

ACRYLIC REMOVABLE COATING

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

VTA BA Conformal Coating is a non toxic, flexible transparent acrylic coating for the protection of electronic circuitry formulated to meet the highest resistance requirements. VTA BA is designed to be removed with ABchimie SND or ABClean (100% Ozone Friendly).

FEATURES

- Excellent adhesion under all climatic conditions,
- Fluoresces under UV light as an aid to inspection,
- Wide temperature range -65°C to +150°C,
- Can be soldered through without fear of highly toxic gases being produced (contains no isocyanates),
- Resistant to mould growth,
- Can be totally removed with ABchimie SND or ABClean,
- Compatible with other high specification acrylic coatings,
- Excellent Dielectric properties,
- Halogen free,
- Version with low viscosity, ready to use (VTA BA DS)
- **Meets IPC-CC-830 and MIL-I-46058C.**

APPLICATION

VTA BA can be sprayed, dipped or brushed. The thickness of the coating depends on the method of application, but a dip coater normally deposits a film thickness of about 25 microns (single coat). Workshop temperatures of less than 16°C or relative humidities in excess of 75% are unsuitable for the application of VTA BA.

VTA BA contains a UV trace which allows inspection of the PCB after coating to ensure complete and even coverage. The stronger the reflected light, the thicker the coating layer is.

Before coating, PCBAs should be clean, dry and without moisture. The CI, being composite materials, absorb moisture. It is important to remove it before coating. A passage in oven for 3 to 4 hours at 60°C is generally sufficient.

After a soldering process, PCBAs can be coat immediately. If there is an intermediate storage up to 48 hours you will have to dry PCBAs.

Homogenization of VTA BA is necessary before use. Trouble or a white veil can also be observed in the varnish VTA BA, then just mix the varnish before use.

Cleaning

VTA BA can be applied on uncleaned PCBAs. A cross cut test may be done to check the good adhesion on the PCBAs.

Cleaning will increase adhesion on the substrate. ABchimie manufactures a range of 100% Ozone Friendly cleaning products in both the hydrocarbon solvent and aqueous fields. All products produce results within the Military specification (<1.56mg NaCl/cm²). Please contact ABchimie for further information.

Dip Coating

Ensure that the coating material in the container has been agitated thoroughly and has been allowed to stand for at least 2 hours for all the air bubbles to disperse.

Acrylic Thinners (DVA BA) should be used to keep the VTA BA coating at a suitable viscosity for dipping. DVA BA is added periodically as the solvent evaporates. The viscosity should be checked using a viscometer or "flow cup" (Zahn 2).

The board assemblies should be immersed in the VTA BA dipping tank in the vertical position, or at an angle as close to the vertical as possible. Connectors should not be immersed in the liquid unless they are very carefully masked. ABchimie Peelable Coating Mask (LDM) is ideal for this application.

Leave submerged for about 1 minute until the air bubbles have dispersed. The board or boards should then be withdrawn VERY SLOWLY (5 to 20 cm/min) so that an even film covers the surface. After withdrawing, the boards should be left to drain over the tank until the majority of residual coating has left the surface.

After the draining operation is complete, the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

Spraying

Bulk VTA BA needs to be thinned with DVA BA R before spraying. The optimum viscosity to give coating quality and thickness depends on the spray equipment and conditions but a starting point could be 1-part coating to 1-part thinners. If bulk coating material has been agitated, allow to stand until air bubbles have dispersed.

VTA BA is suitable both for use in manual spray guns and computer controlled airless spray equipment that only coats the required areas of the PCB, eliminating the need for masking.

The nozzle of the spray gun requires to be selected to give an even spray to suit the prevailing viscosity of the coating material.

To ensure penetration of the coating beneath the components and in confined spaces, spray the assembly from all directions to give an even coating.

After spraying, the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

Brushing

Ensure that the coating material has been agitated thoroughly and has been allowed to settle for at least 2 hours. The coating should be kept at ambient temperature. Gently apply the coating with a good quality brush (silk) so as not to leave brush marks and so that the components and wiring are not disturbed.

When the brushing operation is complete the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

Drying Times and Curing Conditions

VTA BA will be touch dry after 15 - 20 minutes at room temperature and does not require a thermal cure. The full properties of VTA BA will be obtained after 24 hours at room temperature.

Immediate adhesion can be accelerated by the use of a thermal cure of 2 hours at 50°C. However solvents must be evaporated before heating.

Double Coating

Two coats of VTA BA are not usually required. However if two coats are required, the second coating should be applied after the first coating is dry. This will ensure that the two coats will bond satisfactorily.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Liquid VTA BA

Colour:	Pale coloured liquid
Non-volatile content:	30% (22% Version DS65)
Viscosity @ 20°C (ASTM D4212):	220 - 270 cSt (Bulk)
Specific Gravity @ 20°C:	0.93
Flash Point:	25°C
Drying Time:	<20 min. touch dry 24 hours optimum properties

Cured VTA BA Coating

Colour:	Transparent (blue reflection)
Dielectric Strength:	50 kV/mm
Insulation resistance (Ω)	$10^{12} \Omega$ (MIL-I-46058C)
Dielectric withstanding voltage	> 1500V (MIL-I-46058C)
Temperature Range:	-65°C to +150°C
Flammability:	Self-extinguishing (meets UL94V0)
Dissipation Factor (1MHz, 25°C):	0.01
Glass Transition Temperature (T _g)	29°C
Thermal expansion coefficient	130ppm/°C (if T < T _g) 280ppm/°C (if T > T _g)
CTI	>600 (DIN EN 60112 on FR4)
SIR test	20°C-65°C, 95%RH, 7days (IPC CC 830)
Damp heat test	85°C, 85%RH, 1000h (IEC 60068-2-67)
Salt Mist Test	35°C, 5% salt, 48h (IEC 60068-2-11)
VRT	-55°C +125°C, 20 cycles, pente 10°C/mn
Thermal chock	-65°C +125°C, 100 cycles, (IPC CC 830) -40°C +105°C, 1500 cycles (IEC 60068-2-14)
Flowing mix gas	OK (IEC 60068-2-60)

(4 gas test/ 21d, 75% RH; 25°C; Cl2: 10ppm; No2: 200; H2S 10ppm; SO2 : 200 ppm)

The conformal coating VTA BA (all versions) is compliance with REACH and RoHS regulations. If you want a certificate, please contact us (info@abchimie.com).

AVAILABLE VERSIONS *

VTA BA DS: Viscosity adapted at the customer needs

PACKAGING

VTA BA Conformal Coating

5 Litres Bulk

VTA BA 05L

Acrylic Thinners

5 Litres

DVA BA 05L

5 Litres

DVA BA R 05L

Removal Solvent SND (100% Ozone Friendly, Flammable)

400ml Aerosol

SND 400B

5 Litre Bulk

SND 05L

30 Litre Bulk

SND 30L

No toxic Removal Solvent ABclean

5 Litre Bulk

ABclean 05L

30 Litre Bulk

ABclean 30L

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE:

Storage:

Storage temperature: 5 to 30°C

A temporary lower temperature during few days (transport) doesn't distort varnish properties.

Date by use: 18 months after the date of manufacturing (12 months in spray)

All information is given in good faith but without warranty. Properties are given as a guide only and should not be taken as a specification.

ABchimie cannot be held responsible for the performance of its products within any application determined by the customer, who must satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the product.