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TEST REPORT FOR:

PETERS RESEARCH GMBH & CO KG

Hooghe Weg 13

47906 Kempen, Germany

Attn: Geraldine Roskothen

DATE IN:

October 2, 2006

P/O #:

Wire Transfer (PRO6-2909-0657)

SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION:

Six solder mask coated specimens, identified \$ 24%3 FLEX-HF, were tested in accordance with IPC-SM-840C, Amendment 1, Class T (Telecommunications) and Class H (High Reliability), for Visual, Hydrolytic Stability, and Dielectric Strength.

SUMMARY:

The solder mask, identified as \$ 24%3 FLEX-HF, has met the specified requirements of IPC-SM-840C, Amendment 1, Class T (Telecommunications) and Class H (High Reliability), for Visual, Hydrolytic Stability, and Dielectric Strength.

APPROVED:

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SAMPLE DISPOSITION:

Samples returned to the customer



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VISUAL

TEST SPECIMENS:

Fourteen samples coated with solder mask.

REFERENCE:

IPC-SM-840C, Amendment 1, paragraph 3.4.8.

REQUIREMENT:

The solder mask appearance shall be observed visually in all stages of evaluation, qualification, and conformance inspection with the aid of a magnifying lens rated between 1.75 and 10X magnification unless otherwise specified.

The material shall be uniform in appearance and free of foreign materials, cracks, inclusions, peeling, and roughness that would interfere with the assembly or operation of the printed board. Discoloration of metallic surfaces under the cured solder mask shall be acceptable.

METHOD:

The samples were visually examined using a magnification of 10X. Any defects observed were recorded.

RESULTS:

There was no evidence of cracks, inclusions, peeling, or roughness. The solder mask was uniform in appearance and free of foreign materials.

HYDROLYTIC STABILITY/AGING

TEST SPECIMENS:

Three 4" x 4" copper or copper clad laminates, coated with solder mask.

REFERENCE:

IPC-SM-840C, Amendment 1, paragraph 3.6.2.

REQUIREMENT:

The cured solder mask shall be designated as being able to withstand 97 ±2°C, 90-98% RH for a duration of 28 days, without an irreversible change of state. Resistance to reversion shall be determined by examining the appearance and surface tackiness in accordance with TM 2.6.11C of IPC-TM-650.



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METHOD:

A saturated solution of distilled water and potassium sulfate (35 grams per 100 cc) was prepared and heated to 97 ±2°C. The solution was poured into a desiccator to a level just below the ceramic plate. Crystals of potassium sulfate remained visible in the saturated solution. The ceramic plate was placed in the desiccator and a rack was placed in the center of the plate. The specimens were placed in the rack, vertically (the samples did not touch one another). The desiccator lid was sealed with a high temperature silicone grease. The desiccator, containing the samples, was placed in a Blue-M oven which had been preset to 97 ±2°C. The test was run for twenty-eight (28) days. After the required time exposure, the specimens were removed from the desiccator. The appearance of each sample was visually examined and any defects were recorded. The surface tackiness was performed by touching the solder mask with a swab of absorbent cotton. The solder mask was then examined for cotton particles adhering to the coating.

RESULTS:

There was no evidence of reversion. There was no evidence of cotton particles adhering to the solder mask surface.

(Meets the specified requirement)

DIELECTRIC STRENGTH

TEST SPECIMENS:

Three 4" x 4" copper or copper clad (one side) laminates containing a 3" x 3" square of the solder mask in the center of each sample.

REFERENCE:

IPC-SM-840C, Amendment 1, paragraph 3.8.1.

REQUIREMENT:

When tested in accordance with TM 2.5.6.1A of IPC-TM-650, the solder mask material shall meet or exceed the minimum value of 500 VDC per 0.025 mm (0.001") of thickness. Thickness of solder mask less than 0.025 mm (0.001") shall meet an absolute minimum breakdown voltage of 500 volts DC.

METHOD:

A ground terminal of a Hi-Pot Tester was clipped over the thickness of the copper cladding and substrate, being careful not to let the clip extend inward to the polymer coating. A positive electrode was placed on top of the test panel at the center making certain the electrode and clip were electrically isolated by the test polymer film. A



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voltage of direct current was applied in 500 volt increments per second until failure occurred.

RESULTS:

Specimens	Solder Mask Thickness (mils)	Voltage Breakdown (VDC)	Volts/Mil
1	1.0	1,000	1,000
2	0.9	1,000	1,111
3	1.1	1,000	909

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