Wafer Flux WS-3401-A

Features
- Water-soluble
- Viscosity suitable for 150–300 mm wafers as a damming flux
- No residue after multiple reflow/cleaning cycles
- Uniform bump shape
- Halogen-free
- Suitable for SnPb and Pb-free, and high temperature applications
- Non-corrosive to underbump metallization

Introduction
Wafer Flux WS-3401-A is a high viscosity semiconductor-grade flux, specifically optimized as a damming flux for the edge of the wafer and to prevent backside contamination. Working with the natural surface tension of solder WS-3401-A produces uniform hemispherical bumps without solder-robbing or solder-bridging.

Properties

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<th>Value</th>
<th>Test Method</th>
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<td>Flux Type Classification</td>
<td>M0</td>
<td>J-STD-004 (IPC-TM-650: 2.3.32 and 2.3.33)</td>
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<td>Typical Viscosity</td>
<td>1.5Kcps (peak)</td>
<td>Brookfield HB DVII +CP</td>
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<td>SIR (Ohms, post cleaning)</td>
<td>Pass (&gt;10^9 after 7 days @65°C and 95% RH)</td>
<td>J-STD-004 (IPC-TM-650: 2.6.33 IPC-8-24)</td>
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<td>Typical Acid Value</td>
<td>81mg KOH/g</td>
<td>Titration</td>
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<td>Specific Gravity</td>
<td>1.08g/cc</td>
<td>J-STD-004B</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Deep Amber to Light Brown</td>
<td>Visual</td>
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<td>Shelf Life</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>0°C to +25°C</td>
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All information is for reference only. Not to be used as incoming product specifications.

Application
WS-3401-A can be applied by standard spin-coating techniques, but may be too viscous for many applications.

For copper pillar applications, WS-3401-A is used (in conjunction with WS-3401) as a damming flux around the edge of the wafer, to prevent backside contamination.

Cleaning
WS-3401-A is designed to be cleaned with DI water or water with an added cleaner. Ideal conditions for spray cleaning are 25°C or higher for >1 minute at >60psi.

Packaging
Wafer Flux WS-3401-A is available in containers from 100g to 3.2kg (1 gallon). Other packaging can be provided to meet specific requirements.

Storage
WS-3401-A containers should be stored at 0°C to 25°C for maximum shelf life. Storage temperatures should not exceed 25°C for more than 4 days, and should never exceed 30°C. After removing from cold storage, WS-3401-A should be allowed to stand for at least 4 hours at room temperature before using.
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Material Safety Data Sheets
The MSDS for this product can be found online at: http://www.indium.com/msds

Reflow
Recommended Profile:

The above profile is recommended as a starting point for 300mm wafers with SnAg solder microbumps, and should be optimized by the user to meet their individual process needs. Wafers should be reflowed in a nitrogen atmosphere (<10ppm O$_2$ is recommended, but <20ppm O$_2$ may be feasible; however, results may not be optimal). Note that bridging or solder thieving may be seen for fine pitch microbumps (<60microns) on copper pillars, and that reducing the peak temperature will reduce the occurrence of this failure mode.