PLACE-N-BOND<sup>tm</sup> Partial Underfilm Technology Alltemated, Inc. Arlington Heights, IL United States of America

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**Testing and Implementation** 



### Reliability analysis (Underfilm vs. Bare)

To further review the capability of the Partial Underfilm Technology, we conducted testing similar to the underfill testing that has been presented by various studies. First, a test vehicle was designed that contained one board mounted with ten 132 pin BGAs.

A standard .004" solder screen was first placed. Five of the BGAs would receive no additional support and five would receive a boundary pattern of partial underfilm of .008" thickness.



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0.008" thick partial underfilm component shown in standard EIA-481 compliant carrier tape and SMT feeder.

Component placement for testing was conducted on MYDATA SMT line utilizing standard feeders.

## **Test Board Layout**

Individual BGA site with Daisy Chained Solder Pads, Continuity Test Points, "Tacky Pads" and Underfilm outline

The boards were reflowed utilizing a standard SAC 305 profile



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Test Vehicle and Drop Test

After reflow, x-ray and electrical test, a 32-gram weight was attached to the top creating the Test Vehicle for reliability analysis (pictured at right).



Figure 4(Test Vehicle for drop test analysis)

These .042" thick boards were repeatedly dropped from a height of six feet onto a steel gage block. After each drop, a continuity test was conducted to ensure that the product was still in working condition using the traces at T+ and T- shown in figure 3.



## RESULTS

After the first few drops, all of the unsupported BGAs failed and completely fell off of the Test Vehicle altogether. As for the Partial Underfilm Technology BGAs, although not process optimized, 40% had continuity after 100 drops.



## Failed, unsupported BGA

#### **Drop Test Results**

#### Two of the test vehicle data results are shown below



As can be seen, the results are significantly different between the unsupported BGAs and Partial Underfilm supported BGAs.

### PLACE-N-BOND Design Guidelines - Part Selection Guide

### Currently Supporting Various BGA Packages: 1mm down to .4mm pitch

PLACE-N- BOND <sup>™</sup> Part Number	I-Shape	Thickness mm (tolerance +/- 0.025)	Thickness in (tolerance +/-0.001)	Width mm (tolerance +0.051/- 0.076)	Width in (tolerance +0.002/- 0.003)	Length mm (tolerance +/-0.178)	Length in (tolerance +/-0.007)	overall maximum length including breakaway tab mm	overall maximum length including breakaway tab in	BGA Standoff Range* (Gap Fill) Post Reflow From PCB Seating Plane to Bottom Side of BGA Substraight Surface (mils)
RP-113178-01	Rectangle	0.254	0.010	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	11 to 15
RP-113178-02	Rectangle	0.229	0.009	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	10 to 14
RP-113178-03	Rectangle	0.206	0.0081	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	9 to 12
RP-113178-04	Rectangle	0.206	0.0081	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	9 to 12
RP-113178-05	Rectangle	0.165	0.0065	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	8.5 to 12
RP-113178-06	Rectangle	0.165	0.0065	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	8.5 to 12
RP-113178-07	Rectangle	0.432	0.017	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	18 to 26
RP-113178-08	Rectangle	0.432	0.017	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	18 to 26
	Corner Shape					Leg Length	Leg Length			
RP-113178-09	L - 90° Corner	0.254	0.010	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	11 to 15
RP-113178-10	L - 90° Corner	0.229	0.009	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	10 to 14
RP-113178-11	L - 90° Corner	0.206	0.0081	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	9 to 12
RP-113178-12	L - 90° Corner	0.206	0.0081	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	9 to 12
RP-113178-13	L - 90° Corner	0.165	0.0065	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	8.5 to 12
RP-113178-14	L - 90° Corner	0.165	0.0065	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	8.5 to 12
RP-113178-15	L - 90° Corner	0.432	0.017	0.762	0.030	4.000	0.157	4.578	0.180	18 to 26
RP-113178-16	L - 90° Corner	0.432	0.017	0.762	0.030	5.842	0.230	6.420	0.253	18 to 26



### PLACE-N-BOND Design Guidelines – Rework Procedure

- Heat to 135 C (275 F) (hot plate shown)
- Peel softened Underfilm from PCB
- Clean residue with brush IPA



## DISCUSSION

Utilizing off the shelf  $PLACE-N-BOND^{TM}$  and Topline components we were able to demonstrate a significant improvement in solder joint reliability.

We know that the costs for implementation, training, maintenance, equipment and general overhead are insignificant compared to that of traditional underfill technology. The individual films are a few pennies in high volume.

Some additional benefits are; the complete migration of the technology from prototype to production facilities, OEM's can move the manufacturing process without concern for capability with *PLACE-N-BOND<sup>TM</sup>* technology and *PLACE-N-BOND<sup>TM</sup>* is reworkable improving final yield.

## CONCLUSION

By utilizing the *PLACE-N-BOND<sup>TM</sup>* Technology, lead-free assemblies can be greatly improved without investing in additional equipment, factory space or PCB space. Through careful design consideration, the process can be optimized to improve the yield and performance of electronic devices. This technology is currently in high volume production and has become the preferred low cost solution to get products to pass drop testing requirements.

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## Section view: BGA132 .5mm pitch SAC 305



Reference photo 3

PLACE-N-BOND Underfilm

Tacky Pad

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## Section view: "Tacky Pad" on PCB



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#### Reference photo 9

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# Market Comparison

	PLACE-N-BOND Underfilm	Fluxing Underfill	<u>Underfill</u>
Pick & Place from Tape & Reel	YES	no	no
Re-workable	YES	no/maybe	no/maybe
Eliminates an entire factory process	YES	no	no
Compatible with ANY solder paste	YES	no	YES
Decreased factory cycle time	YES	\$	\$
Factory floor space required	NO	\$	\$
Dispensing equipment needed	NO	<b>\$\$</b>	\$\$\$
Secondary curing oven needed	NO	NO	\$\$
Capital equipment needed	NO	\$\$	\$\$\$
Adds time and equipment	NO	\$\$	\$\$\$
Fumes emitted	NO	yes	yes
Limited Shelf life	NO	yes	yes
Air Entrapment Possible	NO	yes	yes
Cure rate / temp. control needed	NO	yes	yes
Cleaning required	NO	maybe	maybe
Pre-bake required	NO	maybe	maybe
Provides maximum reliability	maybe	maybe	maybe





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