



High performance Pb Free Solder paste improving wettability for poor parts and fine pitch application

M731-GWS



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Ecosolder paste M731-GWS has high endurance on high temp & long preheat time and good printability for fine pitch application and also it is improved wettability for bad platted electrode. In addition, this paste prevent bubbling shape flux residue caused by void control effect and gas from substrate (it is often find on paper substrate) and achieve high finished quality.

This paste has general versatility such as prevent increasing viscosity, prevent side ball issue, high reliability and color of flux residue &crack.

M731 Alloy Characteristics

		M731	M705
Alloy composition (%)		Sn-3.9Ag- 0.6Cu-3.0Sb	Sn-3.0Ag- 0.5Cu
Specific gravity		7.4	7.4
Melting Temperature (°C)	Solid line	221	217
	Liquid line	226	220
Tensile strength (Mpa)		57.9	53.3
Elongation (%)		48	56
Young modulus (GPa)		50.1	46.9
0.2% Pressure strength (MPa)		37.1	37.4
Coefficient of thermal expansion (ppm∕°C)		21.7	21.7
Vickers Hardness (Hv)		20.0	17.9

SEM micrograph of M731 Powder



Powder particular surface is less oxidized and spherical in shape. M731 powder is used for all our lead free solder paste, Eco Solder Paste







M731-GWS Properties

Items	M731-GWS	Test Methods		
Powder				
Alloy composition	Ag3.9-Sb3.0-Cu0.6-Sn			
Melting temperature	221~226°C	DSC		
Powder shape	spherical	SEM		
Powder grain size	T8J:25~45um T7K:20~38um	SEM & laser diffraction		
	Flux			
Flux components	RO	J-STD-004		
Activity	M1	J-STD-004		
Halogen content	0.00%∕ Flux	Potentiometric Titration Method		
Surface insulation resistance (40°C90%RH, after 168hrs)	Above 1.0E+12	JIS Z 3197		
Voltage-applied moisture resistance test (85°C85%RH, applied voltage DC45V, after 1000hrs)	Above 1.0E+10 No migration	JIS Z 3197		
Copper mirror test	Passed	JIS Z 3197		
Fluoride test	Passed	JIS Z 3197		
	Solder Paste			
Viscosity	200 Pa.s	JIS Z 3284		
Thixotropic index	0.6	JIS Z 3284		
Flux content	T8J:11.5% T7K:12.0%	JIS Z 3197		
Hot slump	Below 0.2mm	JIS Z 3284		
Tackiness	1.3N	JIS Z 3284		
Tack time	Above 24h∕1.0N	JIS Z 3284		
Spreadability	78%	JIS Z 3197		
Wetting and de-wetting effect	Rank 1~2	JIS Z 3284		
Solder ball	Rank 1~2	JIS Z 3284		
Copper plate corrosion test	Passed	JIS Z 3197		
Product validity	6 months	Sealed and kept at $0 \sim 10^{\circ}$ C		

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Tackiness & Tack Time of M731-GWS-T8J



It was shown that the GWS has excellent tackiness and tack time in the preliminary period. Tackiness and tack time are critical requirements for paste performance in order to accommodate the lag between paste deposition on the board and the reflow and to avoid the problems of misalignment of clips and tombstoning etc.

Slump Behavior of M731-GWS-T8J

Slump-in-printing-test & Slump-in-heating test M731-GWS-T8J Test condition : Thickness of mask : 200um / specified pattern in JIS Z 3284

M731-GWS-T8J has greater effect on reducing slumping and capillary ball problem.

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Printability of M731-GWS-T8J

M731-GWS-T8J has high print resolution. Below photos are comparison of print shape of M731-GWS-T8J. This paste keeps good solder volume from beginning and holds good shape.

	0.5mm Pitch			
	0.20mm slit	0.25mm slit		
1 st sheet				
21 st sheet				
	Ф0.40mm	Ф0.30mm		
1 st sheet				
21 st sheet				

Test Condition		
Printer:SP-28PD (PFSC)	Thickness of mask : 0.15mm	Mask cleaning : off
Printing speed : 30mm / sec.	Printing pressure : 0.2N(squeegee:1mm)	
Snap-off : -0.5mm	Snap-off speed : 10mm / sec.	Environment : 25°C, 50%RH.

* Optimized print setting is a key for fine pitch application and it is different between printing machines. To optimize print setting is also recommended.



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Recommended Profile for M731-GWS

This is the recommended profile for M731-GWS-T8J. There is a temperature difference (Δ T) on PCB because of the heat capacity difference of PCBs and components. Despite of this, it is highly recommended to follow this profile to achieve good soldering of any points on PCB. In addition, solderability varies with specification of reflow machines, PCBs and components placement. Particularly, in cases of small component or small opening of screen, this recommended profile may not be desired for these cases. However, this profile is highly recommended for your evaluation.



Points

◇Pre-heating :	Pre-heating drives off solvents in paste and removes the oxides from powder surfaces and areas to be soldered. However, excessive pre-heating will result in the re-oxidation of powder affecting the melting behavior of solder paste. The ideal way is to achieve a minimum temperature difference (Δ T) on PCB by setting an appropriate time and temperature.
	Excessive main heating (time & temperature) lowers the heat resistance of PCBs and components. Therefore please manage the reflow profile within the times and temperatures recommended above.
	Rising speed of temperature in preheating and main heating may affect the slump behavior of solder paste which is related to solder balling and side balling. Please pay attention in case of using reflow machine of fewer zones, clips of low heat capacity and PCBs of high heat sensitivity.



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Reflowability M731-GWS-T8J (wetting)

One Characteristics of M731-GWS-T8J is improvement of wettability compare to current Pb free paste product. To confirm it we performed below observation. Used intentionally oxidized Cu plate as test sample and put it on printed paste and observed movement during melting using by high temp observation equipment.



Attendant upon the Pb free conversion of part plating, the various metal are used for also plating and some platting makes wettability worse than Pb contained products. However, as it is showed above GWS has good characteristics of wettability and it can achieve good finish at various scene.



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Reflowability GWS series (wetting for poor platting QFP)

Now it is clear that M731-GWS-T8J has better wettability on oxidized Cu plate compare to current product. However someone still has question about performance on the actual parts . Below photos show wettability for actual parts which is usually said that it has bad wettability.





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Reflowability of GWS series

GWS series designed to minimize flux bubbles caused by gas generated from PCB (mostly happened in phenolic PCB). Photos below showed the flux bubbles developed on phenolic PCB during reflow. Photo 1-a, gas was generated from PCB resulting in flux bubbles.

Photo 1-b, due to the baking treatment, gas could be reduced and hence reducing flux bubbles. So, it is recommended to have baking treatment on PCB which is easy to absorb moisture.

Photo 2, GWS series paste was used, flux bubbles were reduced even without the baking treatment of PCB. So, it is desired for applications where baking treatment is not allowed.



Reflowability GWS series (Void)

Print solder paste on 5mm x 5 mm land, then put a same size copper plate on it and observe the happening of void. GWS series paste has significantly reduced the voiding.





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Viscosity change of M731-GWS-T8J during continuous printing

One characteristics of M731-GWS-T8J is stability of viscosity under continuous printing We checked viscosity change during 24hrs by using actual printing equipment. As the result of this no viscosity change is seen and keep primary fluidity.

Below photo is the metal mask condition after 24hrs squeezing (about 28,00 times squeezing)



Printing pressure : 0.2N(squeegee:1mm) Environment : 25°C









Reliability of GWS series

Copper Plate Corrosion Test GWS series Test condition : specified by JIS Z 3284





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Voltage-Applied Moisture Resistance Test / GWS series

Test environment : 85°C85RH
Applied voltage : 45V
Measuring voltage : 100V
(specified by JIS Z 3284)





