

INKJET PRINTING

SUSS JETxSM A FULLY DEVELOPED INKJET SOLUTION FOR SOLDER MASK: FUTURE PROOF FOR A GREENER WORLD





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GREENER SOLDER MASK FOR PCB DIGITAL - ADDITIVE - CONTACTLESS

Drop-on-demand inkjet printing is the next generation of solder mask patterning on PCB. Inkjet-based manufacturing offers significant advantages. First and foremost, it avoids costly photo processes (i.e. resist coating, exposure and development steps). Additionally, inkjet printing considerably reduces capital equipment investments, associated labor, floor space, chemical usage and related handling and disposal costs.

The high-level technologies enable higher yield for your soldermask.



SOLDERMASK MANUFACTURING NEEDS





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The tight control over patterning enables the solder mask material to perform its function at its best, even on small copper features.



Great care is taken to ensure a conformal coating on copper edge (the "knee"). The breakdown voltage requirements defines a solder mask thickness design that is easily implemented via inkjet printing. Material savings and great electrical performances are no longer opposite targets.

The moderate footprint and an additional one meter of service area guarantees easy operations and maximum floor productivity. The tool height, with the 320mm light tower, reaches 2510mm. The precise granite frame brings the weight to 1800 kg.





PiXDRO JETxSM HIGHLIGHTS

- + High fidelity pattern
- + Throughput optimized to the thickness of a copper
- + Ink independence
- + Ink suppliers are available worldwide
- + Stage motion has high accuracy
- + Great Jetting quality and predictability thanks to latest generation MEMS printheads
- + Printhead technology is supported by recirculation for robustness against clogged nozzles



The cross sections in this page show a typical inkjet solder mask profile. Accurate thickness design at copper edge and well positioned dams between pads enable high functional reliability for PCB manufacturing.



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ADVANCED CAM INTERFACING MAIN FEATURES AND OPTIONS

The digital nature of the JETxSM is exploited fully when coupled to its CAM station front end: JETxSMFE.

This interface allows the CAM station engineer to define in detail how the tool will implement the solder mask. The user will declare the known aspects of the manufacturing, like the pre-treatment applied to the board incoming at the inkjet printing step, the ink material in the machine, the thickness of the copper and few other details that will ensure that nothing, during manufacturing, is left to chance or a fortuitous skill of an operator on the floor. The information travels from the CAM station to the tool.

Furthermore, the front-end will interpret, analyse and translate the incoming manufacturing design into a set of instruction for the tool to print a specific batch of samples. The information can be linked to a specific barcode which is assumed to be also on the designed board.

Input job details	Board geometry, copper thickness, ink details, pretreatment, fiducial list, batch barcode	
Input CAM data	Copper, solder mask, drill holes format: Gerber, Gerber X2, ODB++*	
Options	 Support more design on a single board Implement selective layer thickness Create patterns of matte and glossy areas Unique serialization (text, barcodes, dates, etc.) embedded in the solder mask layer 	
Output	Work package related to job details The package is related to a barcode identifier and is ready to be loaded by the JETxSM	

Therefore, the right information is picked up and the print can be performed according to the specifications.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION FOR BEST RESULTS BENEFIT FROM SHORT INFORMATION PATHS





PIXDRO INKJET PRINTER AND SOLDER MASK PROCESS TECHNICAL DATA

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Substrate size	460 x 610mm (18"x24") 610 x 765mm (24"x30")
Stage accuracy	+/-5μm (3σ)
Stage repeatability	+/- 1 μm (3 σ)
Print speed	Up to 1000 mm/s
Power	400V ± 10%; 50/60Hz; 3-phase+N+PE
Compressed air	6–10bar; 200liter/min
Ethernet	100BASE-T
Footprint and weight	Inkjet printer: 1500x2000mm; approx. 1800kg E-cabinet: 800x1100mm; approx. 100kg
Certification	CE
MAIN FEATURES	
Printhead type	FUJIFILM Dimatix Samba G3L
Printhead array	6 printheads
Total number of nozzles	12288 (2048 nozzles/head)
Pinning and Curing	2 UV bars, up to (20W/cm ²)
Throughput	Up to 60 sides/hr*
Optional	automated PCB handling module



Draw your required breakdown voltages



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