Low Temperature Co-Fired Ceramic Systems
A6M/A6M-E High Frequency LTCC Tape System

Application
Ferro’s A6M LTCC Tape system combines stable dielectric constant and unique low loss over a wide frequency range making it ideal for Hi-reliability packaging applications.

A6M-E tape is an enhanced version of A6M with improved handling, lamination and green cutting properties while maintaining the same properties and performance of A6M.

A6M/A6M-E is available in standard tape thicknesses of 2, 5, and 10 mil and in roll and blank forms.

A complete set of highly engineered Gold based conductors make A6 the material system ideal for high frequency modules and components up to 110 GHz.

A6M/A6M-E and associated metallizations are formulated and processed to be RoHS compliant.

Typical Fired Properties

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<tr>
<td>Thermal Coefficient of Expansion</td>
<td>7.0 ppm/°C</td>
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<td>Tape Shrinkage</td>
<td>15.8 ± 0.3 % X,Y</td>
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<td>26.0 % Z</td>
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<td>Fired Density</td>
<td>&gt; 2.4 gm/cc</td>
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<td>Flexural Strength</td>
<td>170 MPa</td>
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<td>Young's Modulus</td>
<td>92 Gpa</td>
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<td>Thermal Conductivity</td>
<td>2 W/mK</td>
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<td>Dielectric Constant</td>
<td>5.7 ± 0.2 @10 GHz</td>
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<td>Loss Tangent</td>
<td>&lt; 0.1 @10 GHz</td>
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<td>Insulation resistance</td>
<td>&gt; 10¹⁰ Ω</td>
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<td>Breakdown Voltage</td>
<td>&gt; 750 V/mil</td>
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<td>Electrolytic Leakage Current</td>
<td>&lt; 1 µA/cm²</td>
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Electrical Test Methods:
- Split-Post Resonator (1–10 GHz)
- Split-Cylinder Resonator (6–30 GHz)
- Fabry-Perot Resonator (30–100 GHz)
Typical Process Parameters

**Metallization:**

- **Au-based System**
  - CN30-025H Au Inner Conductor
  - CN30-078 Au Via Fill
  - CN30-080M Au Surface Wirebondable
  - CN36-020 AuPtPd Surface Solderable
  - FX87 Series Resistors

- **Mixed-Metal Based System**
  - CN33-398 Ag Inner Conductor
  - CN33-407 Ag Via Fill
  - CN39-005 AuPtAg Transition Via Fill
  - CN30-080M Au Surface Wirebondable
  - CN36-020 AuPtPd Surface Solderable
  - FX87 Series Resistors

- **Ag-based System**
  - CN33-398 Ag Inner Conductor
  - CN33-407 Ag Via Fill
  - CN33-393 Ag Surface Conductor

- **Post Fireable System**
  - CN30-025JH Brazeable Au Base Layer
  - CN4007 Brazeable Au Top Layer
  - CN31-014/17 Solderable AuPt Conductor
  - CN3066 Wirebondable Au Conductor

**Lamination:** Iso-static 3000 psi (21Mpa) @ 70°C for 10 minutes

**Setters:** Fused quartz for typical applications; Zirconia felt for hi-metallization parts

**Binder Burn-out:** Room temperature to 450°C at ≤ 2°C/min, with 2 hour hold at peak in box (preferred) or belt furnace with 100 scfm air-flow.

**Firing:** 450 to 850°C @ 6-8°C/min, with 10-15 minute hold at peak in box (preferred) or belt furnace with controlled with 100 scfm air-flow.

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2 Refer to Ferro’s LTCC Design Guide for specific process parameters and specifications

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