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NP560 Solder Paste No-Clean, Lead-Free, Low Voiding under QFNs

Product Description

NP560 is a no-clean, lead-free, halogen-free solder paste. It consistently delivers paste transfer efficiencies of 0.50 to 0.55 AR and is fully capable of printing and reflowing 01005 components, even in air, with minimal graping behavior. In addition to its stable, consistent product performance, NP560 has redefined the voiding standard for PCB assembly and has the potential for low voiding performance.

Performance Characteristics:

- Classified as ROL0 per J-STD-004B
- Halogen-Free
- Low voiding potential under QFNs
 - **RoHS Compliance**
- Excellent activity and printability Very low graping
 - Reflowable in air and nitrogen conditions
- Wide reflow profile window with good solderability on various PCB surface finish

This product meets the requirements of the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive. Additional RoHS information is located at https://www.kester.com/downloads/environmental.

Physical Properties (typical)

Viscosity (typical): 1300 poise Malcom Viscometer @ 10 rpm, 25°C

Initial Tack: 30qm Tested per J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.44

Cold Slump Test: Pass Tested per J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.35



Copper Mirror: Low Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.32

Copper Corrosion: Low Per IPC-TM-650 Method 2.6.15

Halogen Content: None Detected Per IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.81

Silver Chromate: None Detected Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2333

Fluoride Spot Test: None Detected Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 23351

Wetting: Pass

Tested per J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.45

Tested per J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.35

Tested per J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.43

Hot Slump Test: Pass

Solder Ball Test: Pass

Surface Insulation Resistance (SIR):

Pass Per IPC-TM-650 Method 2.6.3.7 [40°C, 90% RH, 12.5V, 7days]

Electrochemical Migration (ECM): Pass Per IPC-TM-650 Method 2.6.14.1 [65°C, 90% RH, 100V, 25days]



NP560 is available in Sn96.5Ag3Cu0.5 alloy with type 3 and type 4 powder mesh. Type 4 mesh size is recommended for standard and fine pitch applications. NP560 is also compatible with other SnAgCu alloys in similar melting range to the listed alloy. For specific packaging information, refer to Kester's Solder Paste Packaging Chart for available sizes. The appropriate combination depends on the process variables and the specific application.

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Competitor A

NP560

Competitor B

Application Notes



Process Guidelines

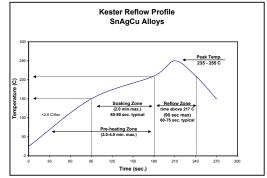
Below information are process guidelines, and it is advisable to note that the optimum setting for a given assembly may vary and this is dependent on the circuit board design, board thickness, components used, and equipment used. A design of experiments is recommended to be done to optimize the soldering process.

Printing Process Parameter	Recommendations
Solder Paste Bead Size	Initial 2cm (0.75in); Add below 1.4cm (0.5in)
Squeegee Angle	60 deg. from horizontal; 45 deg. for pin in paste
Speed	25mm/sec-150mm/sec (1-6in/sec)
Pressure ¹	0.18-0.27 kg/cm (1-1.5 lb/in)
Separation Speed	2-10mm/sec
Underside Cleaning ²	Solvent, vacuum and dry wipe recommended
Stencil Life	8 hours at 65-85°F and 10-70% RH

Pressure should be increased with increasing print speed. First set the print speed. Then set the pressure to the minimum required to clean the solder paste off of the stencil. ²Some cleaning chemistry can interact with the solder paste and can impact print performance.

In addition, incoming solderability inspection of circuit boards and components is recommended as part of process control to maintain consistent soldering performance and electrical reliability.

Reflow Process Parameter	Recommendations
Time from 45°C to peak	3.5-4.5 min
Ramp rate	0.7-2.0°C/sec
Preheat time (130-180°C)	30-90 sec (70 sec target)
Peak temperature	235-255°C for SAC alloys
Cooling Rate	3-6°C/sec



Note: TAL should be calculated based on the liquidus point of the alloy used: SAC305 221°C. Adding a soak between 180 and 200°C for 20-30 seconds can further reduce voiding and reduce the potential for tombstoning.

The recommended reflow profile for NP560 formula made with SAC alloys is shown

here. This profile is simply a guideline. NP560 has excellent solderability and wetting across a wide range of profiles, with similar performance in air and nitrogen. Your optimal profile may be different from the one shown based on your oven, board and mix of defects. For optimal reflow profile for void reduction or additional profiling advice, contact Kester Technical Support.

Cleaning

NP560 residues are non-conductive, non-corrosive, and do not require removal. If it is desired to remove the residues, commercially available residue cleaner may be used. Contact Kester Technical Support for additional assistance.

Storage, Handling and Shelf Life

Shelf life is 9 months from date of manufacture when stored in refrigeration and can be stored up to 4 weeks at room temperature (up to 27°C/80°F) with minimal impact to overall product performance. Refrigeration (0-10°C/32-50°F) is the recommended storage condition for solder paste to maintain consistent viscosity, reflow characteristics, and overall performance. When refrigerated, NP560 should be stabilized to room temperature prior to use. Kester is continuing with NP560 shelf life study at refrigerated and room temperature storage conditions to validate up to 12 months. Please contact Kester Technical Support if you require additional advice with regards to handling and storage of this material.

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