

# Reliability of Printed Circuit Boards

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A close-up, high-magnification photograph of a printed circuit board (PCB) with a red copper surface. The image shows intricate circuit patterns, including traces and pads, with some components visible. The word 'Reliability' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font.

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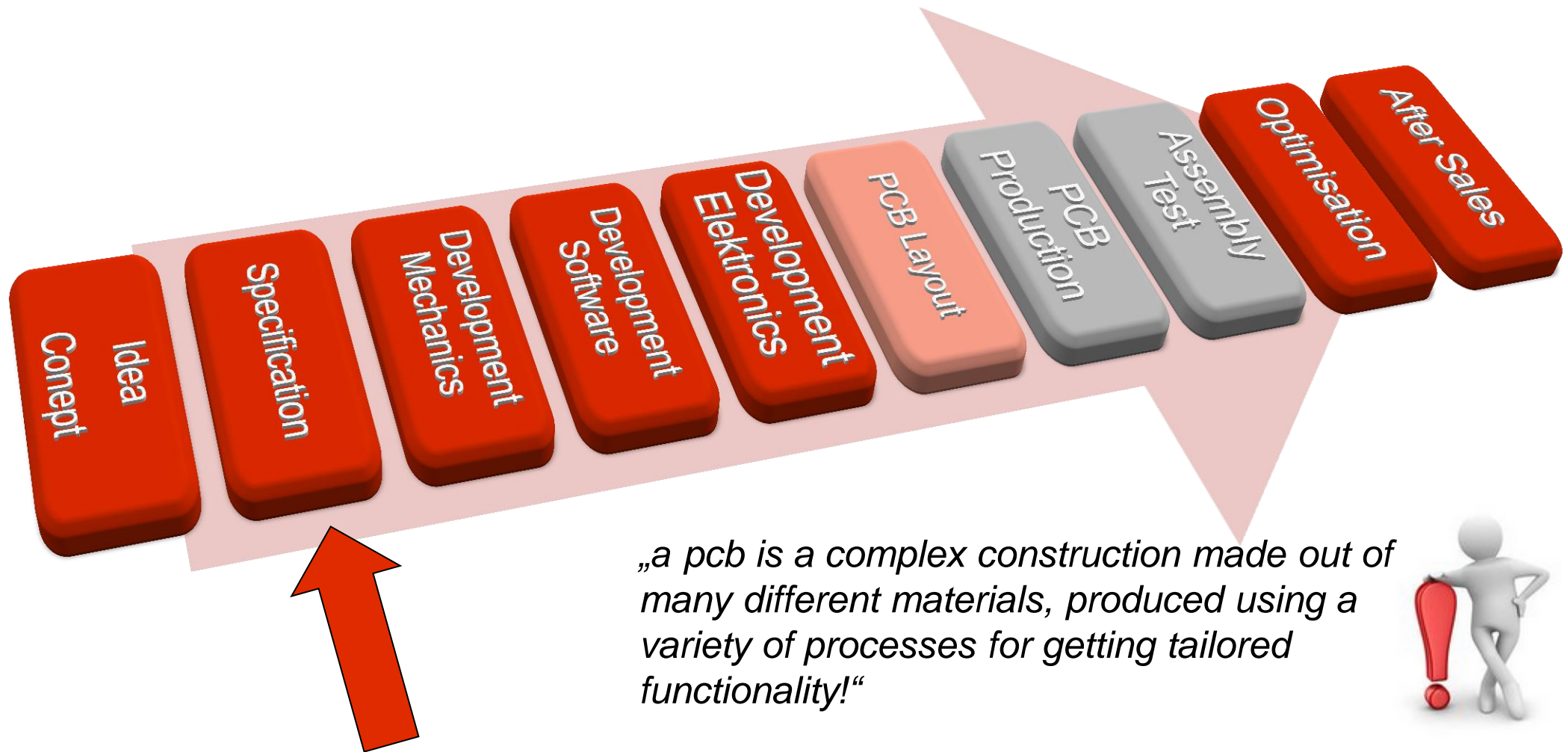
# Reliability – a Definition



„the ability of a system or component to perform its required functions **under stated conditions** for a specified time.“ (DIN 40041:1990-12)



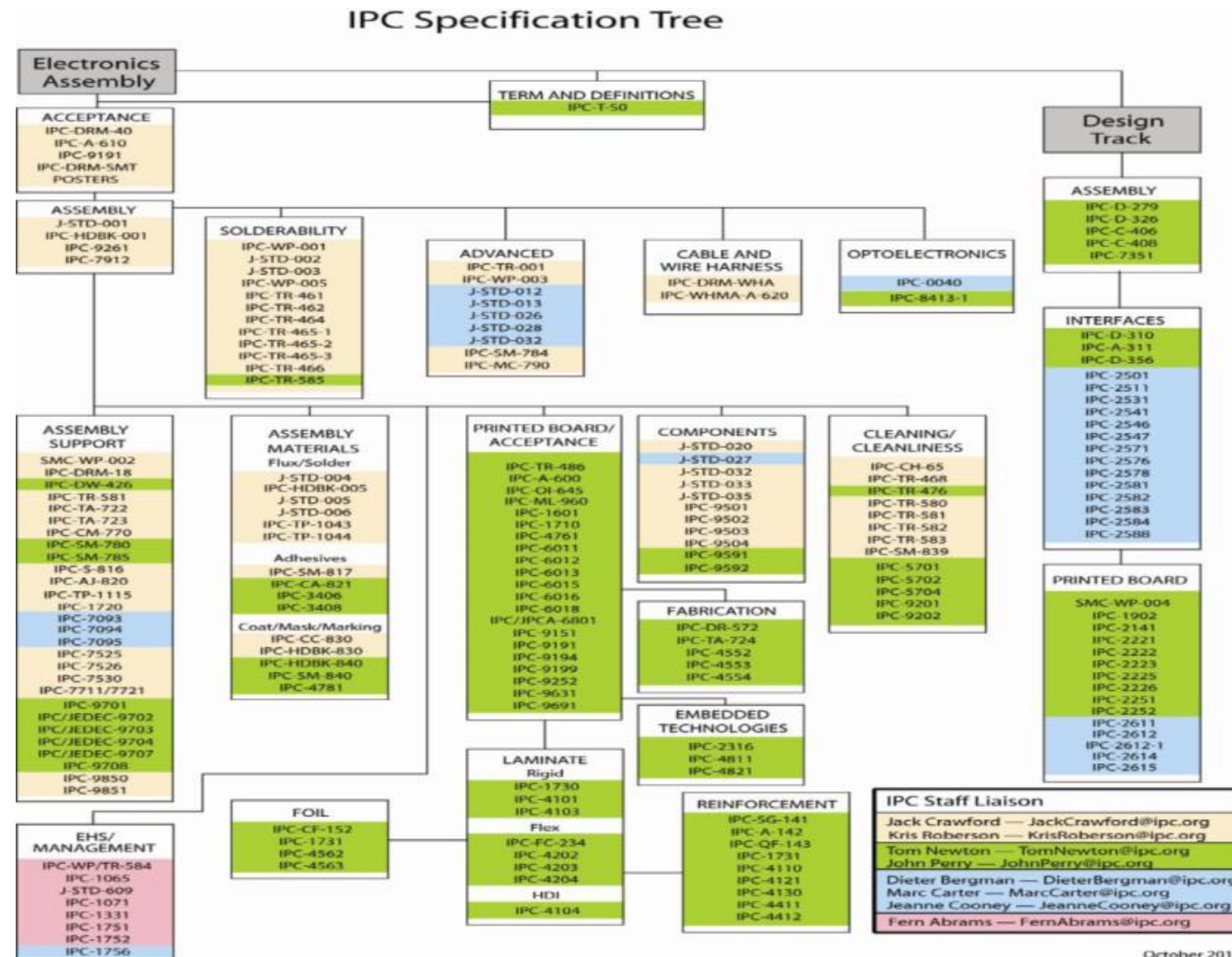
# Design Chain electronic system development



**stated conditions → Specification**



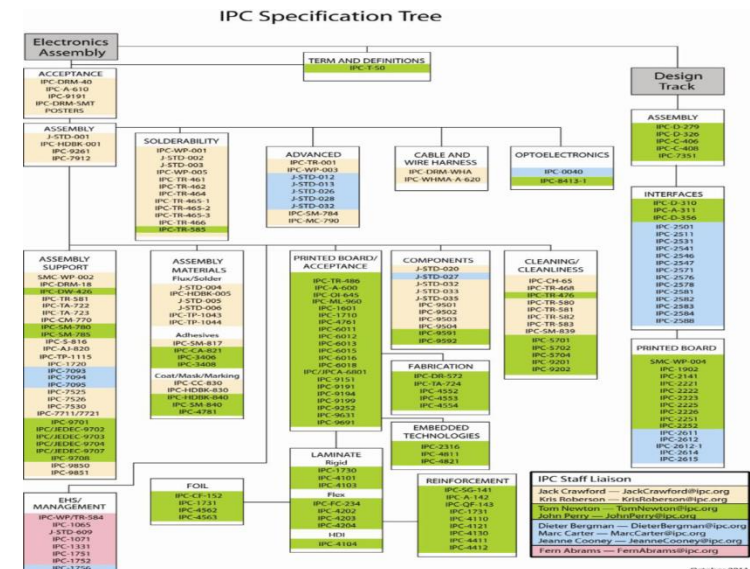
# IPC Standards



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## Classification according IPC

- Class 1 — includes **limited life products** suitable for applications where the requirement is function of the completed product.
- Class 2 — includes products where **continued performance and extended life is required**; and for which uninterrupted service is desired but not critical.
- Class 3 — includes products where continued **high performance or performance-on-demand is critical**, product down-time cannot be tolerated, and the product must function when required.



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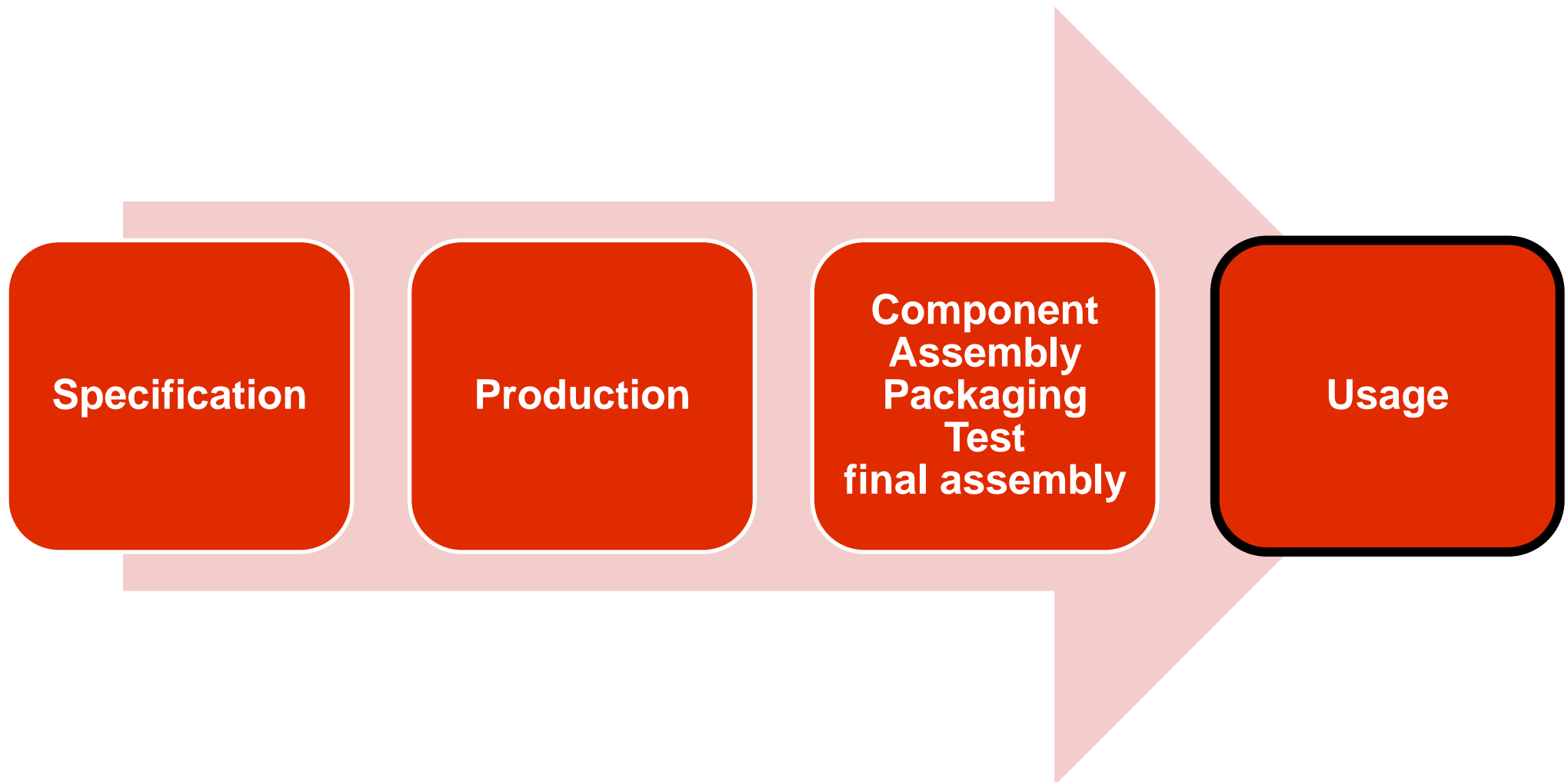
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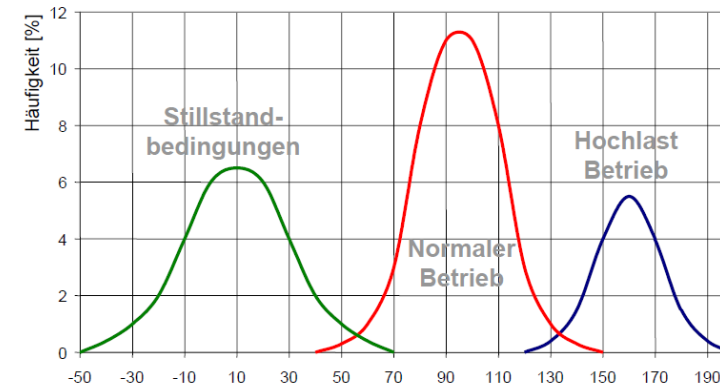




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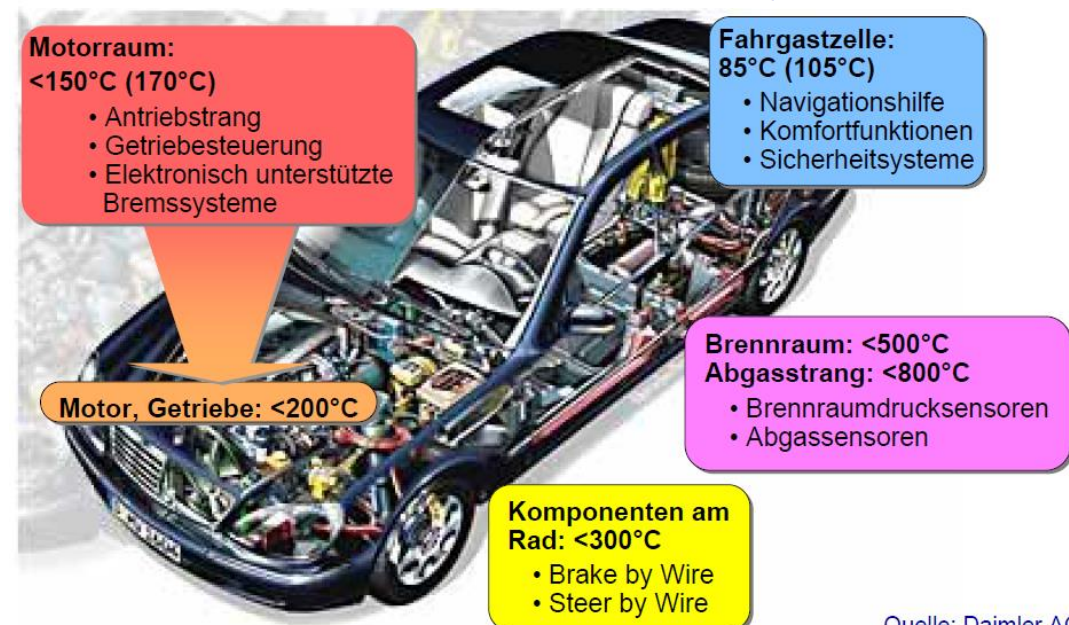
## Specification

- **Functionality**
  - **Time, loads**
  - **Operating conditions**
- 
- ➔ **Material**
  - ➔ **Technology**
  - ➔ **Components and assembly**
  - ➔ **Solder surface**
  - ➔ **Design Rules**
  - ➔ **Mechanical Construction**
  - ➔ **Thermal Management**
  - ➔ **.....**
- 
- ➔ **Test and Qualification**



Für Temperatur-, Feuchtigkeits- und mechanische Schwingungsbelastungen sollte ein realistisches Belastungskollektiv mit den Auftrittshäufigkeiten bezogen auf die Betriebszeit aufgestellt werden.

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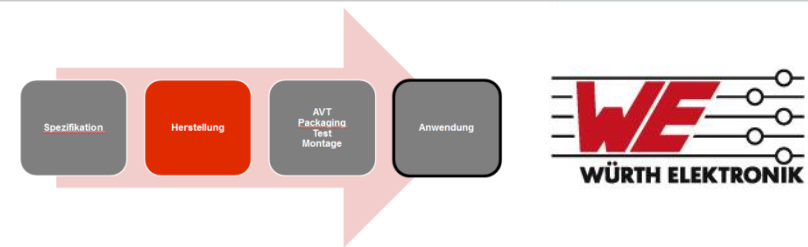


# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board

## Production

- according IPC-A-600
  - class 2 (Standard, Industry)
  - class 3 (high reliability)
- Material acc. IPC-4\_ \_ \_
  - IPC4101 rigid materials
  - IPC4102/03/04 flexible material
- IPC-SM-840 solder mask
- qualified Processes
- Electrical Test, Impedance Testing
- Certificate of Conformance(CoC)
- First Article Inspection Report (FAIR)
- PPAP (Production Part Approval Process)

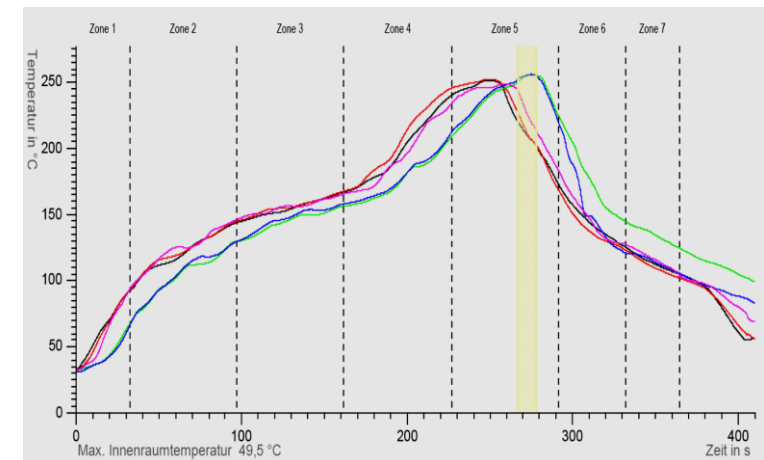
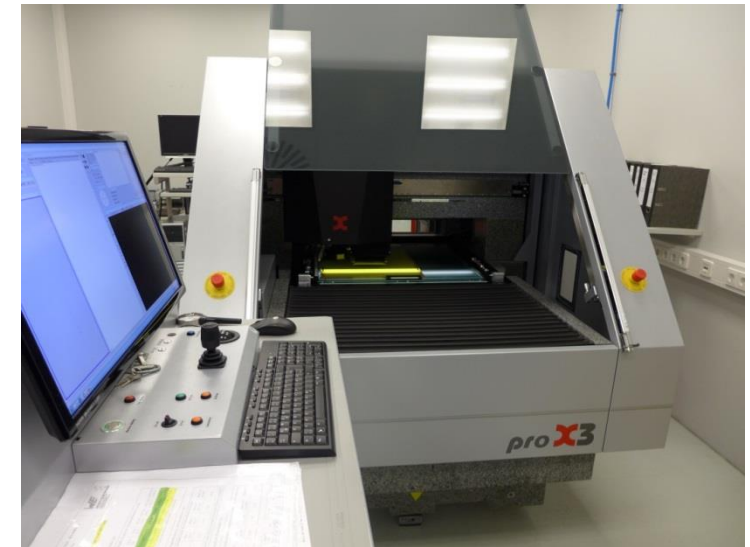




# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board Production

## Material- und Process Qualification

- micro sections, optical inspection of thicknesses and material integrity
- dimensional accuracy
- solder mask
  - adhesion
  - isolation
  - resistance against solvents
  - surface energy
- copper adhesion surface / PTH
- registration of layers
- Tg / delta Tg
- CTE(z)
- solderability, Test acc. JEDEC-020C
- Solder Dip Test
- cleanliness
- .....



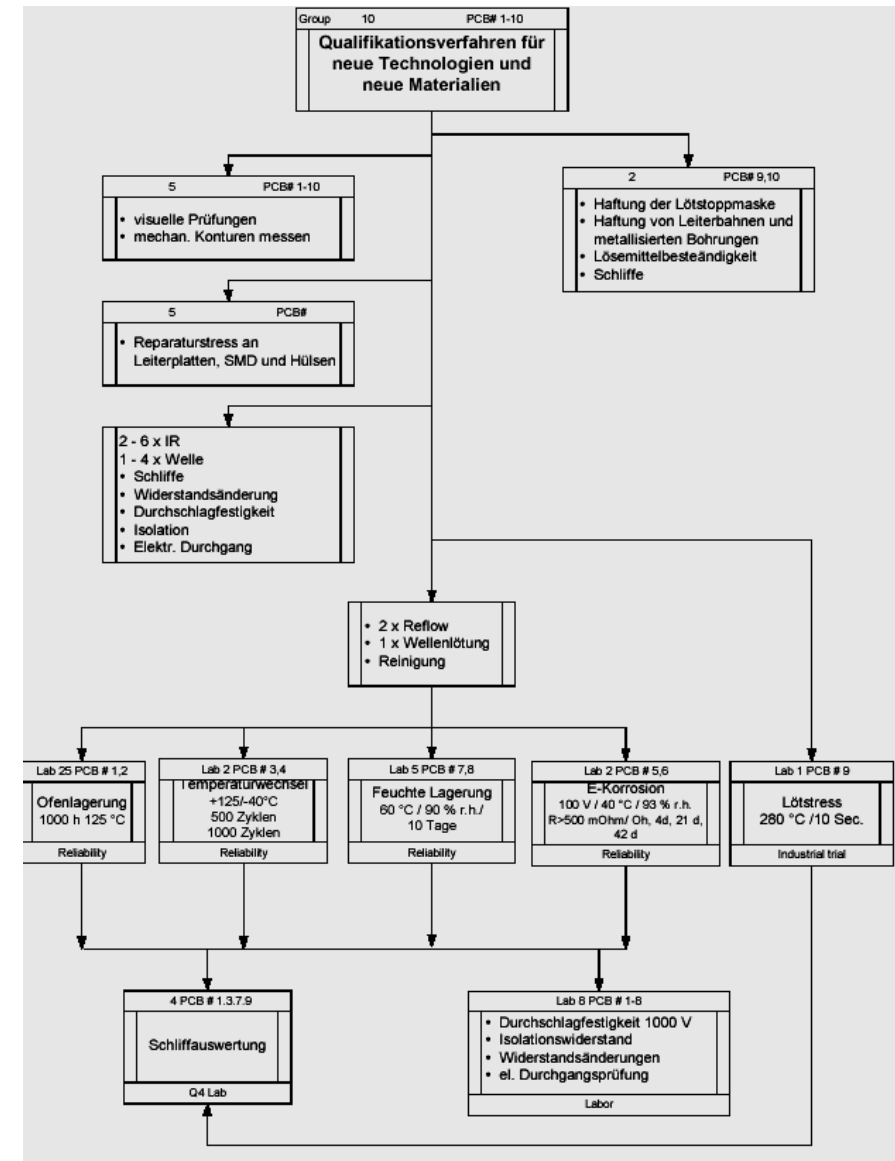




# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board Production

## Reliability Testing for Qualification of Material and Processes

- Solder shock test
- Hot storage 1000 h @ 125°C
- Temperature Cycling , i.e.
  - Rapid cycling 1000 Cycles
  - IST 200 Cycles
- Moisture resistance Test – Isolation Test



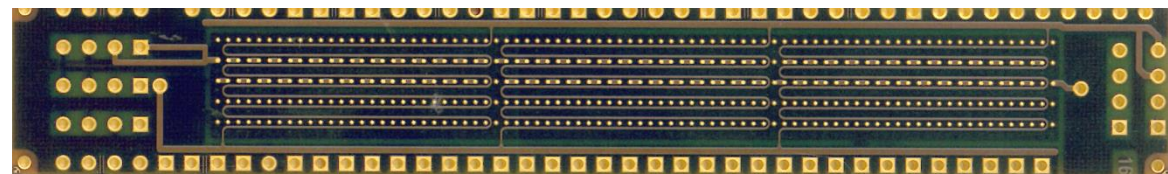
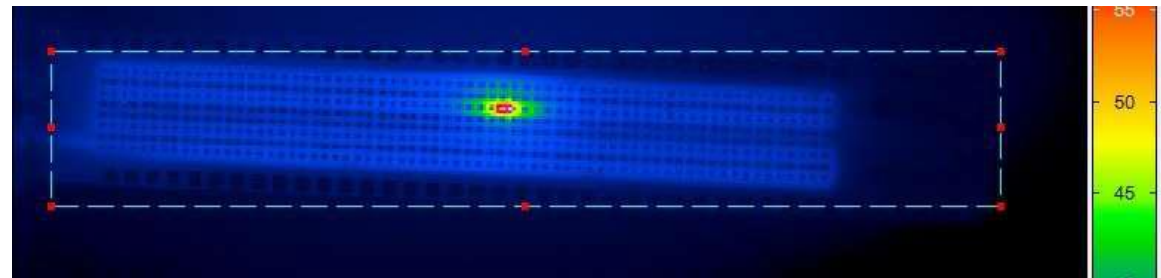
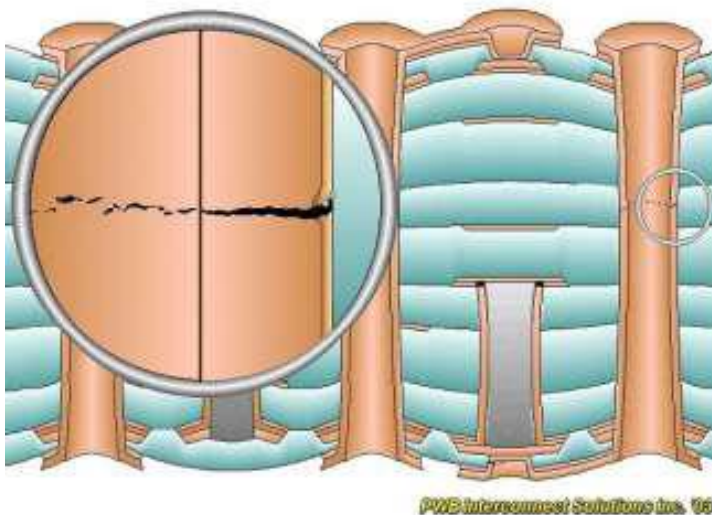
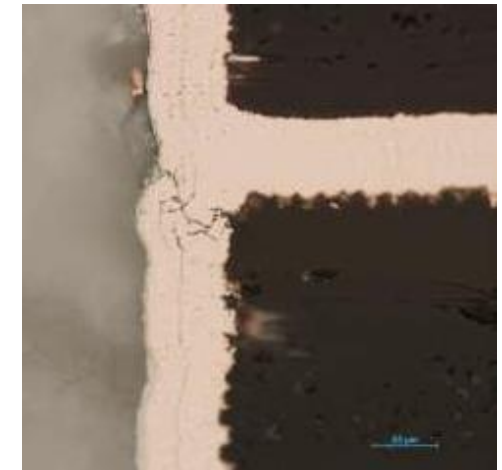
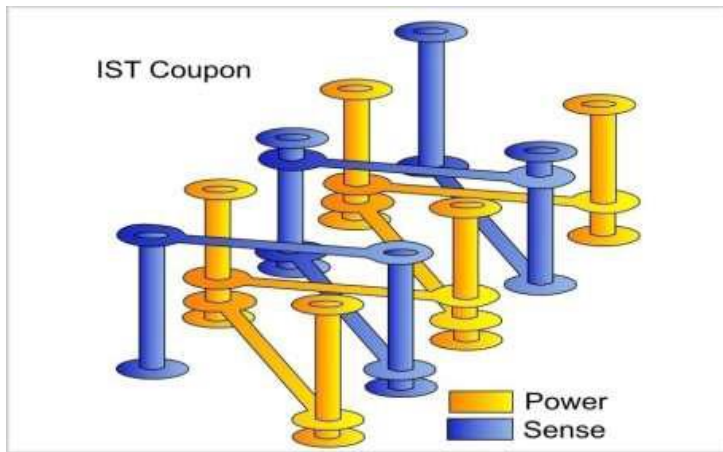


# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board Production



## IST – Interconnect Stress Test

specified in IPC-TM650.2.6.26



# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board Production



**2008**

## Test Report

### High Temperature Exposure

Applicant: Würth Elektronik GmbH & Co. KG

Kind of Product: WE-Testboards

Model: 2F-Technology

Manufacturer: Würth Elektronik GmbH & Co. KG  
Circuit Board Technology  
Salzstrasse 21  
74676 Niedermhall  
Germany

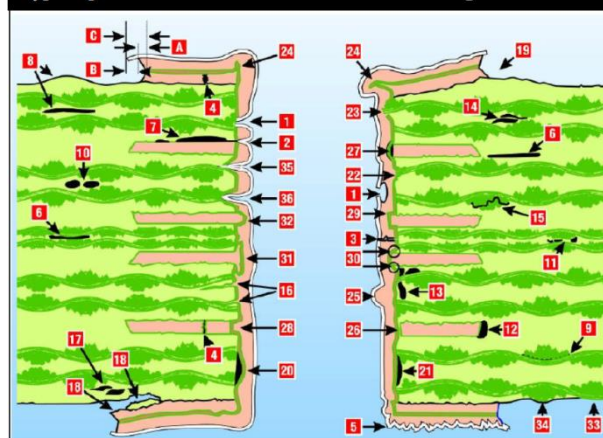
Test results Environmental Simulation Tests

Find test summary on page 7

Referee: Dirk Knorr  
Company: Würth Elektronik eiSos GmbH & Co. KG  
Date of issue: 04.09.2007

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Typical phenomena in cross sections of Plated Through Holes



### Cross Sections

High\_Temperature\_Exposure

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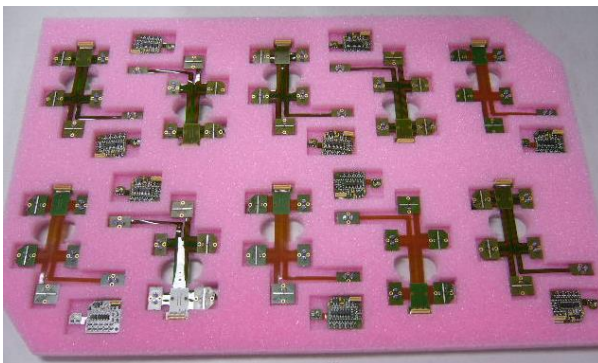


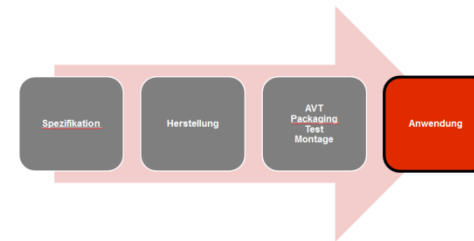


# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board

## Further Processing

- Component Assembly
- Soldering
  - Wave / Reflow / selectiv / Hand
- Cleaning
- Test
- Separation
- Coating
- Storage
- Transport





# Life Cycle of a Printed Circuit Board Usage

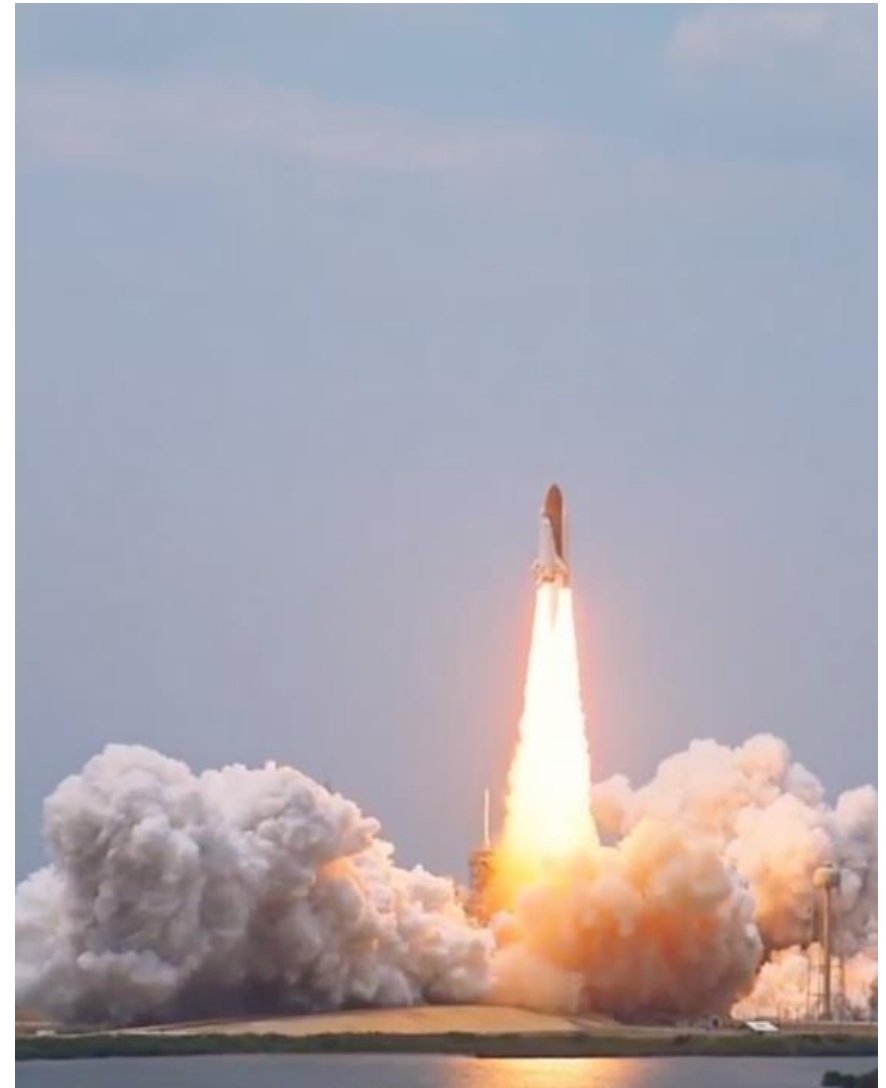
## Load Types (single, combined)

1. Climate Load ( $\vartheta$ , rF)
2. Mechanical Load
3. Chemical Load, UV, Radiation
4. Dust, Particles, Liquids
5. Electrical Loads  
(current, Voltage, EMC)

- ➔ Models, Calculations, Simulations
- ➔ Test methods, Test planning

## Target:

- reliable statements
- at the same time high acceleration factor (near-term result)



# IPC-TM-650 2.6 TEST METHODS MANUAL



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### 2.1 Visual Test Methods

### 2.2 Dimensional Test Methods

### 2.3 Chemical Test Methods

### 2.4 Mechanical Test Methods

### 2.5 Electrical Test Methods

### 2.6 Environmental Test Methods

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Subject <b>Printed Wiring Board Test Methods</b>	
Date <b>11/98</b>	Revision
Originating Task Group <b>N/A</b>	



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- 2.6.1.1 Fungus Resistance – Conformal Coating
- 6.2C Moisture Absorption, Flexible Printed Wiring
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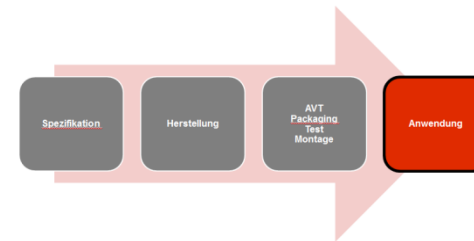
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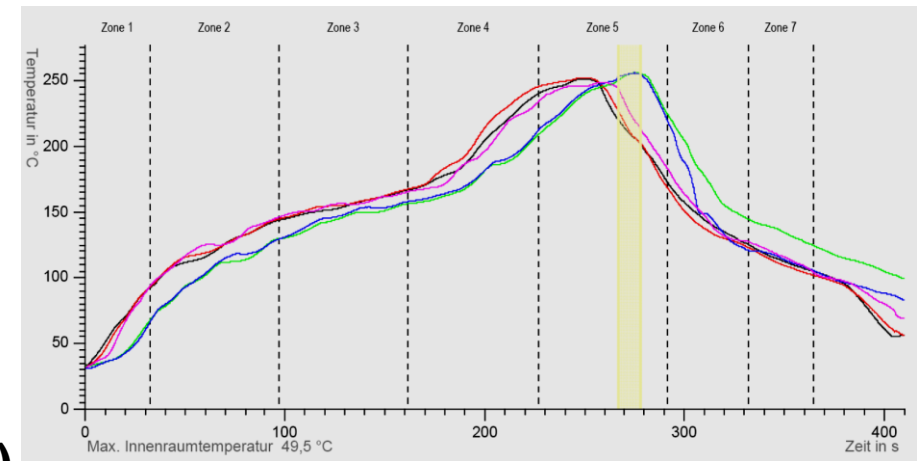
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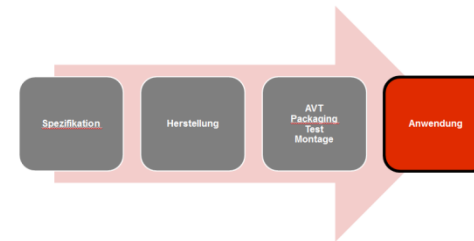
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## Reliability Testing „Bare Board“

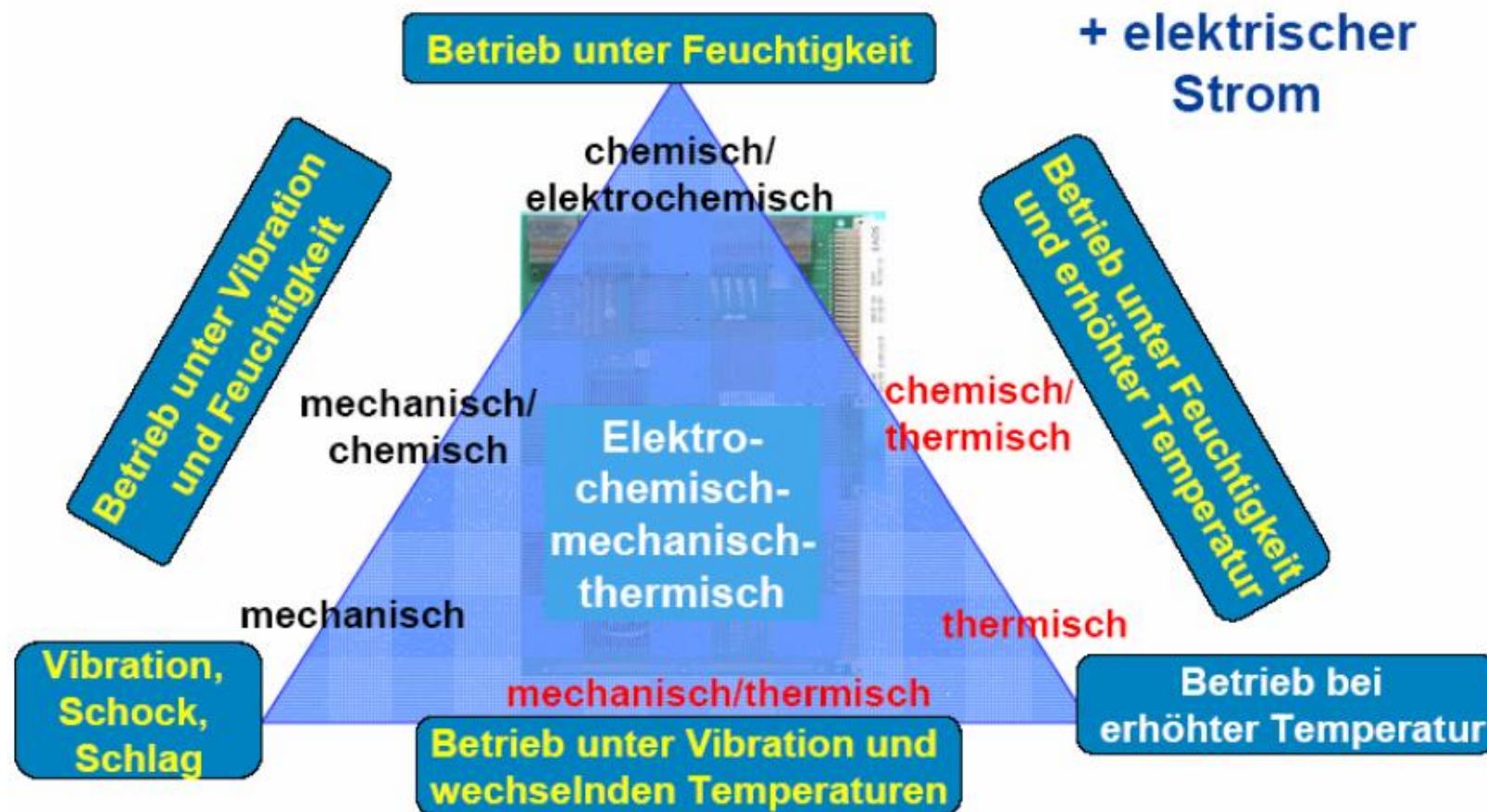
- always with „Pre Conditioning“
  - Drying
  - Reflow / Wave / selectiv / Hand
- High Temp storage (1.000h @ 125°C)
- Thermal Cycling (-40°C .... 125 / 140 / 150°C)
- IST / single via test
- Humidity storage (60°C @ 90% r.F.)
- E-Corrosion (100V / 40°C / 93% r.F.)
- SIR (Surface Isolation Resistance)
- CAF (Cathodic Anodic Filament)
- Salt Spray Test
- Corrosive gas
- Radiation (i.e. UV- , radioaktive)
- Outgassing under Vacuum



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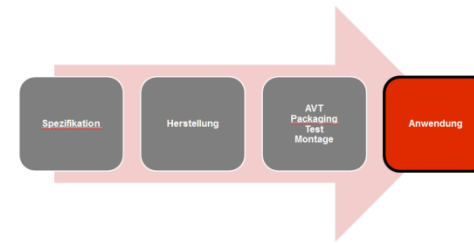
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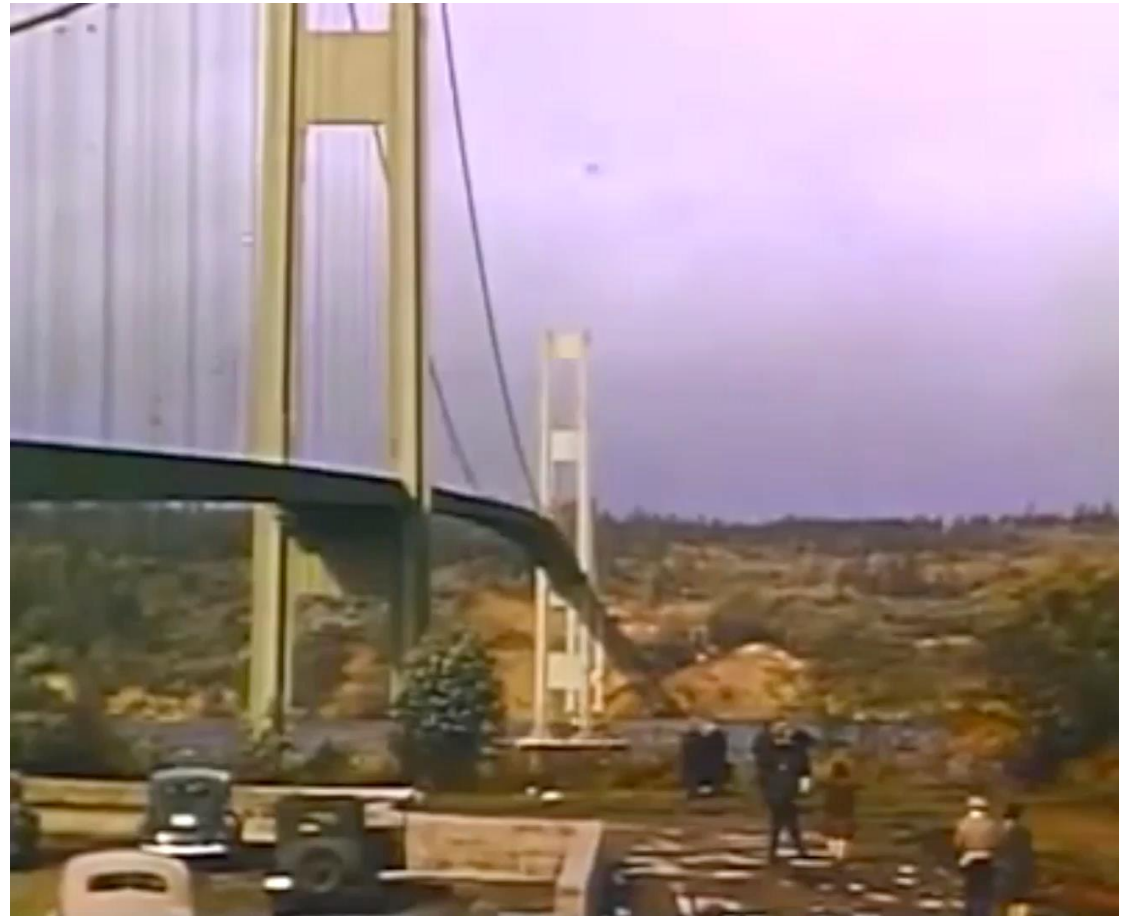


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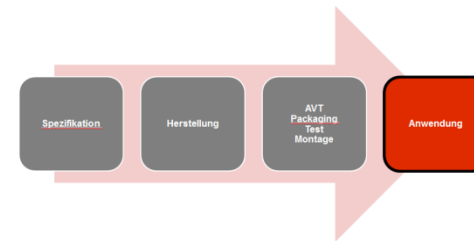


## System Reliability Testing

- EMC
- Heat management, hot spot Analysis
- Software
- Repair
- Shock, Vibration



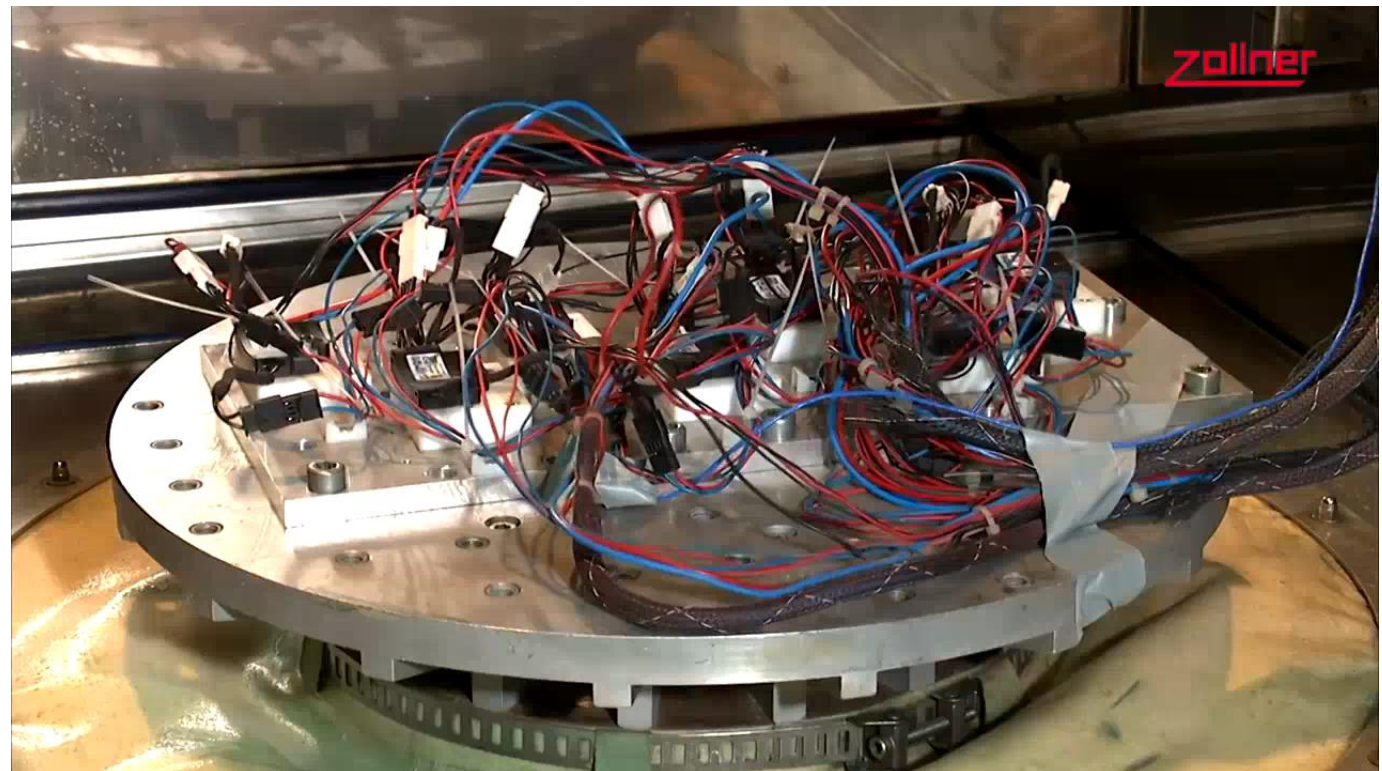
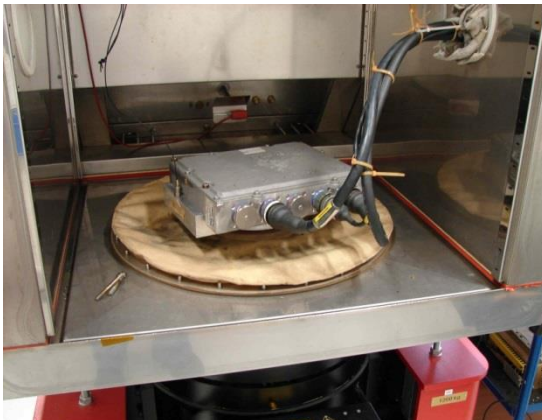


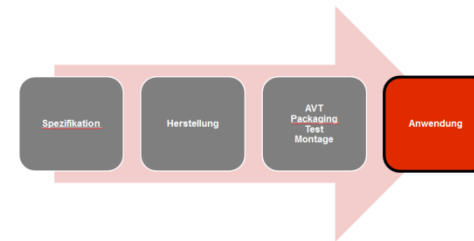


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Falling Test from 50cm  
height on concrete slab

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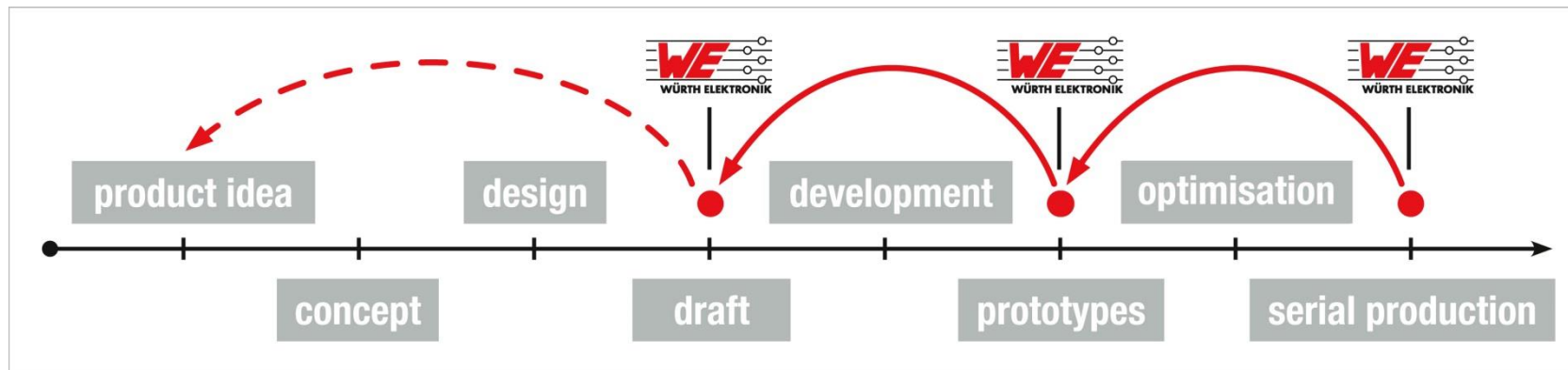
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# How to set the screws

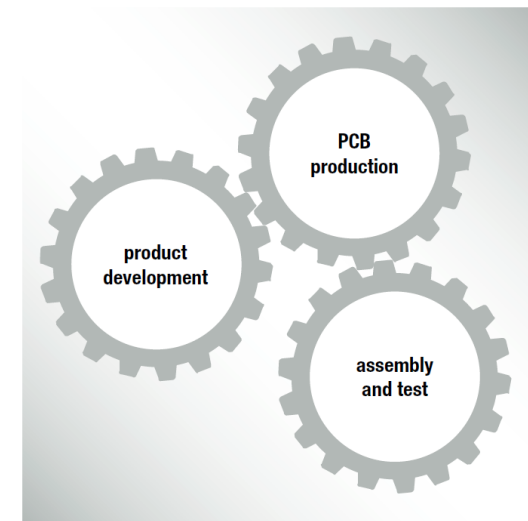
## Reliability engineering

- best way of co-operation



- Cooperation of all participants of the value-added chain is necessary
- Quality and reliability must be planned
  - Design-to-cost
  - Design-for-manufacturing
  - Testability (homogeneous System!)
- Listings and permits, i.e. UL

➔ There are a lot of dependencies and feedbacks!

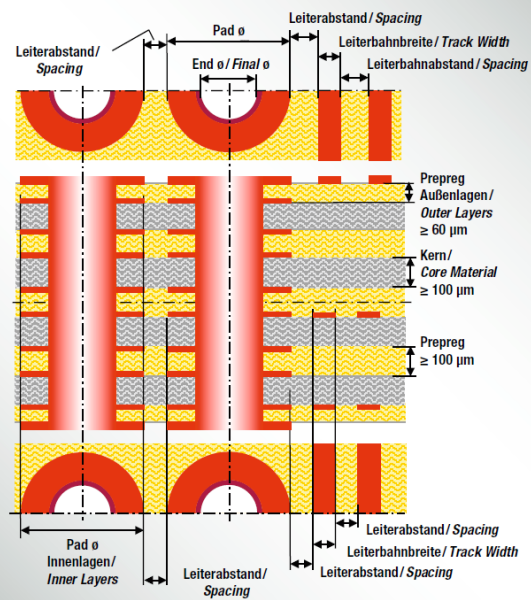




# How to set the screws robust Design

## Basic Design Guide

### Außenlagen/ Outer Layers



### Innenlagen/ Inner Layers

### Leiterbahnbreite und Leiterabstände/ Track Width and Conductor Spacing Außenlagen/ Outer Layers

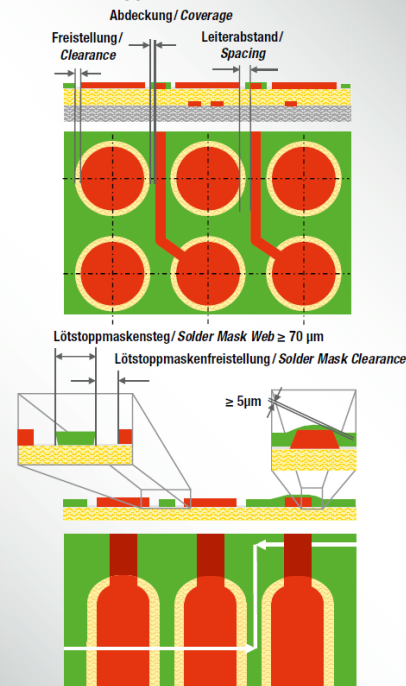
Kupferend- schichtdicke / Final Copper Thickness	Leiterbahn- breite / Track Width	Leiter- abstand / Spacing
ca. 50 µm > 50.4 µm (IPC-2012)	100 µm	100 µm
70 µm	125 µm	160 µm
105 µm	150 µm	225 µm
ca. 25-30 µm <sup>1)</sup>	75 µm <sup>1)</sup>	75 µm <sup>1)</sup>

### Leiterbahnbreite und Leiterabstände/ Track Width and Conductor Spacing Innenlagen/ Inner Layers

Kupferend- schichtdicke / Final Copper Thickness	Leiterbahn- breite / Track Width	Leiter- abstand / Spacing
17.5 µm / ½ oz./ft²	100 µm 75 µm <sup>1)</sup>	100 µm 75 µm <sup>1)</sup>
35 µm / 1 oz./ft²	100 µm	100 µm
70 µm / 2 oz./ft²	125 µm	150 µm
105 µm / 3 oz./ft²	175 µm	225 µm

<sup>1)</sup> Erhöhte Anforderung. Aus Kostengründen nur empfohlen, wo unbedingt erforderlich.  
Technically possible. Due to cost reasons only advisable when absolutely necessary.

### Lötstopmmaske / Solder Mask



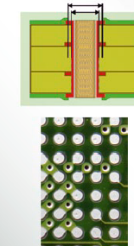
### Lötstopmmaske / Solder Mask

	Standard	Advanced
Freistellung / Clearance	≥ 50 µm	35 µm
Leiterbahn- abdeckung / Coverage	50 µm	40 µm
Lötstopp- maskensteg / Solder Mask Web	≥ 70 µm	
Viafreistellung / Via-Opening	Siehe Tabelle vorherige Seite / See table previous page	

Fertigung ohne Viasfreistellung ist mit Zusatzaufwand verbunden und wird aus Qualitätsgründen nicht empfohlen.  
Manufacture without solder mask clearances involves additional effort and is not recommended due to quality reasons.

### Vias freigestellt gemäß ZVEI Empfehlung/ Solder Mask Opening for PTH Vias

Maskenfreistellung = MF  
Bohrerdurchmesser + 0,15 mm MF



### Durchgehende Vias / Plated Through Hole Vias

Padgröße / Pad Size	Anmerkung / Note	Bohrer / Drill Tool	Enddurchmesser / Final Hole Diameter	Toleranz / Tolerance (Standard)	Kupferfreistellung Innenlagen / Copper Clearance Inner Layers	Lötstoppsmasken- freistellung / Solder Mask Opening
0.60 mm	Standard / Preferred	0.35 mm	0.25 mm	+0.10 / -0.05 mm	≥ 0.80 mm	≥ 0.35 mm
0.55 mm		0.30 mm	0.20 mm		≥ 0.75 mm	0.45 mm
0.50 mm (Cu max. 35 µm)	max. ca. 12 Lagen / Layers max. ca. 1.80 mm LP-Dicke / Board Thickness	0.25 mm	0.15 mm		≥ 0.70 mm	0.40 mm
0.45 mm (Cu max. 35 µm)	Für weniger komplexe Lagen- aufbauten / For stack-ups with lower complexity	0.25 mm (0.20 mm)	0.15 mm		≥ 0.70 mm	0.35 mm

Genereller Hinweis: Kleinere Parameter sind in vielen Fällen in Absprache möglich! / General Note: Enhanced design rules are often possible with consultation!

### Sonstige Design Parameter / Other Design Parameters

Leiterbild / Conductive Pattern	
Abstand Kupfer zu Fräskontur / Copper clearance to routed board edge	≥ 0.23 mm
Abstand Kupfer zu Kerbfräskontur / Copper clearance to scored board edge	≥ 0.45 mm Für LP Dicke 1.60 mm / For Board Thickness 1.60 mm
Abstand Kupfer zu NDK Bohrung / Copper Clearance to NPT Hole	≥ 0.25 mm Umlaufend / Circumferential

### Sonstige Design Parameter / Other Design Parameters

Bestückungs- und Servicedruck / Legend Print (Cu max. 70 µm)	
Strichstärke / Line Width	100 µm
Schriftgröße / Font Size	1.50 mm
Abstand zu LSM Öffnung / Distance to Solder Mask Opening	100 µm



# How to set the screws

## Fastening of the pcb

### Comparison 4 – 9 fixing points

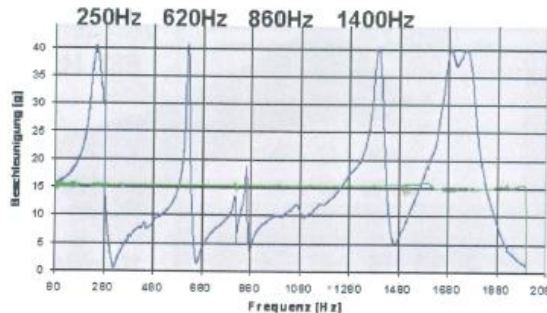


Abbildung 12-15: Experimentell bestimmte Eigenfrequenzen und Modell der simulierten Baugruppe

In einer ersten Berechnung wurden die Bedingungen für eine Befestigung der Baugruppe mit nur vier Schrauben analysiert. Abbildung 12-16 zeigt die berechneten Schwingungsformen für die vier ermittelten Eigenfrequenzen.

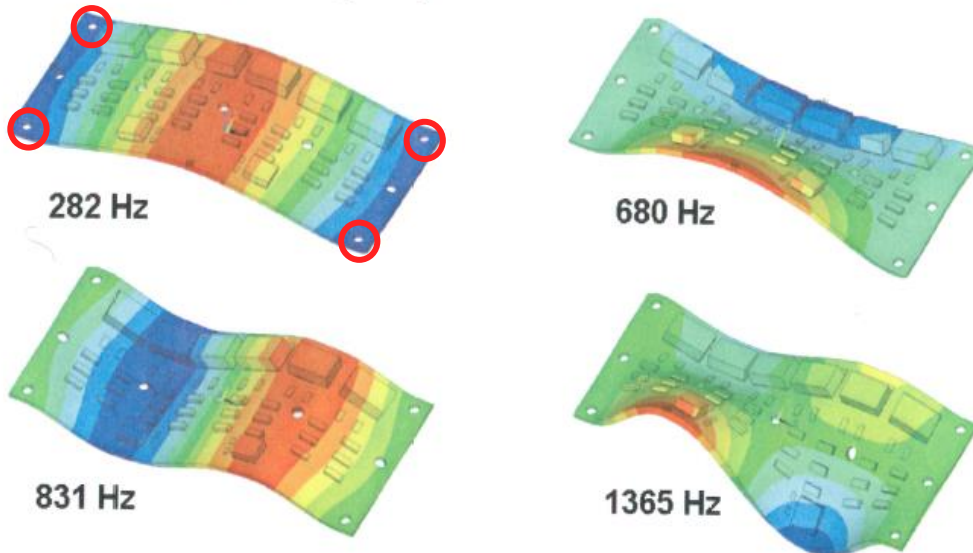


Abbildung 12-16: Eigenfrequenzen der simulierten Baugruppe mit vier Befestigungsschrauben

### 9 screws:

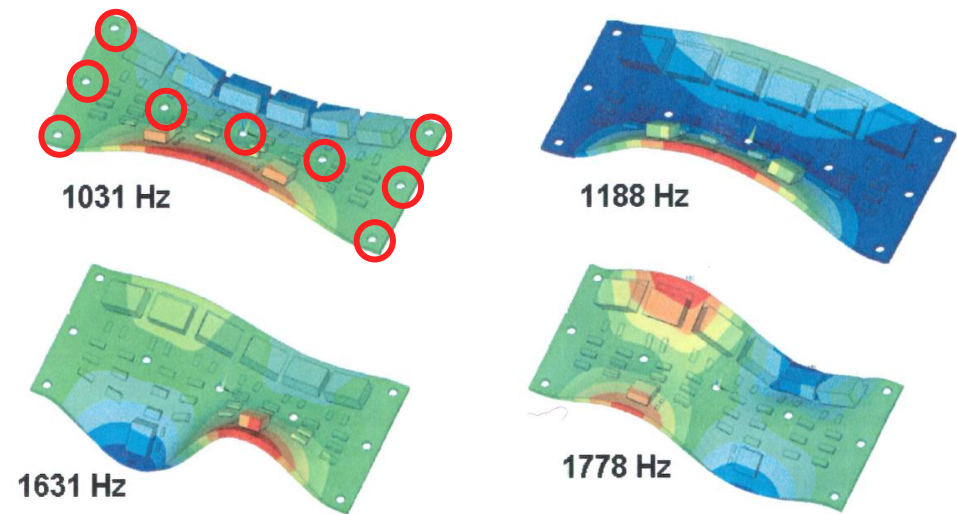


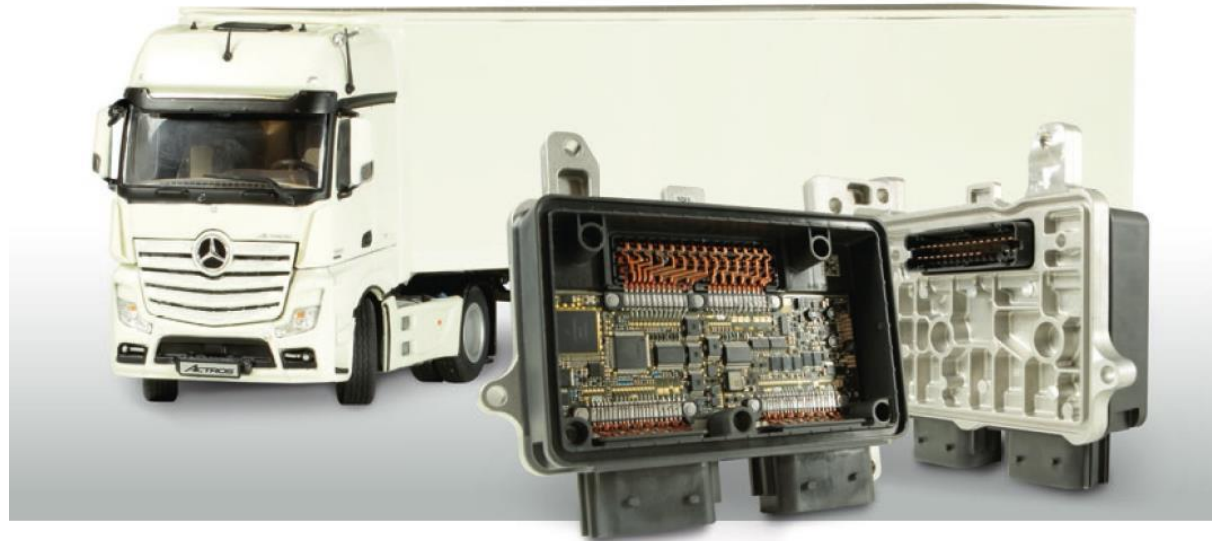
Abbildung 12-18: Berechnung der Eigenfrequenzen der simulierten Baugruppe mit neun Befestigungsschrauben

# How to set the screws

## Thermal management / HDI / printed Resistors

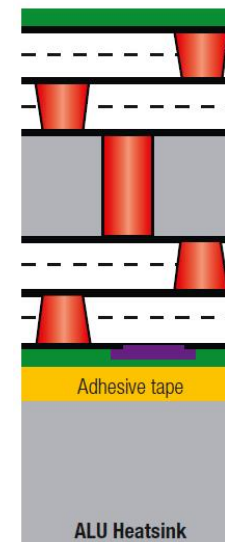
The printed circuit board system is used in the gearbox control in “Actros”, the flagship of Mercedes Benz’s commercial vehicle division.

The use of HDI technology combined with printed resistors made it possible to achieve a significant reduction in the size of the printed circuit board.



### At a glance:

- HDI 06\_2+2b+2 build up
- Embedded resistors 50 to 50 K, laser trimmed and voltage divider
- Customised heat sink for optimal thermal management, directly mounted on the gearbox
- Operating temperature up to 140 °C, (peak to 150 °C) with TG170 ° material
- Harsh environmental conditions (shock, vibration etc.)
- HDI, printed polymer and thermal management – these three key technologies replace the previous ceramic solution



Resistors on the outer layers

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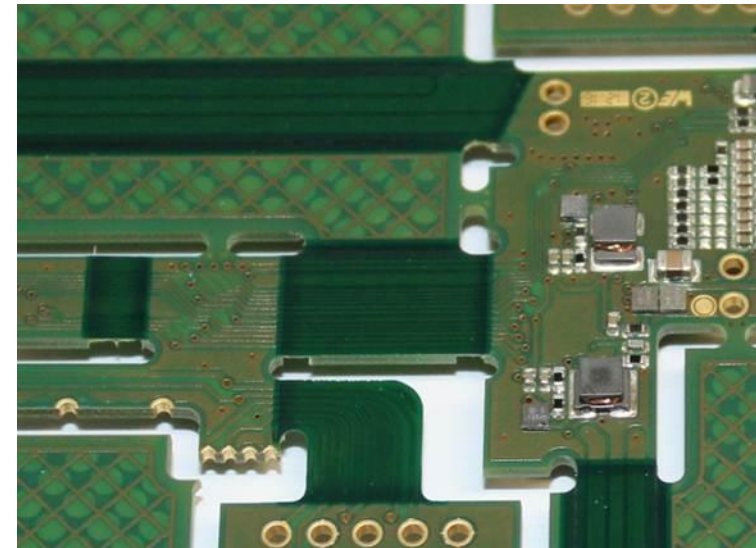
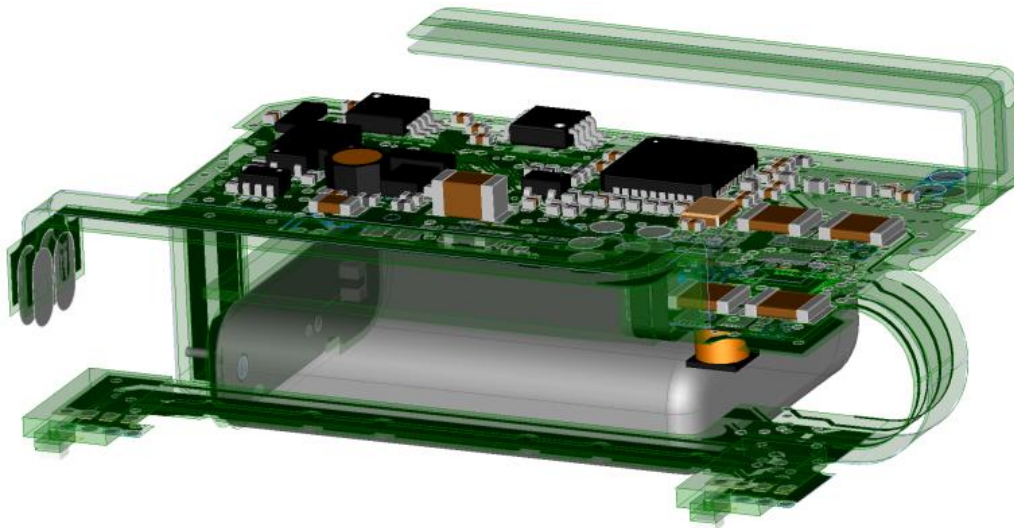
## Flex-Rigid



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- development of a robust, reliable and highly accessible prototype design
  - active implant → very restricted volume with complex contours
  - no connectors allowed due to area and volume needs
  - critical EMC with different high frequency sources (wireless transmission of energy and signals) onboard
- specific advantage due to integrated flex connection – no solder joints or connectors which could fail
- specific advantage due to low physical mass in case of shock and vibration

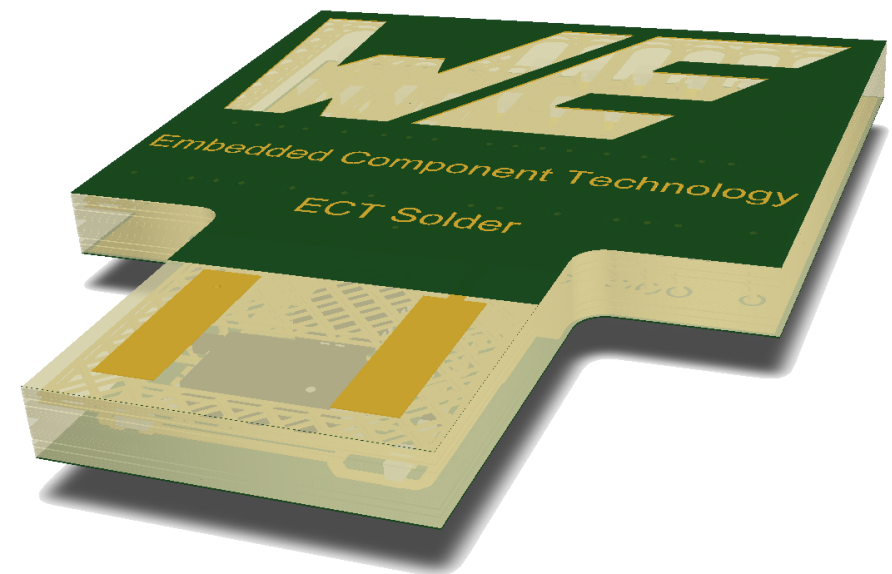
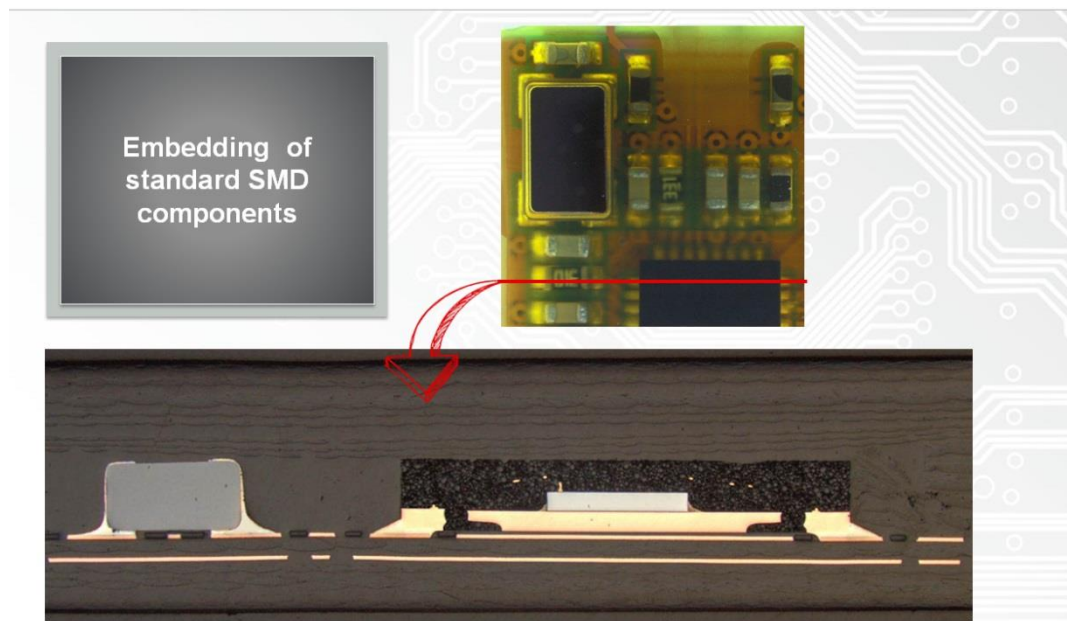




# How to set the screws embedded Components



- embedding advantages
- high miniaturisation
  - protection of components and solder joints
  - short signal paths
  - improved heat dissipation





# Summary



## Reliability

- must be planned from the very beginning
- needs all the different disciplines
- starts with system specification
- WE likes to support you in a project
- *Please contact us as soon as possible!*



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