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# Guideline for Pre-Shipment UV Curing of Solder Mask on EIT PCBs

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### 1.0 Scope and Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the pre-shipment UV curing requirement and guideline. UV curing is required within 72 hours on all EIT printed circuit boards at PCB fabrication facilities prior to shipment to EIT.

### 2.0 Responsibility and Authority

This procedure applies to all EIT approved PCB fabrication facilities.

- 3.0 Revision History (Changes are in Blue)
  - 3.1 Document number changed from 751105 to EMS-W0041.
  - 3.2 Updated the entire work instruction to match the new format for all QMS documents

**NOTE:** This revision was reviewed and reformatted but virtually stayed identical to the "A" version. The original release date of 07/13/2012 was changed to indicate the review had taken place. The revision stayed at "A".

3.3 Revision changed from A to 1.0

#### 4.0 Definitions

4.1 PCB Printed Circuit Board

#### 5.0 References and Related Documents

N/A

#### 6.0 Work Instruction

See Attachment 1 for brief information on Joules and Watt terminologies used in UV curing systems and an example of a UV curing profile.

6.1 Pre shipment UV curing is required a minimum of 72 hours prior to shipment to EIT. The process must be performed in a calibrated\* UV curing oven to ensure

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the solder mask is completely cured to meet EIT's acceptability requirement.

- 6.2 Objective evidence must be maintained and available for EIT review (as required). which ensures the UV curing capabilities meet the following guidelines.
  - A. A UVA band shall be used for UV curing process.
  - B. A dosage of 12 + /- 1 Joules/cm<sup>2</sup> of delivered radiant accumulated energy is to be absorbed by the printed circuit board.
  - C. Note: Multiple passes of PCBs through the UV curing oven might be needed to achieve the 12j/cm<sup>2</sup> absorbed energy level on the printed circuit board.
  - D. A Peak intensity of 0.3 + 0.1/0. irradiant Watt/cm<sup>2</sup> is to be measured during each pass.
  - E. Energy Level must be measured using a calibrated UV measurement instrument (radiometer) to ensure that the required dosage is achieved. Actual measurement results are required on the Certification of Compliance (C of C)
- 6.3 Documentation required for each lot shipment:
  - Certification of Compliance (C of C) must include the actual measured energy level.

#### 7.0 Records

- C of C
- UV curing profile (see sample 8.0) \*\*
- \*Calibration Records / Certifications traceable to NIST \*\*

#### 8.0 Attachments

Attachment 1

Brief information on Joules and Watt terminologies used in UV curing systems:

UV dosage is measured in Joules/cm<sup>2</sup>. MilliWatts are units of measure for lamp intensity, and MilliJoules are a measure of the accumulation of the MilliWatts over time of exposure. The formula for calculating Joules/cm<sup>2</sup> is:  $1 \text{ W/cm}^2 \times 1 \text{ s} = 1 \text{ J/cm}^2$ . The calculation for MilliJoules is the same, only the UV level is 1,000 times less:  $1 \text{ mW/cm}^2 \times 1 \text{ s} = 1 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$ . Milliwatts are intensity; MilliJoules are dosage.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Records are to be maintained at Supplier for a minimum of 3 years.

## **Example of UV Curing Profile:**

**Mask on EIT PCBs** 

UV Measurements - C Sun Oven, 1.1 m/min, both lamps on, high power K Bostian / EIT / 2006-08-08

Band	Radiant Energy Density (J/cm^2)	Irradiance (W/cm^2)
UVA	4.2262	0.29183
UVB	3.6945	0.25983
UVC	0.19952	0.04083
UVV	2.5938	0.20495

