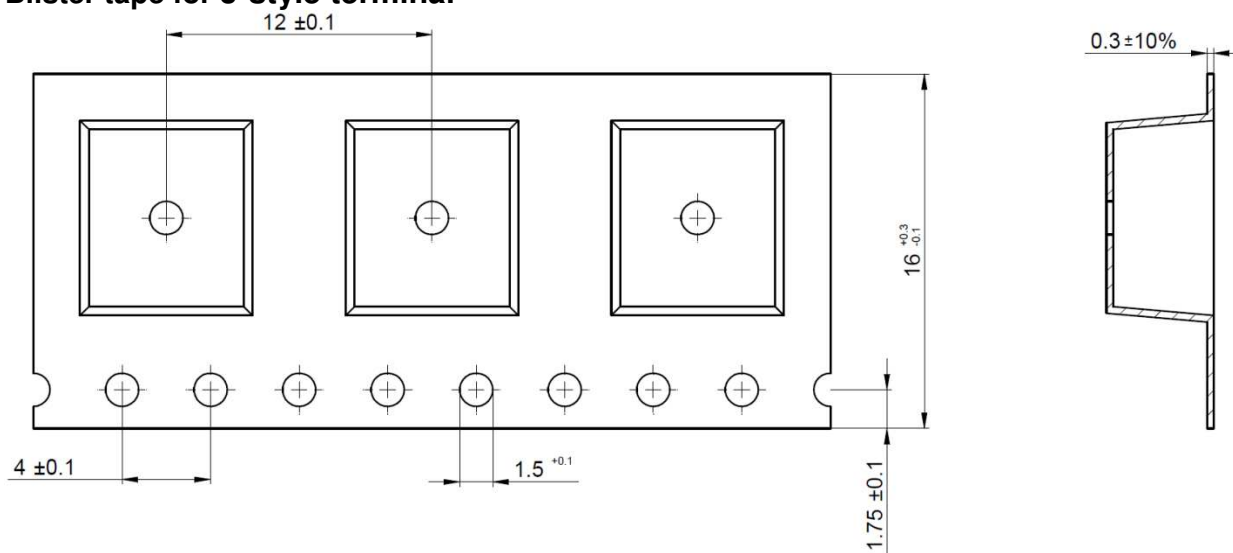
## Packaging

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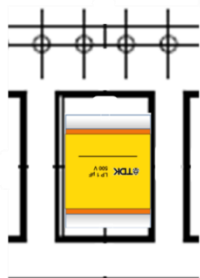
### Blister tape for L-style terminal



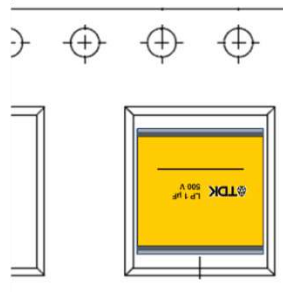
### Blister tape for J-style terminal



**Part orientation for L-style terminal**



**Part orientation for J-style terminal**

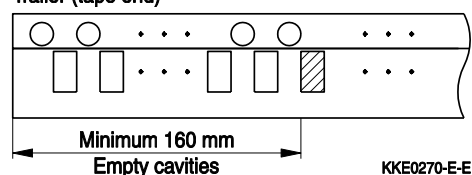


**Taping information**

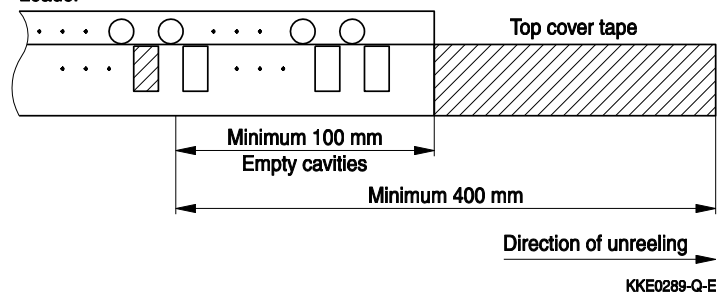
Trailer: There is a minimum of 160 mm of carrier tape with empty compartments and sealed by the cover tape.

Leader: There is a minimum of 400 mm of cover tape, which includes at least 100 mm of carrier tape with empty compartments.

**Trailer (tape end)**



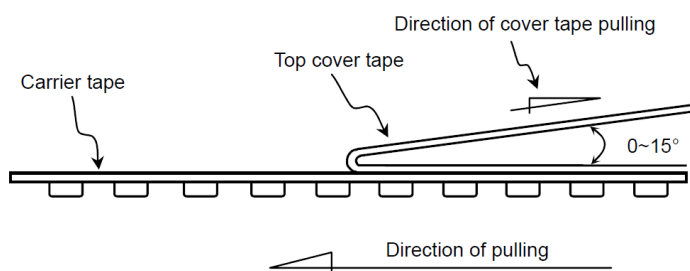
**Leader**



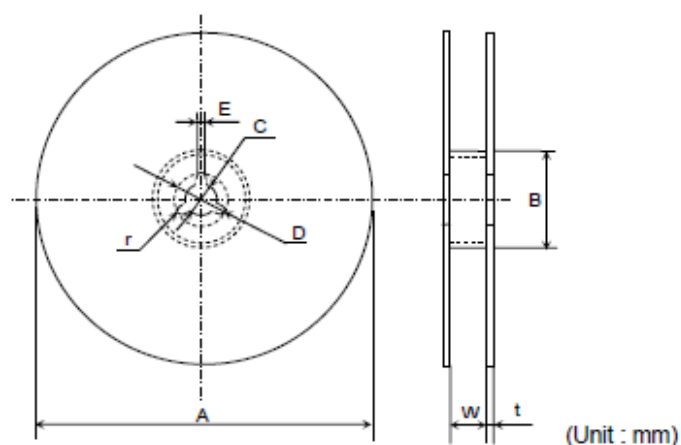
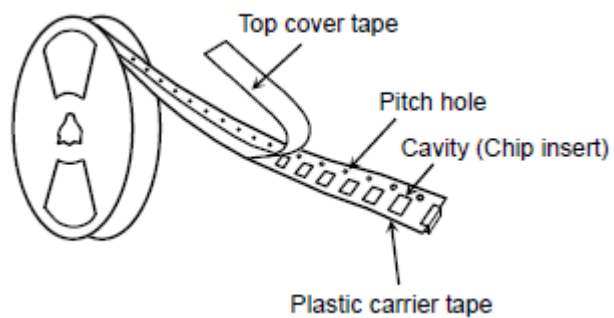
Dimensions in mm

**Fixing peeling strength (top tape)**

The peeling strength is 0.1 ... 1.3 N.



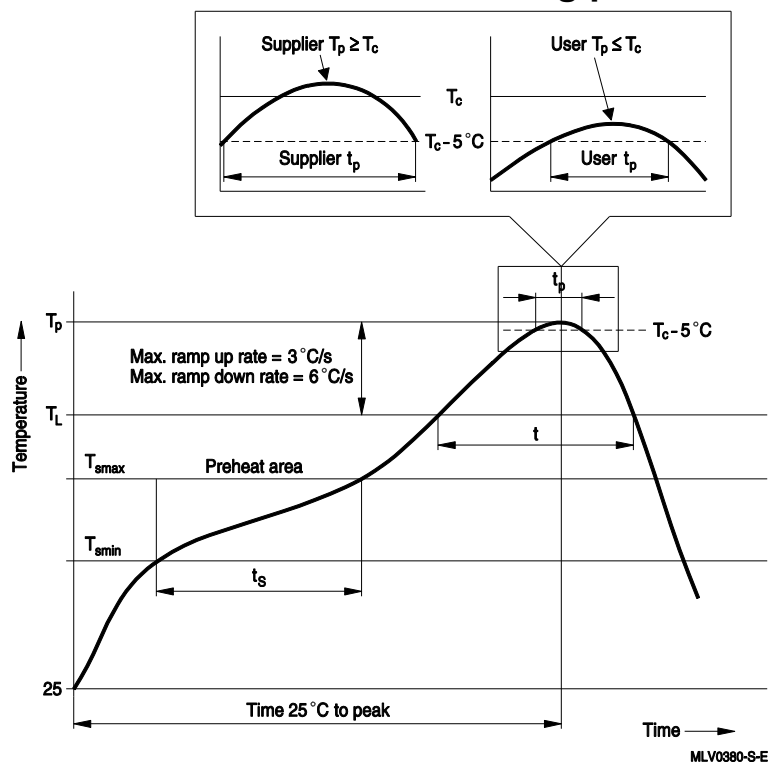


**Reel packing**


	<b>L-style terminal</b>	<b>J-style terminal</b>
A	330 ±2	330 ±2
B	100 ±1	62 ±1
C	13 +0.5/ -0.2	12.8 +0.7
D	20.2 min.	19.1 min.
E	2.2 ±0.2	1.6 ±0.5
W	24.2 +2	16.4 +2

Dimensions in mm

## Recommended reflow soldering profile



MLV0380-S-E

Profile feature		SAC, Sn95.5Ag3.8Cu0.7 @ N <sub>2</sub> atmosphere
Preheat and soak		
- Temperature min	$T_{smin}$	150 °C
- Temperature max	$T_{smax}$	200 °C
- Time	$t_{smin}$ to $t_{smax}$	60 ... 120 seconds
Average ramp-up rate	$T_L$ to $T_p$	3 °C/ second max.
Liquidus temperature	$T_L$	217 °C
Time at liquidus temperature	$t_L$	60 ... 150 seconds
Peak package body temperature	$T_p$ <sup>1)</sup>	245 °C ... 260 °C max. <sup>2)</sup>
Time ( $t_p$ ) <sup>3)</sup> within 5 °C of specified classification temperature ( $T_c$ )		30 seconds <sup>3)</sup>
Average ramp-down rate	$T_p$ to $T_L$	6 °C/ second max.
Time 25 °C to peak temperature		maximum 8 minutes

1) Tolerance for peak profile temperature ( $T_p$ ) is defined as a supplier minimum and a user maximum.

2) Depending on package thickness. For details please refer to JEDEC J-STD-020D.

3) Tolerance for time at peak profile temperature ( $t_p$ ) is defined as a supplier minimum and a user maximum.

### Notes:

All temperatures refer to topside of the package, measured on the package body surface.

Max. number of reflow cycles: 3

After the soldering process, the capacitance is lowered. Applying  $V_R$  to the device will re-establish the capacitance.

The components are suitable for reflow soldering to JEDEC J-STD-020D.

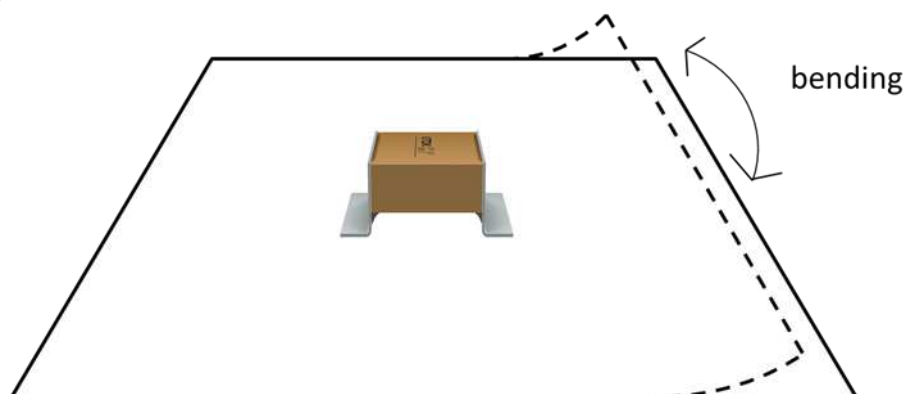
## General technical information

### Storage

- Only store CeraLink™ capacitors in their original packaging. Do not open the package prior to processing.
- Storage conditions in original packaging: temperature  $-25\text{ °C}$  to  $+45\text{ °C}$ , relative humidity  $\leq 75\%$  annual average, maximum 95%, dew precipitation is inadmissible.
- Do not store CeraLink™ capacitors where they are exposed to heat or direct sunlight. Otherwise the packaging material may be deformed or CeraLink™ may stick together, causing problems during mounting.
- Avoid contamination of the CeraLink™ surface during storage, handling and processing.
- Avoid storing CeraLink™ devices in harmful environments where they are exposed to corrosive gases (e.g. SO<sub>x</sub>, Cl).
- Use CeraLink™ as soon as possible after opening factory seals such as polyvinyl-sealed packages.
- Solder CeraLink™ components within 6 months after shipment from EPCOS.

### Handling

- Do not drop CeraLink™ components or allow them to be chipped.
- Do not touch CeraLink™ with your bare hands - gloves are recommended.
- Avoid contamination of the CeraLink™ surface during handling.
- The CeraLink™ was tested to withstand the board flex test defined in the AEC-Q200 rev. D, method 005.
- The CeraLink™ uses copper lead frames to prevent mechanical stress to the ceramic. Too much bending causes open mode. Avoid high mechanical stress like twisting after soldering on a PCB.

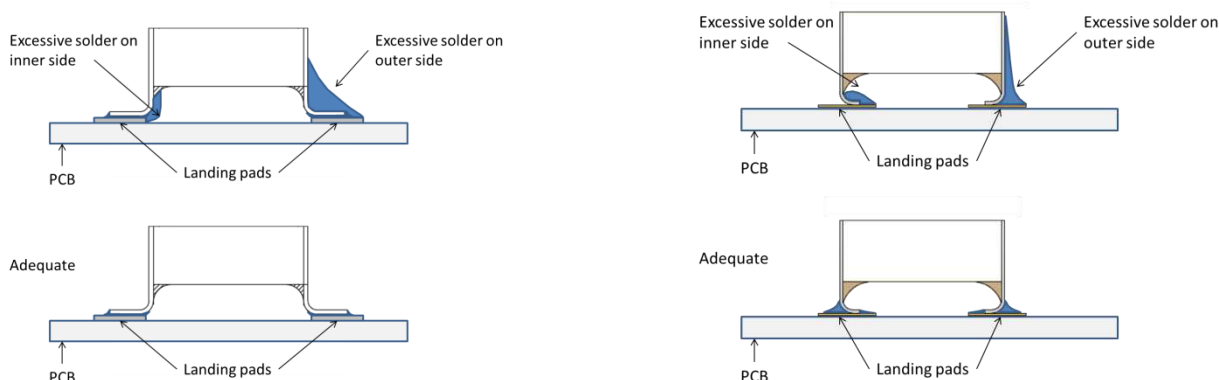


### Mounting

- Do not subject CeraLink™ devices to mechanical stress when encapsulating them with sealing material or overmolding with plastic material. Encapsulation may lead to worse heat dissipation too. Please ask for further information.
- Do not scratch the electrodes before, during or after the mounting process.
- Make sure contacts and housings used for assembly with CeraLink™ components are clean before mounting.
- The surface temperature of an operating CeraLink™ can be higher than the ambient temperature. Ensure that adjacent components are placed at a sufficient distance from a CeraLink™ to allow proper cooling.
- Avoid contamination of the CeraLink™ surface during processing.

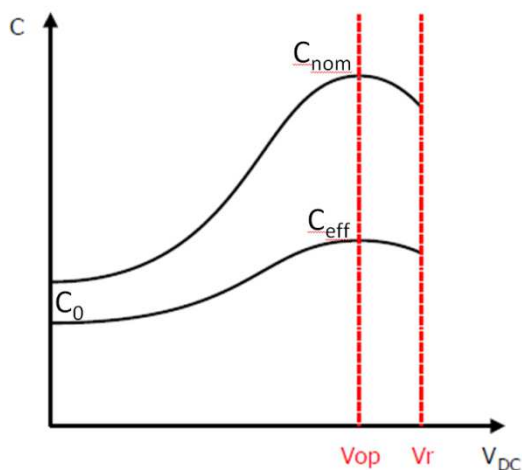
### Soldering

- The use of mild, non-activated fluxes for soldering is recommended, as well as proper cleaning of the PCB.
- Complete removal of flux is recommended to avoid surface contamination that can result in an instable and/or high leakage current.
- Use resin-type or non-activated flux.
- Bear in mind that insufficient preheating may cause ceramic cracks.
- Rapid cooling by dipping in solvent is not recommended, otherwise a component may crack.
- Excessive usage of solder paste can reduce the mechanical robustness of the device, whereas insufficient solder may cause the CeraLink™ to detach from the PCB. Use an adequate amount of solder paste, but on the landing pads only.



- If an unsuitable cleaning fluid is used, flux residue or foreign particles may stick to the CeraLink™ surface and deteriorate its insulation resistance. Insufficient or improper cleaning of the CeraLink™ may cause damage to the component.
- Excessive washing like ultrasonic cleaning, can affect the connection between the ceramic chip and the outer electrode. To avoid this, we give the following recommendation:
  - Power: 20 W/l max.
  - Frequency: 40 kHz max.
  - Washing time: 5 minutes max.

## Glossary



Initial capacitance  $C_0$ :

Is the value at the origin of the hysteresis without any applied direct voltage.

Effective capacitance  $C_{eff}$ :

Occurs at  $V_{op}$  and is measured with an applied ripple voltage of  $0.5 V_{RMS}$  and 1 kHz. The CeraLink™ is designed to have its highest capacitance value at the operating voltage  $V_{op}$ .

Nominal capacitance  $C_{nom}$ :

Is the value derived by the tangent of the mean hysteresis as the derivation of the mean hysteresis is  $dQ/dV \sim C$ .

## Symbols and terms

AC	Alternating current
$C_0$	Initial capacitance @ 0 V <sub>DC</sub> , 0.5 V <sub>RMS</sub> , 1 kHz, 25 °C
$C_{\text{eff,typ}}$	Typical effective capacitance @ V <sub>op</sub> , 0.5 V <sub>RMS</sub> , 1 kHz, 25 °C
$C_{\text{nom,typ}}$	Typical nominal capacitance @ V <sub>op</sub> , quasistatic, 25 °C. See glossary (page 20) for definition of the nominal capacitance
DC	Direct current
ESL	Equivalent serial inductance
ESR	Equivalent serial resistance
$I_{\text{op}}$	Operating ripple current, root mean square value of sinusoidal AC current
LP	Low profile
PCB	Printed circuit board
PLZT	Lead lanthanum zirconium titanate
$R_{\text{ins}}$	Insulation resistance
$R_{\text{ins, typ}}$	Insulation resistance @ V <sub>op</sub> , t > 240 s, 25 °C
SAC	Tin silver copper alloy; lead-free solder paste
$T_A$	Ambient temperature
$\tan \delta$	Dissipation factor @ 0 V <sub>dc</sub> , 0.5 V <sub>rms</sub> 1 kHz, 25°C
$T_{\text{device}}$	Device temperature. $T_{\text{device}} = T_A + \Delta T$ ( $\Delta T$ defines the self-heating of the device due to applied current).
$V_{\text{op}}$	Operating voltage
$V_R$	Rated voltage
$V_{\text{RMS}}$	Root mean square value of sinusoidal AC voltage
$V_{\text{pk,max}}$	Maximum peak operating voltage @ $V_{\text{pk,max}}$ , 25 °C, 7 s
$\Delta T$	Increase of temperature during operation

## Cautions and warnings

### General

Not for use in resonant circuits, where a voltage of alternating polarity occurs.

Not for AC applications. Consult your EPCOS representative for further details.

If used in snubber circuits, ensure that the sum of all voltages remains at the same polarity.

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- Do not use EPCOS CeraLink™ components for purposes not identified in our specifications.
- Ensure the suitability of a CeraLink™ in particular by testing it for reliability during design-in. Always evaluate a CeraLink™ component under worst-case conditions.
- Pay special attention to the reliability of CeraLink™ devices intended for use in safety-critical applications (e.g. medical equipment, automotive, spacecraft, nuclear power plant).

### Design notes

- Consider derating at higher operating temperatures. As a rule, lower temperatures and voltages increase the life time of CeraLink™ devices.
- If steep surge current edges are to be expected, make sure your design is as low-inductive as possible.
- In some cases the malfunctioning of passive electronic components or failure before the end of their service life cannot be completely ruled out in the current state of the art, even if they are operated as specified. In applications requiring a very high level of operational safety and especially when the malfunction or failure of a passive electronic component could endanger human life or health (e.g. in accident prevention, life-saving systems, or automotive battery line applications such as clamp 30), ensure by suitable design of the application or other measures (e.g. installation of protective circuitry, fuse or redundancy) that no injury or damage is sustained by third parties in the event of such a malfunction or failure.
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## Operation

- Use CeraLink™ only within the specified operating temperature range.
- Use CeraLink™ only within specified voltage and current ranges.
- The CeraLink has to be operated in a dry atmosphere, which must not contain any additional chemical vapors or substances.
- Environmental conditions must not harm the CeraLink™. Use the capacitors under normal atmospheric conditions only. A reduction of the oxygen partial pressure to below 1 mbar is not permissible.
- Prevent a CeraLink™ from contacting liquids and solvents.
- Avoid dewing and condensation.
- During operation, the CeraLink™ can produce audible noise due to its piezoelectric characteristic.
- EPCOS CeraLink™ components are mainly designed for encased applications. Under all circumstances avoid exposure to:
  - direct sunlight
  - rain or condensation
  - steam, saline spray
  - corrosive gases
  - atmosphere with reduced oxygen content

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