

R520A Solder Paste

Lead-Free, Water Soluble

Product Description

Kester R520A Solder Paste is a lead-free, organic acid, water soluble solder paste formula specifically designed for use with the higher temperature lead-free alternative soldering alloys such as Sn96.5Ag3.0Cu0.5 (SAC Alloys). The solder paste exhibits long stencil life and tack time, while still delivering exceptional solderability to a wide variety of metallic substrates. R520A was formulated to release consistently from the stencil for those critical fine pitch applications (0.5 mm/20 mils) with anti-slump characteristics and preferred solder deposit definition. The activator package in this formula is extremely aggressive, providing superior wetting to OSP coated and Immersion Gold over Electroless Nickel (ENIG) boards. R520A is an extremely stable water soluble formula.

Performance Characteristics:

- Lead-free and water soluble
- Print speed up to 150 mm/sec (6 in/sec)
- Stable tack life to long stencil life
- Consistent printing over a range of temperatures and humidities
- Excellent wetting onto Ag/Pd leaded components
- Reduces scrap due to less paste dry out
- Residues easily removed with hot DI water
- Classified as ORH0 per J-STD-004

Standard Applications

- 89.5% Metal – Stencil Printing
- 89.9% Metal – Enclosed Head Printing

RoHS Compliance

This product meets the requirements of the RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) Directive, 2002/95/EC Article 4 for the stated banned substances.

Physical Properties

(Data given for Sn96.5 Ag3.0 Cu0.5, 89.5% metal, -325+500 mesh)

Viscosity (typical): 2150 poise

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Initial Tackiness (typical): 30 grams

Tested to J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.44

Slump Test: Pass

Tested to J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.35

Solder Ball Test: Preferred

Tested to J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.43

Wetting Test: Pass

Tested to J-STD-005, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.4.45

Reliability Properties

Copper Mirror Corrosion: High

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.32

Copper Test: Low

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.15

Silver Chromate: Pass

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.33

Chloride and Bromides: None Detected

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.35

Fluorides by Spot Test: Pass

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.35.1

Surface Insulation Resistance (SIR) IPC (Typical): Pass

Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.3.3

	Blank	R520A
Day 1	$2.75 \times 10^{10} \Omega$	$1.66 \times 10^8 \Omega$
Day 4	$1.52 \times 10^{10} \Omega$	$6.60 \times 10^8 \Omega$
Day 7	$1.31 \times 10^{10} \Omega$	$1.27 \times 10^9 \Omega$

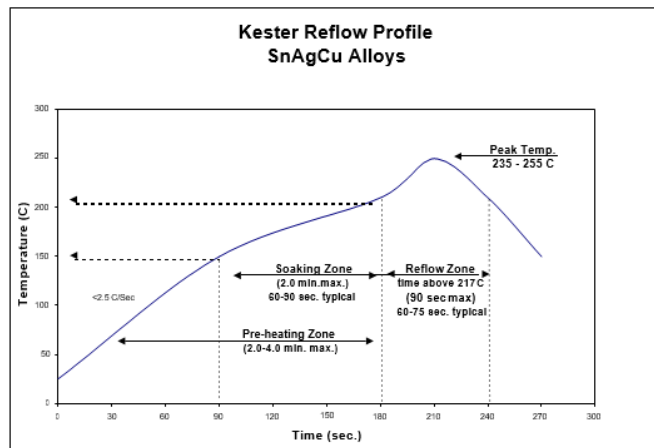
Availability

Kester R520A is available in the Sn96.5Ag3.0Cu0.5 alloy with Type 3 powder. 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.

Printing Parameters

Squeegee Blade	80 to 90 durometer polyurethane or stainless steel
Squeegee Speed	Capable to a maximum speed of 150 mm/sec (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



The recommended reflow profile for R520A made with SAC alloys is shown here. This profile is simply a guideline. Since R520A is a highly active solder paste, it can solder effectively over a wide range of profiles. Your optimal profile may be different from the one shown based on your oven, board and mix of defects. Please contact Kester if you need additional profiling advice.

Cleaning

R520A residues are best removed using automated cleaning equipment (in-line or batch) within 24 hours of soldering. De-ionized water is recommended for the final rinse. Water temperatures should be 49 to 60 °C (120 to 140 °F). Kester's 5768 Bio-Kleen® saponifier can also be used in a 1 to 2% ratio for aqueous cleaning systems.

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 or [link here](#).



Storage, Handling and Shelf Life

Refrigeration is the recommended optimum storage condition for solder paste to maintain consistent viscosity, reflow characteristics, and overall performance. R520A should be stabilized at room temperature prior to printing. R520A should be kept at standard refrigeration temperatures, 0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F). Please contact Kester if you require additional advice with regard to storage and handling of this material. Shelf life is 4 months from date of manufacture and held at 0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F).

Health and Safety

This product, during handling or use, may be hazardous to your health or the environment. Read the Safety Data Sheet and warning label before using this product. Safety Data Sheets are available at this [link](#).

Contact Information

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