

KESTER® R253-5 SOLDER PASTE

No-Clean, Lead-Free

DESCRIPTION

Kester R253-5 Solder Paste is an air or nitrogen processable no-clean, lead-free solder paste formula specifically designed to minimize residues. Residues which remain on the surfaces after soldering are easily probed. R253-5 maintains highest possible activity for a no-clean formula and provides robust printing characteristics for up to 12 hours. Formula R253-5 is classified as Type ROL1 flux under IPC ANSI/J-STD-005 Joint Industry Standard.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Stencil Life: 12 hours (process dependent)
- Excellent printing characteristics to 16 mil pitch
- Leaves bright/shiny solder joints after reflow
- Scrap is reduced due to less paste dry out

STANDARD APPLICATIONS

Stencil Printing – 90% Metal

ROHS COMPLIANCE

This product meets the requirements of the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive, 2015/863 for the stated banned substances.

TECHNICAL DATA

Category	Results	Procedure/Remarks	
Physical Properties			
Viscosity	1350 to 1850	Sn95Sb05 T5 88% T5	
Viscosity	1150 to 1650	Sn96Ag4 T3 88% T3	
Reliability Properties			
Copper Mirror Corrosion	Low	Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.32	
Corrosion Test	Low	Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.15	
Surface Insulation Resistance (SIR), (Typical)	Pass	Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.3.3	
		Blank	R253-5
	24 hours	3.33*10 ⁹ Ω	2.17*10 ⁸ Ω
	96 hours	4.40*10 ⁹ Ω	8.60*10 ⁸ Ω
	168 hours	3.91*10 ⁹ Ω	1.4*10 ⁸ Ω

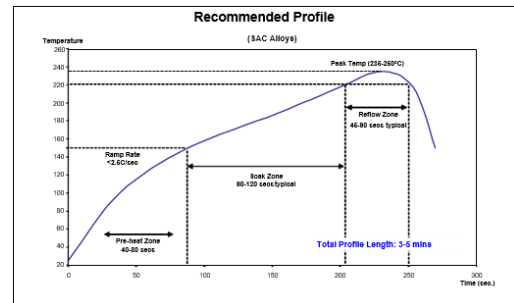
PROCESSING GUIDELINES

Printing Parameters

Squeegee Blade	80 to 90 durometer polyurethane or stainless steel
Squeegee Speed	Capable to a maximum speed of 25 to 150 mm/sec (1 to 6 in/sec)
Stencil Material	Stainless Steel, Molybdenum, Nickel Plated, Brass
Temperature/Humidity	Optimal ranges are 21 to 25 °C (70 to 77 °F) and 35 to 65% RH

Recommended Reflow Profile

Convection and Infra-Red reflow methods are most commonly used to reflow the R253-5 formula. Full Convection, Vapor Phase, and Soft Beam Laser methods can also be used. The recommended IR or Convection reflow profile for the R253-5 formula made with SAC alloys is shown here.



Cleaning

R253-5 is a no-clean formula. The residues do not need to be removed for typical applications. Although R253-5 is designed for no-clean applications, its residues can be easily removed using automated cleaning equipment (in-line or batch) with the aid of Kester 5768 Cleaner in a 10 to 12% concentration in de-ionized water at approximately 140 °F (60 °C).

Storage, Handling and Shelf Life

R253-5 should be kept at standard refrigeration temperatures and humidity conditions, 0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F) and 35 to 55%RH respectively. Shelf life is 4 months from date of manufacture when held at 0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F).

AVAILABILITY

R253-5 is commonly available in SnAg and SnSb alloys. Type 3 powder mesh is recommended, but different powder particle size distributions are available for standard and fine pitch applications. For specific packaging information see Kester's Solder Paste Packaging Chart for available sizes. The appropriate combination depends on process variables and the specific application.

RECYCLING SERVICES

We provide safe and efficient recycling services to help companies meet their environmental and legislative requirements and at the same time, maximize the value of their waste streams.

Our service collects solder dross, solder scrap, and various forms of solder paste waste. Please contact your local sales representative for recycling capabilities in your area.



SAFETY & WARNING

It is recommended that the company/operator read and review the Safety Data Sheets for the appropriate health and safety warnings before use. **Safety Data Sheets are available.**

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