

# 2224-25 Soldering Flux

## Organic Water-Soluble Liquid Flux



### Product Description

Kester 2224-25 is a high activity, organic flux designed for automated soldering of circuit board assemblies where a more aggressive flux is required, but reliability considerations are paramount. The flux will provide good capillary wetting action up plated through-holes, making it suitable for multi-layer boards. The residue after soldering is effectively removed in standard water cleaning systems. Although possessing high activity, boards exhibit high ionic cleanliness after water cleaning, exceeding the requirements of MIL-P-28809A. No offensive odors or excessive smoke is emitted during soldering. The flux will not create excessive foaming in standard water cleaning systems.

### Performance Characteristics:

- High activity
- Chemically compatible with most solder masks and board laminates
- High ionic cleanliness and no surface insulation resistance degradation
- Classified as ORH1 per J-STD-004
- Minimizes icicling and bridging



### RoHS Compliance

This product meets the requirements of the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive, 2015/863 for the stated banned substances.



### Physical Properties

**Specific Gravity @ 25°C:** 0.882 ± 0.005

**pH (10% solution) @ 25°C:** 2.5

**Flash Point:** 16°C (60°F)

**Percent Solids (typical):** 24  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.34

**VOC Content (g/liter):** 647



### Reliability Properties

**Copper Mirror Corrosion:** High  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.32

**Chloride and Bromides:** 1.5%  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.35

**SIR, IPC (typical):** Pass  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.3.3

**Corrosion Test:** High  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.6.15

**Fluorides by Spot Test:** Pass  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.35.1

	Blank	2224-25
Day 1	1.1*10 <sup>10</sup> Ω	9.8*10 <sup>7</sup> Ω
Day 4	8.7*10 <sup>9</sup> Ω	2.0*10 <sup>8</sup> Ω
Day 7	9.4*10 <sup>9</sup> Ω	7.4*10 <sup>8</sup> Ω

**Silver Chromate:** Fail  
Tested to J-STD-004, IPC-TM-650, Method 2.3.33

## Flux Application

2224-25 can be applied to circuit boards by a spray, foam or dip process. An air knife after the flux tank is recommended to remove excess flux from the circuit board and prevent dripping on the preheater surface.

## Process Considerations

The optimum preheat temperature for most circuit assemblies is 82-104°C (180-220°F) as measured on the top or component side of the printed circuit board. Dwell time in the wave is typically 2-4 seconds. The wave soldering speed should be adjusted to accomplish proper preheating and evaporate excess solvent, which could cause spattering. For best results, speeds of 1.1-1.8 m/min (3½-6 ft/min) are used. The surface tension has been adjusted to help the flux form a thin film on the board surface allowing rapid solvent evaporation.

## Flux Control

Specific gravity is normally the most reliable method to control the flux concentration. To check concentration, a hydrometer should be used. Control of the flux in the foam flux tank during use is necessary for assurance of consistent flux distribution on the circuit boards. The complex nature of the solvent system for the flux makes it imperative that Kester 4662 Thinner be used to replace evaporative losses. When excessive debris from circuit boards, such as board fibers and from the air line build up in the flux tank, these particulates will redeposit on the circuit boards which may create a build up of residues on probe test pins. It is, therefore, necessary to clean the tank and then replenish it with fresh flux when excessive debris accumulates in the flux tank.

## Cleaning

No neutralizer, saponifiers or detergents are necessary in the water wash system for complete removal of flux residues. It is not recommended to use high mineral content tap water. Otherwise, tap, deionized or softened water may be used for cleaning. The optimum water temperature is 54-66°C (130-150°F), although lower temperatures may be sufficient.

## Storage, Handling and Shelf Life

2224-25 is flammable. Store away from sources of ignition. Shelf life is 2 years from date of manufacture when handled properly and held at 10-25°C (50-77°F).

## Health and Safety

This product, during handling or use, may be hazardous to your health or the environment. Read the Safety Data Sheet and warning label before using this product.