Precise solder dispensing in high-throughput micro-device packaging applications

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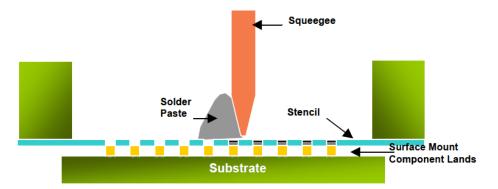


Solder paste in electronics assembly

(a) PCB to be soldered



(c) Solder dispensing by valve



(b) Solder printing through stencil

Solder paste:

metal balls in flux

applied, melted, solidified between metal surfaces

Function:

interconnection between PCB/components electrical, mechanical, thermal support

Soldering coverage:

principle of electronic assembling covering 1st to 2nd level packaging

Method:

printing, dispensing, flowing/waving



Solder dispensing in micro-device packaging

Device packaging industry request:

Large to small size High throughput

Advantage of solder printing:

High speed

Easy operation

Low cost

Technical limits:

Size >300um, not micro-scale Simple and straight pattern Rigid stencil, not flexible Cost high when design changes Micro-device packaging request:
High precision in position and size
High throughput
Complicated design/structure

Flexibility

Advantage of ASYMTEK dispensing:

Minimum size ≤300um

Placement accuracy ±50µm

High speed

Easy to change route in program

Straight/curved lines, dot, rings

Challenge:

More precise

Faster

More flexible in fluid, design, process

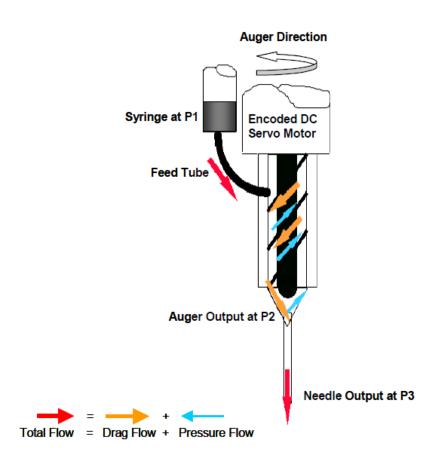




Solder paste dispenser



(a) Platform: Spectrum 900, II Speed a=1-1.2gravity, accuracy 3σ =±50um



(b) Rotary auger pump Precision, repeatability, adaptability to fluid



Applications of the new design

Application 1:

2nd level packaging on fully assembled smart phone to seal RF shield 550um size, line segments, type 4 solder (metal content 87%)

Application 2:

1st level packaging on automobile control panel 250um size, thin lines, annular rings, dots, type 4-5 (metal 86-90%)

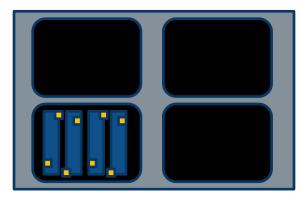
Application 3:

2nd level packaging on MEMS devices to seal RF shield 180um size, connected lines, type 4 (metal >90%)

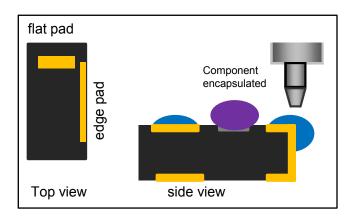


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Application 1: 550um lines on smart phone to seal RF shield at the end of 2nd level packaging => 6192 dispense/hour



(a) One carrier can fully load 4 substrates with 16 boards



(b) Needle dispense on pads

Customer specs

Cycle time: 100s per substrate, 172 lines

Placement accuracy: ±50um Line shape, height, area, etc AOI inspection yield: 98-100%

Process design

Dispense speed: 30-35mm/s
Machine acceleration: 1.2g
High flow rate, high line quality
=> Enhanced precision valve

Placement accuracy

=> S900 and SII: machine accuracy ±50um Software new feature: edge detection

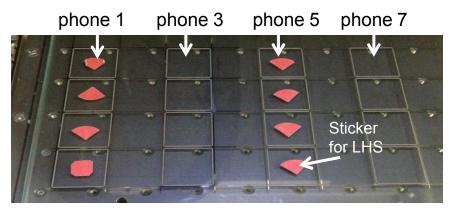
Results

20-25 production lines/250 S900

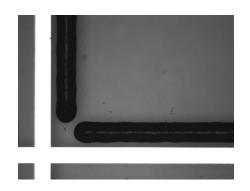
All pass yield



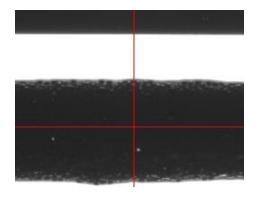
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(c) Lab simulation on calibration glass



(d) Line dispensed beside calibration lines



(e) Edge detection for position accuracy

Position accuracy:

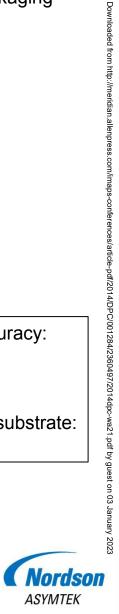
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Line width:

 $3\sigma = 8.5\%$

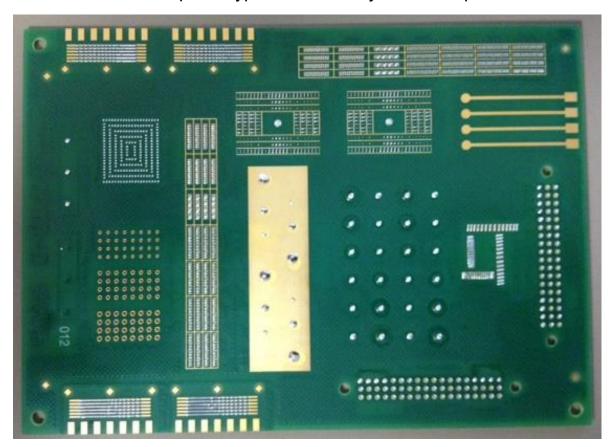
Volume per substrate:

 $3\sigma = 6\%$



Application 2: 250um lines/rings/dots on automobile control panel during 1st level packaging

Challenge: 200-250um lines, gap 150um, > 2000 lines/dots/rings within 10min solder paste type 4-5, viscosity 80-170kCps

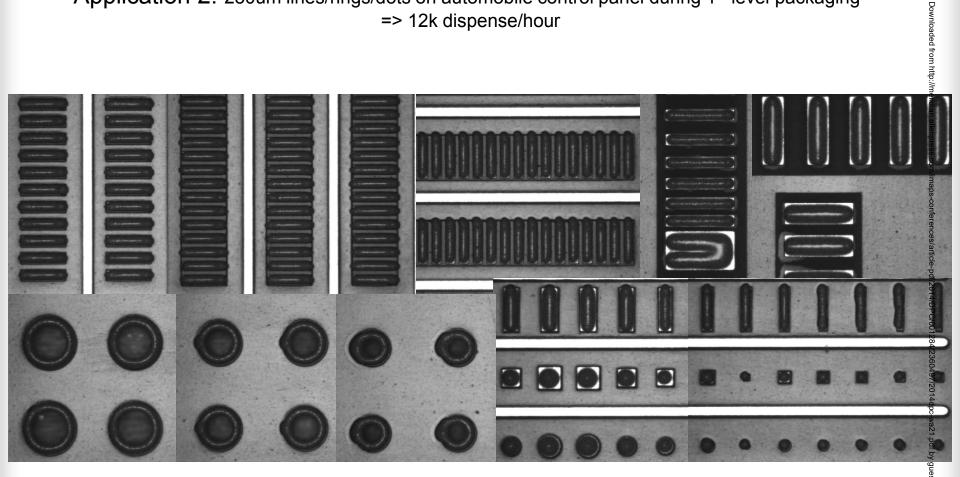


(a) Customer test board



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Application 2: 250um lines/rings/dots on automobile control panel during 1st level packaging => 12k dispense/hour

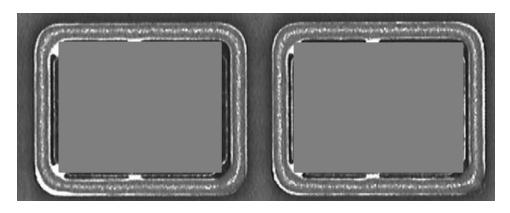


(b) Dispensed results

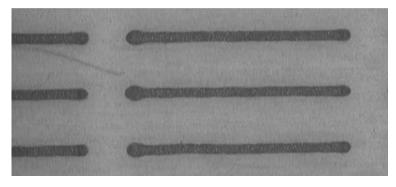


Application 3: 250-180um lines on MEMS to seal RF shield during 2nd level packaging => 10k dispense/hour

Challenge: 180um lines, type 4 dry solder with metal >90% viscosity >200kCps UPH 2500, aided by dual simultaneous dispenser



(a) 225um seal lines in production



(b) 180um line in lab for new product request



Summary

Solder paste dispenser: ASYMTEK Spectrum I/II + auger pump Application 1,3: smart phone, MEMS, 2nd level packaging Application 2: automobile control panel, 1st level packaging Advantage: high throughput, high precision, flexibility Coverage: individual solution/complement, sizes 100mm-180um Goal: to help customers to push limit on their packaging capability as leading suppliers

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