

N4000-13 EP & N4000-13 EP SI

High-Speed Multifunctional Epoxy

Laminate & Prepreg

Nelco N4000-13 EP is an enhanced epoxy resin system engineered for today's lead-free requirements where multiple solder reflow at temperatures approaching 260°C are required. N4000-13 EP provides enhanced thermal reliability without compromising the electrical and signal loss properties that have made the Nelco N4000-13 product family the industry standard for demanding high speed / low loss designs. N4000-13 EP SI is excellent for applications that require optimum signal integrity and precise impedance control, while maintaining high CAF resistance and thermal reliability.

Key Features

Tg >210°C, outstanding thermal, electrical and signal loss properties

- Excellent thickness control for tight tolerance impedance applications
- Low Df and Dk allows for low signal distortion and faster signal propagation required by high frequency (1 - 10 GHz) and high reliability applications

CAF resistant

- The low Z-CTE and improved CAF resistance provide long-term reliability for both RF and digital applications
- Provides excellent CAF resistance even after multiple lead-free assembly exposures

Signal Integrity Option

- SI[®] glass available for low-loss applications and enhanced performance

Proprietary advanced resin technology

- Industry standard material with well documented dielectric constant and loss tangent properties

High-Tg FR-4 processing

- Identical processing to N4000-13, similar to traditional high Tg FR-4 materials
- 90 min press at 193°C and 275-350 psi

Lead-Free Assembly Compatible

- Suitable for assemblies with a maximum reflow temperature of 260°C¹

Available in a variety of constructions

- Available in a wide variety of constructions, copper weights and glass styles including very low profile copper, standard copper, double treat and RTFOIL[®]
- Available as a 2 mil core product meeting the specifications of a capacitive laminate
- Meets UL 94V-0 and IPC-4101/29 specifications
- RoHS compliant

Applications

- Fine-Line Multilayers
- Backplanes
- Surface-Mount Multilayers
- BGA Multilayers
- MCM-Ls
- CSP Attachment
- Wireless Communication Infrastructure
- High Speed Services
- High Speed Storage Networks
- Internet Switching / Routing Systems

¹ Max suitable reflow temperature for N4000-13 EP assemblies is dependent upon design and fabrication details.

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| Mechanical Properties | -13 EP | -13 EP SI | U.S. Units | -13 EP | -13 EP SI | Metric | Test Method |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Peel Strength - 1 oz. (35 micron) Cu | | | | | | | |
| After Solder Float | 7.5 | 7.5 | lb / inch | 1.31 | 1.31 | N / mm | IPC-TM-650.2.4.8 |
| At Elevated Temperature | 8.1 | 8.1 | lb / inch | 1.42 | 1.42 | N / mm | IPC-TM-650.2.4.8.2a |
| After Exposure to Process Solutions | 9.0 | 9.0 | lb / inch | 1.58 | 1.58 | N / mm | IPC-TM-650.2.4.8 |
| X / Y CTE [-40°C to +125°C] | | | | 10 - 14 | 9 - 13 | ppm / °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.41 |
| Z Axis CTE Alpha 1 [50°C to Tg] | | | | 65 | 65 | ppm / °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24 |
| Z Axis CTE Alpha 2 [Tg to 260°C] | | | | 275 | 275 | ppm / °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24 |
| Z Axis Expansion [50°C to 260°C] | 3.4 | 3.4 | % | 3.4 | 3.4 | % | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24 |
| Young's Modulus (X / Y) | 4.2 / 3.3 | 2.5 / 2.3 | psi x 10 ⁶ | 28.5 / 22.4 | 17.2 / 16.5 | GN / m ² | ASTM D3039 |
| Poisson's Ratios (X / Y) | 0.13 / 0.11 | 0.18 / 0.17 | | 0.13 / 0.11 | 0.18 / 0.17 | | ASTM D3039 |
| Thermal Conductivity | | | | 0.350 | 0.294 | W / mK | ASTM E1461 |
| Specific Heat | | | | 1.20 | 1.30 | J / gK | ASTM E1461 |
| Electrical Properties | | | | | | | |
| Dielectric Constant (50% resin content) | | | | | | | |
| @ 1 GHz (RF Impedance) | 3.7 | 3.4 | | 3.7 | 3.4 | | IPC-TM-650.2.5.5.9 |
| @ 2.5 GHz (Split Post Cavity) | 3.7 | 3.2 | | 3.7 | 3.2 | | |
| @ 10 GHz (Stripline) | 3.6 | 3.2 | | 3.6 | 3.2 | | IPC-TM-650.2.5.5.5 |
| @ 10 GHz (Split Post Cavity) | 3.7 | 3.3 | | 3.7 | 3.3 | | |
| Dissipation Factor (50% resin content) | | | | | | | |
| @ 2.5 GHz (Split Post Cavity) | 0.009 | 0.008 | | 0.009 | 0.008 | | |
| @ 10 GHz (Stripline) | 0.009 | 0.008 | | 0.009 | 0.008 | | IPC-TM-650.2.5.5.5 |
| @ 10 GHz (Split Post Cavity) | 0.008 | 0.007 | | 0.008 | 0.007 | | |
| Volume Resistivity | | | | | | | |
| C - 96 / 35 / 90 | | | | 10 ⁸ | 10 ⁸ | MΩ - cm | IPC-TM-650.2.5.17.1 |
| E - 24 / 125 | | | | 10 ⁷ | 10 ⁸ | MΩ - cm | IPC-TM-650.2.5.17.1 |
| Surface Resistivity | | | | | | | |
| C - 96 / 35 / 90 | 10 ⁷ | 10 ⁷ | MΩ | 10 ⁷ | 10 ⁷ | MΩ | IPC-TM-650.2.5.17.1 |
| E - 24 / 125 | 10 ⁷ | 10 ⁷ | MΩ | 10 ⁷ | 10 ⁷ | MΩ | IPC-TM-650.2.5.17.1 |
| Electric Strength | 1200 | 1000 | V / mil | 4.7x10 ⁴ | 3.9x10 ⁴ | V / mm | IPC-TM-650.2.5.6.2 |
| Dielectric Breakdown | >50 | >50 | kV | >50 | >50 | kV | IPC-TM-650.2.5.6 |
| Arc Resistance | 123 | 123 | seconds | 123 | 123 | seconds | IPC-TM-650.2.5.1 |
| Thermal Properties | | | | | | | |
| Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) | | | | | | | |
| DSC (°C) | 210 | 210 | °C | 210 | 210 | °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.25c |
| TMA (°C) | 200 | 200 | °C | 200 | 200 | °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24c |
| DMA (°C) (Tan δ Peak) | 240 | 240 | °C | 240 | 240 | °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24.3 |
| Degradation Temp (TGA) (5% wt. loss) | 350 | 350 | °C | 350 | 350 | °C | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24.6 |
| Pressure Cooker-60 min then solder dip | | | | | | | IPC-TM-650.2.6.16 |
| @288°C until failure (max 10 min.) | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | | (modified) |
| T260 | 30+ | 30+ | minutes | 30+ | 30+ | minutes | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24.1 |
| T288 | 10+ | 10+ | minutes | 10+ | 10+ | minutes | IPC-TM-650.2.4.24.1 |
| Chemical / Physical Properties | | | | | | | |
| Moisture Absorption | 0.1 | 0.1 | wt. % | 0.1 | 0.1 | wt. % | IPC-TM-650.2.6.2.1 |
| Methylene Chloride Resistance | 0.7 | 0.7 | % wt. chg. | 0.7 | 0.7 | % wt. chg. | IPC-TM-650.2.3.4.3 |
| Density [50% resin content] | | | | 1.91 | 1.79 | g / cm ³ | Internal Method |

*DMA is the preferred method for measuring Tg - other methods may be less accurate.

All test data provided are typical values and not intended to be specification values. For review of critical specification tolerances, please contact a company representative directly.

*Refer to the [N4000-13 Best Practices](#) document and [Contract Manufacturing Q&A](#) for PCB processing recommendations.