

AFA-S

Aromatic-Free Acrylic Coating (Spray Grade)

AFA-S is an acrylic conformal coating formulated especially for use with selective coating machines using atomised spray applicators, and manual HVLP spray gun. The coating is formulated without the use of hazardous aromatic solvents. It has been designed for the protection of electronic circuitry and meets the requirements of many industry standards. AFA is UL recognised, achieving UL94 V-0.

- Fast touch dry time; specifically formulated for use in atomised spray applicators and HVLP spray guns
- Outstanding salt-mist resistance and excellent adhesion to a variety of substrates
- Transparent coating with excellent clarity and UV resistance; ideal for LED applications
- Reduces operational hazards; free from aromatic solvents such as Toluene and Xylene

Approvals

RoHS Compliant (2015/863/EU):

IPC-CC-830:

UL746-QMJU2:

Yes

Meets Requirements

Approved File Number: E138403

Liquid Properties

Appearance:

Density @ 20°C (g/ml):

VOC Content:

Flash Point:

Solids content:

Viscosity (mPa s @ 25°C):

Touch Dry:

Recommended Curing Time:

Coverage @ 25µm:

Pale Coloured Liquid

0.84

85%

Approx. 33°C

15%

35-55

10-15 minutes

24 Hours @ 25°C

30 Mins @ 70°C

6m² per litre

Dry Film Coating

Colour:

Operating Temperature Range:

Flammability:

Thermal Cycling (IPC-CC-830B):

Coefficient of Expansion:

Dielectric Strength:

Dielectric Constant:

Surface Insulation Resistance:

Comparative Tracking Index:

Dissipation Factor @ 1MHz, 25°C:

Moisture Resistance (IPC-CC-830B):

Colourless

-65°C to +125°C

UL94 V-0

Meets Requirements

130ppm

45kV/mm

2.5

1 x 10¹⁵ Ω

>300 Volts

0.01

Meets Requirements

<u>Description</u>	<u>Packaging</u>	<u>Order Code</u>	<u>Shelf Life</u>
<u>AFA-S Conformal Coating</u>	5 Litre	AFAS05L	24 Months
<u>Removal Solvent</u>	1 Litre Bulk	ULS01L	72 Months
	5 Litre Bulk	ULS05L	72 Months
	25 Litre Bulk	ULS25L	72 Months
<u>AFA Gel</u>	35ml syringe	AFAG35SL	24 Months

Directions for Use

AFA-S has been specifically designed for spray applications. The thickness of the coating depends on the application parameters (typically 25-75 microns). Temperatures of less than 16°C or relative humidity in excess of 75% are unsuitable for its application. As is the case for all solvent based conformal coatings, adequate extraction should be used (refer to MSDS for further information).

Although AFA-S displays outstanding adhesion to a variety of substrates, it is recommended that substrates should be thoroughly cleaned before coating. This is required to ensure that satisfactory adhesion to the substrate is achieved and to prevent flux residues causing corrosion on the PCB. In a 'no-clean' assembly process, the user should evaluate materials compatibility to ensure the combination of materials is fit for purpose and capable of withstanding the expected end-use environment. Electrolube manufacture a range of cleaning products using both hydrocarbon solvent and aqueous technology, which all produce results within Military specification.

Spraying - Bulk

AFA-S has been specifically formulated for use with selective coating machines using atomised spray valves and manual HVLP style spray-guns. The material is supplied in a convenient, ready to use form, removing the need for on-site mixing and eliminating opportunities for error and variation in process. Optimum fluid pressures, valve settings, application speeds etc. will depend upon many factors and will vary from machine to machine and from circuit board to circuit board. Initial tests should be conducted to establish the correct parameters to achieve the desired coating application.

Brushing

Ensure that the coating material has been agitated thoroughly and has been allowed to settle for at least 2 hours at ambient temperature. When the brushing operation is complete the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry. Brushing is only advised for touch-up or rework application.

Inspection

AFA-S contains a UV trace, which allows inspection of the PCB after coating to ensure complete and even coverage; the stronger the reflected UV light, the thicker the coating layer is. UV light in the region of 375nm should be used for inspection.

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