# Conformal Coatings Technical Data Sheet



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# **FSCP** Flexible Silicone Coating Plus

FSCP is a solvent based conformal coating designed to protect printed circuit boards, particularly those exposed to high humidity environments. FSCP offers enhanced adhesion to a variety of substrates, including solder resists with low surface energy.

- Excellent adhesion; ideal for substrates which are difficult to bond to due to low surface energy
- High surface insulation resistance; good resistance to humid environments
- Flexible coating; good resistance to a wide and varying temperature range
- Ideal for applications requiring rework; cured coating can be removed with Electrolube ULS

| Approvals         | RoHS-2 Compliant (2011/65/EU):<br>IEC 61086-2:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes<br>Meets approval                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Liquid Properties | Appearance:<br>Density @ 20°C (g/ml):<br>VOC Content:<br>Flash Point:<br>Solids content:<br>Viscosity @ 20°C (mPa s):<br>Touch Dry:<br>Recommended Drying Time:                                                                                                                                                     | Clear translucent liquid<br>0.960<br>53.5%<br>Approx. 25°C<br>46.5%<br>400<br>10-15 minutes<br>24 Hours @ 20°C<br>4 Hours @ 60°C<br>2 Hours @ 90°C |
|                   | Coverage @ 25µm:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 16m <sup>2</sup> per litre                                                                                                                         |
| Dry Film Coating  | Colour:<br>Operating Temperature Range:<br>Flammability:<br>Thermal Cycling (IEC 60068-2-14):<br>Coefficient of Expansion:<br>Dielectric Strength:<br>Dielectric Constant:<br>Insulation Resistance:<br>Dissipation Factor @ 100Hz @ 25°C:<br>Moisture Resistance (IEC 60068-2-78):<br>Salt Spray (IEC 60068-2-11): | Colourless<br>-50°C to +125°C<br>Meets UL94 V-0<br>Pass<br>150ppm<br>80 kV/mm<br>2.7<br>$1 \times 10^{20}$ Ohms/cm<br>0.001<br>Pass<br>Pass        |

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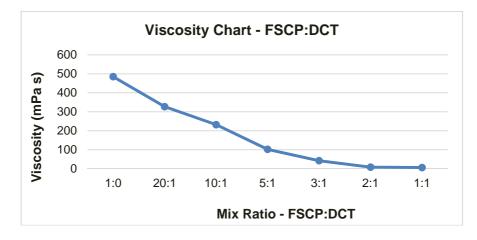
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| Packaging                  | Description   | Order Code | Shelf Life |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| FSCP Conformal Coating     | 5 Litre Bulk  | FSCP05L    | 36 Months  |
| Conformal Coating Thinners | 1 Litre       | DCT01L     | 36 Months  |
|                            | 5 Litre       | DCT05L     | 36 Months  |
| <u>Removal Solvent</u>     | 200ml Aerosol | ULS200D    | 36 Months  |
|                            | 400ml Aerosol | ULS400D    | 36 Months  |
|                            | 1 Litre Bulk  | ULS01L     | 72 Months  |
|                            | 5 Litre Bulk  | ULS05L     | 72 Months  |
|                            | 25 Litre Bulk | ULS25L     | 72 Months  |

# **Directions for Use**

FSCP can be sprayed, dipped or brushed. The thickness of the coating depends on the method of application (typically 25-75 microns). Temperatures of less than 16°C or relative humidity in excess of 75% are unsuitable for the application of FSCP. As is the case for all solvent based conformal coatings, adequate extraction should be used (refer to MSDS for further information).

Substrates should be thoroughly cleaned before coating. This is required to ensure that satisfactory adhesion to the substrate is achieved. Also, all flux residues must be removed as they may become corrosive if left on the PCB. Electrolube manufacture a range of cleaning products using both hydrocarbon solvent and aqueous technology. Electrolube cleaning products produce results within Military specification.

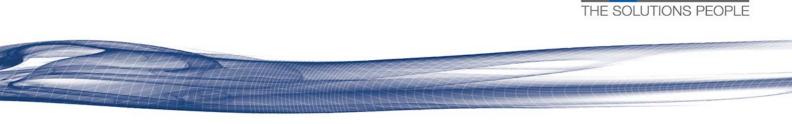


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# Spraying-Bulk

FSCP needs to be diluted with the appropriate thinners (DCT) before spraying. The optimum viscosity to give coating quality and thickness depends on the spray equipment and conditions, but normally a suitable spray viscosity is typically 50-80mPa s. If bulk coating material has been agitated, allow to stand until air bubbles have dispersed.

FSCP is suitable both for use in manual spray guns and selective coating equipment. The selected nozzle should enable a suitable even spray to be applied in addition to suiting the prevailing viscosity. The normal spray gun pressure required is 274 to 413 kPa (40 - 60 lbs/sq.inch). After spraying, the boards should be placed in an air-circulating drying cabinet and left to dry.

# 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. Conformal coating thinners (DCT) should be used to keep the FSCP coating at a suitable viscosity for dipping. DCT is added periodically as the solvent evaporates. The viscosity should be checked using a viscosity meter or "flow cup". The board assemblies should be immersed in the FSCP 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. Electrolube Peelable Coating Masks (PCM/PCS) are ideal for this application.

Leave submerged for approximately 10 seconds until the air bubbles have dispersed. The board or boards should then be withdrawn slowly (1 to 2s/mm) so that an even film covers the surface. After withdrawing, the boards should be left to drain over the tank or drip tray 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.

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

## **Inspection**

FSCP 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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