

#### Introduction

**Wafer Flux WS-3401-A** is a high viscosity semiconductor-grade flux, specifically optimized as a damming flux for the edge of the wafer and to prevent backside contamination. Working with the natural surface tension of solder, **WS-3401-A** produces uniform hemispherical bumps without solder-robbing or solder-bridging.

#### **Features**

- Water-soluble
- Viscosity suitable for 150–300mm wafers as a damming flux
- No residue after multiple reflow/cleaning cycles
- Uniform bump shape
- Halogen-free—no intentionally added (NIA) halogens
- Suitable for SnPb and Pb-free, and high temperature applications
- Non-corrosive to underbump metallization

#### **Properties**

-	Value	Test Method
Flux Type Classification	ORM0	J-STD-004 (IPC-TM-650: 2.3.32 and 2.3.33)
Typical Viscosity	1.5kcps (peak)	Brookfield HB DVII +-CP
SIR (Ohms, post-reflow)	Pass (>10 <sup>8</sup> after 7 days @ 85°C and 85% RH)	J-STD-004 (IPC-TM-650: 2.6.33 IPC-B-24)
Typical Acid Value	81mg KOH/g	Titration
Specific Gravity	1.08g/cc	J-STD-004B
Color	Deep amber to light brown	Visual
Shelf Life	6 months (≤25°C)	Viscosity change/ microscope examination

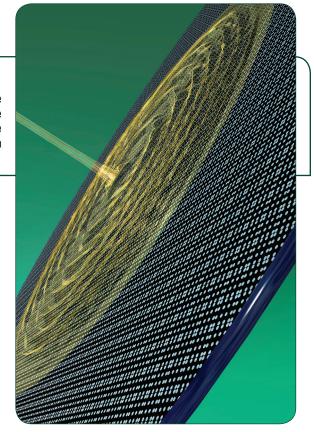
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# Application

**WS-3401-A** can be applied by standard spin coating techniques, but may be too viscous for many applications.

For copper-pillar applications, **WS-3401-A** is used (in conjunction with WS-3401) as a damming flux around the edge of the wafer to prevent backside contamination.



# Cleaning

**WS-3401-A** is designed to be cleaned with DI water or water with an added cleaner. Ideal conditions for spray cleaning are 25°C or higher for >1 minute at >60psi.

## Packaging

**Wafer Flux WS-3401-A** is sold by weight (grams) and is available in appropriate containers from 100g to 3.5kg (3,500 grams = approximately 1 gallon). Other packaging can be provided to meet specific requirements.

### Storage

**WS-3401-A** containers should be stored at  $\leq 25^{\circ}$ C for maximum shelf life. Storage temperatures should not exceed 25°C for more than 4 days, and should never exceed 30°C. After removing from cold storage, **WS-3401-A** should be allowed to stand for at least 4 hours at room temperature before using.



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#### **Technical Support**

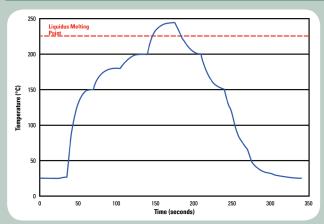
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### **Safety Data Sheets**

The SDS for this product can be found online at http://www.indium.com/sds

#### **Reflow**

**Recommended Profile:** 



The above profile is recommended as a starting point for 300mm wafers with SnAg solder microbumps, and should be optimized by the user to meet their individual process needs. Wafers should be reflowed in a nitrogen atmosphere (<10ppm  $O_2$  is recommended, but <20ppm  $O_2$ may be feasible; however, results may not be optimal). Note that bridging or solder thieving may be seen for fine-pitch microbumps (<60 microns) on copper-pillars, and that reducing the peak temperature will reduce the occurrence of this failure mode.



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