

Conductor 3

Description

Voltera Conductor 3 ink is a third generation ink that allows for higher conductivity, flexibility, and more robust hand soldering.

Application notes

Curing

For best results, follow the recommendations in Table 4. For curing on the V-One, use the automatic bake cycle. The board should be face up, with clamps still attached. For a box oven, cure right side up at 90°C for 5 minutes, then 120°C for 15 minutes (no flipping required).

Soldering

Use SMD291 flux. Solder at 180°C for hand soldering and rework.

Recommended substrates

- Fibreglass epoxy or epoxy laminates (FR4, FR1), bare or soldermask-coated
- Glass (untreated, no coating)
- PET
- Polyimide (Kapton)

Design recommendations

For circuit board applications with the standard 250 μm nozzle, consider these design recommendations:

- Minimum IC pin-to-pin pitch: 0.65 mm
- Minimum 2-terminal package: 0402 (imperial)
- Minimum tracewidth: 8 mil/200 µm (recommend 10 mil)

Safety and handling

See SDS for safety, handling, and disposal information.

Table 1: Physical and electrical properties (post-cure)

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| Test | Value | |
| Sheet resistance (50 µm film thickness) | $2.05\mathrm{m}\Omega/\mathrm{sq}$ | |
| Resistivity (4-point-probe) | 1.265 × 10−7 Ω.m | |
| Typical cured film thickness: | 50 μm | |
| Film shrinkage | N/A | |
| Bend radius at fracture | < 0.7 mm | |
| Adhesion (crosshatch tape test) | No transfer | |

Table 2: Composition properties

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| Test | Value |
| Density | 3.35 g/mL |
| Clean-up solvent | Isopropyl Alcohol (99%) |

Table 3: Printing properties (printed on FR4)

| Test | Value |
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| Trace spread after print | 20% |
| Recommended nozzle ID | 150-225 µm |
| Typical line width | 6-10 mil 150-250 μm |
| *Typical print height | 50-100 μm |
| *Typical feedrate | 300-500 mm/min |
| *Typical kick | 0.35 mm |
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*V-One specific settings

Table 4: Processing parameters

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| Test | Value | |
| Curing | Step 1: Dry for 5 minutes at 90°C Step 2: Cure for 15 minutes at 120°C | |
| Compatible solder | SnBiAg1 SnBiAg0.4 Sn62Pb36Ag2 | |
| Typical height | 50-100 μm | |
| Typical shelf life | 12 months, refrigerated | |
| Storage | 4-10°C, sealed container | |