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CERMET GOLD CONDUCTOR

8880 8880-H

The 8880 and 8880-H gold conductors (MICRO-LOK®) have been developed to give the best adhesion properties possible when printed and fired on a range of ceramic substrate materials. This is achieved by a reactive bonding mechanism that does not require glass frit. These gold conductors have high conductivity and excellent wire bondability properties due to the absence of glass in the bonding mechanism.

The 8880-H is a higher solids version of the 8880 conductor and has been successfully used on 99.5% alumina and ferrite substrates for thick film microwave applications.

These gold conductors may be etched with KI/I₂ solutions for fine line definition to give lowest attenuation in microwave circuits at frequencies up to 20 GHz. Small amounts (<10 ppm) of halogenated hydrocarbons in the furnace atmosphere will severely affect the adhesion of these products.

PASTE DATA

RHEOLOGY: Thixotropic, screen printable paste

VISCOSITY:

(Brookfield RVT, ABZ Spindle, 10 rpm, 25.5°C±0.5°C) 400±35 Pa·s

MICRO-LOK® **BONDING MECHANISM:**

SHELF LIFE: (25°C) 6 months

PROCESSING

SCREEN MESH/EMULSION: $325/25 \mu m$

LEVELING TIME: (25°C) 5-10 minutes DRYING AT 125°C: 10-15 minutes

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FIRING TEMPERATURE RANGE: 930°C-1000°C

OPTIMUM: 980°C

TIME AT PEAK: 10-12 minutes

RATE OF ASCENT/DESCENT: 50°C-60°C/minute

SUBSTRATE OF CALIBRATION: 96% alumina

THINNER: ESL 401

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

FIRED THICKNESS: 10-15 μm

RESISTIVITY: $\leq 3 \text{ m}\Omega/\text{square}$

PRINTING RESOLUTION: (Line/Space) 8880 125 μ m x 125 μ m

8880-H 75 μm x 75 μm

APPROXIMATE COVERAGE: 80-85 cm²/gram

ADHESION:

(90° pull, 2.0 mm x 2.0 mm pads, 80 Au/20 Sn solder)

Initial pull strength: 60-100 N

Aged 48 hours at 150°C: 40-80 N

THERMOSONIC WIRE BONDING: (125°C bonding temperature)

(50 µm Au) 30-35 grams

ULTRASONIC AI WIRE BOND: (25 μm, 1% Si, Al wire)

Initial pull strength: 10-16 grams

Aged 48 hours at 150°C: 7-11 grams