Conformal Coatings Technical Data Sheet



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TRV Tropicalised Varnish

TRV is a flexible, transparent acrylic conformal coating designed for the protection of electronic circuitry. It has been formulated to meet the harsh environments found in tropical conditions and is for professional use only.

- Cost effective coating; ideal for manual coating applications
- Good resistance to high humidity environments; high performance in tropical conditions
- Transparent coating; offers good resistance to UV light
- Ideal for applications requiring rework; can be removed with Electrolube ULS

Approvals	RoHS Compliant (2015/865/EU): MIL Approval (MIL-1-46058C): IPC-CC-830:	Yes Meets approval Meets approval
Liquid Properties	Appearance: Density @ 20°C (g/ml): VOC Content: Flash Point: Solids content: Viscosity @ 20°C (mPa s): Touch Dry: Recommended Drying Time: Coverage @ 25µm:	Pale Coloured Liquid 0.91 65% -7°C 35% 300 - 350 10-15 minutes 24 Hours @ 20°C 4 Hours @ 60°C 2 Hours @ 90°C 14m ² per litre
Dry Film Coating	Colour: Operating Temperature Range: Flammability: Thermal Shock Test (MIL-1-46058C): Coefficient of Expansion: Dielectric Strength: Dielectric Constant: Surface Insulation Resistance: Comparative Tracking Index: Dissipation Factor @ 1MHz, 25°C: Moisture Resistance (MIL-1-46058C):	Colourless -55°C to +130°C Self-extinguishing (ASTM Method D56) Meets approval 130ppm 45 kV/mm 2.5 $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega$ >300 Volts 0.01 Meets approval

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Packaging	Description	Order Code	Shelf Life
TRV Conformal Coating	500ml Bulk	TRV500ML	48 Months
Universal Acrylic Thinners	5 Litre	UAT05L	72 Months
Removal Solvent	200ml Aerosol 400ml Aerosol 1 Litre Bulk 5 Litre Bulk 25 Litre Bulk	ULS200D ULS400D ULS01L ULS05L ULS25L	36 Months 36 Months 72 Months 72 Months 72 Months

Directions for Use

TRV can be sprayed, dipped or brushed. The thickness of the coating depends on the method of application (typically 25-75 microns). Temperatures of less than 16°C or relative humidity in excess of 75% are unsuitable for the application of TRV. As is the case for all solvent based conformal coatings, adequate extraction should be used (refer to MSDS for further information).

Substrates should be thoroughly cleaned before coating. This is required to ensure that satisfactory adhesion to the substrate is achieved. Also, all flux residues must be removed as they may become corrosive if left on the PCB. Electrolube manufacture a range of cleaning products using both hydrocarbon solvent and aqueous technology. Electrolube cleaning products produce results within Military specification.

Spraying – Bulk

TRV needs to be diluted with the appropriate thinners (UAT) before spraying. The optimum viscosity to give coating quality and thickness depends on the spray equipment and conditions, but normally a dilution ratio of 1:1 to 2:1 (TRV:UAT) is required. Suitable spray viscosity is typically 50-80mPa s. If bulk coating material has been agitated, allow to stand until air bubbles have dispersed.

TRV is suitable both for use in manual spray guns and selective coating equipment. The selected nozzle should enable a suitable even spray to be applied in addition to suiting the prevailing viscosity. The normal spray gun pressure required is 274 to 413 kPa (40 - 60 lbs/sq.inch). After spraying, the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

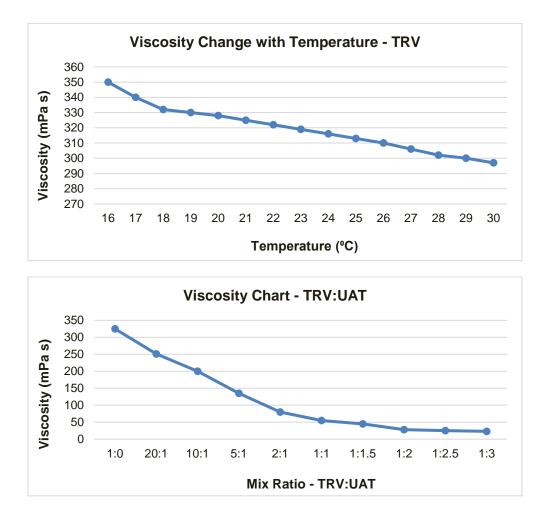
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Dip Coating

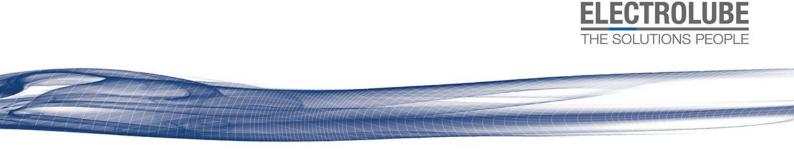
Ensure that the coating material in the container has been agitated thoroughly and has been allowed to stand for at least 2 hours for all the air bubbles to disperse. Universal Acrylic Thinners (UAT) should be used to keep the TRV coating at a suitable viscosity for dipping (200 – 300mPa s @ 20°C). UAT is added periodically as the solvent evaporates. The viscosity should be checked using a viscosity meter or "flow cup".

The board assemblies should be immersed in the TRV dipping tank in the vertical position, or at an angle as close to the vertical as possible. Connectors should not be immersed in the liquid unless they are very carefully masked. Electrolube Peelable Coating Masks (PCM/PCS) are ideal for this application.

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Leave submerged for approximately 10 seconds until the air bubbles have dispersed. The board or boards should then be withdrawn slowly (1 to 2s/mm) so that an even film covers the surface. After withdrawing, the boards should be left to drain over the tank or drip tray until the majority of residual coating has left the surface. After the draining operation is complete, the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

Brushing

Ensure that the coating material has been agitated thoroughly and has been allowed to settle for at least 2 hours. The coating should be kept at ambient temperature. When the brushing operation is complete the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

Inspection

TRV contains a UV trace, which allows inspection of the PCB after coating to ensure complete and even coverage. The stronger the reflected UV light, the thicker the coating layer is. UV light in the region of 375nm should be used for inspection.

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