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Delivering cost effective  
soldering performance and  
reliability in both Wave  
and Selective / Rework  
Soldering processes



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**ALPHA<sup>®</sup> SACX<sup>™</sup>**

**Plus 0307**

*Product Guide*

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## Introduction

**ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307** is the next generation of our original, and very popular, SACX® 0307 alloy. **ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307** is engineered to deliver the same high level of soldering performance and reliability as the original but it also exhibits minimal copper erosion when subjected to the long and hot exposure times common in selective soldering and rework processes.

Like the original **ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307** can be dropped in to most current SAC 305 wave and selective soldering processes. All this at a cost well below the higher silver bearing SAC 305.



## Overview of the SACX<sup>®</sup> Family of Pb-free Alloys

### *The SACX Family*

<i>Alloy</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Availability</i>
ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0107	Basic alloy for use on single sided assemblies where moderate reliability is required.	Bars, wire, feeder ingots
ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0307	Excellent soldering and reliability for either single sided or standard complexity dual sided assemblies.	Bars, wire, feeder ingots, spheres
ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0307 Plus	Similar wave soldering performance as standard SACX <sup>®</sup> 0307 but engineered to minimize copper erosion during selective soldering and rework.	Bars, wire, feeder ingots
ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0807	Soldering performance and reliability similar to SAC305. For use on complex, dual sides assemblies where high wetting force is needed.	Bars, wire, feeder ingots
ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> HASL	Designed to produce a smooth, uniform pad finish while minimizing copper erosion during plating.	Bars

- Alloys are engineered for optimal performance in specific processes or on certain types of assemblies
- Alloys are fully cross compatible
  - For example, a component can be readily soldered to a SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307 HASL finished pad using the SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0807 wave solder alloy

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## Alloy Properties

Material Property	Units	Vaculoy SACX0307 Plus
<u>Solidus</u>	Celsius	217
Liquidus	Celsius	228
Hardness	HV	14.1
Density	g/cc	7.33
Specific Heat Capacity	J/kg C	0.17
Stress at MAX Load (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Mean	29.5
	Std Dev	0.64
Elongation at failure (%)	Mean	21.8
	Std Dev	8.8
Thermal Expansion Coefficient	(30 - 100C)/C x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.79
	(100 - 150C)/C x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.30
Silver Content	%	0.3 +0.15/-0.05
Copper Content	%	0.70 +/-0.1
Lead Content	%	Max 0.1% *

## Processing Parameters

Wave Configuration	Process Parameter	Suggested Process Settings
<b>Single Wave</b>	Pot temperature	255 - 265 Celsius (491 - 509 F)
	Conveyor speed	1.0 - 1.5 m/min (3.3 - 5 ft/min)
	Contact time	2.3 - 2.8 seconds
	Wave Height	1/2 to 2/3 of board thickness
	Dross removal	Once per 8 hour run time
	Copper Check	Every 8,000 boards until 40,000
<b>Dual Wave</b>	Pot temperature	255 - 265 Celsius (491 - 509 F)
	Conveyor speed	1.0 - 1.5 m/min (3.3 - 5 ft/min)
	Contact time	3.0 - 3.5 seconds
	Wave Height	1/2 to 2/3 of board thickness
	Dross removal	Once per 8 hour run time

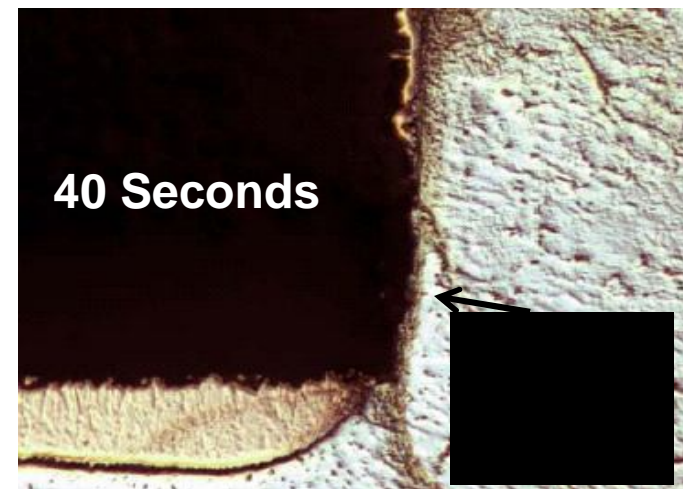
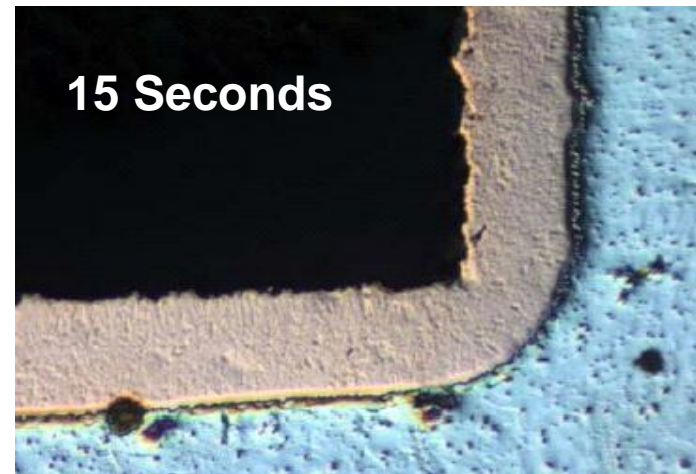


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## Processing Parameters – Copper Erosion

- Fountain selective soldering and rework systems, used to remove and replace components on PCBA's are normally operated at temperatures exceeding 260°C
- This procedure can expose the copper lead and land to the molten alloy for up to 60 (or more) seconds
- High silver alloys, not engineered to reduce copper erosion, can damage the copper land or lead making the assembly defective

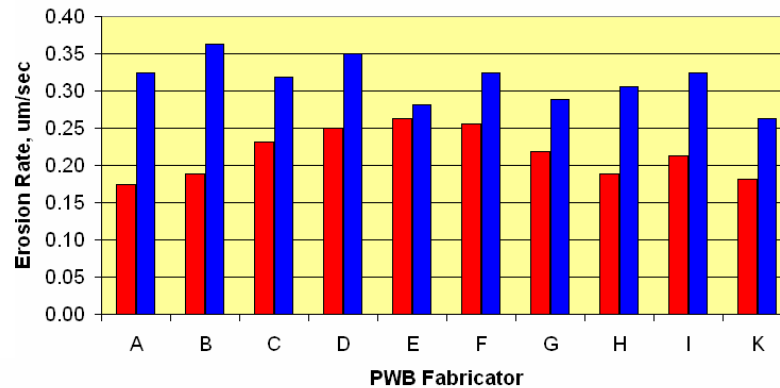


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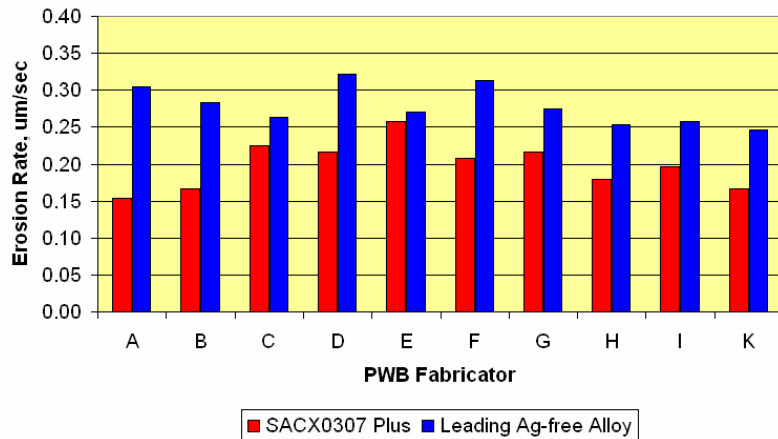
Many studies have been that demonstrate the low Cu erosion rates of SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307

40 Second Dwell Time

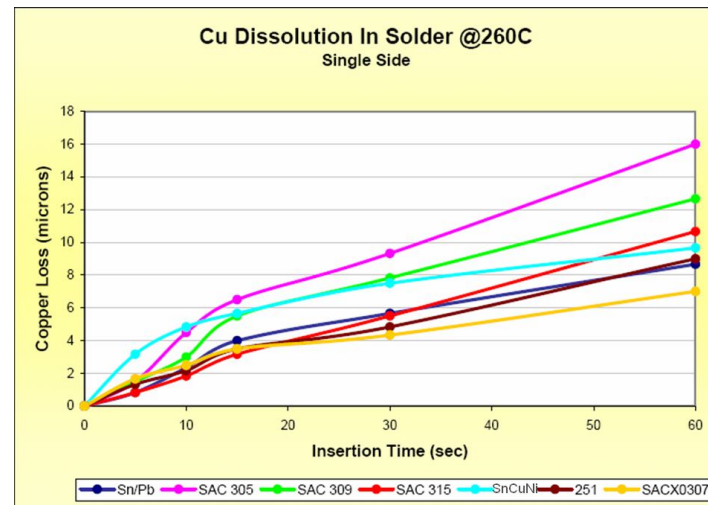


Source: iNEMI Cu Erosion Study, 2007

60 Second Dwell Time



■ SACX0307 Plus ■ Leading Ag-free Alloy



Source: Large CEM

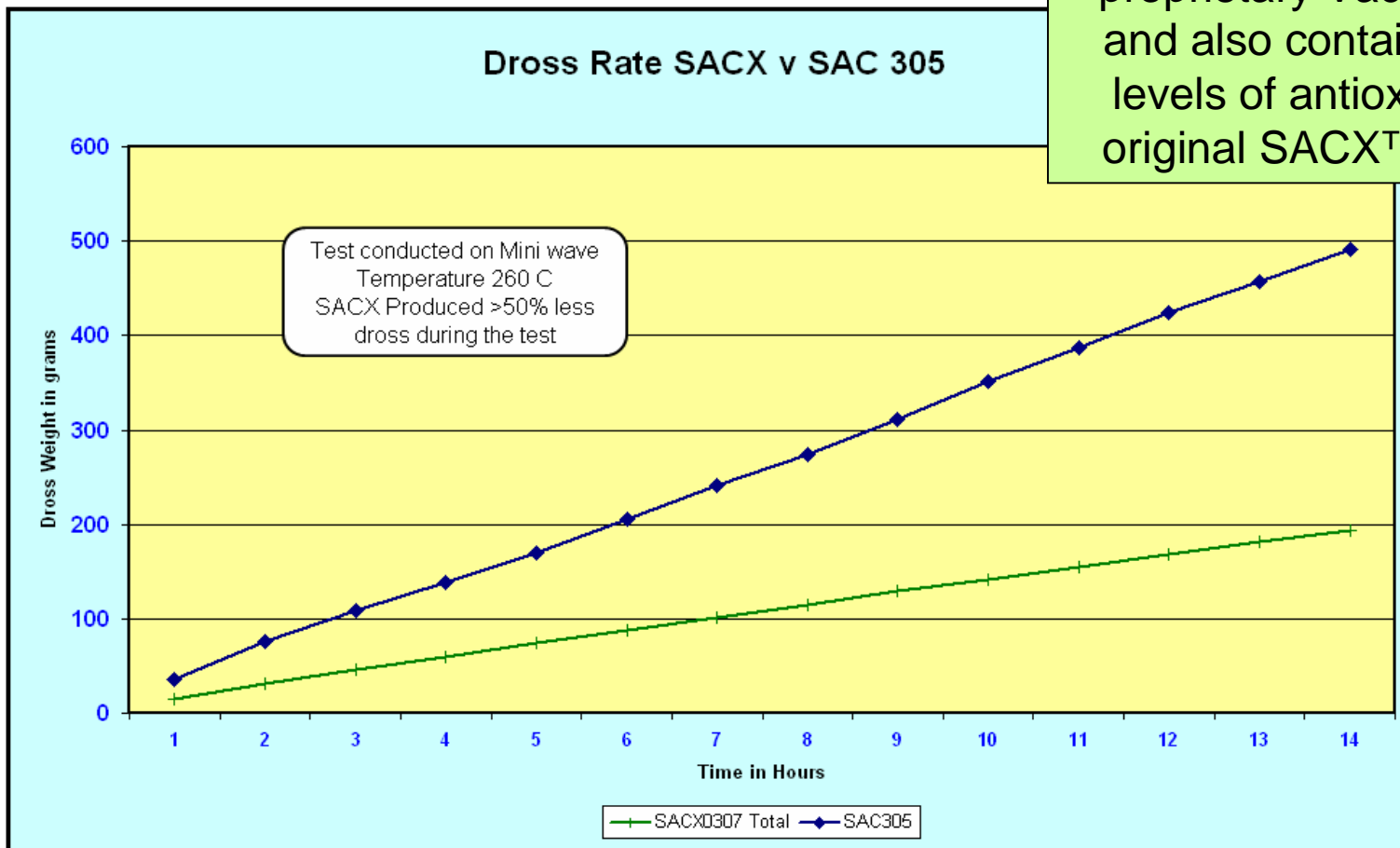


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## Processing Parameters Dross Rate

ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307 is manufactured using Cookson's proprietary Vaculoy process and also contains the same levels of antioxidant as the original SACX™ Plus 0307.

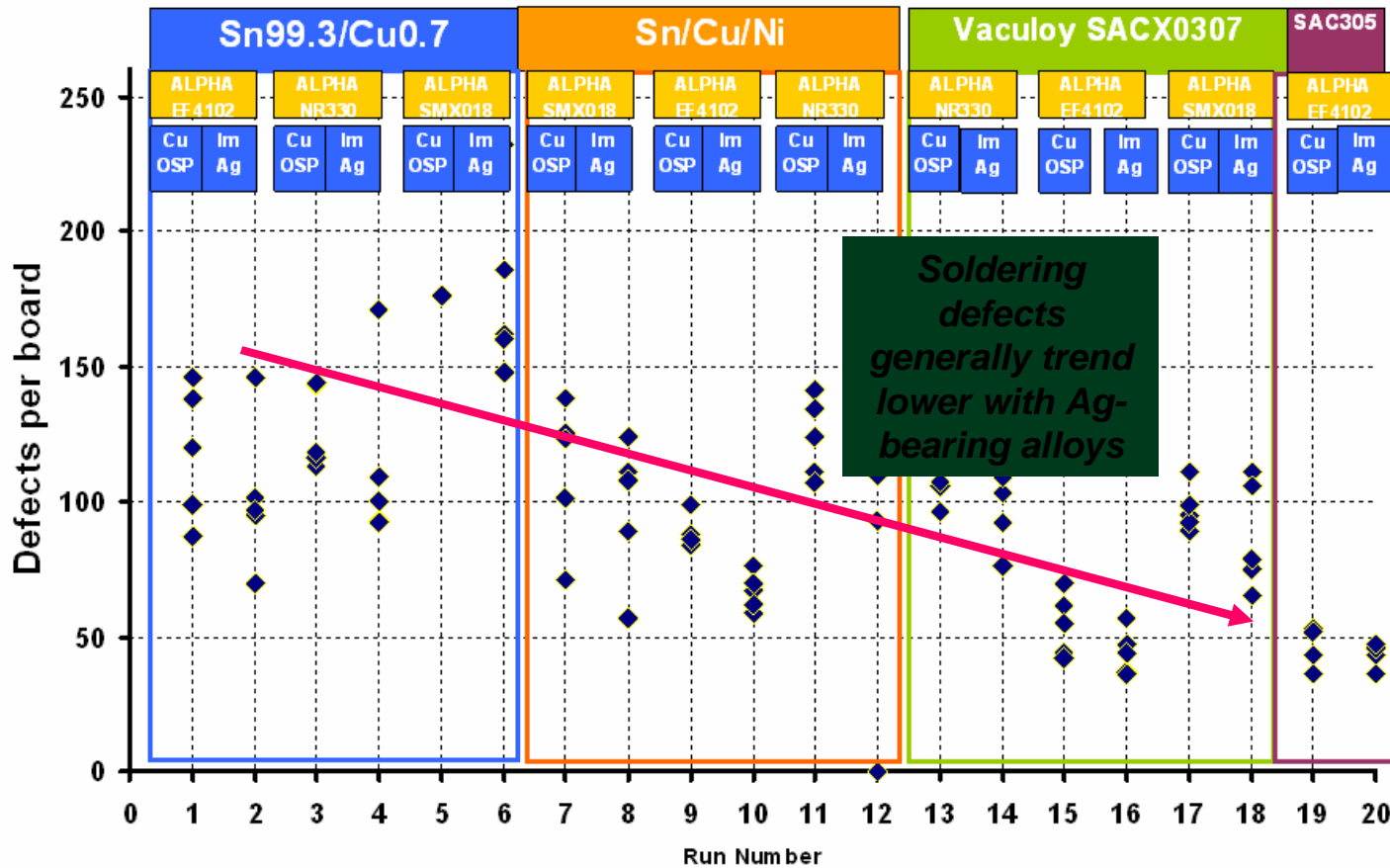


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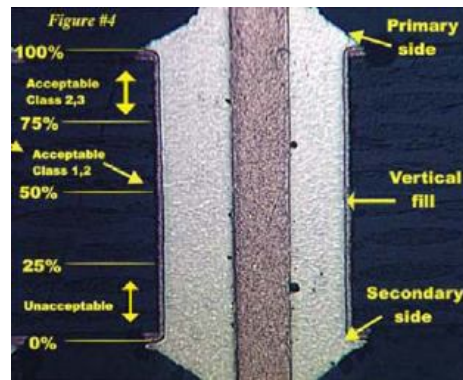
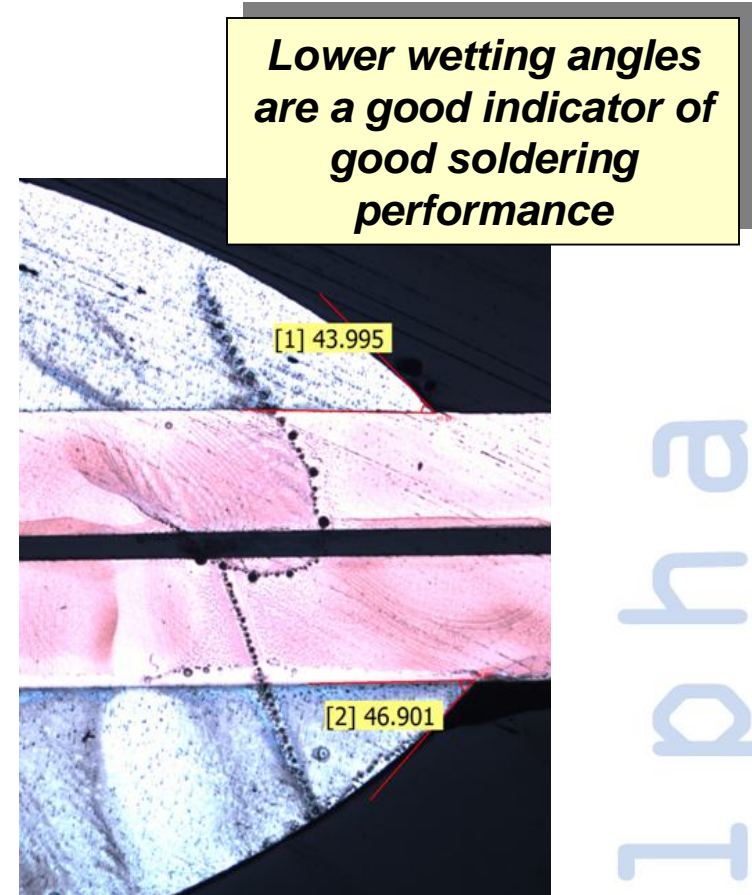
## Soldering Performance - General Defects (bridges, skips, etc...)

Vacuoy SACX0307 Versus Sn/Cu based alloys



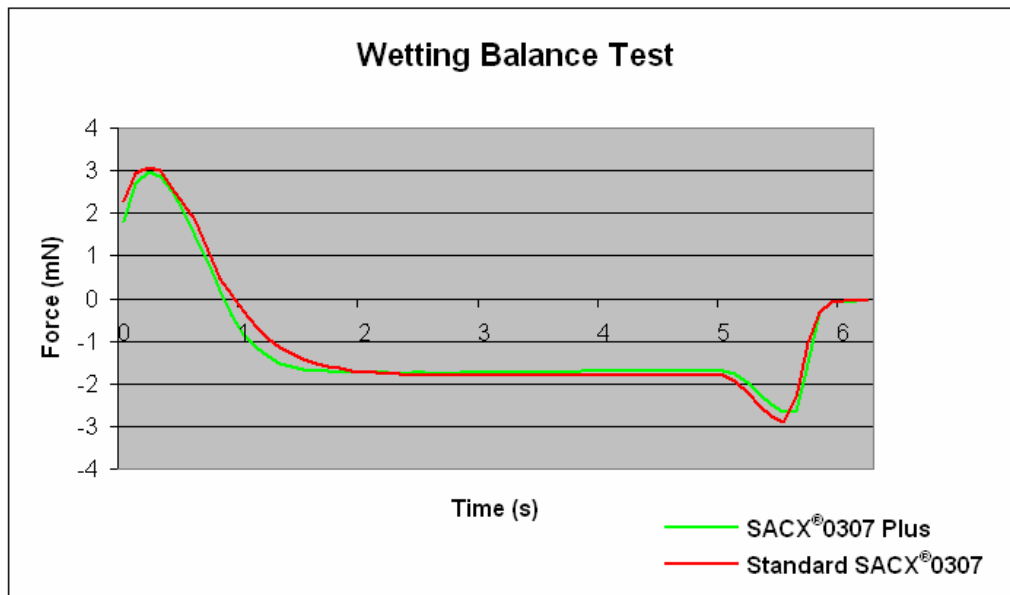
## Soldering Performance – Hole Fill

- Hole Fill is strongly correlated with the wetting performance of the alloy/flux/finish combination.
- When wetting speed and force are high we should expect better hole fill -all other parameters being equal.
- Comparison of wetting balance test results are a strong indicator of hole fill capability.

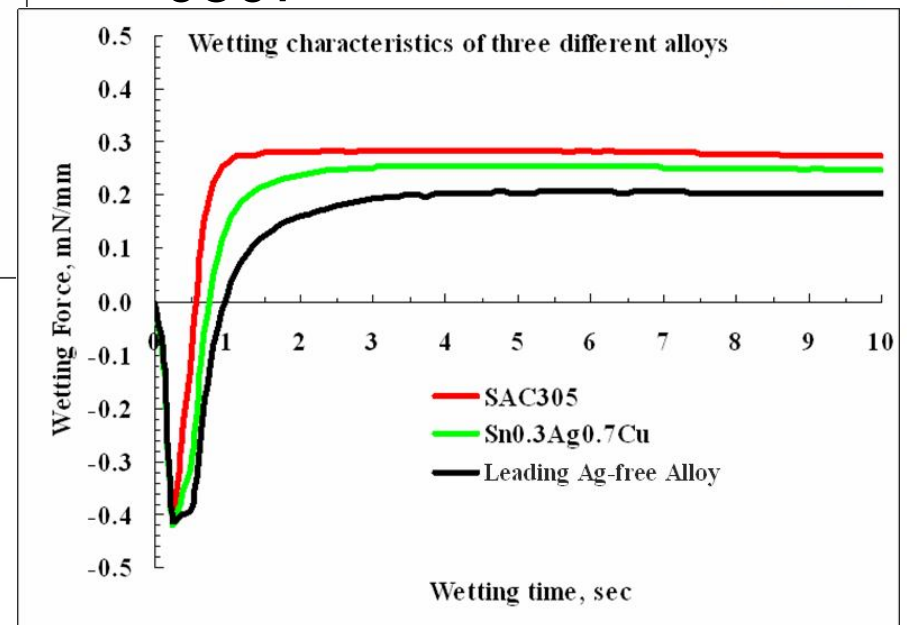


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## Soldering Performance Hole Fill



SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307 Plus exhibits nearly identical wetting as original SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307



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## Reliability – Thermal Fatigue Resistance

### Test Results

- SACX0307 Solder Fillet - no fatigue cracks or grain delineation

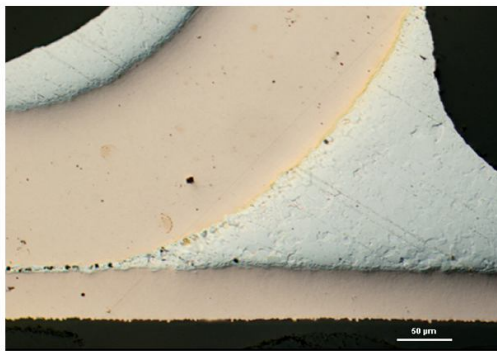
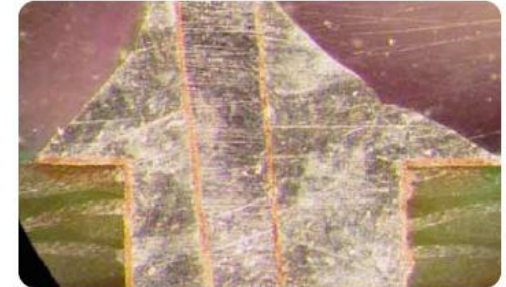
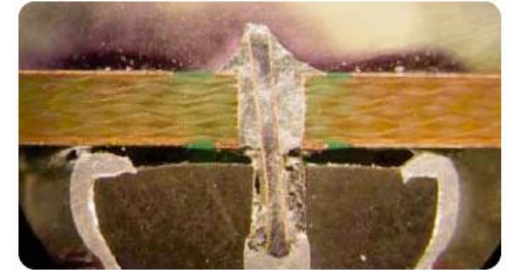


Figure B2. No fatigue cracks can be seen in the heel fillet of the joint at higher magnifications

Thermal Cycling

ALPHA SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307 Plus contains many of the same constituents that make the original SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307 exhibit equivalent or better reliability than other leading Pb-free alloys



SACX after cycling – no cracks

## Sampling of results from customer thermal cycling tests

Test Type	Lower	Upper	Cycles	Results
Thermal Cycling	-40	125	2000	No difference between SACX and SAC305
Thermal Cycling	-40	85	1000	Lower failure rate than SAC305
Thermal Cycling	-40	90	500	0 failures
Thermal Shock	-40	80	300	Lower failures than Sn/Cu/Ni
Thermal Cycling	0	100	500	Passes requirements of PC manufacturer
Thermal Cycling	-40	125	1000	Equivalent to SAC305 better than Sn/Cu/Ni

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1206 Resistor Pull Tests

Through Hole Connector Pull Tests

Alloy Type					
SAC305		SACX0307		Sn63/Pb37	
Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode	Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode	Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode
0.059	5	0.079	0	0.070	0
0.075	5	0.071	0	0.061	0
0.054	0	0.061	0	0.070	0
0.075	5	0.061	0	0.081	0
0.054	0	0.070	0	0.069	0
0.078	5	0.093	0	0.088	0
		0.068	0	0.100	0
				0.094	0
Mean (kN)	0.066	0.072		0.079	
Std. Deviation (kN)	0.011	0.011		0.014	

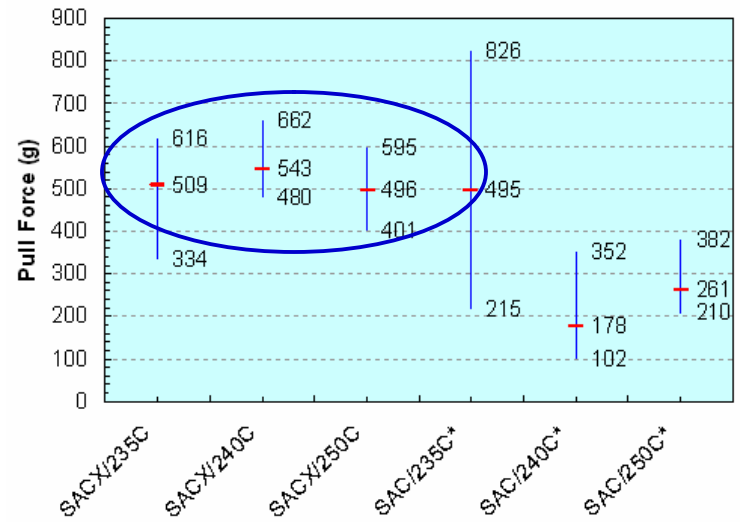
**SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus 0307 exhibits Higher Strength vs. SAC305 in a variety of SMT Pull Tests**

Alloy Type					
SAC305		SACX0307		Sn63/Pb37	
Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode	Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode	Pull-off Strength (kN)	Failure Mode
0.275	5	0.229	6	0.036	5
0.286	5	0.329	5	0.048	5
0.315	5	0.332	5	0.300	5
0.265	5	0.319	5	0.214	5
0.326	5	0.318	5	0.315	5
0.329	5	0.332	5	0.237	5
Mean (kN)	0.299	0.310		0.192	
Std. Deviation (kN)	0.027	0.040		0.122	

0 – Unknown Failure Mode  
5 – Lead failure

Code: 5 – Lead failure, 6 – Grip failure

Sample ID	SACX/235C	SACX/240C	SACX/250C	SAC/235C	SAC/240C	SAC/250C
594	508	480	215	352	213	
527	535	500	242	280	253	
538	565	492	221	201	342	
465	662	578	325	245	382	
334	519	495	293	264	250	
576	551	522	339	266	266	
546	576	495	576	253	250	
562	632	401	807	239	272	
522	525	447	826	113	242	
468	498	511	776	126	218	
530	538	595	651	113	237	
490	586	594	240	129	220	
573	527	468	225	136	246	
490	554	500	298	121	226	
465	516	471	659	113	210	
386	480	525	791	124	274	
500	538	438	761	102	323	
616	501	463	659	125	268	
471	488	468	274	126	221	
533	557	468	747	130	297	
AVI=	509	543	496	495	178	261
High=	616	662	595	826	352	382
Low=	334	480	401	215	102	210



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# ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307

## Availability

*SACX™ Plus 0307 Plus is made in each of our 3 global regions*



Product Type	BAR
Product Group	BRC
Product Name	VAC

Alloy Code	Global Specification #
989	GLB-SAS-027
992	GLB-SAS-028

Item No#	Item Description	Product Name
148863	BRC 989 VAC SACX0307 Plus 1KG	ALPHA Vaculoy SACX®0307 Plus 1KG
149188	BRC 992 VAC SACX0300 Plus 1KG	ALPHA Vaculoy SACX®0300 Plus 1KG
148862	BRC 989 VAC SACX0307 Plus Chunk	ALPHA Vaculoy SACX®0307 Plus Chunk
149187	BRC 992 VAC SACX0300 Plus Chunk	ALPHA Vaculoy SACX®0300 Plus Chunk



*Consult your local / regional manufacturing plant for special shape or size requests*

## When to consider SACX™ Plus 0307

- For simple to standard complexity dual sided assemblies
  - *Assembler should always consider their most difficult assembly when selecting a single alloy*

Assembly Type I	Assembly Type II	Assembly Type III	Assembly Type IV
Simple, single sided, FR2 / CEM-1 laminates	Dual sided FR-4 w/ PTH's, 1.6mm thick, up to 4 inner copper layers, metallized pad finishes	Complex, up to 12 inner copper layers, OSP pad finishes, all processing in air	>2.4mm thick, >12 inner copper layers, large high heat capacity components

- For assemblers who want a single alloy for both wave soldering and selective / rework soldering processes
- Users of lower Ag or Ag free alloys that:
  - Are not getting the soldering performance they need
  - Are seeing an increase in mechanical reliability related field failures



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## Summary of Properties

- Low silver content lowers alloy cost
- Engineered for use in Wave, Selective, Rework and Dip Tinning soldering applications
- Vacuoloying process and unique additives minimize dross
- Fast wetting speeds and high wetting force results in excellent soldering across a wide variety of assemblies
- Silver and other additives result is strong, ductile solder joints for reliability similar or better than SAC305



# ALPHA® SACX™ Plus 0307

## Technical Bulletin and MSDS

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TECHNICAL BULLETIN  
550103

### ALPHA® Vaculoy SACX® 0307,0300 PLUS LEAD FREE WAVE SOLDER and REWORK ALLOY

**DESCRIPTION**

ALPHA Vaculoy SACX0307 Plus is a next generation lead-free alloy suitable for use as a replacement for 62Sn, SAC305 and other low silver SAC alloys including SACX0307 in wave solder, lead finishing and rework processes. SACX0307 Plus has been engineered for improved copper dissolution performance during the long hot exposure times associated with rework and lead fining. The SACX0300 Plus variants used as a replacement alloy in solder baths at elevated copper levels. As with all Alpha Wave Solder, Alpha's proprietary Vaculoy® manufacturing process is used to remove certain impurities, particularly oxides. The product is further enhanced with the addition of other materials designed to further reduce drossing, increase wetting speed and force and improve joint integrity.

**FEATURES & BENEFITS**

**Features:**

- o RELIABILITY – Comparable to higher Ag alloys (i.e. SAC305) in thermal fatigue resistance, top shear and pin pull performance.
- o YIELD – Comparable to SAC305, superior performance for hole fill and GBT related defects compared to Ag free alloys like 62Sn/36Cu/0.7.
- o COPPER EROSION – Low erosion during long rework exposure times.
- o DROSS GENERATION – Lowest in class due to the vaculoy process in conjunction with the addition of a dross reducing agent.

**Benefits:**

- o Lowers Total Cost of Ownership due to the lower material cost, high yields and low dross generation.
- o Excellent mechanical reliability.
- o Gives very good hole fill and drainage due to the lower surface tension attributed to Ag.
- o Reduces erosion of copper plating during rework improving assembly reliability.
- o Delivers good performance across a range of die technologies.

The proprietary Vaculoy process is a highly effective method for removing included oxides from solder. This is extremely important because included oxides generate excessive drossing and increase the viscosity of the solder. Solder with higher viscosity can result in increased soldering defects (i.e. solder bridging).

**APPLICATION**


ALPHA VACULOY SACX0307 Plus is suitable for wave soldering, lead fining and reworking both through hole and surface mount components in lead-free process. It is suitable for single site and relatively complex, dual sided mixed technology boards. A solder pot temperature of 235 – 255 °C (451 – 505F) is recommended with a contact time 2.3 – 3.5 seconds. For suitable wave solder fluxes, please see our rework guide. Lead free Reclaim services including dedicated lead free containers is also available, please contact your local sales office.


**AVAILABILITY**

ALPHA VACULOY SACX0307,0300 Plus is available in 1kg (2.2lb) bar, chunks, feeder ingots and Autobed Wire.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

Please refer to MSDS for advice on proper handling and safety instructions.

  
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### MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**

PRODUCT NAME: ALPHA TIN SOLDER BAR (SACK 0300, SACK 0307 (Plus), SACK 0300, SACK 0307)

MANUFACTURER'S NAME: COOKSON ELECTRONICS ASSEMBLY MATERIALS GROUP  
ADDRESS: 4100 6TH AVENUE ALTOONA, PA 16602

TRANSPORT EMERGENCY #: CHEMTREC: 1-800-424-9300

BUSINESS PHONE #: 1-814-946-1611

**2. INGREDIENT AND EXPOSURE LIMIT INFORMATION**

CHEMICAL NAME	CAS #	% W/W	OSHA PEL - TWA
TIN	7440-31-5	90 - 100	inorganic compounds (except oxides), as Sn (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )/organic compounds, as Sn: 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW: MODERATE EYE IRRITANT. WILL NOT BURN. HARMFUL BY INHALATION. MODERATE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT IRRITANT. MODERATE RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITANT. MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION.

HMIS RATING SYSTEM:  
Health: 1 / Flammability: 1 / Reactivity: 1 / Protection: B

NFPA RATING SYSTEM:

ROUTES OF ENTRY: INHALATION; INGESTION

IMMEDIATE (ACUTE) SYMPTOMS OVER-EXPOSURE BY ROUTE OF EXPOSURE:  
INHALATION: MAY CAUSE MODERATE MECHANICAL RESPIRATORY IRRITATION. CAN CAUSE MODERATE IRRITATION, TEARS AND REDDING, BUT NOT LIKELY TO PERMANENTLY INJURE EYE TISSUE.  
EYES: CAN CAUSE MODERATE SKIN IRRITATION. NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE.  
SKIN CONTACT: CAN CAUSE MODERATE SKIN IRRITATION. NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE.  
INGESTION: IRRITATING TO MOUTH, THROAT, AND STOMACH. CAN CAUSE ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT, NAUSEA, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA.

LONG TERM (CHRONIC) HEALTH EFFECTS:  
CARCINOGENICITY: NONE OF THE SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO CAUSE CANCER.



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Use the “SACX<sup>™</sup> Plus Family” map for guidance on which alloy to offer

ver. 121208	Assembly Type			
	Simple, single sided, FR2 / CEM-1 laminates	Dual sided FR-4 w/ PTH's, 1.6mm thick, up to 4 inner copper layers, metallized pad finishes	Complex, up to 12 inner copper layers, OSP pad finishes, all processing in air	>2.4mm thick, >12 inner copper layers, large high heat capacity components
Device Types	TV Chassis (CRT)	PC Motherboard	High End PC Motherboard	Server board
	Toys	Gamebox board	High End Gamebox board	Network Infrastructure
	Set top Box	PC Peripherals	Complex PC Peripherals	Telecom Base Station
	DVD player	TV LCD/Plasma	High End TV LCD/Plasma	
	White Goods		Automotive (Pas.Comprt)	
	Audio System			
Assembly and Rework	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0107			
	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0307*			
	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0307 Plus			Rework
	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> 0807			
	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SAC305, 387, 405 *			
<b>Reliability Requirement</b>				
Thermal Fatigue Resistance	0°C to 100°C - standard profile cycles	0°C to 100°C - standard and shock profile cycles	- 25°C to 125°C - standard and shock profile cycles	- 45°C to 125°C - standard and shock profile cycles
HASL	ALPHA <sup>®</sup> SACX <sup>®</sup> HASL			

\* - These alloys are used in rework processes but are not optimized for that application

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## Relative Comparison of SACX Alloy Performance Attributes

