



PROCESSING GUIDELINES

Laminate: Autolad3

Prepreg: Autolad3B

High Performance, Low CTE, High Tg Lead Free Material



This product process guideline uses IPC-4101 Standard as a reference, and Shengyi make some changes according to the product characteristics of the actual situation as to making it more suitable for the Shengyi Autolad3/Autolad3B product use.

1. Storage condition

1.1 Laminate

1.1.1 Storage condition

- Pack with original forms on the platform or on the appropriate frame, avoiding stress, prevent sheet deformation caused by inappropriate storage which may impact the subsequent PCB processes.

1.1.2 Storage environment

- Sheets should be stored in ventilated, dry, at room temperature under environment control, avoiding direct sunlight, rain and avoid erosion of corrosive gas (stored environment directly affect the quality of material).
- For double-sided copper clad laminates (cores), to minimize shifting as to avoid scratching the surface of the product, with a suitable environment and condition for storage, the shelf life can be up to two years.
- For single-sided copper clad laminates, with a suitable environment and condition for storage, the shelf life can be up to one year.

1.1.3 Operation manual

- Wear clean gloves and carefully operate the cores. Copper foil collisions, sliding will cause damage of the cores. Bare hands action will cause contamination to copper foil surface. These defects are likely to cause adverse effects.

1.2 Prepreg

1.2.1 Storage method

- Levels stored in original packaging form, avoiding stress, prevent sheet deformation caused by inappropriate storage condition.
- Leftover or cut Prepregs should pack and seal with vacuum foil packaging and put it back in the original packaging tray.

1.2.2 Storage environment

- Prepreg sealed packaging should be stored in free of UV irradiation environment, specific storage conditions and the storage period as follows:
 - Condition 1: 3 months when stored at <23°C and <50% RH.
 - Condition 2: 6 months when stored at <5°C.
- Note: Relative humidity affect prepreg quality the most, pay special attention on weather (conduct dehumidification process is necessary for wet weather).

1.2.3 Cutting guideline



- Cutting the best way is left to professional staff wear clean gloves during operation, prevent the pollution of prepreg surface; operation must be careful to prevent prepreg wrinkle or crack, to avoid affect prepregs.

1.2.4 Prepregs use recommendations

- If moving from a low temperature storage space to a higher temperature or ambient temperature storage space, it must go through the temperature settle process, (8 - 24 hours, settle time is varies depending on temperature variation in between two storage conditions). Open package after temperature settle process is completed as to avoid affecting the quality and adhesion of prepregs.
- For PP package stored in above conditions 1 or 2, after open is required to complete the use as soon as possible, for packages opened more than 3 day, it must re-inspect and insure quality before use.
- Leftover or cut prepregs should pack and seal with vacuum foil packaging and put it back in the above stated storage condition 1 or 2.
- For IQC inspection, PP test should be finished within 5 days from the date of acceptance according to IPC-4101 specification.

2. PWB Processing

2.1 Panel cutting

- Sawing (preferred) and shearing method is recommended. Be careful of potential edge cracks when using roller cutter or caused by improper gap or cutter blade abrasion.

2.2 Thin core baking

- Thin core baking depends on actual need. If bake after cutting, it's recommended to rinse cutting panels first, which is able to remove resin powder brought by cutting and avoid etching problem.
- Baking condition: 150°C/4-8h, be sure to avoid contact directly with heater

2.3 Lay-up

- Ensure prepreg direction of warp and fill at lay-up process. Avoid prepreg reversal or overturn in case of multilayer board distortion after press.

2.4 Press process

- For multilayer pressing, it's recommended to keep heat-up rate at 1.0-2.5 °C /min when material temperature is from 80°C to 140°C.
- Full pressure setting is recommended at the range of 300 – 420 PSI (oil heated), specified value should be determined by multilayer feature (lay-up construction and resin filled area).
- Apply full pressure when the temperature of top layer ranges 80-100 °C.
- Curing condition: 185-195°C, >60min.
- Maximum 8-10 layers of every open is recommended.
- 14-16 plies of kraft papers (unit weigh is 161g/m²) are suggested using at the upper and bottom for every

open.

- If pressed by Adara machine, please inform us for more information.
- When adopted single sided or dummy panel for multilayer, be sure to roughen the unclad surface before use, otherwise poor bonding might happen due to smooth surface. Etching double sided board for that purpose is one of optional measures.

2.5 Drilling

- As material is a little bit harder compared to traditional FR-4, drilling efficiency is advised to reduce for ensuring hole quality.
 - Decrease hit count to some extent.
 - Reduce chip load 10-20%, compared to that of traditional FR-4.

2.6 Desmear

- Autolad3 belongs to filled resin system and a little bit hard to desmear compared to traditional FR-4.
 - Strengthen desmear and use ultrasonic rinse are recommended.
 - Bake after drilling would help to improve desmear effect, customer can adopt depends on actual need.
Baking condition: 150°C/4H.

2.7 Solder mask

- Be careful of panel distortion or warpage due to improper stack-up at pose baking process.

2.8 HAL

- Suitable for lead free HAL process.
- If measling detected, recommend baking at 150°C/2-4h before HAL, and processing within 4 hours.

2.9 Punching/Routing

- Not suitable for punching process.
- Routing speed and distance is recommended reducing to some extent as fillers will cause abrasion on rout bit.

2.10 Packaging

- To prevent moisture effect on the heat resistance of base material, suggest baking finished boards at 125°C /4~6h before packaging. For a long time storage, it's advised to wrap by aluminum pack.

3. PWB Soldering

3.1 Shelf life of PWB

- 3 months with packaging protection.
- Bake at 125°C/4~6h before assembly is recommended, especially when stored more than 3 months.

3.1 Reflow

- Suitable for lead free reflow process



3.2 Manual soldering

- For separated or connected pad, manual soldering temperature should range 350-380°C and hold less than 3s for single point.

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