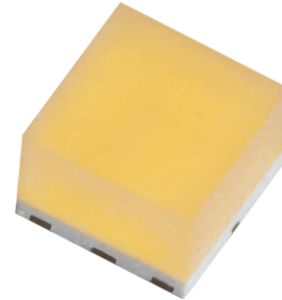


# Soldering and Handling of XNova Cube Surface Mount Devices



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## Introduction:

This document describes soldering of the Luminus XNova Cube surface mount LEDs to circuit boards and provides information on land pattern geometries, solder reflow profiles and component handling.

## Board Design:

The choice of mounting surface mount LEDs on MCPCB (Metal Core PCB) or FR4 circuit boards depends on several factors, the most prominent being cost and thermal performance requirements of the system. An MCPCB will result in better thermal performance than the FR4, but it comes at a higher price. However, processing and solder pad layouts are the same for both solutions.

## Circuit-Board Pattern Layout

Luminus recommends that users follow the solder pad layouts shown in product datasheets of all surface mount products; the solder pad layout of the XNova Cube is shown in Figure 1. To achieve optimum alignment and minimization of solder voiding, land patterns and pad sizes should be tested and qualified in the manufacturing process.

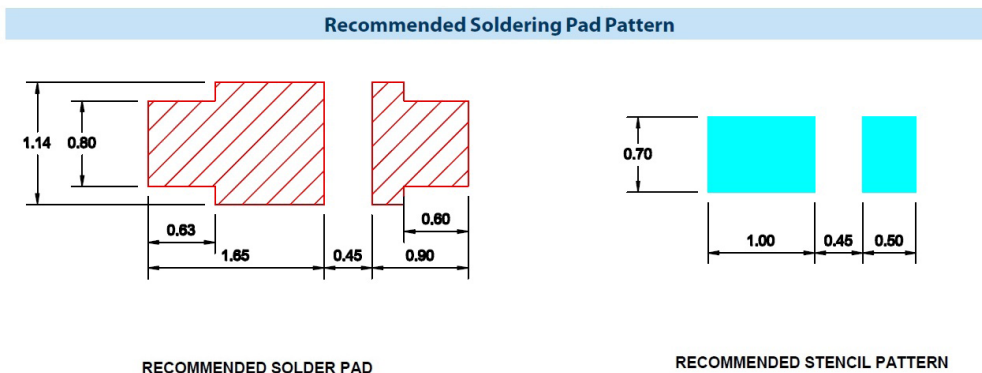


Figure 1: Recommended solder pad layout and size for XNova Cube.

## Processing:

### Applying Solder to the Circuit Board

Solder paste can be applied to the PCB solder landing pads by a screen or stencil at a thickness of 0.15mm (0.006") to 0.25mm (0.010"). For solder paste printing, Luminus recommends that the equipment be located in a controlled environment maintained at a temperature of 23 +/- 5 C and a relative humidity less than 60%.

### Solder Temperature Profile

Convection reflow, not wave soldering, is the preferred technique of soldering surface mount products, as the latter may deteriorate the integrity of the package. The reflow process consists of applying solder paste to a circuit board, placing devices onto the paste using standard pick and place techniques or manually, and then conveying the board through a convection oven with successive heating zones of varying temperatures. In the convection oven, each board goes through:

1. Gradual preheating
2. Brief duration at liquidous alloy temperature
3. Controlled cooling

Luminus recommends solder profiles as shown in the following figures and tables. The optimum profile for any given build may differ due to solder type, oven type, circuit board or assembly layout. All temperatures are monitored at the component dielectric layer. Recommended lead free, no-clean solders include: AIM NC254- SAC305, FD7024582-SAC305, SHENMAO Formosa PF606-P-SAC305. Recommended leaded, no-clean solders include: EFD7019530- SN63, SHENMAO Formosa SH-6309RMA-SN63.

Reliability and solder tests have demonstrated that 250° C is both a satisfactory and safe maximum body temperature for surface mount products during reflow.

SAC 305 Reflow Profile Window For Low Density Boards

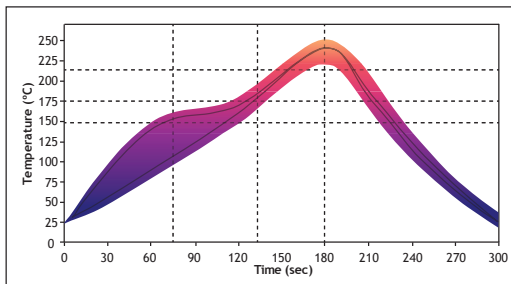


Figure 2: Recommended lead free solder profile.

Sn63 & Sn62 Reflow Profile Window for Low Density Boards

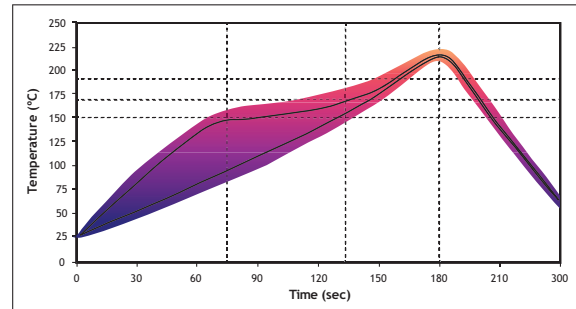


Figure 3: Recommended lead based solder profile.

Solder Profile Stage	Lead-free solder
Profile length, Ambient to Peak	2.75 - 3.5 minutes
Time above 217° C	30 - 60 seconds
Cooldown Rate	≤ 4° C/sec
Cooldown Duration	45 ± 15 sec

Table 1: Lead free solder guideline for low density boards

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Cooldown Rate	≤ 4° C/sec
Cooldown Duration	45 ± 15 sec

Table 2: Lead based solder guideline for low density boards

### Cleaning Post Solder Reflow

Luminus recommends using a no-clean flux solder paste. Cleaning the circuit board is not required, but if necessary, isopropyl alcohol may be used. Ultrasonic cleaners or vapor degreasers are not recommended and may damage the device.

## Other Assembly Concerns:

### Handling and Mechanical Stresses

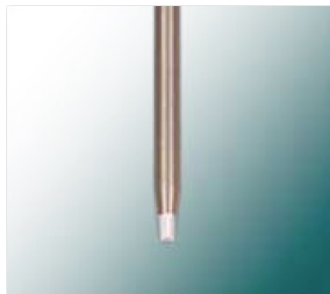
Luminus recommends a vacuum pick-up tool for the pick and place of surface mount products. A non-metallic teflon or urethane nozzle should be used to handle the LEDs. Additionally, since the optical surface of the LED can be sticky, Luminus recommends pick and place machines that feature a blow off part release. Recommended nozzels are listed below and proper dimensions are detailed in figure 6.

### Reworking or Desoldering

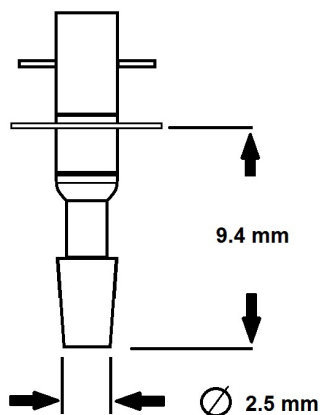
Luminus does not recommend reworking these devices. However if rework is to be performed it should be done using an automatic hot air rework system capable of heating the device uniformly with a convection nozzle that exceeds the device outline. Rework parameters should not exceed the temperatures and soak times listed in the solder profile chart.

### Manual Handling

Luminus does not recommend manual handling of XNova Cube devices. If manual assembly or manual handling is necessary, handle the device with tweezers and only at the base of the substrate. Do not touch the optical surface with fingers or sharp objects. Do not apply excessive force when handling the LED. Do not push down on the top of the optical surface. Failure to exercise care in the manual handling of these devices can result in permanent damage.



*Figures 4 and 5: Recommended pick and place nozzles for XNova Cube devices. Shown at left is an example of a urethane nozzle (Count On Tools urethane series 7-2012) and on the right is a nozzle featuring a teflon tip (Fritsch 971-S01.)*



*Figure 6: Recommended dimensions for pick and place nozzle*

### Positioning and Assembly

Due to the emission profile of the XNova Cube surface mount device, parts should have a minimum spacing of 1.8mm between individual devices. XNova Cube surface mount devices emit light over a range of angles greater than 180 degrees. As a result uneven illumination or interference effects may occur if devices are spaced too closely.

Also as a result of the very wide emission angle produced by XNova Cube surface mount devices, a reflector may be utilized in order to increase the efficiency of the lighting system. Teflon or other reflective materials may be applied to the PCB in order to redirect light that may otherwise be absorbed by the PCB. For more information regarding layout of XNova Cube devices, refer to APN-002576.

### Moisture and Sensitivity:

Luminus ships Surface Mount Devices (SMDs) in a 'dry pack' consisting of a Humidity Indicator Card (HIC) and desiccant material sealed with the SMD inside a Moisture Barrier Bag (MBB). Once the SMDs are removed from the MBB, they have a specific floor life, defined by IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B.1 as 'the allowable time period after removal from a moisture barrier bag, dry storage or dry bake and before the solder reflow process'. All high temperature processes including solder reflow and rework must be completed within the specified floor life. Contact Luminus for the floor life and the moisture sensitivity level (MSL) classification of different SMDs. To keep the plated surfaces solderable, it is recommended that new packages, partial trays and reels be stored in a nitrogen cabinet or in resealed dry bags containing a desiccant until they are required.

Luminus SMDs can be stored in an unopened moisture barrier bag (MBB) for 12 months. If the actual shelf life has exceeded 12 months and the humidity indicator card (HIC) indicates that baking is not required, it is safe to reflow the SMDs per their original MSL rating. Otherwise, a rebake is required- refer to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B.1 for further details.

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