SOLDER FORTIFICATION® PREFORMS Design Guide



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INTRODUCTION

Obtaining the correct amount of solder to ensure a strong solder joint is critical in electronics manufacturing. However, miniaturization trends, such as the reduction of stencil thickness and more tightly fitted components, make this increasingly difficult. **Solder Fortification**[®] **Preforms** can provide the solution for these challenging issues.

Solder Fortification® Preforms are generally rectangleshaped pieces of alloyed metal that do not contain any flux. The preform is added to a deposit of solder paste using standard pick and place equipment. Since the alloy for both the preform and the solder paste is the same, the preform will reflow at the same temperature as the solder paste, with the solder paste providing the necessary flux. The preform increases the volume of solder above what could be achieved with just solder paste, especially for stencils with a pitch of 0.3mm or less.

Features

- Increased solder volume
- Improved drop test results
- Fewer issues with flux residue
- Reduced rework
- Improved fillet shape and volume
- Maximized pick rate

ADVANTAGES

The advantages of **Solder Fortification**[®] **Preforms** include:

- Increased solder volume compared to what could be achieved with just solder paste
- Fewer issues with flux residue
- Elimination of costly or time-consuming processes, such as wave soldering or selective soldering
- Stronger solder joints, which help improve drop test results
- Reduced rework and other manual processes to add solder volume
- Improved shape and volume of fillet to ensure joints meet IPC specifications

Solderable Preform 0201



Notes: Unless Otherwise Specified

Standard Material, Other Alloys Available	SAC305				
	Sn62				
	Sn63				
50k per 13" Reel					
13" Reel to have a 2.5" center hub					



From One Engineer To Another®



Notes: Unless Otherwise Specified

	SAC305				
Standard Material, Other Alloys Available	SAC387				
	Sn62				
	Sn63				
15k per 13" reel					
13" Reel to have a 2.5" center hub					



±0.050 ±0.002
±0.002
0
±0.100
±0.004

Solderable Preform 0603



Notes: Unless Otherwise Specified

	SAC305			
Standard Material, Other Alloys Available	SAC387			
	Sn62			
	Sn63			
15k per 13″ reel				
13" Reel to have a 2.5" center hub				



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мм	1.500	+0.100	1.750	0.100	3.500	±0.050	0.380	+0.250	4.000	±0.100	2.000	±0.050
INCHES	0.059	+0.004	0.069	±0.004	0.138	±0.002	0.015	+0.010	0.157	±0.004	0.079	±0.002
]		N	N		P	A	0	B	0	K	D
ММ	0.200	±0.0200	N 8.000	V +0.30 -0.10	4.000	P ±0.100	A 0.990	0 ±0.100	B 1.750	O ±0.100	K 0.960	0 ±0.100



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SOLDER FORTIFICATION[®] SOLUTION OPTIONS Standard Sizes (other sizes available on request):

Nomo	Size	Quantity	Example Weight: SAC305		
Ndille	5120	7″	13″	(grams/ea)	
0201	.010" x .020" x .010" rectangle (0.254mm x 0.508mm x 0.254mm)	1k	50k	0.00024	
0402	.020" x .040" x .019" rectangle (0.508mm x 1.01mm x 0.48mm)	1k	15k	0.00182	
0603	.030" x .060" x .030" rectangle (0.76mm x 1.52mm x 0.787mm)	1k	15k	0.00672	
0805	.050" x .080" x .050" rectangle (1.27mm x 2.03mm x 1.27mm)	1k	15k	0.02410	

Packaging

Solder Fortification[®] Preforms are packaged in tape & reel for easy placement by standard pick and place machines.

Common Alloys

- SAC305
- SAC387
- Sn63
- Sn62
- BiSn
- BiSnAg

Technical and Customer Support

Indium Corporation's internationally experienced engineers provide in-depth technical assistance to our customers.

Thoroughly knowledgeable in all facets of Materials Science as it applies to the electronics and semiconductor sectors, technical support engineers provide expert advice in solder properties, alloy compatibility, and selection of solder preforms, wire, ribbon, and paste. Indium Corporation's technical support engineers provide rapid response to all technical inquiries.

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