



Shelf Life and Warranty Period Policies

Solder Paste: The shelf life of solder paste products will vary based on the chemistry of the formula. The shelf life for each product is stated on its Technical Data Sheet. Also, the date of manufacture and date of expiration is noted on the product label.

Chemicals: The shelf life of chemical products will vary based on the chemistry of the formula. The shelf life for each product is stated on its Technical Data Sheet. Also, the date of manufacture and date of expiration is noted on the product label.

Rework Fluxes: All rework fluxes (RF Series Products) have a 1 year shelf life when stored between 0-10°C (32-50°F).

Flux-Pens: The shelf life of chemical products will vary based on the chemistry of the formula. The shelf life for each product is stated on its Technical Data Sheet. Also, the date of manufacture and date of expiration is noted on the product label.

Solder Wire (Flux-Cored and Solid) and Solder Bar: Storage must be in a dry, non-corrosive environment between 10-40°C (50-104°F). The surface may lose its shine and appear a dull shade of grey. This is a surface phenomenon and is not detrimental to product functionality. Solder wire and solder bar have a limited Warranty Period determined by the alloy used in the bar. For alloys containing more than 70% lead, the warranty period is 2 years from the date of manufacture. Other alloys have a warranty period of 3 years from the date of manufacture. Kester does not imply an automatic loss of solder product functionality after the lapse of the Warranty Period. Customers should perform tests to insure solder suitability for their specific applications and storage conditions after the Warranty Period.

Solder Preforms: Solid solder preforms have an indefinite shelf life when stored in a dry, non-corrosive environment. The surface may lose its shine and appear a dull shade of gray. This is a surface phenomenon and is not detrimental to product functionality.

Flux-coated and cored preforms have a limited shelf life determined by the alloy used in the preform. Alloys containing more than 70% lead have a 2 year shelf life from the date of manufacture. All other alloys have a shelf life of 3 years from the date of manufacture. Flux coated preforms should be stored at a temperature less than 25°C (77°F) to prevent preforms from sticking together.

Other Products: For products not listed above, the shelf life is listed on the product's Technical Data Sheet.