### Conformal Coatings

## Technical Data Sheet





# UVCL UV Cure Conformal Coating

UVCL is a low viscosity, single component conformal coating, which cures within seconds of exposure to the correct dose of UV light. It has been specifically designed to offer the highest level of protection for electronic circuitry and is suitable for application via selective spray equipment, demonstrating its ease and efficiency of application in an automated process. UVCL is the next generation of VOC-free conformal coatings.

- Dual cure system; secondary moisture cure for full cure, even in shadow areas
- Eliminates the use of solvents; VOC-free and non-flammable coating
- No dilution required; low viscosity, ready to use for selective spray application
- Ultimate protection in harsh environments, including high humidity, corrosive and chemical atmospheres

Approvals RoHS-2 Compliant (2011/65/EU): Yes

IPC-CC-830: Approved IEC-61086: Meets approval

UL746-QMJU2: Approved File Number: E138403

Liquid Properties Appearance: Pale Coloured Liquid

Base material: Urethane acrylate

 Density @ 20°C (g/ml):
 1.1

 Solids Content:
 100%

 VOC content:
 0%

 Flash Point:
 >90°C

 Viscosity @ 20°C (mPa s):
 150-300

 Coverage @ 50μm:
 20m²/litre

Dry Film Coating Colour: Colourless

Operating Temperature Range: -65°C to +135°C

Hardness (pencil): 5H

Surface Insulation Resistance:  $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega$ Dielectric Strength: 27 kV/mm

Dielectric Constant @ 1MHz: 3.5
Dissipation Factor @ 1MHz, 25°C: 0.03

Flammability: UL94 V-0 Moisture Resistance (IPC-CC-830):  $7 \times 10^{12} \Omega$ 

Thermal Cycling:

IPC-CC-830 (-65°C to +125°C): Pass 100 Cycles Additional (-40°C to +125°C): Pass >1000 Cycles

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<u>Description</u>	Packaging*	Order Code	Shelf Life
UVCL UV Cure Coating	4 Litre Bulk	UVCL04L	12 Months
Industrial Machine Cleaner	5 litre Bulk	IMC05L	36 months

<sup>\*</sup>Other packaging sizes may be available upon request.

#### **Directions for Use**

Substrates should be thoroughly cleaned before coating to ensure satisfactory adhesion to the substrate. All flux residues should be removed as they may become corrosive or affect adhesion if left on the PCB. Electrolube manufacture a range of cleaning products using both hydrocarbon solvent and aqueous technology.

UVCL has been specifically designed for automated processes using selective spray technology however other spraying techniques and touch-up application via brush may also be employed. The coating application must be done away from the UV light source to prevent premature curing.

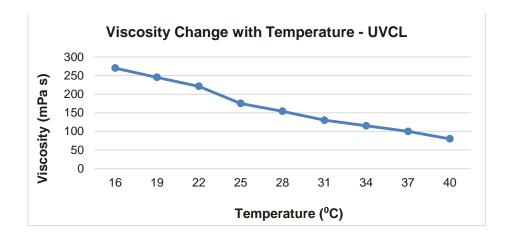
#### Spraying - Bulk

UVCL is supplied in a ready to use viscosity for selective spraying. Due to the secondary moisture cure it is advised that all storage tanks are kept sealed from moisture during use to allow a longer pot life. Nozzles and applicator heads should be immersed in machine cleaner (IMC) when not in use and it is advised that the nozzles are cleaned frequently. It is also advised that machines are flushed through with a suitable machine cleaner before and after the use of UVCL; water and alcohol based cleaners should not be used.

Depending on the spray equipment and parameters used, UVCL can be applied in a range of thicknesses; the exact thickness should be determined for each application however a minimum of 25 microns and maximum of 200 microns are advised. Heating jackets can be applied to the storage tanks to reduce the coating viscosity further and are advised to ensure a stable viscosity is achieved particularly in environments where the operating temperature is changeable. Please see graph for further information.







#### **Brushing**

As it is a manual process with many variables, brush coating is only advised for touch-up applications. Brushes should be clean and dry prior to use and exposure to UV light minimised to avoid premature curing.

#### **Curing**

The speed of UV cure depends on UV intensity, wavelength, applied coating thickness and height of components. Coating in shadow areas that do not receive the full UV dose will cure by the secondary moisture cure mechanism. This will take 7-14 days, depending on the thickness of the coating, humidity and temperature.

It is essential that the correct UV exposure is determined for each board prior to any production, and it is recommended that a radiometer is used to ensure the dose is consistent. UVCL has been designed to achieve the optimum in cured film properties through a simple application process. As such, UVCL utilises a combination of wavelengths, with the majority dose of UVA, the most common form of UV light.

UVCL will cure using standard H or D type bulbs, with UV doses in the range:

UVA dose: 600–3000 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
 UVB dose: 400-1000 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

UVC dose: 40-200 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

The UV doses above refer to parameters measured with an EIT UV Power Puck. Further information on the application and curing of UVCL is available on request.

#### **Inspection**

UVCL contains a UV trace, which allows inspection of the PCB after coating to ensure complete and even coverage. The stronger the reflected UV light, the thicker the coating layer is. Fluorescence emission will occur between 400-500nm; peak emission is around 440nm.

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