

## Piezotech FC™ ink P

### - Processing guide -

#### Technical Data

Technology	Screen Printing		Thickness range (µm)	1 - 20
For: Piezotech FC ink (product name)	FC ink P 20	FC ink P 25	Viscosity (mPa.s)	23000
Curie Temp. (°C)	135	120	Base Solvent(s)	Triethylphosphate
Melting Temp. (°C)	150		Typical dry content value (%)	18
Annealing Temp. (°C)	135		Boiling Point (°C)	215

#### Printing Data

Layers between 1µm and 20 µm can be deposited by screen printing technique.

#### Typical process used for a screen-printed 2µm thick layer

##### Materials

- Polymer: Piezotech FC ink P 20
- Substrate: PEN 125µm thick - expl: Teonex Q65HA from Dupont
- Electrodes:
  - Silver ink - expl: HPS021LV from Novacentrix
  - PEDOT-PSS ink - expl: Clevis SV 4 from Heraeus

##### Screen parameters - polymer layer

- Screen cloth: Polyester
- Wire diameter: 40µm
- Mesh count per cm: 100

##### Process parameters

- Blade speed: 200mm/s
- Blade pressure: 40N
- Off-contact substrate-screen distance: 1.6mm

##### Screen parameters – conductive layer

- Screen cloth: Stainless steel
- Wire diameter: 20µm
- Mesh count per cm: 300

#### Post-printing Treatment

##### Annealing

After deposition, the layer has to be annealed above the Curie Transition Temperature to increase crystallinity and performances.

##### Typical Process

##### For the conductive layer

- 1 - Hot plate / 60°C -> 3mn (solvent evaporation step)
- 2 - Infrared oven / 135°C -> 5mn (annealing step)

##### For the polymer layer

- Infrared oven 135°C -> 15mn

##### Other possibilities

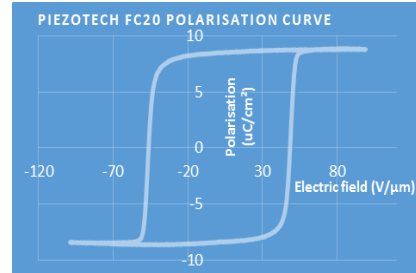
*Vacuum for solvent evaporation and Conventional oven for the annealing step.*

**Poling**

In order to acquire its piezoelectric properties, the ferroelectric layer has to be poled by applying a voltage above the coercive field.

**Typical Process**

- An electric field is applied according to the following cycle: :  
0V/μm to +E<sub>max</sub>, +E<sub>max</sub> to -E<sub>max</sub>, -E<sub>max</sub> to 0V/μm
- Frequency: 0,5Hz (higher is possible)
- Number of cycles to reach 100V/μm: 15
- Signal: sinusoidal

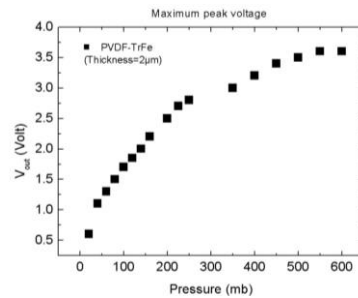


Poling can also be carried out by applying a constant electric field (after a progressive rise) for a few minutes while heating the sample

Typical polarization curve obtained with the printed Piezotech FC ink 20

**Typical properties for a poled film obtained from Piezotech FC ink P 20**

Relative dielectric permittivity, $\epsilon_r$ (1kHz)	12	Remnant polarization $P_r$ (mC/m <sup>2</sup> )	80
Piezoelectric coefficient $d_{33}$ (pC/N or pm/V)	-28	Coercive field (V/μm)	45
Pyro-electric coefficient, $\rho$ , (μC/m <sup>2</sup> .K)	-22	Dielectric strength (V/μm)	400



Typical electrical response for a Piezotech FC 20 printed sensor. The voltage is obtained by applying a gas flow.

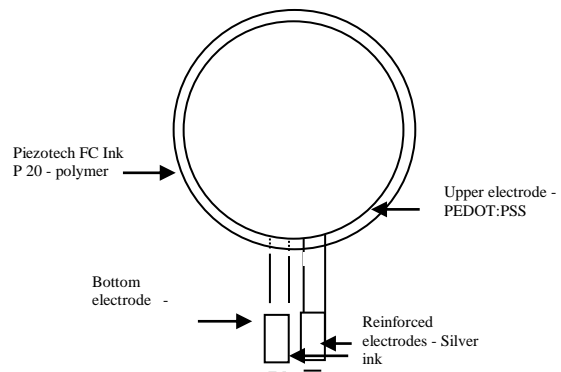
**Design Concept**

**Polarization connection**

The thin film polarization is achieved by using contact probes. In order to prevent damages to the electrodes between the probes and the metallization, reinforced electrode surfaces can be printed

**Polymer / electrodes surface ratios**

The surface of the printed polymer has to be larger than the electrode surface in order to avoid electrical breakdown between upper and bottom electrodes



Example of the screen printed Piezotech FC Ink P 20 layer design

## Safety and Storage

Please refer to the safety datasheet

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