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MCPCB's and Thermal Interface Material Considerations for High Power LED Lighting Applications

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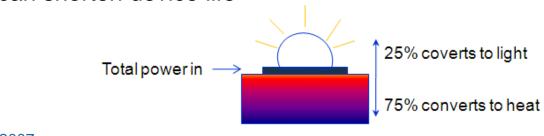


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Importance of Thermal Management of High Power LED's

- Only ~15-30% of input power is converted to light
- The remaining 70-85% of input power is converted to heat
 - > Excessive heat can cause a shift in color
 - Excessive heat can reduce light output
 - Excessive heat can shorten device life



IESNA Handbook Osram Sylvania

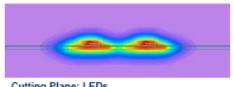
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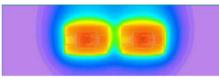
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Comparison of FR-4 to IMS

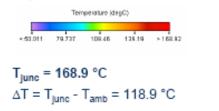
FR4 PCB



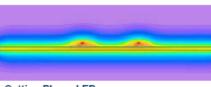
Cutting Plane: LEDs



Cutting Plane: PCB



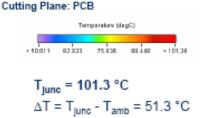
Insulated Metal Substrate



Cutting Plane: LEDs

55%







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Influencing Factors

- Board material with higher thermal conductivity
- Attach to additional heat spreader (PCB on Aluminium)
- Solder pad layout and placement of other components
- Use of thermal vias

Good thermal management results in lower junction temperature



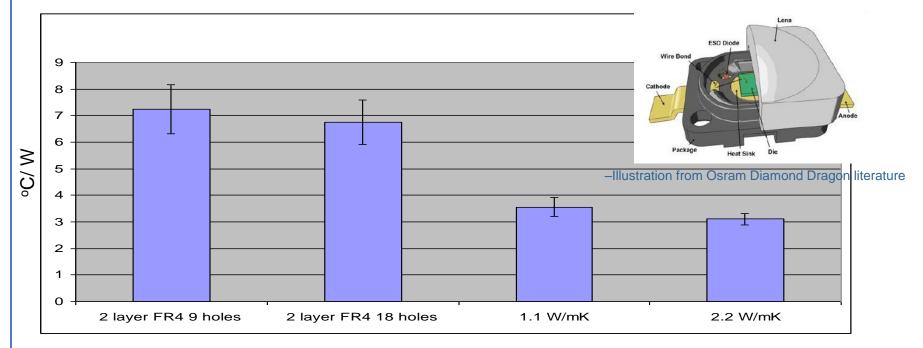
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Thermal impedance of Osram Diamond Dragon on various substrates



57% improvement from popular FR-4 configuration to 2.2 W/mK solution

Note: the two FR-4 samples needed an insulator pad between the board and heat sink adding 0.2°C/W



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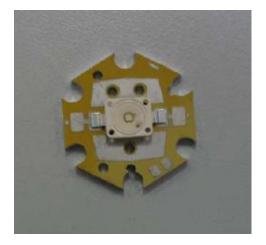
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Comparison of thermal impedance of SinoGuide TCP150 and TCP100 dielectrics

Components: LED Golden Dragon (chip 1sqmm) (same wafer Lot)

MCPCB: Al 1,57mm x Dielectric x 35µm cu



2 x improvement by increasing to 3W/mK dielectric from 1.1W/mK



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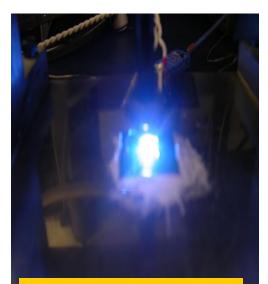
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Light Output of Die on Different Dielectric Materials at ΔT of 25C





1.3 W/mK SinoGuide MP



"1310 lux 0.30 W/mK FR-4/Alu



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Thermal T_Clad - IMS Insulated Metal Substrate

KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- 1. **Dielectric thermal impedance dominates** the conductive portion of the thermal path
- 2. Use of MCPCB is critical to thermal management of high power LED's
- 3. Reducing the conductive portion of the thermal budget, by using IMS, provide more options for heat sink selection.



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LED's have different package styles & different T_R





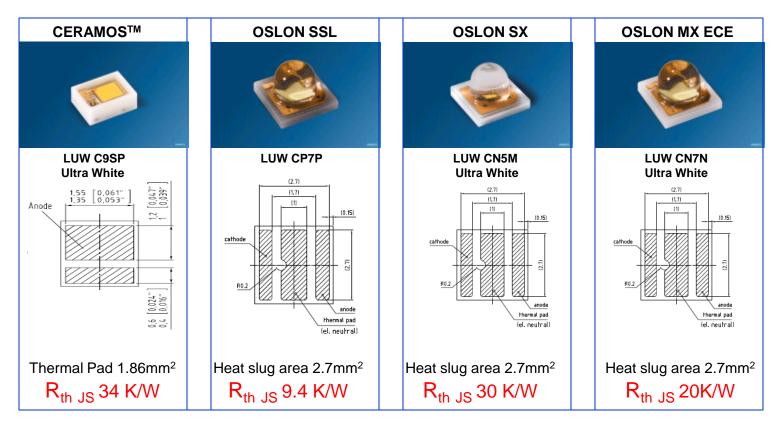
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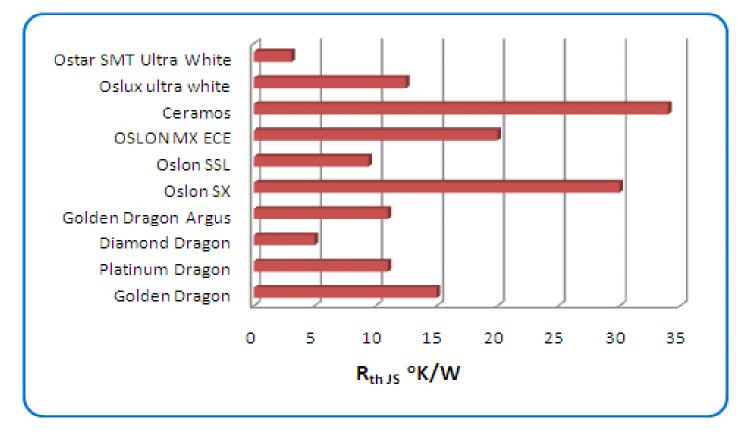
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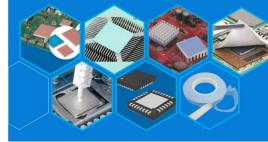
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R_{th JS} comparison of various LED's





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KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- 1. There are many different LED package styles
- 2. Even LED's with the same package style can have different thermal resistance from one part to another
- 3. Lower the thermal resistance package can see greater benefit from lower thermal impedance MCPCB



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Thermal Performance

Understanding Thermal Conductivity

- Thermal Conductivity (k)
 - A material's ability to conduct heat
 - Inherent material property
 - Does not depend on thickness

 \checkmark T_c unit is:

Watt

meter • Kelvin

For this purpose, the material is treated as isotropic.



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Fourier's Law of Heat Conduction

✓ Steady-state uniform heat conduction through a thin sample:

$$\frac{q}{A} = -k \frac{dT}{dx}$$

q = heat flow rate, Watt

A = area of sample, square meter

k = thermal conductivity, Watt/meter.Kelvin

x = thickness of specimen

dT/dx = temperature gradient through sample,

Kelvin/meter



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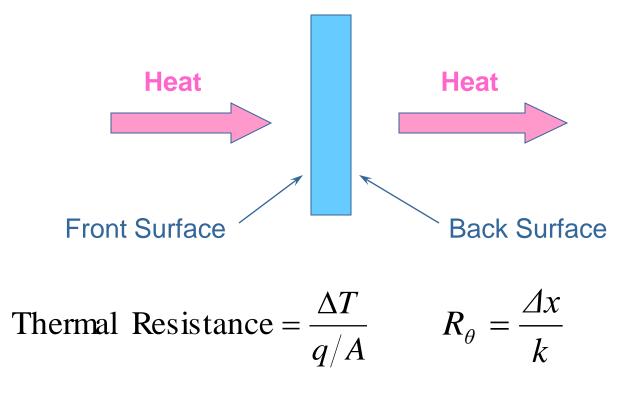


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Thermal Performance

• Thermal Resistance, R_{e} (excludes interfacial resistance)





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Thermal Performance

Understanding Thermal Resistance

- Thermal Resistance, R₀
 - A material's resistance to heat flow
 - Defined as temperature drop across a unit area material subjected to a steady state heat flow rate
 - Does not include interfacial resistance
 - Proportional to ratio of material thickness to material thermal conductivity
 - \checkmark S_I unit is

$$meter^2 \bullet Kelvin$$

Watt



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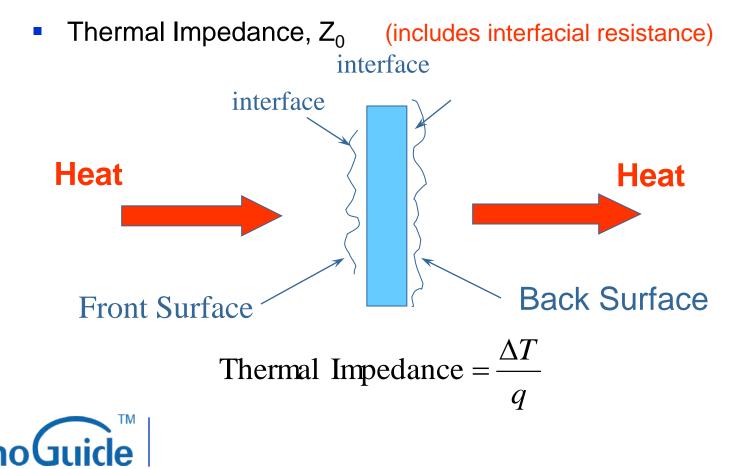


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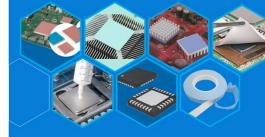
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Understanding Thermal Impedance



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Understanding Thermal Impedance

- Thermal Impedance, Z₀
 - The total opposition that an assembly (material and material interfaces) presents to the flow of heat.
 - Defined as temperature drop across one or more layers of materials subjected to a unit steady state heat flow rate
 - Interfacial thermal resistance (contact resistance) is highly variable and changes with pressure, texture, time and temperature
 - ✓ S_I unit is:
- Kelvin Watt



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Thermal Performance

Measurement Methods

- Thermal Conductivity (k) ASTM D5470
- Thermal Resistance (Rq) ASTM D5470
- Thermal Impedance (Z_0) 1) ASTM D5470



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KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- **1. Thermal conductivity** (k) is an **inherent property** of a material.
 - This property can be used for a sales agreement specification.
- 2. Thermal resistance (Rq) is an inherent property for each thickness of a material with a given thermal conductivity.
 - This property can be used for a sales agreement specification.
- **3. Thermal impedance** (Zq) **varies** with thermal conductivity, thickness, area, interfacial thermal resistance, and test method used.



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KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS (cont)

- 4. Interfacial thermal resistance is dependent on heat source, time, texture, force and temperature
- 5. Thermal impedance (Zq) cannot be used for a sales agreement specification due to interfacial resistance variables. This variability has forced the thermal community to develop the methodology of D5470 measuring thermal resistance (Rq) and thermal conductivity (k).



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Thermal Substrates (MCPCB) Intro:

What is a Thermal Substrate?

- Metal clad printed circuit board used for surfacemount components and COB technologies
- Used to efficiently remove heat from the components, transfer and spread it in the metal substrate
- It gives a very good thermal / mechanical means of connecting to a heat sink
- It provides the best solution available to improve system performance and reliability by reducing component temperature



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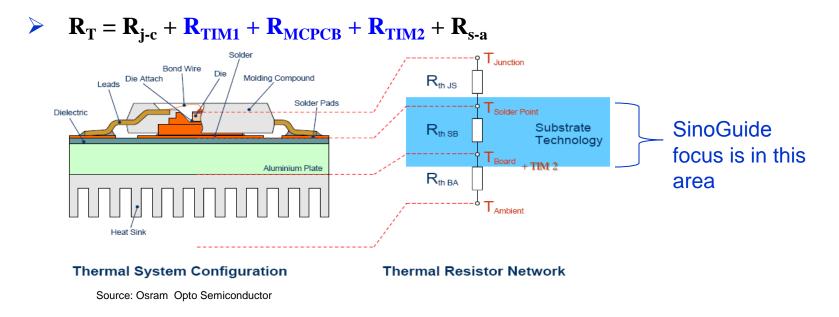


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The role of a MCPCB in an LED lighting system

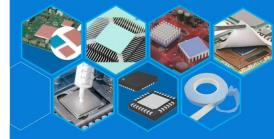
R_T is the sum of all components within the thermal path



Smaller package footprints and lower Thermal Resistance LED's is driving the need for lower thermal impedance MCPCB materials



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Choosing the appropriate MCPCB material stack up

Substrate material selection can vary with LED selection

- The lower the thermal resistance of the LED package the greater the need for a higher performing substrate material
 - a) Copper circuit foil thickness is selected based on current carrying capacity needed and surface heat spreading objectives
 - b) Dielectric thermal performance is selected based on LED's thermal resistance & power density
 - c) Base metal is selected based on thermal performance and mechanical/structural requirements

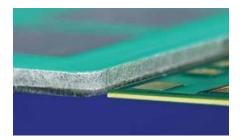


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MCPCB Substrate Technology

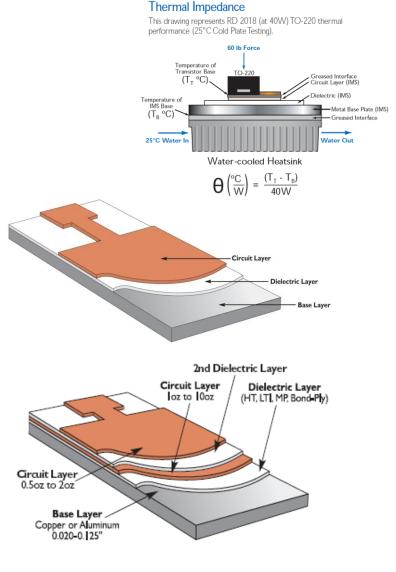
Available Systems

- Single Layer most common
- Double Layer increased routing area
- Ultra Thin Substrate can be formed



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Thermal Pad Standard Material Configurations

- Available Panel Sizes
 - Thickness 0.5mm (0.020") 5mm (0.190")
 - most popular thicknesses 1mm (0.040") 1.57 (0.062")
 - 18" x 24" (457mm x 610mm)
 - usable area 17" x 23" (432mm x 584mm)
 - 20" x 24" (508mm x 610mm)
 - usable area 19" x 23" (482.6mm x 584.2mm)
 - 18" x 25" (457mm x 635mm)
 - usable area 17" x 24" (432mm x 610mm)

Aluminum

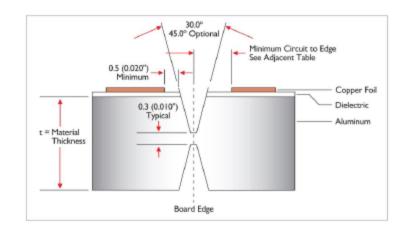
- 6061 T6 (easy to machine)
- 5052 H34 (lower cost & bendable)
- Copper
 - C1100 FH (full hard)



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Thermal Pad standard v-score

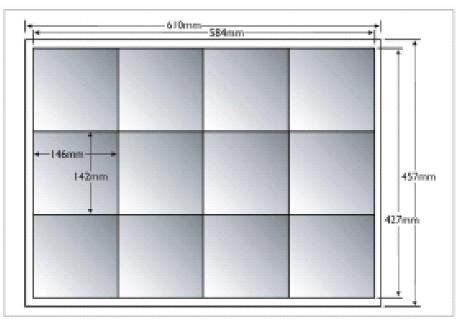
- V-scored parts tend to utilize the material most efficiently
- Eliminates the need for hard tooling required with a punched part
- Easy to separate from panel





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MCPCB surface finish options



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- Soldermask
 - White
 - Black

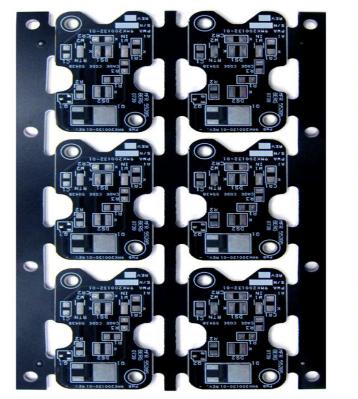
– Green

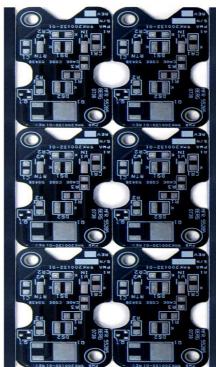
- Typically LPI (liquid photo imagable)
- Red
- Blue
- Pad finishes
 - HASL (with lead) solder with lead
 - HASL (lead free) solder without lead
 - OSP organic surface preservative
 - ENIG electroless nickel immersion gold
 - ENEPIG electroless nickel electroless palladium immersion gold

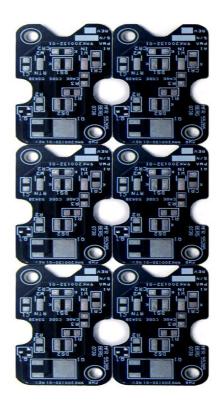


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Material utilization is key in reducing cost





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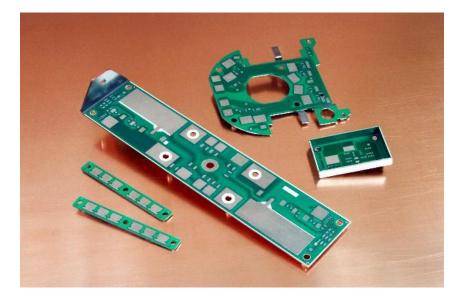


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Formed MCPCB

- Allows the substrate to be a part of the mechanical structure
- Can be single or two layer constructions
- Circuits cannot be routed around corners (yet)
- Base can be electrically active

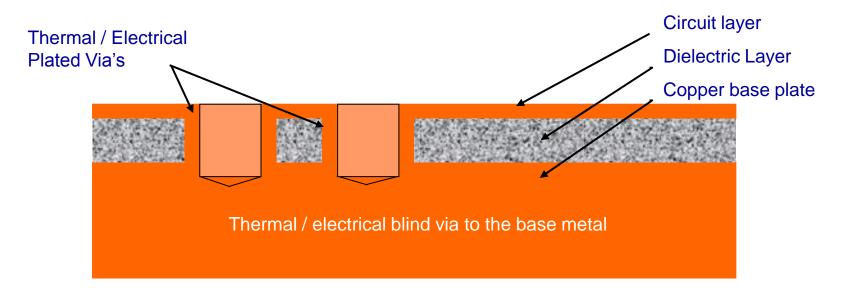




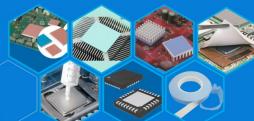
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Active Copper Base Plate

- ✓ Copper base with blind plated via's
- ✓ Can be a multilayer construction
- ✓ Laser drilling can enable the hole to stop at any copper layer







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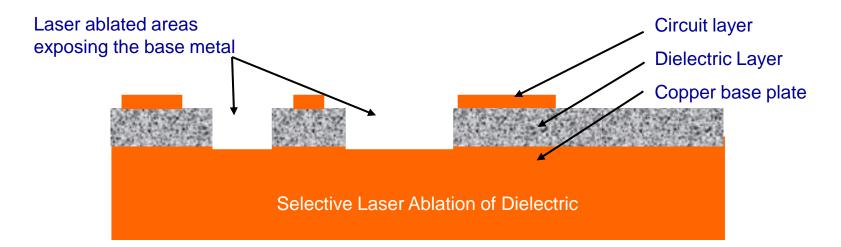


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Selective Dielectric Removal

- Selective removal of dielectric using a Co2 laser
- Tight tolerance capability ± 0.05mm feature size and positional accuracy
- Reduce thermal resistance by mounting components directly to base metal





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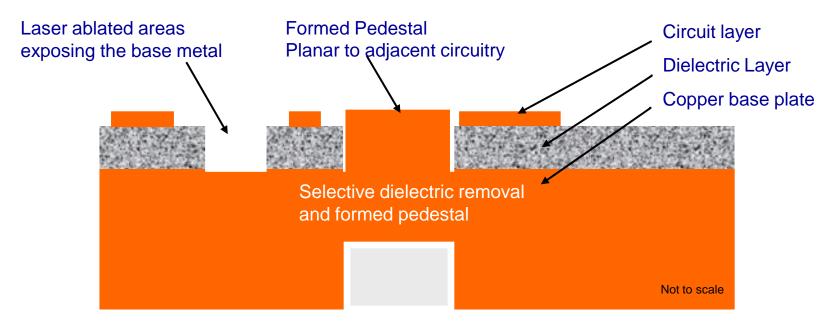
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Formed Pedestal

- Form base metal to be planar with adjacent circuits
- Minimizes solder bond line when component or die attach to base metal





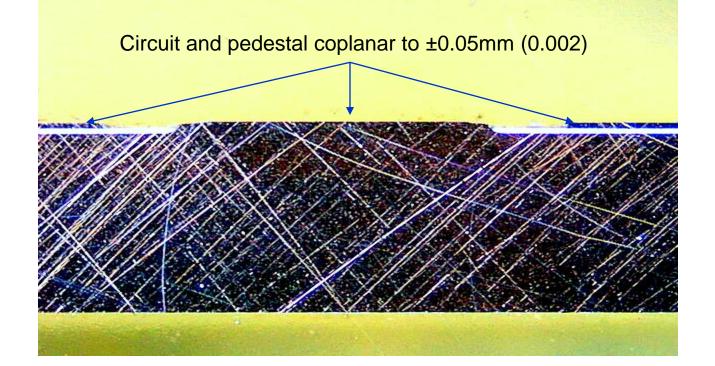
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Cross Section of Pedestal Board





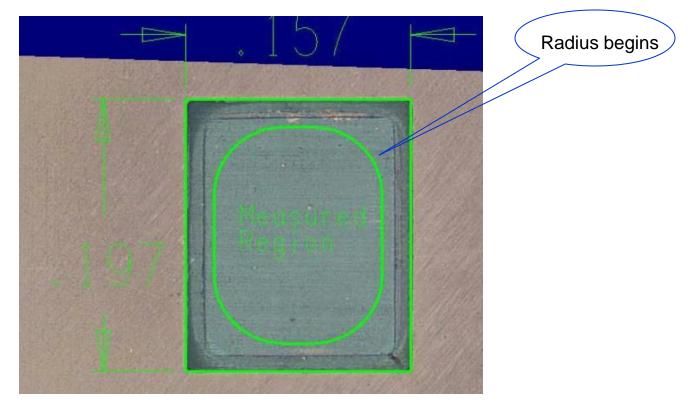
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Planar Solder Area inside line



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Cost Drivers

- BOM
 - AL vs CU , & thickness
 - Circuit foil weight 1oz vs 10oz
 - Dielectric type and thickness
- Form Factor
 - Number of layers
 - Shape round vs square
- Panel Utilization
 - What percentage of the panel is utilized
- Non Standard holes
 - c-sinks
 - Threaded
- Surface finishes
- Single piece or panelized array





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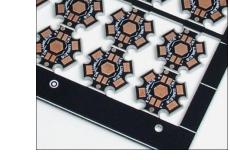


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Key Advantages of the IMS Technology

- Measurable improvement in Watt-Density
- Simplified thermal design due to IMS
- Reliability dielectric and base plate integrity
- Array panelization available



- Structural rigidity which allows for features like threaded holes
- Variety of configurations available
 - shape, dielectric & base plate
 - surface finishes for soldering and wire bonding
 - option for direct die bond to base plate



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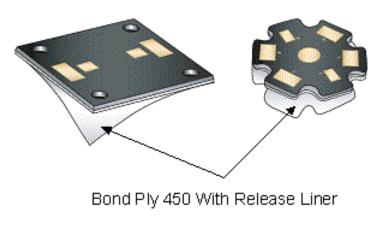


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Combining IMS and Thermal Interface Materials





Bond Ply 450PA is pre-applied PSA thermally conductive tape withstands Reflow temperatures > easy peel and place <



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KEY TAKE-AWAY POINTS

- 1. Three basic performance related decisions
 - base metal type and thickness, dielectric
 performance and thickness and copper circuit foil
 thickness
- 2. Soldermask color and solder pad surface finish
- 3. Part geometry (shape) and format, single up or array
- 4. You may want to **consider a pre applied TIM** to improve performance and reduce cost



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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

What is Thermal Interface Material?

- Used to optimize & achieve *consistent* thermal performance at component assembly interfaces
- Assembled interface surfaces do not align well due to planar misalignment (Micro & Macro)
- The consistent lowest cost solution



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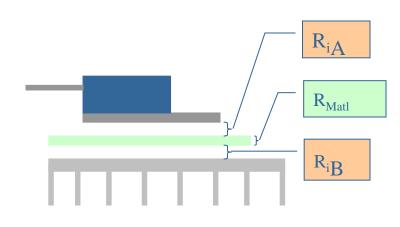
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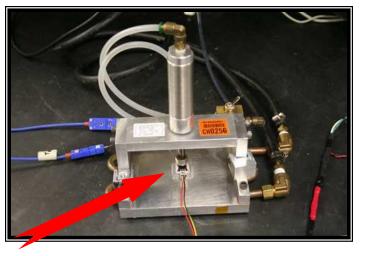
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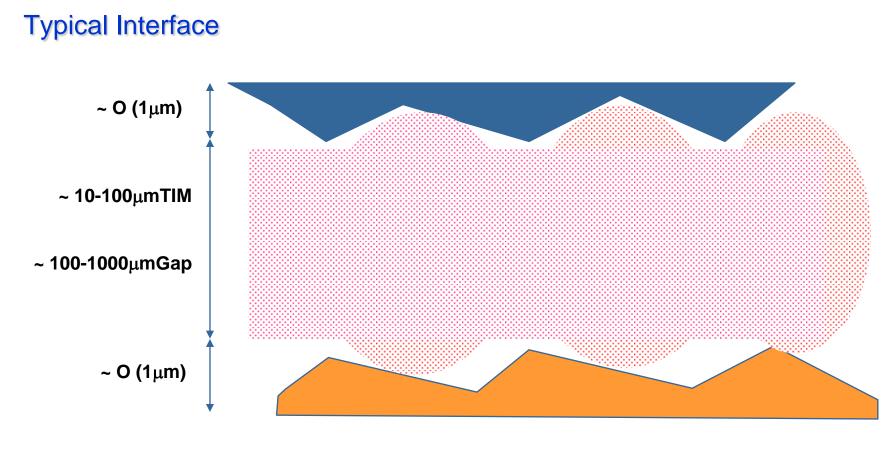
TIM performance is typically optimized by:

- Maximizing thermal conductivity
- Maximizing wet-out (maintaining contact to adjacent surfaces)
- Minimizing bond line thickness





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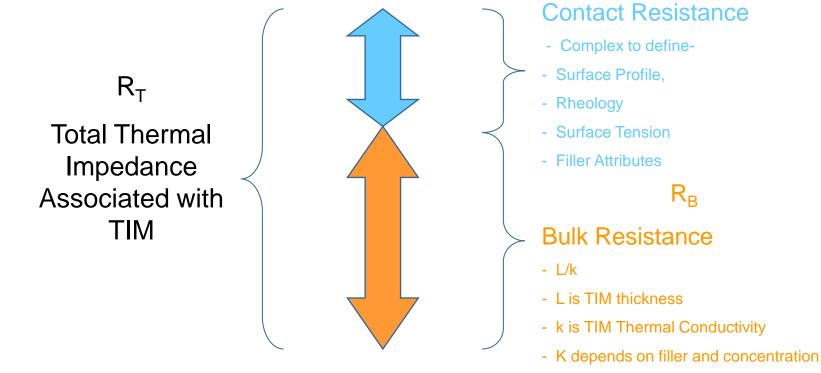
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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Variables affecting Thermal Performance





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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Overview of TIM technologies today:

- Thermal Insulator Pads
- Thermal Gap Pads and Fillers
- Thermal Phase Change
- Thermal Adhesive Tapes
- Liquid Adhesives
- Compounds



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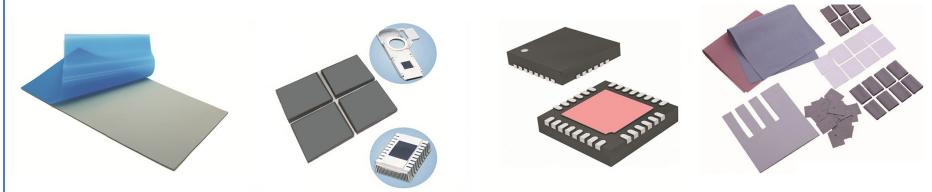
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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

TIM construction and forms:

- ✓ Silicone & Sil-Free resin systems (Liquid or Pad Form)
- ✓ Thermally enhanced fillers (AI, BN, Al₂O₃, AI N...
- Carriers pad form (Films, F/Glass, SP, Unsupported)
- ✓ Protective release Liners Pad Form (PET, HDPE, LDPE...)
- ✓ Syringes, Tubes, Pails Liquids (5 cc to 19k cc)





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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Insulator Pads

- Insulator pads were the first thermally conductive insulators to replace mica and grease
- Insulator pads reduce the overall manufacturing costs of OEMs by reducing labor costs
- Insulator pads improve the overall quality and performance of electronic assemblies





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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Thermal Gap Pad and Gap Fillers

- Fill gaps created with different component topology and irregular heat sink surfaces
- Originally designed to cool digital components and eliminate costly "active" cooling solutions and reduce the overall cost of the OEM
- Now are commonly used in most all electronic applications
- Often times, the gap between the component and the heat sink is large as compared to that of a thermal pad application





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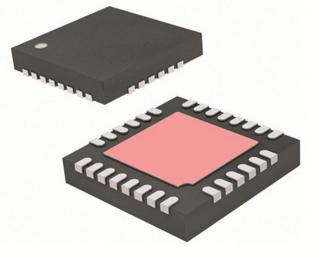
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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Thermal Phase Change

Alternative to thermal grease

- Phase change materials change from a solid at specific temperatures and flow to assure total wet-out of the interface without overflow. (phase change)
- Can easily be automated
- Offers the best thermal performance of a pad type product
- Was originally design for high end processor applications





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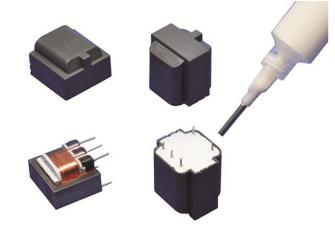
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PSA and Liquid Adhesives

- PSA can adheres materials with mismatched CTE strong enough to bond, yet soft enough to let materials expand and contract at their own rate.
- Liquid adhesives are high performance, thermally conductive, bonding materials. They tend to be less forgiving with CTE mismatch.





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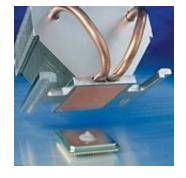
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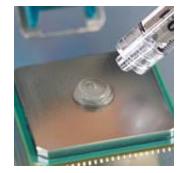
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Thermal Interface Materials (TIM) Intro:

Thermal Interface Compounds

- High performance thermal greases are designed for use between a heat generating device or MCPCB and a heat sink
- Low performances greases can be used in place of high performance greases and thermal pads to reduce cost but be aware of potential long term performance issues







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Conclusions

- 1. Understand the LED that you want to use
 - maximum operating temperature
 - Thermal resistance of the LED
- 2. Calculate the thermal stack-up
 - Considering all materials and interfaces
 - Model if can, try substituting various materials to determine best cost vs performance
- 3. Choose the appropriate dielectric material
 - Lower thermal resistance does not always mean lower T-_{Rise}
- 4. Choose the appropriate TIM material
 - Consider mechanical requirements
 - Try to minimize thermal resistance
- 5. Make sure you have an exit path for waste heat

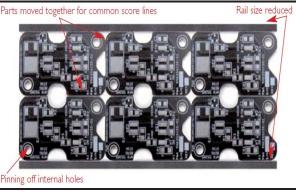


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 - Thermal Interface Materials
 - ✓ IMS Materials
- Circuit Provider for IMS
 - IMS circuits supplier
 - Component and COB level
 - Piece Part and Array's
 - Active Base Plate Solutions
 - Electrical / Thermal Vias to Base
 - Selective Dielectric Removal
 - Pedestal Forming
 - ✓ Special Processes 3D circuits









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