

## Technical Information

# 6229 Silver/Palladium Conductor

The silver/palladium conductor composition 6229 is designed for low cost applications requiring a palladium-containing conductor. It provides a solderable termination for resistors and thermistors, and it may also be used as a low resistivity conductor for many general applications. It does not contain

cadmium, lead, or highly toxic organic solvents. Key features include:

- Excellent Solder Acceptance
- Good Line Resolution
- High Adhesion
- Compatibility with Dielectrics and Resistors.

### TYPICAL FIRED FILM CHARACTERISTICS<sup>(1)</sup>

<b>Fired Thickness</b>	12-15 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>Line Resolution</b>	175/125 $\mu\text{m}$ line/space using 150/150 $\mu\text{m}$ pattern and 325 mesh screen
<b>Resistivity</b>	< 6 milliohm / sq at 13 $\mu\text{m}$ fired thickness
<b>Solder Acceptance<sup>(2)</sup></b> 36/62/2 Sn/Pb/Ag, on 96% alumina	Excellent
<b>Solder Leach Resistance<sup>(3)</sup></b>	2 Cycles
<b>Adhesion<sup>(4)</sup></b>	
Initial	> 22 N
48 Hours @ 150° C	> 18 N

(1) Typical properties are based on testing of several batches under various processing conditions. They are not intended as specification limits.

(2) Excellent refers to nearly 100% coverage of both pads and lines, after a 5-second dip in the solder bath at 225 +/-5°C using Alpha 611 mildly activated flux.

(3) Cycles consist of 10-second dips in a 225 +/-5°C solder bath. Each cycle is preceded by dipping in Alpha 611 flux.

(4) The adhesion test consists of attaching 20 AWG tinned copper wire to .080"x.080" pads, by dipping vertically in a 225 +/-5°C solder for 5 seconds. The wires are then bent 90 degrees and pulled at constant speed, while a force gauge records the peel strength.

## COMPOSITION PROPERTIES

**Viscosity:**  $150 \pm 30$  Kcps, when measured with Brookfield HBT, Spindle #14, utility cup, 10 RPM, 25° &

**Specific Gravity:** 3.8 – 4.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

**Recommended Thinner:** KOARTAN A-1039

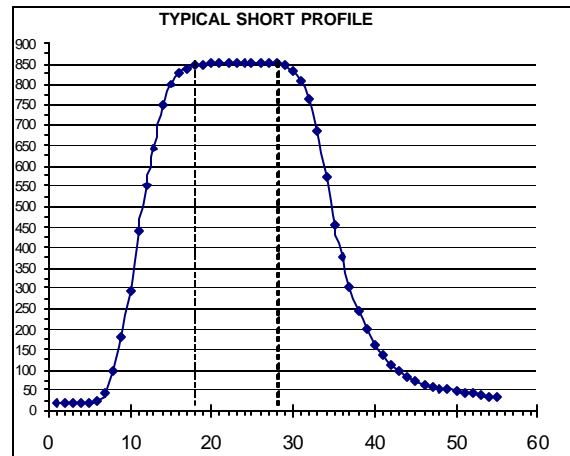
## RECOMMENDED PROCESSING PROCEDURE

**Printing:** Printing with 280 mesh stainless steel screen using 10-15  $\mu\text{m}$  emulsion and 45 degree angle is recommended. Other mesh counts, 200-325, and emulsion thicknesses, 5-25  $\mu\text{m}$ , may be used for special applications. Squeegee speeds of up to 10 inches/sec may be utilized.

Coverage is approximately 80 cm<sup>2</sup>, when utilizing 280 mesh screen and a wet print thickness of about 38  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Drying:** Wet prints should be allowed to level for 5-10 minutes prior to drying. Dry for 10-15 minutes in a convection oven or belt dryer at 125°C-150°C.

**Firing:** Firing in air using a belt furnace and a 36-60 minute profile, with 10 minutes at a peak temperature of 850°C is recommended. Air flow rates must be optimized to ensure that the products of binder burn-off discharge properly and create a fully oxidizing atmosphere in the muffle.



**Storage and Shelf Life:** Store in tightly capped containers at room temperature. Shelf life is 6 months for unopened jars. Under ordinary conditions of storage and use the product should not require thinning. However, solvent loss during extended printing runs may be corrected by incorporating up to 0.5% of Koartan A-1039 thinner.

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