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**Soft soldering fluxes — Classification  
and requirements —**

**Part 1:  
Classification, labelling and packaging**

*Flux de brasage tendre — Classification et exigences —*

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 44, *Welding and allied processes*, Subcommittee SC 12, *Soldering materials*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9454-1:1990), which has been technically revised.

ISO 9454 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Soft soldering fluxes — Classification and requirements*:

- *Part 1: Classification, labelling and packaging*
- *Part 2: Performance requirements*

## Introduction

Fluxes assist molten solder to wet metal surfaces to be joined by removing oxides and related contaminations from the solder and surfaces of the parts during soldering. Fluxes also protect surfaces from oxidation and assist wetting of the base metals by molten solder.

Care is necessary when selecting a flux for a particular application, in order to ensure an adequate service life of the assembly. Factors such as the ease of residue removal, corrosiveness, possible health and safety hazards and the efficacy of the flux should all be considered.

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# Soft soldering fluxes — Classification and requirements —

## Part 1:

### Classification, labelling and packaging

**WARNING** — This part of ISO 9454-1 deals with products which might be hazardous to health, or which might cause other hazards such as corrosion, fire, etc., if adequate precautions are not taken. It refers only to the technical suitability of substances and in no way absolves the testing laboratory, the supplier, or the user from legal obligations relating to health and safety at any stage of flux manufacture or use.

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9454-1 specifies a coding system for the classification of fluxes intended for use with soft solders, according to their active fluxing ingredients, together with requirements for labelling and packaging.

#### 2 Classification of fluxes

Fluxes specified in this part ISO 9454-1 have been classified in terms of their main ingredients and shall be encoded in accordance with [Table 1](#).

For example, a phosphoric acid activated inorganic, flux with a halide content <0,01 % by mass, shall be encoded 3311, a non-halide activated rosin flux shall be encoded 1131.

#### 3 Labelling and packaging

Fluxes supplied according to this part of ISO 9454-1 shall be packed in suitable containers, resistant to the flux they contain, and shall carry a label bearing the following information:

- a) supplier's name and address;
- b) name of the product;
- c) reference to this part of ISO 9454, i.e. ISO 9454-1, and the flux classification code according to [Table 1](#);
- d) batch number;
- e) date of manufacture;
- f) details of any legal requirements concerning aspects of safety.

Labels shall be made of material resistant to the flux in the container.

Additional labelling requirements may be agreed upon between the supplier and the purchaser in accordance with the rules and regulations of the country or countries in question.

**Table 1 — Classification of soft soldering fluxes according to their main ingredients**

Flux type	Flux basis	Flux activation	Halide content % (by mass)
1 resin	1 rosin (non-modified colophony)	1 no activator added 2 halide activated 3 non-halide activated	1 <0,01 2 <0,15 3 0,15 to 2,0 4 >2,0
	2 resin (modified colophony or synthetic)		
2 organic (low or non-resin flux)	1 water-soluble		
	2 non-water-soluble		
3 inorganic	1 salts in aqueous solution	1 with ammonium chloride	
	2 salts in organic formulation	2 without ammonium chloride	
	3 acids	1 with phosphoric acid 2 without phosphoric acid	
	4 alkalis	1 amines and/or ammonium carbonates	

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## Annex A (informative)

### Grades of fluxes

[Table A.1](#) indicates, for guidance, the various grades of fluxes and only refers to halide content. Flux selection can also be done from different points of view.

**Table A.1 — Guidance for the uses of the various grades of fluxes**

ISO-Code	Type description	Halides in % (by mass)	Guidance for use
1111	on basis of rosin (colophony) without additives	<0,01	electronics electrotechnology
1122	on basis of rosin (colophony) with additives of organic activators containing halides (e.g. glutamic acid hydrochloride)	<0,15	electronics electrotechnology electronic device construction metal goods
1123	on basis of rosin (colophony) with additives of organic activators containing halides (e.g. glutamic acid hydrochloride)	0,15 to 2,0	electronics electrotechnology electronic device construction metal goods
1124	on basis of rosin (colophony) with additives of organic activators containing halides (e.g. glutamic acid hydrochloride)	>2,0	electronics electrotechnology electronic device construction metal goods
1131	on basis of rosin (colophony) with additives of organic activators containing no halides (e.g. adipic, stearic, salicylic acid)	<0,01	electronics electrotechnology precision soldering metal goods
1211	on basis of modified resin without additives	<0,01	electronics electrotechnology
1222	on basis of modified resin with additives of organic activators containing halides (e.g. glutamic acid hydrochloride)	<0,15	electronics electrotechnology electronic device construction metal goods