3M™ Novec™ 2704 Electronic Grade Coating

Introduction

3M™ Novec™ 2704 Electronic Grade Coating is a fluorinated polymer solution carried in a hydrofluoroether solvent. Designed for moisture and corrosion protection of printed circuit boards and electronic components, the polymer coating dries to a thin, transparent film with excellent hydrophobic and oleophobic properties. It does not need curing and is easy to apply, remove and repair. Both the solution and polymer are low in toxicity, non-ozone depleting and RoHS compliant. The coating contains a yellow-orange dye that is designed to fluoresce under UV light to aid the inspection of the coating and quality control of the coating process.

Construction

Solids	Solvent	Color	Container Size
4 wt% fluorinated polymer	3M™ Novec™ 7200 Engineered Fluid	Yellow/Orange	3.5 gal (33 lb/15.0 kg), 1 gal (11lb/5.0 kg)

Typical Physical Properties

Not for specification purposes. All values @ 25°C unless otherwise specified.

Property	Coating Solution
Appearance	Transparent, yellow/orange, liquid solution
Solids	4 wt% fluorinated polymer
Solvent	3M™ Novec™ 7200 Engineered Fluid
Density	1.41 g/mL
Boiling Point of Solvent	78°C (172°F)
Flash Point	None (per closed cup method)
Environmental	Low in toxicity, non-ozone depleting, nonflammable, low-VOC, RoHS compliant, contains no chlorine or bromine
System	One part homogeneous solution

Property	Fluoropolymer Coating
Appearance	Transparent, light yellow to orange (depending on thickness)
Coating Thickness	Typically 0.2 to 1 micron (depending on application method)
Solvent and Chemical Resistance	Yes (resists aqueous, hydrocarbon and alcohol based fluids)
T_g (glass transition temperature)	53°C (127°F)
Thermal Stability of Dry Film	Can withstand 175°C for 24 hours and maintain repellency
Contact Angles (static, dip coated/dried on glass substrate)	105° (water), 65° (hexadecane)
Refractive Index	1.3778
Shelf Life	1 year in the original unopened package
Solder-Through Repairability	Yes
Dielectric Constant @30% RH	2.8 (@1kHz)
Dissipation Factor @30% RH	0.011 (@1kHz)
Dielectric Breakdown Strength @35% RH	3700 V/mil

Features

- Easy application and processing – dries in seconds without the need for post-application curing
- Can be easily removed for rework and repair using 3M™ Novec™ Engineered Fluids
- Is UV detectable for easy identification of coating and quality control
- Allows solder-through repairability
- Contains a low level of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and has low global warming potential
- Is thermally and electrically stable with good dielectric properties
- Adheres to a variety of materials (metals, glass, ceramics, polymers, composites, laminates)
- Provides excellent repellency, anti-wetting and anti-sticking properties against liquids – water, hydrocarbons, silicones, and photoresists
- Is insoluble in solvents such as heptanes, toluene & water
- The polymer can endure up to 175°C for 24 hours and maintain repellency
- Has low surface energy which allows lubricating oils, silicones, photoresist solutions, etc. to bead and drain freely from coated surfaces
- Has excellent surface wetting, especially under low standoff SMT components
- Protects against corrosive gases and vapors in addition to liquids

Application Ideas

- Provides excellent moisture, chemical and corrosion protection to printed circuit boards and their components
- Provides protection of display and touch panel components
- Is an easy and cost-effective alternative to conformal coatings
- Provides excellent anti-wetting, anti-stiction, anti-migration and anti-corrosion properties in many diverse applications
- Can serve as
  - an anti-stiction coating for liquid crystal displays, micromotors or MEMS (Micro Electronic Mechanical Systems) components
  - an anti-migration coating for displays, spindle motors or lubricated electronic parts
  - an anti-corrosion coating for a variety of materials and components

For Additional Information

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Application Techniques

Can be dipped, sprayed or selectively deposited. Surfaces to be coated should be clean and dry before application. Masking may not be required for larger connector types but testing is always suggested. The solvent will evaporate quickly and the fluorochemical polymer film will dry in minutes.

Application Options	Dipping (preferred), spray, syringe dispense
Dilution	Can be diluted with 3M™ Novec™ 7200 Engineered Fluid
Drying/Curing	Dries at room temperature; can be handled in under two minutes
Removability	Removable with a variety of 3M Novec Engineered Fluids

Safety, Handling, Storage, Shelf Life

To avoid thermal decomposition, the coating solution should not be heated above 150°C (302°F) and the dried fluorochemical polymer film should not be heated to temperatures above 250°C (482°F). When stored under conditions of 16-27°C (60-80°F) and less than 60% R.H. in the original, unopened container, the shelf life is certified for 1 year from date of manufacture. Before using this product, please read the current product Material Safety Data Sheet (available through your 3M sales or technical service representative or at www.3M.com/Novec) and the precautionary statement on the product package. Follow all applicable precautions and directions. Always practice smart and safe industrial hygiene practices.

Coating Inspection

This polymer contains a dye that is both visible (yellow/orange) and fluoresces under UV light to aid in the identification and quality control of the coating process. The dye is reacted into the backbone of the polymer. It will not migrate or off-gas from the polymer film. Inspection of the polymer under a range of UV frequencies can be accomplished with commercially available UV lamps designed for industrial use. The dye fluoresces brightest under higher frequency UV (254 nm) but will also fluoresce at other common UV frequencies (i.e. 310, 365 nm). Please follow the UV lamp manufacturer's recommendations on safe handling of UV radiation. Fluorescence of the polymer will depend on several factors including coating thickness; substrate type and color; UV source frequency, intensity and distance from the coating surface.

The 3M™ Novec™ Brand Family

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