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DSP 863
LEAD FREE
NO CLEAN SOLDER
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Physical Properties

Solder Composition

Qualitek Sn95/Sb5 is designed as a lead-free alternative for Sn/Pb alloys for electronics assembly operations. The Qualitek Sn95/Sb5 alloy conforms and exceeds the impurity requirements of J-Std-006 and all other relevant international standards.

Typical Analysis														
	Sn	Sb	Cu	Pb	Ag	Bi	In	As	Fe	Ni	Cd	Al	Zn	Au
Sn95/Sb5	94.5-95.5	4.5-5.5	0.080 Max	0.050 Max	0.030 Max	0.050 Max	0.050 Max	0.010 Max	0.010 Max	0.005 Max	0.002 Max	0.005 Max	0.001 Max	0.002 Max

	Sn95/Sb5	Sn63/Pb37		Sn95/Sb5	Sn63/Pb37
Melting Point, °C	232-240	183 E	Yield Strength, psi	3720	3950
Hardness, Brinell	15HB	14HB	Total Elongation, %	22	48
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	20.09	24.7	Shear Strength, MPa at 1mm/min 20 °C,	38.7	34.5
Tensile Strength, psi	5110	4442	Shear Strength, MPa at 1mm/min 100 °C	21.3	21.6
Density, g/cc	7.26	8.42	Fatigue Strength, MPa at 1000 cycles, 20 °C	20.9	16.2
Electrical Resistivity, (μohm-cm)	14.5	14.5	Fatigue Strength, MPa at 1000 cycles, 100 °C	14.1	10.2
Electrical Conductivity, %IACS	11.9	11.9	Stress to Rupture, MPa at 1000 hr. @ 20 °C	11.0	3.5
			1000 hr. @ 100 °C	3.6	1.1

* Thomas Siewert, Stephen Liu, David Smith, Juan Carlos Madeni, " Properties of Lead Free Solders", Release 4.0

Particle Size

Sn95/Sb5 is available in Type 2 (75-45 μ m), 3(45-25 μ m), 4(38-20 μ m), and 5 (25-15 μ m) J-STD-005 powder distribution. Solder powder distribution is measured utilizing laser diffraction, optical analysis and sieve analysis. Careful control of solder powder manufacturing processes ensures the particles' shape are 95% spherical minimum (aspect ratio < 1.5) and that the alloy contains a typical maximum oxide level of 80 ppm.

Classification of Solder Powders by Particle Size

Powder Type	Fines	Majority			Coarse		Typical Mesh
		<10%	>80%	>90%	<1%	0%	
1	20	20	75-150		150	160	100/200
2	20	20	45-75		75	80	200/325
3	20		25-45		45	50	325/500
4	20			20-38	38	40	400/635
5	15			15-25	25	30	500
6	5			5-15	15	20	

Metal Loading

Typical metal loading for stencil printing application is **88-89.5 %**. Compared to typical Sn63/Sn62 solder pastes manufactured with 90% by weight metal loading, DSP863 Lead Free provides as much as 10-12% higher metal volume than Sn63/Sn62. This increased in volume of DSP863 promotes better wetting and spreading of Sn95/Sb5 Lead Free alloy.

Solder Paste

Qualitek has developed a unique flux system designed specifically for high temperature lead free alloys. It provides the fluxing activity levels that promote thermal stability and prevents thermal degradation when reflowing under air atmosphere (normal). Since use of nitrogen is not required, DSP863 Lead Free Solder paste will provide excellent cost savings.

In addition, DSP863 Lead Free solder paste exhibits superior joint strength, excellent wettability, extraordinary print definition and tack life. The post soldering residues of DSP863 are non-conductive, non-corrosive and highly insulated.

Main Features

- Low residues
- Extended stencil life
- Long tack time
- Excellent wettability
- Hard non-conductive residues

	Specification	Test Method
Flux Classification	ROL0	JSTD-004
Copper Mirror	No removal of copper film	IPC-TM-650 2.3.32
Silver Chromate	Pass	IPC-TM-650 2.3.33
Corrosion	Pass	IPC-TM-650 2.6.15
SIR		
JSTD-004	7.88 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	IPC-TM-650 2.6.3.3
Bellcore (Telecordia)	6.12 x 10 ¹¹ ohms	Bellcore GR-78-CORE 13.1.3
Electromigration	Pass	Bellcore GR-78-CORE 13.1.4
Post Reflow Flux Residue	45%	TGA Analysis
Acid Value	115-155	IPC-TM-650 2.3.13
Metal Loading	87-89%	IPC-TM-650 2.2.20
Viscosity		
Malcom ⁽²⁾ , poise	150-300	IPC-TM-650 2.4.34.3 modified
Thixotropic Index	0.50-0.60	
Slump Test		
25 C, 0.63 vertical/horizontal	No bridges all spacings	IPC-TM-650 2.4.35
150 C, 0.63 vertical/horizontal	No bridges all spacings	IPC-TM-650 2.4.35
25 C, 0.33 vertical/horizontal	No bridges all spacings	IPC-TM-650 2.4.35
150 C, 0.33 vertical/horizontal	No bridges all spacings	IPC-TM-650 2.4.35
Solder Ball Test	Pass	IPC-TM-650 2.4.43
Tack		
Initial	95 gm	JIS Z 3284
Tack retention @ 24 hr	120 gm	JIS Z 3284
Tack retention @ 72 hr	117 gm	JIS Z 3284
Stencil Life	4-8 hrs	QIT 3.44.5
Abandon Time	30-60 min	QIT 3.44.6

Printing

Stencil

Use of chemical etched/electroformed stencil is preferred however DSP863 has been used successfully with chemical etch, electroformed, and laser cut stencils.

Squeegee

- Blades:* Metal (stainless steel) squeegee blades angled from 45-60° give the best print definition. Metal (nickel) squeegee blades angled from 45-60° give the best performance. 90 durometer polyurethane may also be used.
- Pressure:* Pressure should be adjusted at the point where the paste leaves a relatively clean stencil after each print pass. Typical pressure setting 0.6-1.5lb per linear inch of blade.
- Speed:* Normal print speeds are 1.0-2.5 (25-50mm) per second. As print speeds increase pressure will need to be increased. Although slower print speeds are desirable, Qualitek 863 solder paste is capable of printing up to 6 inch per second.

Print Definition

DSP863 provides excellent print definition characterized by brick-like prints. Good release is seen on 12-9 mil apertures with print speeds in the range of 1.0-6.0 inch per second (25mm-150mm).

Open & Abandon Time

Tests have proven that DSP863 will perform during continuous printing for up to 8 hrs. Field test have shown that an abandon time of at least 1 hr is possible, resulting in a perfect 1st pass print on resumption of printing.

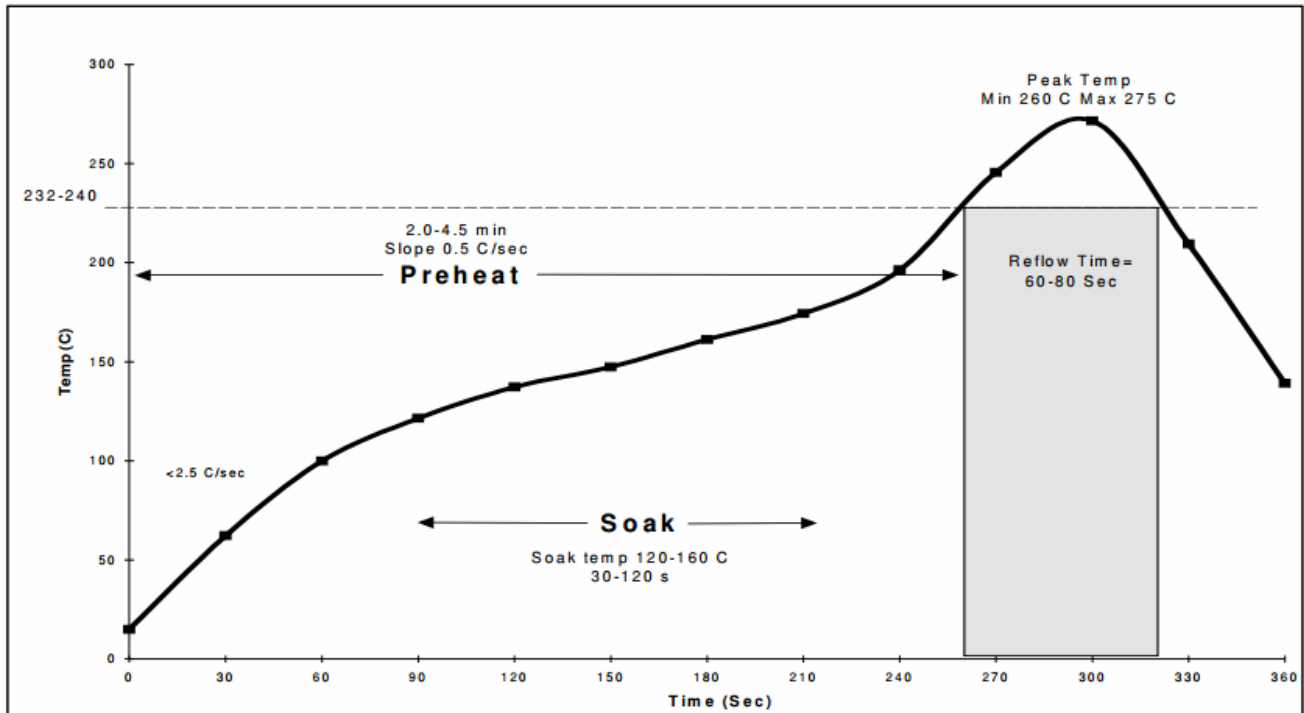
Paste Application

Solder paste should be taken out of the refrigerator at least 3 to 6 hours prior to use. This will give the paste enough time to come to thermal equilibrium with the environment. Also, any fresh jar of solder paste should be gently mixed for at least one minute with a spatula. Be sure not to mix the paste too vigorously, as this will degrade the paste's viscosity characteristics and introduce entrapped air into the paste. The purpose of the mixing is to insure that the paste is smooth and consistent. If solder paste is supplied in cartridges pre-mixing is not necessary due to the shear action produced from the dispensing.

Reflow

Best results have been achieved when DSP863 is reflowed in a **forced air convection** oven with a minimum of 8 zones (top&bottom), however reflow is possible with a 4 zone oven (top & bottom).

The following is a recommended profile for a forced air convection reflow process. The melting temperature of the solder, the heat resistance of the components, and the characteristics of the PCB (i.e. density, thickness, etc.) determine the actual reflow profile.



Preheat Zone- The preheat zone, is also referred to as the ramp zone, and is used to elevate the temperature of the PCB to the desired soak temperature. In the preheat zone the temperature of the PCB is constantly rising, at a rate that should not exceed 2.5 C/sec. The oven's preheat zone should normally occupy 25-33% of the total heated tunnel length.

The Soak Zone- normally occupies 33-50% of the total heated tunnel length exposes the PCB to a relatively steady temperature that will allow the components of different mass to be uniform in temperature. The soak zone also allows the flux to concentrate and the volatiles to escape from the paste.

The Reflow Zone- or spike zone is to elevate the temperature of the PCB assembly from the activation temperature to the recommended peak temperature. The activation temperature is always somewhat below the melting point of the alloy, while the peak temperature is always above the melting point.

CLEANING

DSP863 is a no clean formulation therefore the residues do not need to be removed for typical applications. If residue removal is desired, the use of Everkleen 1005 Buffered Saponifier with a 5-15% concentration in hot 60 °C (140 °F) will aid in residue removal.

Storage & Shelf Life

It is recommended that solder paste be stored at a temperature of between 35-50 °F (2-10 °C) to minimize solvent evaporation, flux separation, and chemical activity. If room temperature storage is necessary it should be maintain between 68-77°F (20-25 °C).

Shelf life

Unopened Container (35-50°F/2-10 °C) 6 months (from DOM)

Unopened Container (68-77°F/20-25 °C) 1 months (from DOM)

Opened Container (68-77°F/20-25 °C) 24 hours

Reusing Solder Paste

This is not normally recommended, because it typically generates more problems than it is worth. If you do decide to reuse solder paste, these pointers may be helpful. First, Qualitek recommends putting any used solder paste in an empty jar, so any fresh paste will not become contaminated. This paste should be tightly sealed and refrigerated. Then, the paste may be reused at a later date, provided that the paste has not separated or thickened significantly compared to its original properties. If you have success in printing the reused paste, the paste is acceptable for use. If significant printing problems occur, discard the paste. You also may want to mix 50% "used" and 50% new to get maximum utility of the paste. This will keep the paste relatively fresh while consuming the used paste.

Working Environment

Solder paste performs best when used in a controlled environment. Maintaining ambient temperature of between 68-77 °F (20-25 °C) at a relative humidity of 40-65% will ensure consistent performance and maximum life of paste.

Cleaning Misprint Boards

If you should have a misprinted board, the paste may be cleaned off manually with alcohol (IPA) or Qualitek stencil cleaner, SK-11. If you have a more elaborate board cleaner, the paste may be easily removed with use of a 5% saponifier solution in hot DI water. Qualitek SK-45 saponifier could be used in this process.

Stencil Cleaning

Periodic cleaning of the stencil during production is recommended to prevent any paste from being deposited in unwanted areas of the board. Without stencil cleaning, solder balling will increase. We recommend a periodic dry wipe (every 5 to 10 boards) with an occasional wet wipe (every 15 to 25 boards). When running fine pitch boards, the cleaning may need to become more frequent. The wet wipes should be performed with either alcohol or a stencil cleaner. Qualitek SK-11 stencil cleaner is designed for this purpose. When cleaning the stencil at the end of a job, the cleaning should be more thorough. If you have stencil cleaning equipment Qualitek SK- 45 Stencil Cleaner is highly recommended for stencil cleaning purposes.

Disposal

DSP863 should be stored in a sealed container and disposed of in accordance with state & local authority requirements.

Packaging

200 g

250 g

500 g