

TECHNICAL SKILLS – ROAD MAP

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1 Purpose

This non-contractual document is intended to present and explain our current knowledge base. The various competencies and performances are classified into three categories . Actually, we use the term of “*Classical*” for traditional production and “*Technical*” for advanced production techniques. This document also includes the “*Special*” classification (very low volumes, particularly difficult to realize), for which the manufacturing process is not yet fully qualified because of a lack of experience . Therefore, whenever one or more circuit specification is issued from this “*Special*” classification , then the applications become restricted to prototyping, experimental and draft version PCB . It also mean that absolutely no NS3 circuit (“Class 3” from IPC A-600 , including EN9100 products) must present those “*Special*” characteristics unless the customer being informed of all the risks and formally accept the configuration.

Nota: When adding various and different “Technical” specifications to a circuit , the circuit classification may consequently change to “Special” categorie. Same change and attention may happen for a circuit having different “ Special ” specifications. In that particular case, together sales and technical competencies will align a conclusion and bring recommandations back to the customer.

2 Overview and Roadmap

	see §	2011- 2012			2013...	
		« Classical »	« Technical »	« Special »	« Classical »	« Technical »
Max rigid PCB dimensions	4.1	650mm x 550mm	650mm x 550mm	650mm x 550mm	650mm x 550mm	650mm x 550mm
Max flexible PCB dimensions	4.1	370mm x 270mm	550mm x 270mm	550mm x 400mm	550mm x 270mm	550mm x 400mm
Max PCB thickness	6, 9.1	$e \leq 3,2\text{mm}$	$e \leq 6\text{mm}$	$e > 6\text{mm}$	$e \leq 4\text{mm}$	$e \leq 6\text{mm}$
Max layers count	-	$e \leq 24$	$e \leq 40$	$n > 40$	$e \leq 30$	$e \leq 40$
Min pre-preg thickness	6	90 μm	60 μm	45 μm	90 μm	45 μm
Min drilled hole size	6, 9.1, 9.2	$\varnothing \geq 0,150\text{mm}$	$\varnothing \geq 0,100\text{mm}$	$\varnothing < 0,100\text{mm}$	$\varnothing \geq 0,150\text{mm}$	$\varnothing \geq 0,100\text{mm}$
Tolerance on Z axis drilled holes	-	$iT \geq 50\mu\text{m}$	$iT = 35\mu\text{m}$	$iT < 35\mu\text{m}$	$iT \geq 40\mu\text{m}$	$iT = 30\mu\text{m}$
Through holes Aspect Ratio	9.1, 9.2	$R \leq 10/1$	$R \leq 15/1$	$R > 15/1$	$R \leq 12/1$	$R \leq 18/1$
Z axis drilled holes (blind) Aspect Ratio	9.2.1	$R \leq 0,8 / 1$	$R \leq 1 / 1$	$R > 1,1 / 1$	$R \leq 1/1$	$R \leq 1,1 / 1$
Vias filling	-	pre-preg or plugging paste	pre-preg or plugging paste	pre-preg or plugging paste	pre-preg or plugging paste	pre-preg or plugging paste
Min. Line and spaces	8.2	$\geq 110\mu\text{m}$	$\geq 75\mu\text{m}$	$< 75\mu\text{m}$	$\geq 100\mu\text{m}$	$\geq 70\mu\text{m}$
Min “drilled hole / copper” distance	9.3	$\geq 150\mu\text{m}$	$\geq 120\mu\text{m}$	$< 120 \mu\text{m}$	$\geq 150\mu\text{m}$	$\geq 120\mu\text{m}$
Impedance control	-	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 5\%$
Max sequential drilling	10	3	5	7	4	6
Max sequential lamination		2	4	6	3	4

5 Currently used substrates :

- FR4
- FR4 HTg
- Polyimides (including Kapton)
- BT Epoxy
- Substrates « Hyper » (of which RO 3..., RO 4..., Cuclad..., Di clad..., TMM... DUROÏD, etc...)

6 PCB thickness limits

	« Classical »	« Technical »	« Special »
Rigid “thick” PCB thickness	$e \leq 3,2\text{mm}$	$3,2 < e \leq 6\text{mm}$	$e > 6\text{mm}$
Rigid “thin” PCB thickness	$e > 100\mu\text{m}$	$e = 100\mu\text{m}$	$e < 100\mu\text{m}$
Flexible PCB thickness	$e \geq 50\mu\text{m}$	-	$e < 50\mu\text{m}$
Min inter-layer thickness (pre-preg)	$e \geq 90\mu\text{m}$	$90 > e \geq 60\mu\text{m}$	$e < 60\mu\text{m}$

7 Copper base layer thickness (int or ext)

	« Classical »	« Technical »	« Special »
Min copper base thickness (internal and external)	$e \geq 17,5\mu\text{m}$	$e = 9\mu\text{m}$ or $12\mu\text{m}$	$e = 5\mu\text{m}$
Max copper base thickness (internal and external)	$e \leq 70\mu\text{m}$	$e = 105\mu\text{m}$ or $210\mu\text{m}$	$e > 210\mu\text{m}$

8 Minimum space between traces, and their tolerances (iT*) relative to copper base layer thickness

8.1 Inverse Copper etching (PTH PCB's external layer)

Copper base thickness (μm)	Classical Products		Technical Products		Special Products	
	Min. spacing between traces (μm)	iT	Min. spacing between traces (μm)	iT	Min. spacing between traces (μm)	iT
5	-	-	-	-	60	10
9/12	-	-	80	20	65	15
17,5	120	30	90	25	70	20
35	150	40	120	35	90	25
70	210	60	150	45	110	30
105	310	100	200	70	150	50
210	500	150	320	130	250	100

* iT = tolerance variation (Δ Min/Max) : 0/-x iT for **traces**
 0/+x iT for the **spaces**
 or +/- 1/2x iT for both **traces and spaces**

8.2 « Direct » etching (internal layers, PCB without PTH)

Copper base thickness (µm)	Classical Products		Technical Products		Special Products	
	Min. spacing between traces (µm)	iT	Min. spacing between traces (µm)	iT	Min. spacing between traces (µm)	iT
5	-	-	-	-	50	10
9/12	-	-	75	10	55	10
17,5	110	20	90	15	60	15
35	135	35	105	30	80	25
70	180	50	140	40	110	30
105	250	100	180	60	150	50
210	500	150	320	130	250	100

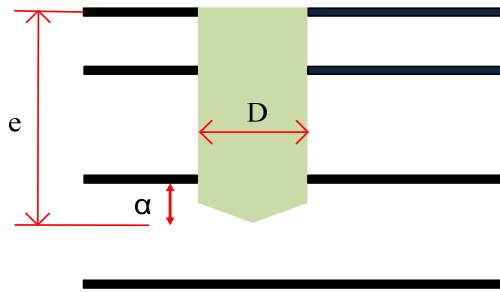
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 0/+x iT for the **spaces**
 or +/- 1/2x iT for both **traces and spaces**

9 Drilling

9.1 Mechanical "Through" holes (platable / max drilled thickness)

Ø drilling	Max PCB thickness e (mm)	Up to number of drilled 17,5µm layers	Ratio e / Ø
0,060	0,8	2	13
	0,6	4	10
0,080	1,6	2	20
	1,4	6	18
0,100	2,0	2	20
	1,6	6	16
0,125	2,4	2	19
	2	6	16
0,150	2,6	2	17
	2,2	8	15
0,175	2,8	2	16
	2,4	10	14
0,200	3	→ 18	15
0,200 à 0,450	4	→ 24	20 à 9
0,500 à 0,750	6	→ 38	12 à 8
0,800 à 1	6,5	→ 46	8 à 7
Ø > 1	6,5	→ 46	/

9.2 Z axis controlled depth drilling



9.2.1 Ratio e/D and over drilling α

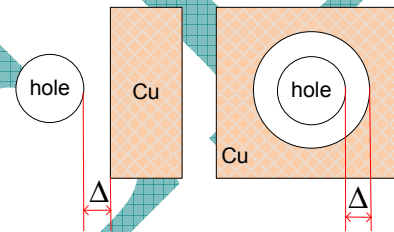
	Ratio
« Classical » products	0,8
« Technical » products	1
« Special » products	1,2

overdrilling α
$50\mu\text{m} < \alpha < 5\mu\text{m}$
$35\mu\text{m} < \alpha < 5\mu\text{m}$
$20\mu\text{m} < \alpha < 5\mu\text{m}$

9.3 Minimum space “drilled hole / copper entity” (Δ)

9.3.1 General values

- Δ mini recommended : 150 μ m - Conductive Anodic Filament (CAF) risk



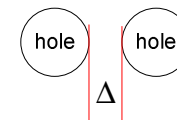
9.3.2 Special requirements

- Please contact us for needs between 150 μ m and 80 μ m distance (restrictions concerning duration and using conditions)
- Absolute min 80m

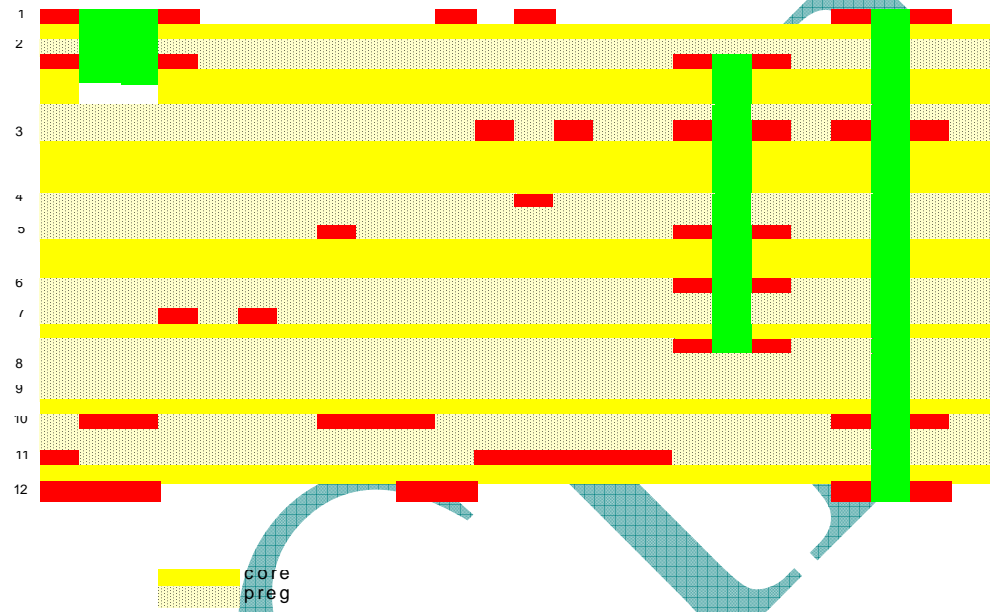
9.4 Minimum space “PTH/PTH” (drilled hole/ drilled hole gap)

- Min Space recommended: 200 μ m (CAF!)
- Absolute min Δ : 100 μ m (with restrictions concerning duration and using conditions: CAF !!)

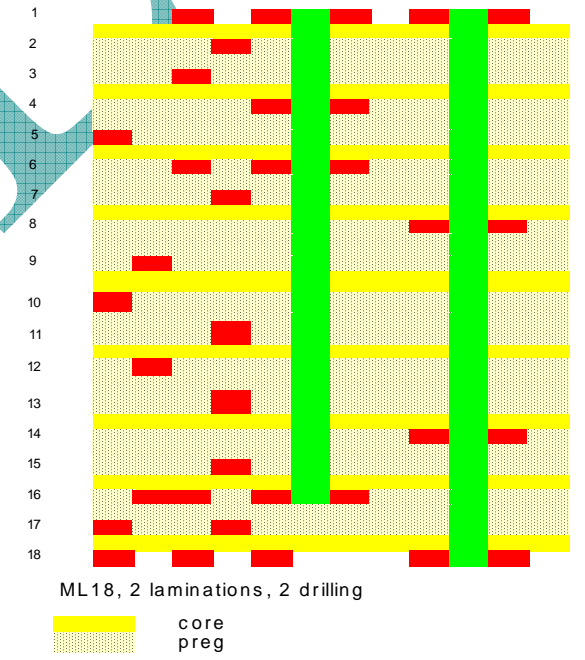
❖ Note: these values may change depending on the substrate material. Please contact us for any substrates else than FR4 and FR4 highTg



10 Stack –up examples



ML12, 2 laminations, 3 drilling (with one Z axis controlled drilling)



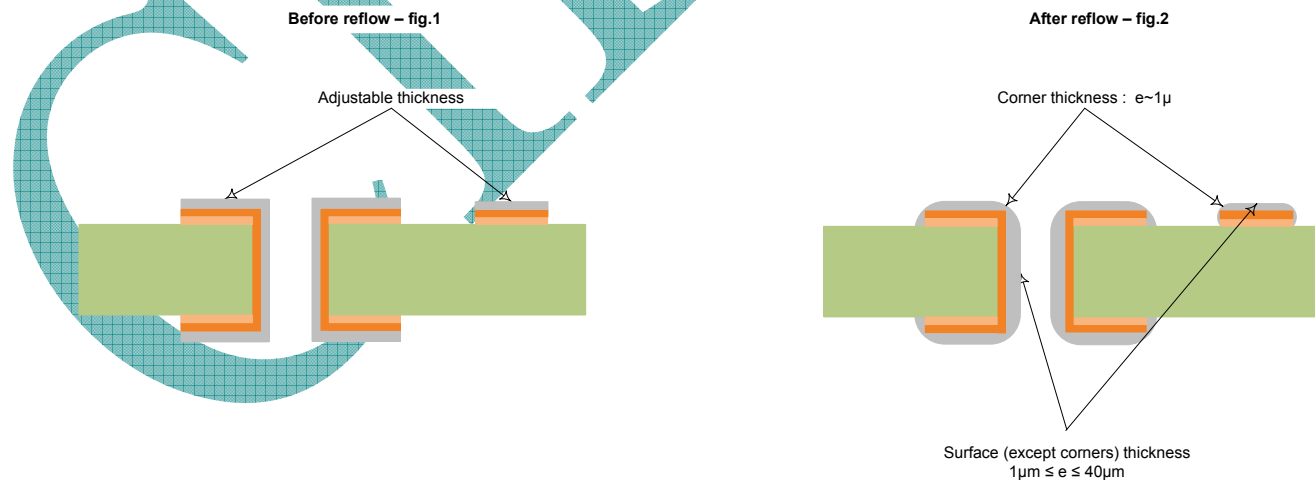
ML18, 2 laminations, 2 drilling

11 Finishing layer

Material	Range of possible thicknesses	TOLERANCE
- COPPER deposit	From 5 μ m to 50 μ m	$\pm 20\%$
- Flash Electrolytic NICKEL / GOLD (+ cobalt) for soldering	Ni from 3 to 5 μ m + Au : 0,2 μ m to 0,4 μ m	$\pm 20\%$
- Electrolytic NICKEL / GOLD (+ cobalt) for contacts	Ni from 7 to 25 μ m + Au : 1 μ m to 1,5 μ m	$\pm 20\%$
- NICKEL / GOLD for « Bonding » (pure Gold)	Ni from 5 to 10 μ m Au : 3 μ m \pm 1 μ m	N.A.
- ENIG	Ni from 3 to 10 μ m + Au < 0,1 μ m maximum	$\pm 20\%$
- NICKEL – chemical process	Ni from 3 to 10 μ m	$\pm 20\%$
- TIN *	1,3 μ m	-0,2 +0,1 μ m
- HAL leadfree (SN100C)**	From 1 to 50 μ m (Based upon configuration, figure 2)	N.A.
- TIN-LEAD (not ROHS compliant!) (63% Sn/37%Pb)	Non reflowed electro SnPb « : From 3 to 10 μ m (Figure 1)	$\pm 20\%$
	reflowed electro SnPb: From 1 to 40 μ m (Based upon config. Figure 2)	N.A.
	HAL : from 1 to 50 μ m (Based upon config. Figure 2)	N.A.

* Tin : strongly not recommended for Rigid-Flexible and polyimide circuits.

** SN100C not for any NS3 (Class 3 of IPC A-600) including EN9100, Rigid-Flexible and high frequency circuits.



12 Miscellaneous

- SOLDER MASK: Photo imageable green color (other colors available)
- SOLDER MASK: Fine Special Photo imageable (for fine thickness)
- SOLDER MASK for flexible PCB's

- COVERLAY
- PHOTOIMAGEABLE COVERLAY (About 60µm thickness)

- LEGEND PRINTING: Ink-jet process (white) or screen-printing (other colors)

- IMPEDANCES
 - Calculation and control of the files by POLAR
 - Measurement made with Reflectometer POLAR INSTRUMENTS CITS 200

- ELECTRICAL TEST: 3 FLYING PROBE TEST SYSTEMS ATG type A2 and A3
 - Standard Value : 10V (up to 500V adjustable)
 - Insulation : > 10MOhms
 - Continuity threshold < 10 Ohms
 - Adjustable stress and measurement voltage

- OPTICAL TEST and INSPECTION: with CAMTECH ORION 868

- THICKNESS MEASUREMENT:
 - CAVIDERM (micro-ohmmeter) for non destructive hole copper thickness measurement
 - Cross-sections for qualitative measurements and controls
 - FISCHER (Fluorescence X) for deposit thickness measurement and for chemical bath metal concentration measurement