

# FK1601: Lead-free solderable Ag conductor paste for AlN

The Ag conductor paste FK1601 is intended to be applied to Aluminum Nitride substrates by a screen printing process and fired in a conveyor furnace in an air atmosphere, to form cost-effective, lead-free solderable thick-film conductors with a very low sheet resistivity below 3.0 mOhm/sq.

## Processing

### Substrates

The paste is designed for use on AlN substrates (with lapped surfaces) from CoorsTek/ANCeram. Substrates with other surface qualities or from other manufacturers may lead to variations in the results.

### Screen printing

Use a stainless steel screen with 200 mesh and a wire diameter of 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , as well as 25  $\mu\text{m}$  emulsion thickness (10 to 12  $\mu\text{m}$  EOM) to achieve the stated film thickness.

### Levelling

The screen printed film should level for  $10 \pm 2$  minutes at room temperature (22 to 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

### Drying

After levelling, the films are dried at 150  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 minutes in a well ventilated drying furnace. A conveyor dryer can also be used.

### Firing

The films should be fired in air at a peak temperature of 850  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a dwell time of 10 minutes and a total cycle time of 30 minutes in a belt furnace.

### Storage

The paste should be stored at 4 to 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This guarantees a high paste viscosity and prevents the solids from settling. The jar must remain tightly closed during storage. To prevent condensation of air humidity on the paste, the jar must not be opened until the contents have reached room temperature. Before using the paste, it must be sufficiently homogenized, for example by stirring it with a spatula.

### Safety notice

For safe handling and storage, also observe the advice of current material safety data sheets.

### Quality requirements

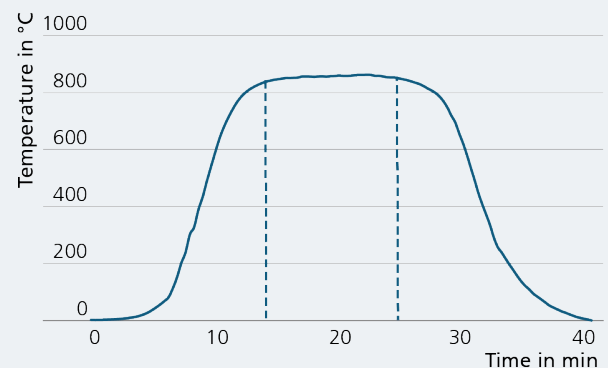
Each delivery will be supplied with Certificate of Analysis (CoA). The paste meets all requirements of RoHS III (regulation 2015/863/EC) and REACH (regulation (EC) 1907/2006).

Instead of an expiration date, after which an expired paste would have to be disposed of regardless of its condition, it is provided with a retest date. The certified values of the paste are valid for six months from the date of shipment of the unopened jars. Prolonged storage may result in segregation of the solids. Then the paste should be mixed thoroughly before further use. After the retest date the customer can decide whether the product needs to be retested to recheck the parameters for further application. The test conditions are given in point 2 to compare the results with CoA.

### Miscellaneous

The current technical specifications are published on our website [www.ikts.fraunhofer.de](http://www.ikts.fraunhofer.de).

### Firing profile



— Temperature time curve — Dwell time  
Firing profile: 30' cycle time, peak 850  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , dwell time 10 min



## Technical specifications

Parameter	Unit	Value
Viscosity <sup>1</sup>	Pa·s	TBD
Sheet resistance <sup>2, 6</sup>	mOhm/sq	≤ 3
Solderability <sup>3, 6</sup>	%	≥ 95
Leaching resistance <sup>4, 6</sup>	Dips/result	≥ 1
Adhesion <sup>5</sup> (number of firings)		
- Initial <sup>6</sup> (1 x fired)	N/4 mm <sup>2</sup>	≥ 20
- Aged <sup>6</sup> (1 x fired)		≥ 20
Fired film thickness	µm	15±2
Coverage <sup>7</sup>	cm <sup>2</sup> /g	3.2

<sup>1</sup> Brookfield viscometer HB with spindle/cup combination SC4-14/-6RP(Y) at n=10 rpm and 25±0.2 °C.

<sup>2</sup> Sheet resistance, calculated for a fired thickness of 15±1 µm.

<sup>3</sup> Solder Sn/Ag/Cu 96.5/3.0/0.5; flux: Alpha 611, soldering time: 5 s, soldering temperature: 245±2 °C.

<sup>4</sup> Solder Sn/Ag/Cu 96.5/3.0/0.5; flux: Alpha 611, soldering time: 5 s, soldering temperature: 255±2 °C.

<sup>5</sup> 90° wire peel test in accordance with DIN 41850-2, 2x2 mm<sup>2</sup> pad size, solder: Sn/Ag/Cu 96.5/3.0/0.5, artificial aging time 100 h at 150 °C.

<sup>6</sup> Firing profile: total cycle time 30 min, 10 min at 850 °C.

<sup>7</sup> Calculated area that can be printed with one gram paste in the recommended thickness.

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