

Recommendations for processing and application

WIMA SMD

Layout form

The components can generally be positioned on the carrier material as desired. In order to prevent soldering shadows or ensure regular temperature distribution, extreme concentration of the components should be avoided.

In practice, it has proved best to keep a minimum distance of the soldering surfaces between two WIMA SMDs of twice the height of the components.

As a basic principle, the aligning of the soldering surfaces in accordance with the transport direction of the printed circuit board through the soldering wave is recommended for wave soldering.

For solder pad recommendation - see SMD series concerned. The solder pad sizes given for each individual series are to be understood as minimum measurements which can at any time be suited to the layout form.

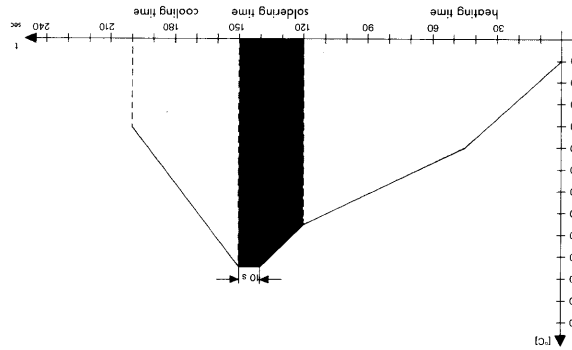
Processing of SMD components:

- assembling
- soldering
- washing
- electr. final inspection / calibrating

must be regarded as a complete process. The soldering of the printed circuit board, for example, can constitute considerable stress on all the electronic components. The manufacturer's instructions on the processing of the components are mandatory.

Soldering process

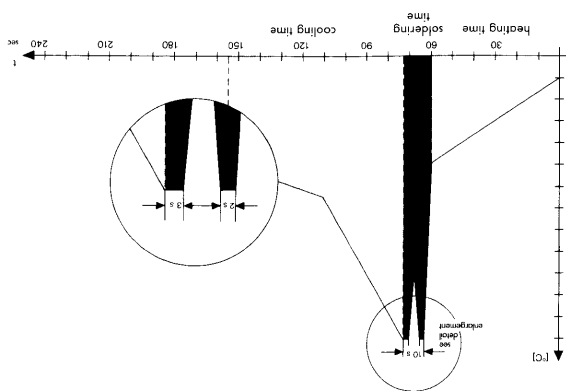
Re-flow soldering Temperature / time graph for the maximal permissible internal temperature of the WIMA SMD film capacitor for typical infrared soldering processes:



Due to the diverse procedures and the varying heat requirements of the different types of components, an exact processing temperature for re-flow soldering processes cannot be specified. The manufacturer can only take as a guideline the internal temperature of the component which is reached during the soldering process. Accordingly the given temperature / time profile represents the permissible internal temperature of the WIMA SMD series during a typical infrared soldering process.

Wave soldering

Temperature / time graph for the maximal permissible solder bath heat for wave soldering of WIMA SMD film capacitors.



Washing

Basically, all plastic encapsulated components, regardless of which manufacturer cannot be considered as being hermetically sealed. They are therefore only suitable for industrial washing processes to a limited extent. During the washing process, washing agents can penetrate the interior of the component by capillary action through microcracks which might have occurred.

This is dependent on a number of parameters e. g.

- washing agents
- viscosity of the washing solution
- temperature / time of the washing process
- mechanical washing aids such as ultrasound
- water pressure
- rinsing and spraying pressure

The type of washing agent to be used is largely specific to the individual user or is often laid down by the manufacturer of the washing equipment. The aggressiveness of the washing agent to be used can thus only be judged in appropriate test series relating to each individual washing process. By and large, the basic rule is that the washing process should be carried out as gently as possible.

Drying

During the washing process, watery solutions can seep into the component. This can lead to changes in the electric parameters. Suitable drying measures should ensure that no remaining moisture or traces of washing substances is left in the component.

Initial operation / calibration of the device

Due to the stress which the components are subjected to during processing, reversible parameter changes occur in almost all electronic components. In accordance with CECC 32200 specifications the capacitance recovery accuracy to be expected with careful processing is in the region of $|\Delta C/C| \leq 3\%$.

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Apart from the advantages shown in the diagrams, WIMA SMD capacitors have a number of other outstanding qualities compared to ceramic or tantalum dielectrics:

- favorable pulse rise time
- low ESR
- outstanding self-healing properties
- low dielectric absorption
- available in high voltage series
- large capacitance spectrum
- stand up to high mechanical stress
- good long-term stability

As regards technical performance as well as the quality and reliability of the WIMA SMD series, it is possible to substitute practically all ceramic and tantalum applications. Furthermore, the WIMA SMD series can now be used for all the demanding capacitor applications for which, in the past, the use of wired components was mandatory:

- measuring techniques
- oscillator circuits
- differentiating and integrating circuits
- D/A or A/D transformers
- 'sample and hold' circuits
- automotive electronics

With the WIMA SMD programme available today, 70% of all MKT capacitor applications can be covered with WIMA SMD components. The field of application ranges from standard coupling capacitors to use in switch-mode power supplies as filter or charging capacitors with high voltage and capacitance values, and to use in telecommunications e.g. the well-known telephone capacitor 1 $\mu\text{F} / 250 \text{ V}$.

For the initial operation of the device a minimum settling time of

$$t \geq 24 \text{ h}$$

is to be taken into account. With calibrated devices or when the application is largely dependent on capacitance it is advisable to prolong the settling time to

$$t \geq 10 \text{ d}$$

In this way ageing effects of the capacitor structure can be anticipated. Parameter changes due to processing are not to be expected after this period of time.

Reliability

Taking account of the manufacturer's guidelines and compatible processing, the WIMA SMD series stand out for the same high quality and reliability as the analogous leaded WIMA series. The technology of metallized polyester film capacitors used in WIMA SMD achieves the best values for all fields of application. The expected value is about

$$\lambda_0 \leq 2 \text{ fit.}$$

Furthermore the production of all WIMA components is subject to the regulations laid down by ISO 9000 as well as the guidelines for component specifications set out by CECC quality assessment standards for electronic components.

Electrical characteristics and fields of application

Basically the WIMA SMD series have the same electrical characteristics as leaded metallized polyester capacitors.

The diagrams show the course of the most important electrical parameters in comparison with X7R and Z5U ceramic capacitors.

