

Tin Whisker Mitigation Process



AEM's Sn/Pb Conversion Process

- Includes both Sn/Pb plating and subsequent fusion processing to ensure that resultant component termination finishes are a homogenous mixture of Sn/Pb.
- Ensures that all areas of each component termination are converted to Sn/Pb (including termination locations in egress and wrap-around areas).
- Includes monitoring of component quality going into and out of the Sn/Pb conversion process QA1/QA2/ DPA – where solderability, leach resistance, and terminal adhesion strength are verified.
- Ensures that converted component terminations contain a minimum of 5% Pb as verified by SEM/EDS and XRF inspection methods.
- May be followed by 100% electrical or customer specified up-screening activities. 100% visual inspection at 7X-10X magnification levels is performed by AEM on all Sn/Pb conversion lots.
- Included within the scopes of AEM's AS9100 and IS0 9001:2008 QMS Certifications.

As a leading producer of high-reliability passive components for use in military, aerospace and medical electronic devices, AEM, Inc. has devised an aerospace-qualified tin/lead (Sn/Pb) conversion process designed to virtually eliminate the formation of tin whiskers on surface-mount component terminations (including types with external terminals). The AEM proprietary plating process delivers superior quality while eliminating the potential damage to sensitive electronic devices caused by conventional hot solder dipping. AEM's Sn/Pb conversion process is ideal for chip scale passive components including capacitors, inductors, resistors, ferrite chip beads, fuses, resistor arrays, capacitor arrays, bead arrays and many molded body passive and active surface mount component types.

AEM Services

- Refinishing of most multi-layer chip components using AEM's Tin Whisker Mitigation (TWM) process
- Base part sourcing from approved OEM distributors
- Up-screening and QCI per military standards
- DPA Analysis on a sample from each TWM lot
- Full warranty on all Sn/Pb terminated components

AEM Facts

- AEM is the world's largest manufacturer of solid-body current limiting fuses and fusistors for the aerospace industry
- AEM is the world's sole manufacturer of high-reliability ferrite chip beads
- AEM's high-reliability fuses have been in orbit for 40 years with zero reported failures



Examples of Parts Processed

- Surface Mount Chip Capacitors (01005 to 2220 package size or larger)
- Surface Mount Chip Resistors (0402 to 2220 package size or larger)
- Surface Mount Chip Inductors (0402 to 1812 package size or larger)

Surface Mount Chip Beads (0402 to 1812 package size or larger) Surface Mount Fuses (0402 to 1812 package size or larger) Surface Mount Varistors (0603 to 1812 package size or larger)

Resistor Arrays / Capacitor Arrays / Chip Bead Arrays

Molded Body Diodes (SMA, SMB, SMC, SMD Packages with Reverse J Leads and Molded Body MOSFETS)

DPAK packages

- SOT-23 packages
- SOT-223 packages
- DO-214AB package

QFN packages

Tantalum Capacitors (All Standard Sizes)

Lug Connectors

EMIFL packages and most chip and molded body filters Leaded Components (consult factory)



Certifications and Standards

AS9100 / ISO 9001:2008 Certified by TÜV Rheinland MIL-PRF-23419/12 / MIL-STD-202 Certified Testing Laboratory MIL-STD-790 Inspection System – DSCC/DLA Audited/Approved SPC - Statistical Process Control implemented at critical process control points

Raw Material Control & Traceability QPL listed for MIL-PRF-23419/12 (FM12), Hi-Rel Fuses Meets EIA & EIAJ Standards

Partial List of Key Customers

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