

Product Data Sheet

# Indium3.1 Pb-Free Water-Soluble Solder Paste



## Features

- Exceptional printing
- Long stencil life
- Wide reflow profile window
- Outstanding slump resistance
- Excellent wetting compatibility
- Superior fine-pitch soldering ability
- Low voiding
- Low foam

## Alloys

Indium Corporation manufactures low-oxide spherical powder composed of Sn/Ag/Cu (95.5Sn/3.8Ag/0.7Cu and 96.5Sn/3.0Ag/0.5Cu compositions are most common) in the industry standard type 3 powder particle size (J-STD-006). Other non-standard particle sizes are available upon request. The weight ratio of the flux/vehicle to the solder powder is referred to as the metal load and is typically in the range of 80-92% for standard alloy compositions.

## Standard Product Specifications

Alloy	Metal Load		Particle Size
	Printing	Dispensing	
Indalloy #241 95.5Sn/3.8Ag/0.7Cu	88.5%	83%	25-45 µm 0.001-0.0018"
Indalloy #256 96.5Sn/3.0Ag/0.5Cu			
Indalloy #121 96.5Sn/3.5Ag			

## Packaging

Standard packaging for stencil printing applications includes 500g jars and 700g cartridges. Other packaging options may be available upon request.

## Storage and Handling Procedures

Refrigerated storage will prolong the shelf life of solder paste. The shelf life of Indium3.1 is no less than 3 months when stored at less than 5°C.

Solder paste should be allowed to reach ambient working temperature prior to use (about 4-6 hours). Actual time to reach thermal equilibrium will vary with container size. Paste temperature should be verified before use. Use paste within 8 hours of exposure to atmosphere. Jars and cartridges should be labeled with date and time of opening.

When storing solder paste contained in syringes and cartridges, the solder paste should be stored with the tip down.

## Technical Support

Indium Corporation's internationally experienced engineers provide in-depth technical assistance to our customers. Thoroughly knowledgeable in all facets of Material Science as it applies to the electronics and semiconductor sectors, Technical Support Engineers provide expert advice in solder properties, alloy compatibility and selection of solder preforms, wire, ribbon and paste. Indium Corporation's Technical Support engineers provide Rapid Response to all technical inquiries.

## Material Safety Data Sheet

The MSDS for this product can be found online at <http://www.indium.com/techlibrary/msds.php>

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## BELLCORE AND J-STD TESTS & RESULTS

Preliminary Data: Subject to Optimization

Test	Result	Test	Result
<b>J-STD-004 (IPC-TM-650)</b> • Flux Type Classification • SIR • Wetting Test	ORM1 Pass Pass	<b>J-STD-005 (IPC-TM-650)</b> • Typical Solder Paste Viscosity (SnAgCu, 88.5%, -325/+500) Malcom (10 rpm), • Typical Tackiness • Slump Test • Solder Ball Test	1950 poise 35g Pass Pass

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## Printing

The sharp print definition of **Indium3.1** is ideal for fine-pitch applications. The unprecedented stencil life of this water-soluble product virtually eliminates waste of solder paste.

## Printer Operation:

The following are general recommendations for stencil printer optimization for **Indium3.1**. Adjustments may be necessary based on specific process requirements:

- Solder Paste Bead Size: 20-25mm diameter
- Print Speed: 25-100mm/sec
- Squeegee Pressure: 0.2-0.7kg/inch of blade
- Underside Stencil Wipe: Once every 10-25 prints or as necessary
- Solder Paste Stencil Life: >8 hrs. @ 20-50% RH & 22-28°C  
~4 hrs. @ 50-70% RH & 22-28°C

## Wetting

**Indium3.1** exhibits excellent wetting under both air and nitrogen reflow atmosphere. The solder joints yielded are shiny and smooth, including those of ultra fine-pitch components. **Indium3.1** has low voiding performance, including joints of BGAs and CSPs.

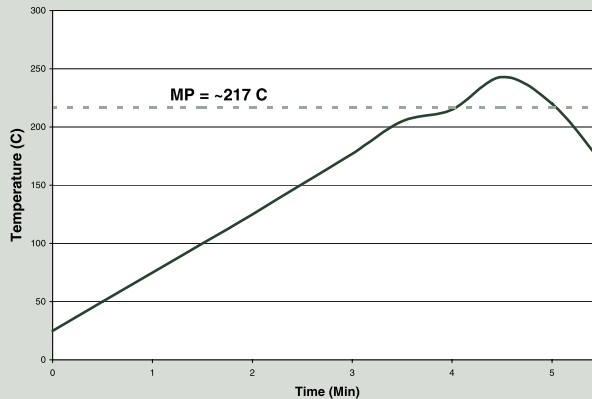
## Cleaning

**Residue Cleaning:** **Indium3.1** residue is easily cleaned with water at no less than 60 psi and 55°C. The optimal spray pressure and temperature are a function of the board complexity and the efficiency of cleaning equipment.

**Stencil Cleaning:** This is best performed using an automated stencil cleaning system for both stencil and misprint cleaning to prevent extraneous solder particles. Most commercially available stencil cleaners and isopropyl alcohol (IPA) work well.

## Reflow

### Recommended Profile:



The above reflow profile was designed to serve as a starting point for process optimization using **Indium3.1**. When seeking to minimize thermal gradient or reduce voiding in BGA assemblies, a profile utilizing a soak of up to 2 minutes at 205-210°C may help.

### Heating Stage:

A linear ramp rate of approximately 1°C/second allows gradual evaporation of volatile flux constituents and prevents defects such as solder balling/beading and bridging as a result of hot slump. It also prevents unnecessary depletion of fluxing capacity when using higher temperature alloys.

### Liquidus Stage:

A peak temperature of 10-35°C (240°C shown) above the melting point (217°C) of the solder alloy is needed to form a quality solder joint and achieve acceptable wetting due to the formation of an intermetallic layer. If the peak temperature is excessive, or the time above liquidus greater than the recommended 45-90 seconds, flux charring, excessive intermetallic formation and damage to the board and components can occur.

### Cooling Stage:

A cool down rate of 2-4°C/second is ideal for the formation of a fine grain structure without risking damage to thermally sensitive components.

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