

HIGH PERFORMANCE PCB SYSTEM

Miniaturisation: HDI & Thermal Management & Printed Polymer

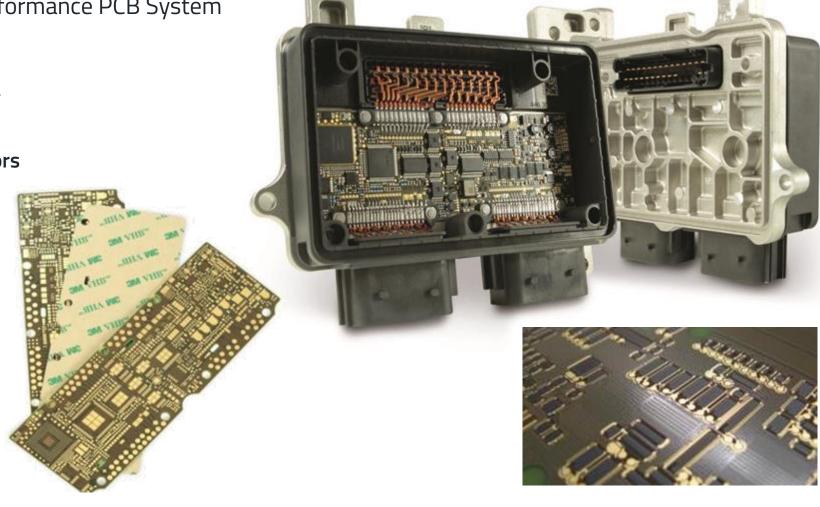
WURTH ELEKTRONIK MORE THAN YOU EXPECT

HIGHLY RELIABLE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS AND DEVICES

IN AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRONICS

Based on an Example of a High Performance PCB System

- 1. Miniaturisation
 - HDI Technology
 - Reliability and Verification by IST
- EmbR printed embedded resistors
 - Performance Tolerances
 - Reliability
- Thermal Management
 - Thermal vias
 - Heat Sink
 - Thermal Simulation
- 4. Costs
 - PCB replaces Ceramics





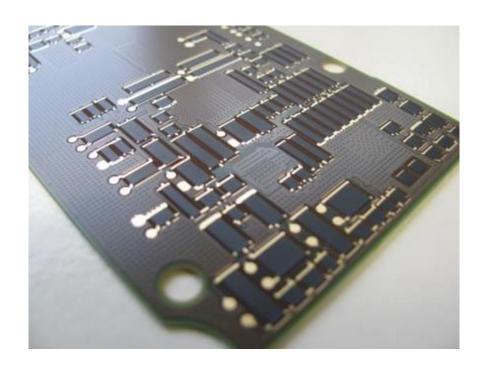
Printed Polymer in General

Applications:

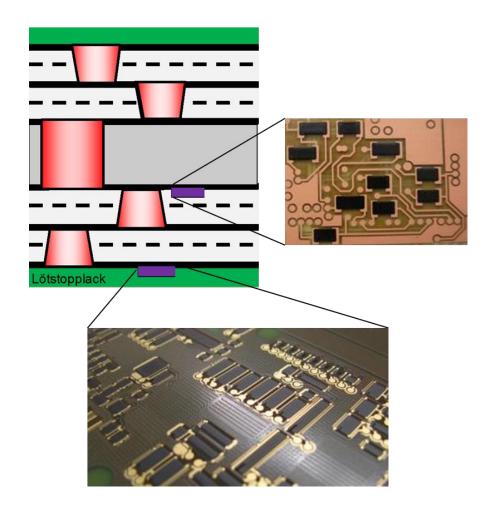
- Pull-up and Pull-down resistors
- Voltage dividers
- General circuit resistors
- High reliability requirements

Facts:

- Pastes with different resistance values
- Tolerance printing process R ± 30 % (standard)
- Tolerance after laser trimming ± 5 % for the entire product lifetime
- Resistor values from 50 Ω to 1 M Ω (standard)
- Standard size min. 1,75 mm × 1,25 mm
- Thickness of printed resistors approx. 20 μm
- <u>Design Guide</u> available

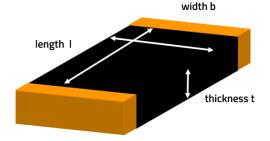


Printed Polymer in General



- Würth Elektronik has many years of experience with printed resistors using polymer pastes (also known casually as "carbon").
- EmbR: Miniaturization potential through embedded resistors
- Reliability advantages
- Dimensioning of the resistors

$$R = \frac{length\ l}{width\ b}$$
 x ink resistance ρ



The ink resistance ρ takes into account the square value of the paste and the resistance thickness

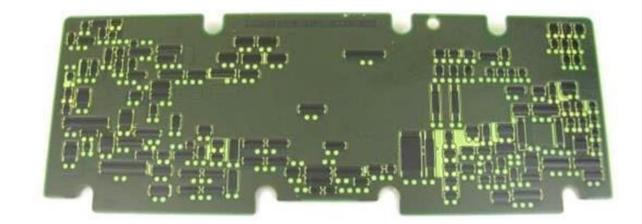
Laser Trimming

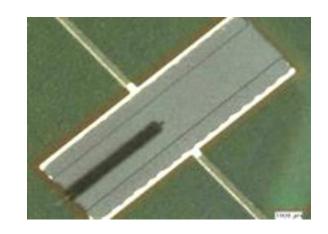
Tolerance of resistance value

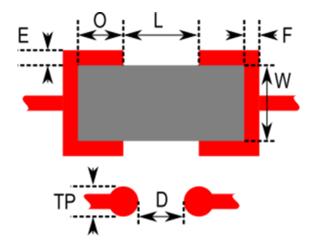
- Without Laser Trimming maximum ± 30 %
- With Laser Trimming :
 - Up to a maximum of \pm 1 % after print
 - Over the entire product lifetime: ± 5 %

Traceability

The laser trimming process can also enable perfect traceability by using binary coding on additionally designed resistors.

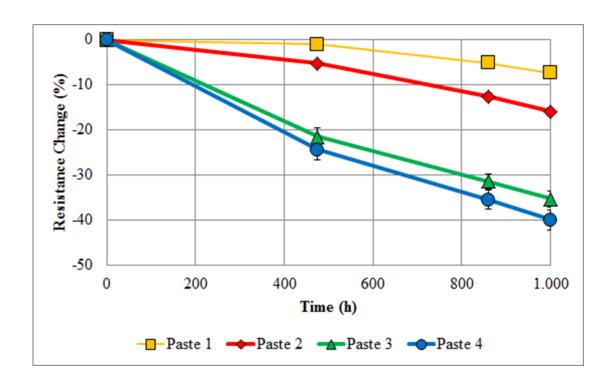






Choice of Pastes

 Resistance change of 4 pastes @ 155 °C operated with maximum power:

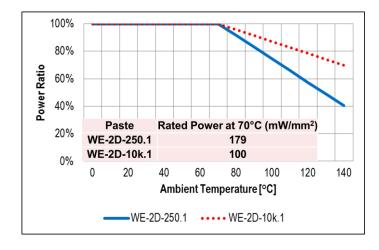


1. Step: Extensive investigations were necessary, in order to determine which pastes could fulfil the demanding requirements of the complete system.

The stability of the resistance values under temperature influence was a particular challenge for many paste systems.

Tests

Power Derating Aim of tests is to determine the maximum electrical load of the resistor, without irreversibly damage the resistor. Currant is constant.



Result: Even at 140 °C the power dissipation is far above the desired 50 mW/mm²

- TCT Thermal Cycle Test (conventional)
 - -40 °C / +155 °C, 1.000 Cycles
 - Transfer time max. 20 s, dwell time 15 Minuten
 - Resistance change max. 2 %

Results

- Passed 4000 cycles at +125 °C without failure.
 - Thermal expansion is comparable to the base material.
- The performance of the printed resistors is at least as good as comparable soldered resistors or other embedded technologies.

Qualification of the System Resistors and Voltage Dividers

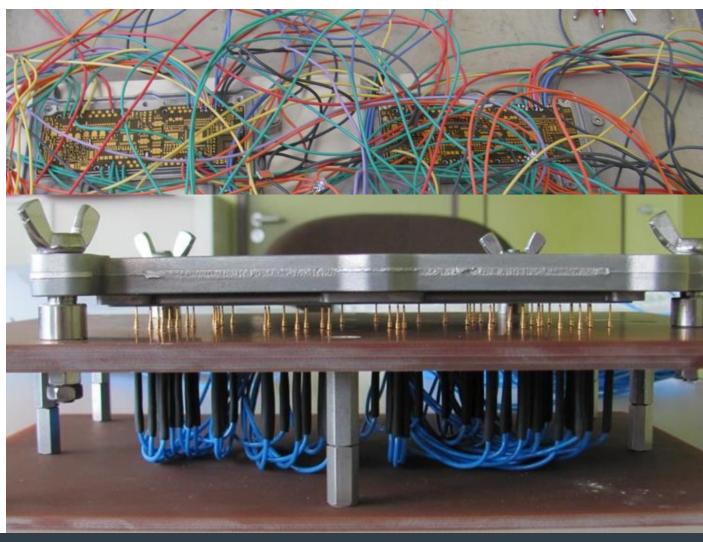
Extract of the qualification program

Test	Test method	Procedure	Max. Deviation Single Resistor
Temperature Coefficient of Resistance (TCR)	DIN EN 60115-1:2012-04, 4.8	+20 / -40°C+20°C / +140°C	- 700– 300 ppm/K
High Temperature Exposure (HTE)	MIL-STD-202 Method 108	1000 h @ T _A = 150° C unpowered	+/- 3%
Moisture Resistance	MIL-STD-202 Method 106	25°/65°, 95% rH, 3 cycles in 24h, 10 days, unpowered	+/- 2%
Biased Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103	1000 h, 85°C, 85% rH, 10 % of operating power (50 mW/mm²)	+/- 3%
High Temperatur Operating Life (HTOL)	MIL-STD-202 Method 108	1000h HTE, then 1000 h HTOL @ T _A = 140° C at rated power	+/- 20%
Resistance to Soldering Heat	IPC-TM650	5 times 260 +/- 5 ° C, 10 +/- 1 s	+/- 2 %

• The same tests have been done by customer on the assembled units.

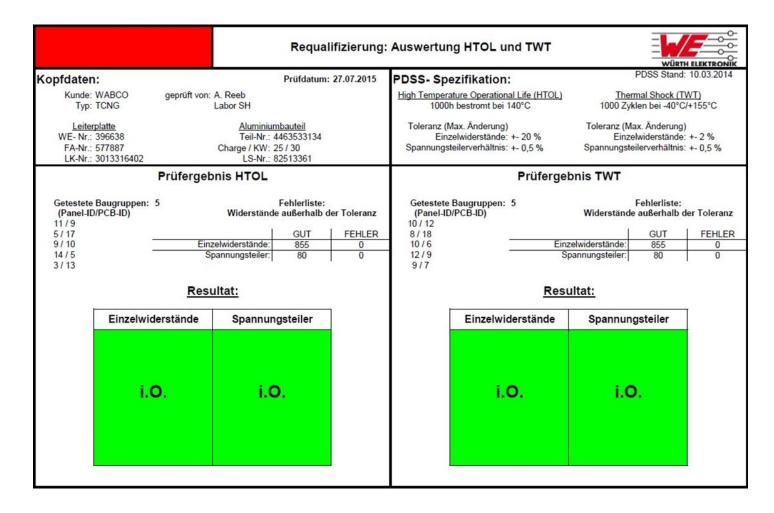
Qualification of the System

Preparation, measurement setup
 High Temperature Operating Live Test (HTOL)





Annual Re-Qualification of the System Resistors and Voltage Dividers



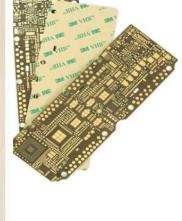
COST COMPARISON

Highly Reliable Printed Circuit Boards and Devices in Automotive Electronics

Ceramics FR4







- High functionality
- Highest packaging density
- Cost-efficient



COSTS - CIRCUIT BOARD GENERAL

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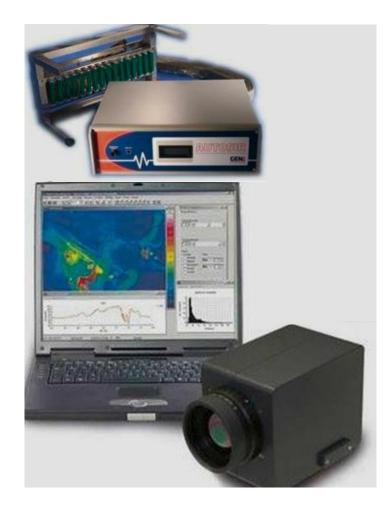
Main advantage FR4 PCB: Production in the "large" production panel

PCB Cost drivers		FR4 System
PCB size	+	Relatively small size
Unfavourable delivery panel / X-Out	++	Single PCB
Complex build-up	≈	Two lamination processes
Material costs	++	Only one core, four prepregs Tg 170°C
Mechanical drilled Vias	++	Only buried vias in a thin core
Number of plating steps	≈	Only three "simple" plating processes
Complex contour machining	+	Simple milling contour

REQUIREMENTS TO PCB MANUFACTURER

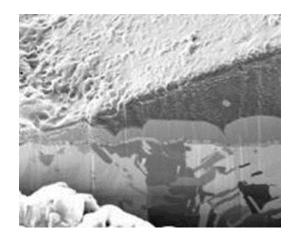
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- Metallurgic analysis
- Inspection acc. to IPC-6012 Class 3
- Stereo/optical microscopy (VIS/UV)
- IR camera
- lonograph
- CAF Measurement equipment
- Climate test chamber
- Thermal Cycle Test
- IST
- High Current Impulse Test
- Pressure Cooker Test
- X-Ray fluorescense spectroscopy
- Thermal simulation
- Testequipment for
 - HTOL
 - Power Derating



Collaboration with instituts

- REM/EDX (Uni Basel, EMPA Zürich)
- XPS (IGB Stuttgart)
- Wetting tests (ISIT Itzehoe)
- Ultrasonic microscopy (ISIT Itzehoe)
- FIB (Uni Basel, EMPA Zürich)





SUMMARY

Highly Reliable Printed Circuit Boards and Devices in Automotive Electronics

- Miniaturisation through
 - HDI Technology
 - Printed resistors (Printed Polymer)
- Highest reliability using a thin HDI build-up without PTH vias
- A technology combination of
 - HDI,
 - Printed resistors and
 - Optimized Thermal Management

can enable a cost effective substitution of a ceramic solution by a FR4 - PCB.

- A competent and broadly based PCB manufacturer can realize such a task.
- System solutions will be an essential part of collaboration / range of services in the future.



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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