



RMA258-15R Sn96/Ag4



Lead-Free RMA Solder Paste

Features:

- Long Pause-to-Print Capabilities
- Enhances Fine Print Definitions
- No Head-in-Pillow
- Excellent Wetting, Even Leadless Devices
- Exceptional Reflow During Long, Hot Profiles
- Reduced Voiding

Description:

RMA258-15R is a rosin based solder paste that has been developed to offer long pause-to-print capabilities while enhancing fine print definitions. RMA258-15R reduces such defects as voiding and eliminates head-in-pillow. The superior wetting ability of RMA258-15R results in bright, smooth and shiny solder joints. RMA258-15R is capable of exceptional reflow during long, hot profiles. RMA258-15R leaves medium, amber-colored post process residues.

Printing:

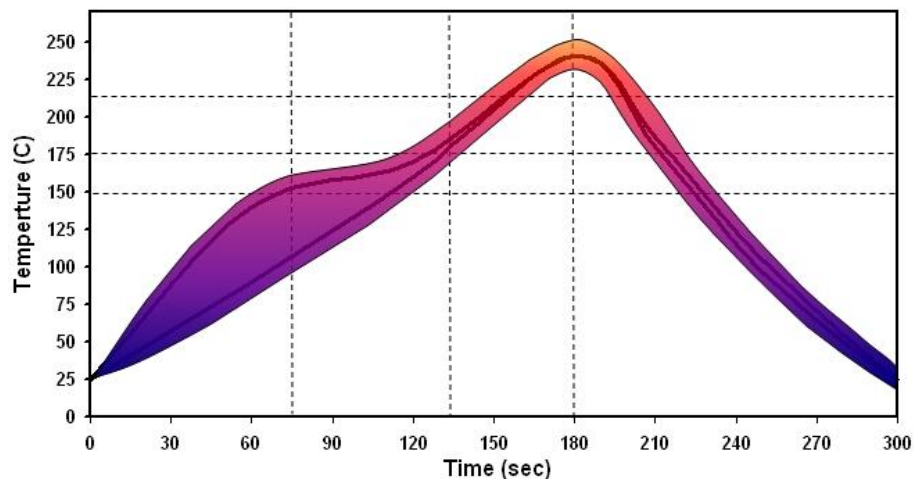
- Apply sufficient paste to the stencil to allow a smooth, even roll during the print cycle (a bead diameter of 12 to 16 mm (½ to ⅝ inch) is normally sufficient to begin).
- Apply small amounts of fresh solder paste to the stencil at controlled intervals to maintain paste chemistry and workable properties.
- RMA258-15R provides the necessary tack time and force for today's high speed placement equipment, which will enhance product performance and reliability.
- Cleaning of your stencil will vary by application; however, it can be accomplished using AIM DJAW-10 stencil cleaner.

RECOMMENDED INITIAL PRINTER SETTINGS BELOW ARE DEPENDENT ON PCB AND PAD DESIGN

| PARAMETER | RECOMMENDED INITIAL SETTINGS | PARAMETER | RECOMMENDED INITIAL SETTINGS |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Squeegee Pressure | 0.9 - 1.5 lbs/inch of blade | PCB Separation Distance | 0.75 - 2.0 mm (.030 - .080") |
| Squeegee Speed | 0.5 - 6 inches/second | PCB Separation Speed | 3.0 - 20.00 mm/second |
| Snap-off Distance | On Contact 0.00 mm (0.00") | | |

Reflow Profile:

Either a straight ramp-spike or ramp-soak-spike profile can be used as shown below. Both profiles would have a similar peak temperature and time above liquidus (TAL). The shaded area defines the process window. Oven efficiency, board size/mass, component type and density all influence the final profile for a given assembly. These profiles are starting points, and processing boards with thermal-couples attached is recommended to optimize the process.



| <i>RATE OF RISE</i> 2 °C / SEC MAX | <i>RAMP TO</i> 150 °C (300°F) | <i>PROGRESS THROUGH</i> 150°C-175°C (300°F-345°F) | <i>TO PEAK TEMP</i> 240 °C-260°C (465°F-500°F) | <i>TIME ABOVE</i> 221 °C (430°F) | <i>COOLDOWN</i> ≤ 4°C / SEC | <i>PROFILE LENGTH</i> AMBIENT TO PEAK |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Standard Profile | ≤ 75 Sec | 30-60 Sec | 45-75 Sec | 30-60 Sec | 45± 15 Sec | 2.75-3.5 Min |

Compatible Products:

- AIM Lead-Free Electropure Solder Bar
- NC Paste Flux, No-Clean Tacky Flux
- NC270WR VOC-Free No-Clean Spray Flux
- NC264-5 No-Clean Flux Spray/Foam
- Glowcore No-Clean Cored Wire
- One-Step Underfill FF35
- Epoxy 4044 Chip Bonding Epoxy

Cleaning:

- RMA258-15R is a rosin based formula that may be cleaned if necessary with saponified water or an appropriate solvent cleaner.
- Please refer to the AIM cleaner matrix for a list of compatible cleaning materials.

Handling and Storage:

- RMA258-15R is best used within 1 year at 4° C-12° C (40° F-55° F) or 6 months at room temperature.
- Allow the solder paste to warm up completely and naturally to ambient temperature (8 hrs.) prior to breaking the seal for use.
- Mix the product lightly and thoroughly (1-2 mins. max) to ensure even distribution of any separated material.
- Do not store new and used paste in the same container, and reseal any opened containers while not in use.
- Replace the internal plug and cap of the 500 gram jars to ensure the best possible seal.

Physical Properties:

| <i>ITEM</i> | <i>SPECIFICATION</i> |
|---------------|---|
| Appearance | Gray, Smooth, Creamy |
| Alloy | Sn96/Ag4 |
| Melting Point | 221° C |
| Particle Size | T3 , T4, T5 |
| Viscosity | Print/dispense versions available. |
| Packaging | Available in all industry standard packaging. |

Test Data Summary:

| <i>CLASSIFICATION</i> | | | |
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| Product Name | IPC Classification to J-STD-004 | Copper Mirror to J-STD-004 | Silver Chromate to J-STD-004 |
| RMA258-15R | ROL0 | LOW | PASS |
| <i>POWDER TESTING</i> | | | |
| No. | Item | Results | Test Method |
| 1 | Powder Size | Type 3 – 45-25 micron Type 4 – 38-20 micron | IPC TM 650 2.2.14 |
| 2 | Powder Shape | Spherical | Microscope |
| <i>FLUX MEDIUM TESTING</i> | | | |
| No. | Item | Results | Test Method |
| 1 | Acid Value | 133.08 mg KOH/ g flux | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.3.13 |
| 2 | Halide Content | Silver Chromate Paper - Pass | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.3.35 |
| 3 | Fluorides Spot Test | No fluoride | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.3.35.1 J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.3.35.2 |
| 4 | Corrosion Flux | Pass | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.6.15 |
| 5 | Halide-Free/Silver Chromate Paper Test | Pass | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.3.33 |
| 6 | Surface Insulation Resistance | Pass – See AIM Qualification Test Report | J-STD-004 IPC TM 650 2.6.3.7 |
| 7 | Oxygen Bomb | Bromine 269 mg/Kg Chlorine <99.9 mg/Kg | EN 14582:2007 SW 9056 SW 5050 |
| <i>VISCOSITY TESTING</i> | | | |
| No. | Item | Results | Test Method |
| 1 | T-Bar Spindle Test Method | 900 ± 10% kcps | J-STD-005 IPC TM 650 2.4.34 |
| <i>SOLDER PASTE TESTING</i> | | | |
| No. | Item | Results | Test Method |
| 1 | Tack Test | 48.8 g | J-STD-005 IPC TM 650 2.4.44 |
| 2 | Tack Test | 94.8 g | JIS Z 3284 Annex 9 |
| 3 | Solder Ball Test | Pass | J-STD-005 IPC TM 650 2.4.43 |
| 4 | Wetting Test | Pass | J-STD-005 IPC TM 650 2.4.45 |
| 5 | Paste Shelf Life | 4°C (39°F) = 1 year | AIM TM 125-11 |
| 6 | Solder Paste Slump Test | Pass | J-STD-005 IPC TM 650 2.4.35 |

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