

# Micromax™ 8453

## Electronic Inks and Pastes

### Polymeric Silver Termination

Micromax™ 8453 is a polymeric, dipable plating base that provides a flexible stress buffer for plated component terminations. Micromax™ 8453 has been designed for a lower add on than Micromax™ 8452 and to give excellent bend strength and thermal shock resistance in surface mounted applications. The product may be used with a variety of dielectrics, and usually will be applied over a fired on silver or copper under-layer. The user must determine the compatibility in specific applications.

### Product benefits

- Excellent dipping cosmetics
- High thermal shock stability
- Excellent plating performance
- Good green strength
- Processed though heat cure

### Product information

Solvent or thinner	Micromax™ 9245
Solid content	55.5 - 58 %

### Rheological properties

Viscosity	20 - 28 <sup>[1]</sup> Pa.s
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[1]: Brookfield RVT, UC&SP, SC4-14/6R, 10rpm, 25°C

### Application technique

Drying time	3 min
Drying temperature	130 - 150 °C

### Storage and stability

Shelf life	3 <sup>[2]</sup> months
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[2]: in unopened containers, from date of shipment, at temperature of between 1-4°C

### Additional information

How to use

### Processing

#### • Applications

- Micromax™ 8453 termination composition can be applied by Palomar type dipping or by ChipStar type dipping. It is applied to ceramic component bodies. If necessary a blotting step can be used to control the paste deposit. Dipping should be carried out in a clean, well-ventilated area.

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- **Undercoat**
  - In order to achieve optimum contact to inner electrodes, it is recommended to apply a thin fine silver undercoat to the bodies prior the application of the Micromax™ 8453.
- **Paste preparation**
  - Micromax™ 8453 termination composition should be thoroughly mixed before use. This is best achieved by slow, gentle hand stirring with a clean, burr-free spatula (flexible plastic or stainless steel) for 1-2 minute.
  - Note: optimum dipping characteristic of Micromax™ 8453 termination composition are generally achieved in the temperature range 20°C - 23°C. It is therefore important that the material, in its container, is at this temperature prior to commencement of printing.
- **Thinning**
  - Micromax™ 8453 termination composition is optimized for dipping for the most commonly used chip sizes, thinning is not normally required. However, thinning may be required when Micromax™ 8453 is used on the larger chip sizes, customers need to determine the optimum conditions for their applications. Use the Micromax™ recommended thinner for slight adjustments to viscosity or to replace evaporation losses. The use of too much thinner or the use of a non recommended thinner may affect the rheological behaviour of the material and its printing characteristics.
- **Drying**
  - Micromax™ 8453 polymeric termination should be dried in a well-ventilated oven, or belt dryer.
- **Curing**
  - Micromax™ 8453 polymeric termination does not need to be fired. However, it does require a curing step to achieve optimum performance. It can be cured in a box. It is essential that the air supply to the oven is clean, dry, and free of contaminants. Micromax™ 8453 polymeric termination is best cured for 1 hour at a temperature of 200°C. Variation in the curing temperature and/or time at the temperature may result in variation in the final properties.
- **Dry/cure process sequence**
  - Dip 1st end of ceramic body with Micromax™ 8453.
  - Dry as recommended.
  - Dip 2nd end of ceramic body with Micromax™ 8453.
  - Dry as recommended.
  - Remove ceramic bodies from carrier plate.
  - Cure as recommended.
- **Electroplating**

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- Chips terminated with Micromax™ 8453 and processed as recommended can be electroplated in conventional processes.

### Properties

- Information in this datasheet shows anticipated typical physical properties for Micromax™ 8453 based on specific controlled experiments in our labs and are not intended to represent the product specifications, details of which are available upon request.

### General

Yield and performances will depend to a large degree on the care exercised during processing, particularly in the dipping state. Scrupulous care should be taken to keep Micromax™ 8453 termination composition, the dipping equipment and other tools free of metal contaminants. Dust, lint and other particulate matter may also contribute to poor yield.

### Storage and shelf life

**Storage:** Containers of Micromax™ 8453 termination composition may be stored in a clean, stable environment at temperature of between 1-4 °C, with their lids tightly sealed. Storage in freezers (temperature <0 °C) is NOT recommended as this could cause irreversible changes in the material.

**Shelf Life:** Micromax™ 8453 termination composition has a shelf life of 3 months from date of shipment, for factory-sealed (unopened) containers, when stored under recommended conditions.

### Safety and handling

For safety and handling information pertaining to this product, read Safety Data Sheet (SDS).