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Introduction

The main part of this standard is based on recommendations from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and European soldering technology experts. Modifications have been incorporated into the text to provide for the specific requirement of low-outgassing electrical systems which are required by scientific and application satellites. Other additions have been made in the light of recent technological advances and results of metallurgical test programmes. The methods and workmanship contained in this standard are considered to be fully approved for normal spacecraft requirements.

1 Scope

This standard defines the technical requirements and quality assurance provisions for the manual soldering of high-reliability electrical connections intended for use in spacecraft and associated equipment.

The rigorous requirements set by this standard ensure the high reliability of hand-soldered electrical connections intended to withstand normal terrestrial conditions and the vibrational G-loads and environment imposed by space flight. The proper tools, correct materials, design and workmanship are covered by this standard. Acceptance and rejection criteria are stated and some workmanship standards are included to discriminate between proper and improper work.

Wave-soldering processes and surface mount technologies are specified in separate documents, and those processes require to be verified as prescribed in the respective standard.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13291-2		<i>Space product assurance — Part 2: Quality assurance</i>
EN 13291-3		<i>Space product assurance — Part 3: Materials, mechanical parts and processes</i>
EN 13701		<i>Space systems — Glossary of terms</i>
EN 14097		<i>Space product assurance — Non-conformance control system</i>
EN 100015-1	1992	<i>Protection of electrostatic sensitive devices — Part 1: General requirements</i>
ECSS-Q-70-02		<i>Space product assurance — Thermal vacuum outgassing test for the screening of space materials</i>
ECSS-Q-70-10	²⁾	<i>Space product assurance — Qualification printed circuit boards</i>
ECSS-Q-70-11	²⁾	<i>Space product assurance — Procurement of multilayer printed-circuit boards</i>
ECSS-Q-70-28	²⁾	<i>Space product assurance — Repair and modification of printed-circuit board assemblies</i>
ECSS-Q-70-38	²⁾	<i>Space product assurance — High-reliability soldering for surface-mount and mixed technology printed-circuit boards</i>
ECSS-Q-70-71	²⁾	<i>Space product assurance — Data for the selection of space materials</i>

²⁾ To be published.

EN 29453 (mod)	<i>Soft soldering fluxes – Chemical compositions and forms (ISO 9453)</i>
ISO EN 29454	<i>Flux specification</i>
J-STD-004	<i>Requirements for soldering fluxes</i>

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 13701 and the following apply.

3.1.1

base laminate

see “substrate”

3.1.2

bifurcated (split) terminal

terminal containing a slot or split in which wires or leads are placed before soldering

3.1.3

bit

removable heat store of a soldering iron

3.1.4

blister

delamination in a distinct local area or areas

3.1.5

bridging

build-up of solder or conformal coating between parts, component leads or base substrate forming an elevated path (see “fillet”)

3.1.6

cable

two or more insulated conductors, solid or stranded, of equal length, contained in a common covering; or two or more insulated conductors, of equal length, twisted or moulded together without common covering; or one insulated conductor with a metallic covering shield or outer conductor (shielded cable or coaxial cable)

3.1.7

chipped lead seal

cracked glass-to-metal component package seal

NOTE Often caused during lead forming operations.

3.1.8

cleanroom

room in which the concentration of airborne particles is controlled, and which is constructed and used in a manner to minimize the introduction, generation, and retention of particles inside the room, and in which others parameters, e.g. temperature, humidity and pressure are controlled as necessary

3.1.9

clinched termination

conductor or component lead which passes through a printed circuit board and is then bent to make contact with the printed circuit board pad

3.1.10**cold solder joint**

joint in which the solder has a blocky, wrinkled or piled-up appearance and shows signs of improper flow or wetting action

NOTE A cold solder joint can appear either shiny or dull, but not granular. It normally has abrupt lines of demarcation rather than a smooth, continuing fillet between the solder and the surfaces being joined. These lines are caused by either insufficient application of heat or the failure of an area of the surfaces being joined to reach soldering temperature.

3.1.11**colophony**

see "resin"

3.1.12**component**

device which performs an electronic, electrical or electromechanical function and consists of one or more elements joined together and which cannot normally be disassembled without destruction

NOTE The terms component and part may be interchanged. Typical examples of components are transistors, integrated circuits, hybrids and capacitors.

3.1.13**component lead**

solid wire which extends from and serves as a connection to a component

3.1.14**conduction soldering**

method of soldering which employs a soldering iron for transfer of heat to the soldering area

3.1.15**conductor**

lead or wire, solid or stranded, or printed circuit patch serving as an electrical interconnection between terminations

3.1.16**conformal coating**

thin protective coating which conforms to the configuration of the covered assembly

3.1.17**connection**

electrical termination

3.1.18**contact angle**

angle enclosed between half-planes, tangent to a liquid surface and a solid-liquid interface at their intersection

NOTE In particular, the contact angle of liquid solder in contact with a solid metal surface. An approximate value for this can be determined by shadow projection or other means, by measuring after the solder has solidified. Note that the contact angle is always the angle inside the liquid.

3.1.19**contamination**

particles, liquids, gases, materials and micro-organisms which by their presence can disturb the performance of an item

3.1.20**cordwood construction**

circuitry in which components are mounted between, and perpendicular to, two printed circuit or conductive networks

3.1.21**corrosion**

deterioration of a metal by chemical or electrochemical reaction with its environment

3.1.22**cracked solder joint**

soldered connection which has fractured or broken within the solder

3.1.23**crazing**

condition existing in the base laminate of a printed circuit board in the form of connected white spots or "crosses" on or below the surface of the base laminate, reflecting the separation of fibres in the glass cloth and connecting weave intersections, usually related to mechanically induced stress

3.1.24**delamination**

distinct separation of printed circuit board layers (resin from glass) originating from or extending to the edges of a hole or edge of the board

3.1.25**dewetting**

condition in a soldered area in which the liquid solder has not adhered intimately, characterized by an abrupt boundary between solder and conductor, or solder and terminal or termination area (often seen as a dull surface with islands of thicker shiny solder)

3.1.26**discrete component**

any individually packaged electronic device, either active or passive (e.g. resistors, capacitors, inductors, diodes and transistors)

3.1.27**disturbed solder joint**

unsatisfactory connection resulting from relative motion between the conductor and termination during solidification of the solder

3.1.28**dross**

scum that forms on the surface of molten metal

NOTE On liquid solder it can comprise impurity elements or oxidation products.

3.1.29**electrical connection**

conductive connection in electrical or electronic circuits

3.1.30**encapsulating compound**

electrically non-conductive compound used for environmental protection which completely encloses and fills in voids between electrical components

3.1.31**eutectic alloy**

alloy of two or more metals that has one distinct melting point

NOTE One eutectic solder is a tin-lead alloy containing 63 % Sn and 37 % Pb which melts at 183 °C.

3.1.32**excessive solder joint**

unsatisfactory connection wherein the solder obscures the configuration of the connection, or prevents assessment of the true wetting angle

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3.1.33**eyelet**

tubular metal part inserted into a printed circuit board and having both ends headed or rolled over

3.1.34**fillet**

smooth concave build-up of material between two surfaces, e.g. a fillet of solder between a component lead and a solder pad or terminal, or a fillet of conformal coating material between a component and printed circuit board

3.1.35**flatpack (flat package)**

term used to describe the appearance of an integrated circuit which has been hermetically sealed within a thin, rectangular enclosure, with flat coplanar leads protruding from the periphery

3.1.36**flux**

material which, during soldering, removes the oxide film, protects the surface from oxidation, and enables the solder to wet the surfaces to be joined

3.1.37**flux activity**

property of a flux which allows the smallest contact angle between molten solder and a solid surface (see also "rosin")

3.1.38**flux particle**

tiny fragment of flux residue of yellow or sometimes whitish translucent appearance

NOTE Usually appears whitish green under ultraviolet light.

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3.1.39**fractured joint**

soldered connection which has fractured or broken within the solder (see "cracked solder joint")

3.1.40**glass meniscus**

glass fillet of a lead seal which occurs where an external lead leaves the package body

3.1.41**haloing**

condition existing in the base laminate of a printed circuit board in the form of a light area around holes or other machined areas on or below the surface of the laminate

3.1.42**hermetic seal**

seal which protects an enclosed circuit from corrosion by preventing the entry of such contaminants as water vapour

3.1.43**hook terminal**

terminal formed in a hook shape

3.1.44**hybrid microcircuit**

component performing an electronic circuit function which consists of a thick- or thin-film network on a substrate which supports active or passive chip components connected to it

3.1.45**icicles**

see "solder icicle"

3.1.46**integrated-circuit component**

individually packaged functional circuit formed by depositing an active or passive electronic element on to a substrate

3.1.47**interfacial connection**

conductor which connects conductive patterns between opposite sides of a printed circuit board (normally a plated-through hole or metallic wire)

3.1.48**lap joint**

joining or fusing of two overlapping metal surfaces with solder without use of any other mechanical attachment or support

3.1.49**measling/measles**

condition existing in the base laminate of printed circuit board in the form of discrete white spots or "crosses" below the surface of the base laminate, reflecting a separation of fibres in the glass cloth at the weave intersection

NOTE During soldering this can be caused by excessive heat.

3.1.50**multi-layer circuit board**

product consisting of alternate laminates of printed circuit substrates and insulators, bonded together by simultaneous application of heat and pressure prior to drilling and plating holes for interconnections (see also "printed circuit board")

3.1.51**overheated solder joint**

joint in which the solder can appear either shiny or dull, but which also has a crystalline appearance and shows evidence of a grain structure caused by excessive dwell time of a solder iron, too great a heat source, or repeated rework

3.1.52**pad**

termination of a conducting surface on a printed circuit board to which leads are soldered to form an electrical connection

NOTE These can be described as either functional, where an active track is terminated, or non-functional, where the pad is isolated.

3.1.53**pin hole**

small hole in solder

3.1.54**pits**

small holes or sharp depressions in the surface of solder

NOTE Pits can be caused by flux blow-out due to entrapment or overheating.