

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## CW-808

### Halogen-Free, No-Spatter, No-Clean, REACH-Compliant Robotic Soldering Wire

#### Introduction

Indium Corporation's **CW-808** is a formula developed to meet the demanding requirements of robotic and laser soldering. It incorporates a J-STD-004B "LO" activator package with new "no-spatter" technology in a highly reliable flux media. **CW-808** is fully REACH-compliant, containing no REACH Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs). **CW-808** is not solely for robotic and laser soldering since it performs equally well in hand soldering applications. The no-spatter feature eliminates flux spatters that can burn operators' hands.

#### Features

- Meets the requirement of J-STD-004B Type ROL0
- Contains no REACH SVHCs
- Available in flux percentages up to 4.5%
- Clear, colorless residue
- No residue removal required
- Very high surface insulation resistance (SIR)
- Very good wetting on and compatible with HASL, OSP Copper, ENIG, Immersion Silver
- Tested for use with all common lead-free and tin-lead alloys, including:  
SAC305; SAC105; SAC0307; SACm<sup>®</sup>; silver-free tin-copper plus additive alloys, such as Indium Corporation's Sn995; 96.5Sn/3.5Ag; 63Sn/37Pb; 60Sn/40Pb; 93.5Pb/5Sn/1.5Ag; Indalloy<sup>®</sup>227. Indalloy<sup>®</sup>254; and many others.
- Low-spatter formulation

#### Physical Properties

In the core, **CW-808** has a clear, colorless appearance. Upon soldering, **CW-808** smokes very little and has almost no odor. The residue left by **CW-808** is almost clear in color and does not require removal.

IPC J-STD-004B Classification	REL0
Rosin Containing	Yes
Halogen Content	<500ppm
Spatter	0.54%
Smoke	nil
Odor	Mild, sweet
Acid Value (mgKOH/gram of flux)	160
Softening Point	~130°C
Color	Clear
Compatible Alloys	All common soft solder alloys, including, but not limited to: SAC305; SACm <sup>®</sup> 0510; Sn995; SAC105; SAC0307; SAC387; 96.5Sn/3.5Ag; 95Sn/5Sb; Indalloy <sup>®</sup> 227; Indalloy <sup>®</sup> 254; 63Sn/37Pb; 60Sn/40Pb; 93.5Pb/5Sn/1.5Ag; 43Sn/43Pb/14Bi; and many others.

#### Wetting

Spread Test	Spread Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	
	Copper	Brass
SAC305—10% Solution	26	19

#### Process Recommendations

- Match the tip size to the part to be soldered
- Apply the solder wire to the joint, not to the soldering iron tip
- Use the lowest temperature possible
- 600–750°F (315–400°C) for SnPb and Pb-free
- Surface mount (SMT) soldering should be completed in 1–2 seconds
- Plated through-hole (PTH) solder should be completed in 1–3 seconds

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## Test Data

### Copper Mirror

The J-STD-004B copper mirror test is performed per IPC-TM-650 method 2.3.32. To be classified as an "L" type flux, there should be no complete removal of the mirror surface. **CW-808** shows almost no removal of the copper mirror and, therefore, is classified as an "L" type flux.



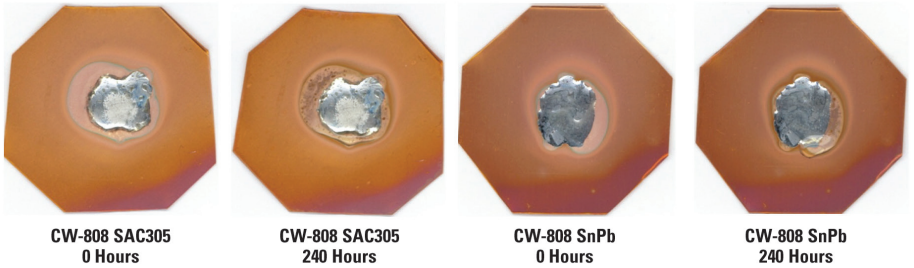
CW-808

Standard Rosin

### Copper Corrosion

Copper corrosion is tested per IPC-TM-650 method 2.6.15. This test gives an indication of any visible reactions that take place between the flux residue after soldering and copper surface finishes. In particular, green copper corrosion (formed as copper-chloride) should not be seen. **CW-808** shows no evidence of corrosion.

IPC-J-STD-004B Copper Corrosion



CW-808 SAC305  
0 Hours

CW-808 SAC305  
240 Hours

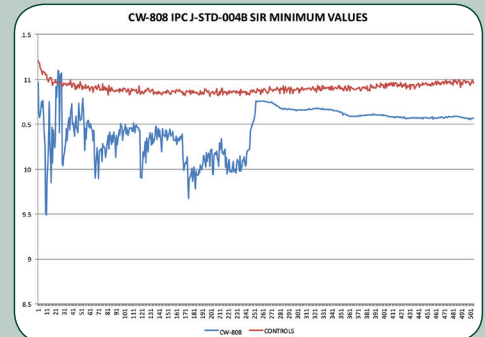
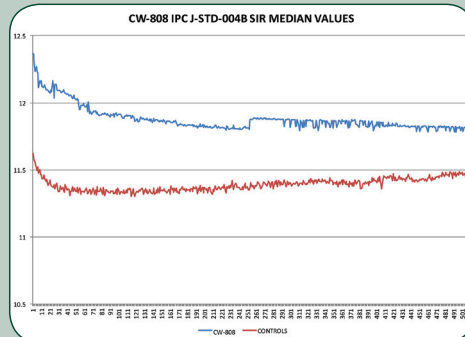
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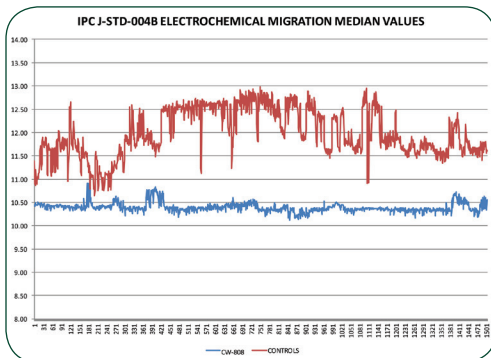
### Surface Insulation Resistance (SIR)

The Surface Insulation Resistance test is performed per IPC-TM-650 Method 2.6.3.7, using boards prepared per IPC-TM-650 method 2.6.3.3. All boards soldered with **CW-808** pass the requirements of having exhibited no dendritic growth, no visible corrosion, and a minimum insulation resistance of 100 megohms ( $1 \times 10^8$ ). The values shown on the adjacent graph show the number of Ohms times ten to the power of the vertical axis. The IPC-TM-650 SIR is a 7-day test and gives a general idea of the effect of the flux residue on the electrical properties of the surface of the circuit board.

J-STD-004B Minimum Values		
	24+ Hours	All Data
CW-808	9.67	9.49
Control	10.81	10.81



### Electromigration (ECM)



The electromigration test is performed to IPC-TM-650 method 2.6.14.1 with boards prepared using IPC-TM-650 method 2.6.3.3. The test conditions are 596 hours at  $65^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and  $88.5\% \pm 3.5\% \text{ RH}$ . To pass this test, there should be no visible corrosion and no dendritic growth that decreases line spacing by more than 20%. In addition, the insulation resistance should not drop more than one order of magnitude after the first 96-hour stabilization period when a bias voltage is applied.

	Initial	Final
CW-808	4.14E+10	4.61E+10

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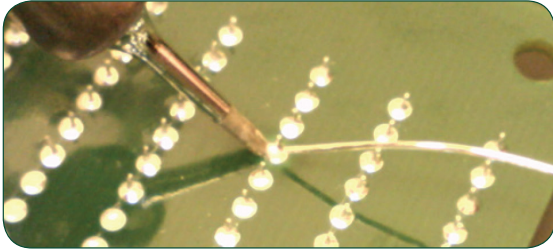


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## General Application Recommendations



Soldering Iron Temperature		
Alloy Family	Alloy Melting Range	Soldering Iron Temperature
Tin-Lead	170 to 190°C	340 to 370°C
Lead-Free	210 to 250°C	370 to 400°C
High Lead	280 to 320°C	400 to 425°C

### Cored Wire for Robotic and Laser Soldering

Indium Corporation specializes in making fine diameter wire, typically between 0.008" (0.2mm) and 0.015" (0.381mm) diameter for robotic and laser soldering. To make robotic and laser soldering most effective and to eliminate peaking and bridging, it is easiest to use an active flux such as Core 230-RC at 4.0% to 4.5% flux by weight. However, when the flux must be compliant to J-STD-004B type RO/RE L0, a flux such as the CW-808 will work fine, with just a small decrease in wetting effectiveness.

### Shelf Life

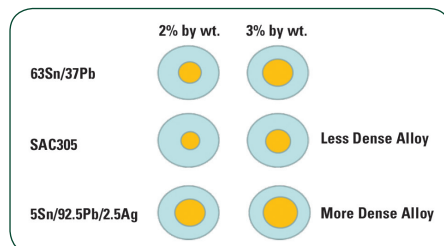
	Warranted	Practical*
Tin-Lead Alloys	3 years from DOM	Indefinite
Lead-Free Alloys	3 years from DOM	Indefinite
>90% Lead Alloys	1 year from DOM	Indefinite

\*When stored at less than 40°C and less than 80% RH

When stored in a cool, dry environment, there is no reason that Indium Corporation's cored wire cannot retain its intended soldering properties for many years. The main causes of degraded cored wire reflow performance are the buildup of a thick oxide layer on the surface of the wire, caused by prolonged exposure to higher than normal temperature and humidity conditions, or the buildup of lead carbonate on high-lead (>90%) alloy cored wire shipped or stored under very high-humidity conditions.

### Cored Wired Flux Percent

Indium Corporation is capable of coring wire in a variety of flux percents. Flux cores are typically determined by weight percent of flux compared to weight percent of solder. As can be seen by the graphic to the right, 1% more flux by weight adds considerably more flux by volume. The trade-off: higher flux contents make soldering faster, easier, and reduce defects, but increase the amount of residue that can be seen cosmetically and that may interfere electrically. The most common nominal flux contents are 2% by weight and 3% by weight.



### Residue Removal Recommendations

All of Indium Corporation's no-clean fluxes, including this formula, are designed to be electrically safe under normal consumer electronic and telecommunication operating conditions. Unless otherwise specified, electrically safe means that the post-soldering residues pass J-STD-004B SIR and ECM testing. However, it is understood that some customers desire to remove residues for cosmetic reasons, improved in-circuit testing, improved compatibility with specific conformal coatings, or where the operating parameters of the circuit board may be in extreme conditions for a prolonged period.

If the removal of no-clean flux residues is desired, most commercially available cleaning agents will be effective. Indium Corporation's Technical Support Engineers work closely with cleaning agent vendors and have confirmed flux residue removal capabilities from several vendors using their recommended products and parameters. It is unlikely that users of Indium Corporation's no-clean products will need to change their current residue removal materials and parameters from those currently used. However, when establishing a new process or desiring confirmation of process recommendations, please contact Indium Corporation's Technical Support Staff for assistance.

### Indium Corporation Compatible Products

- Solder Paste: Indium8.9HF
- Wave Flux: WF-9945 (rosin-containing) or WF-9955 (low- or no-rosin)
- Flux Pen: FP-500 (rosin-containing)

Indium Corporation's cored wire has been designed to be fully compatible with our solder paste, wave fluxes, and rework fluxes, and is also expected to be compatible with many of our competitors' products. For example, **CW-808** flux-cored wire is not only compatible with Indium8.9HF solder paste, but also with our 5.2LS, 8.9 series, 92 series, and 10 series products. Indium Corporation determines compatibility primarily by matching flux chemistry. However, a select number of wave, reflow, and rework product combinations have been thoroughly tested to ensure that the combined flux residues meet the electrical and reliability requirements of IPC J-STD-004B. Please contact Indium Corporation's Technical Support if you are interested in knowing about these fully-tested combinations.

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### Commonly Available Diameters and Packaging

Diameter	Spool Weight	63/37 Length	SAC305 Length
0.010" ± 0.002"	¼-lb	966ft	1,097ft
0.015" ± 0.002"	¼-lb	429ft	487ft
0.020" ± 0.002"	1-lb	966ft	1,097ft
0.025" ± 0.002"	1-lb	618ft	702ft
0.032" ± 0.002"	1-lb	377ft	428ft
0.040" ± 0.002"	1-lb	242ft	274ft
0.062" ± 0.002"	1-lb	101ft	114ft
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0.25mm ± 0.05	125g	324m	368m
0.40mm ± 0.05	125g	144m	164m
0.50mm ± 0.05	500g	324m	368m
0.60mm ± 0.05	500g	208m	236m
0.80mm ± 0.05	500g	127m	144m
1.00mm ± 0.05	500g	81m	92m
1.55mm ± 0.05	500g	34m	38m

### Additional Information

\*J-STD-004B is the IPC Joint Industry Standard for classifying and testing soldering fluxes. It varies from the prior versions, J-STD-004 and J-STD-004A, in two very important ways. J-STD-004B uses a modified electromigration (ECM) test battery which is designed to better test the effects of the flux in high humidity conditions at normal operating temperatures and voltages. The environmental test is specifically designed to try to create dendritic growth and create failure in marginal flux formulas, unlike the prior version of J-STD-004 which used higher temperatures and voltages that did not grow dendrites as easily. Also, J-STD-004B halogen testing now reveals the total amount of halogen in a flux by first using an oxygen bomb to disassociate any halogen from the chemical compounds that they are bound to, and then collecting and quantifying them. Prior versions of J-STD-004 were unable to detect halogens that were present, but only disassociated at high temperatures (such as soldering temperature). As such, prior testing methods might give the user a false sense that no halogens are present in the flux, when in fact they are. Indium Corporation strongly supports the enhanced features of J-STD-004B because it better serves the user's need for information.

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