



Film Capacitors

Mounting guidelines

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1 Soldering

1.1 Solderability of leads

The solderability of terminal leads is tested to IEC 60068-2-20:2008, test Ta, method 1.

Before a solderability test is carried out, terminals are subjected to accelerated ageing (to IEC 60068-2-2:2007, test Ba: 4 h exposure to dry heat at 155 °C). Since the ageing temperature is far higher than the upper category temperature of the capacitors, the terminal wires should be cut off from the capacitor before the ageing procedure to prevent the solderability being impaired by the products of any capacitor decomposition that might occur.

Solder bath temperature	235 ±5 °C
Soldering time	2.0 ±0.5 s
Immersion depth	2.0 +0/−0.5 mm from capacitor body or seating plane
Evaluation criteria:	
Visual inspection	Wetting of wire surface by new solder ≥90%, free-flowing solder

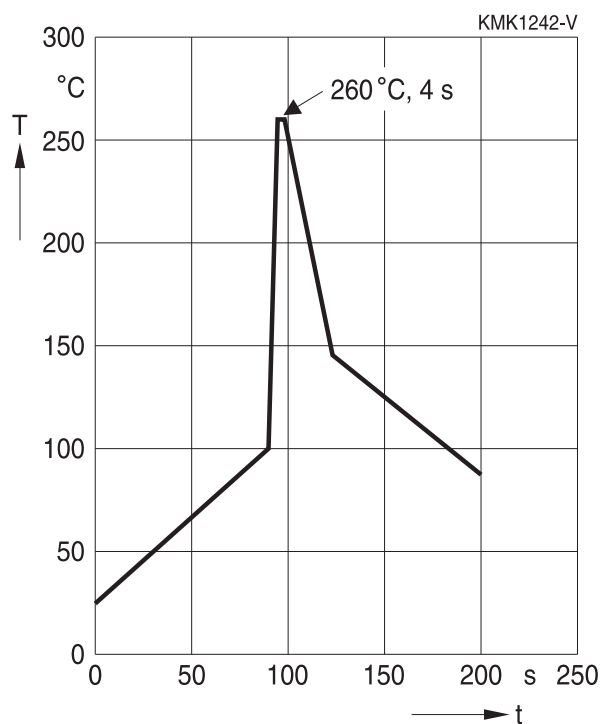
1.2 Resistance to soldering heat

Resistance to soldering heat is tested to IEC 60068-2-20:2008, test Tb, method 1.

Conditions:

Series	Solder bath temperature	Soldering time
MKT boxed (except 2.5 × 6.5 × 7.2 mm) coated uncoated (lead spacing >10 mm)	260 ±5 °C	10 ±1 s
MFP MKP (lead spacing >7.5 mm)		
MKT boxed (case 2.5 × 6.5 × 7.2 mm)	260 ±5 °C	5 ±1 s
MKP (lead spacing ≤7.5 mm)		<4 s
MKT uncoated (lead spacing ≤10 mm) insulated (B32559)		recommended soldering profile for MKT uncoated (lead spacing ≤ 10 mm) and insulated (B32559)

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Immersion depth	2.0 +0/−0.5 mm from capacitor body or seating plane
Shield	Heat-absorbing board, (1.5 ±0.5) mm thick, between capacitor body and liquid solder
Evaluation criteria:	
Visual inspection	No visible damage
$\Delta C/C_0$	2% for MKT/MKP/MFP 5% for EMI suppression capacitors
$\tan \delta$	As specified in sectional specification

1.3 General notes on soldering

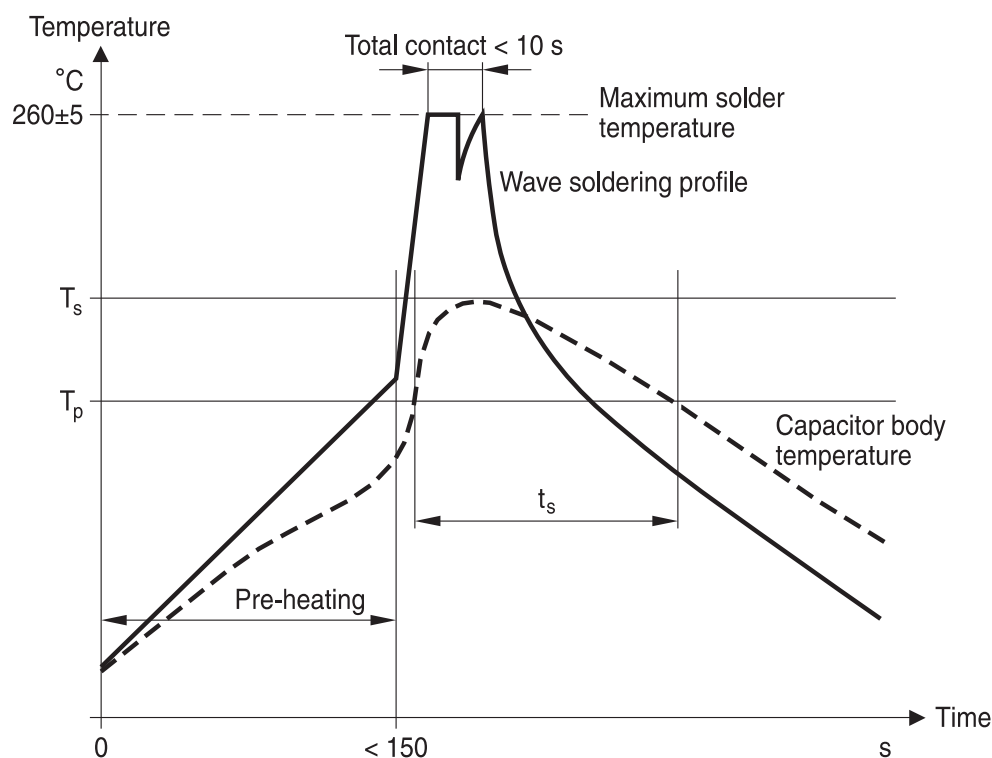
Permissible heat exposure loads on film capacitors are primarily characterized by the upper category temperature T_{max} . Long exposure to temperatures above this type-related temperature limit can lead to changes in the plastic dielectric and thus change irreversibly a capacitor's electrical characteristics. For short exposures (as in practical soldering processes) the heat load (and thus the possible effects on a capacitor) will also depend on other factors like:

- Pre-heating temperature and time
- Forced cooling immediately after soldering
- Terminal characteristics:
diameter, length, thermal resistance, special configurations (e.g. crimping)
- Height of capacitor above solder bath
- Shadowing by neighboring components
- Additional heating due to heat dissipation by neighboring components
- Use of solder-resist coatings

The overheating associated with some of these factors can usually be reduced by suitable countermeasures. For example, if a pre-heating step cannot be avoided, an additional or reinforced cooling process may possibly have to be included.

EPCOS recommendations

As a reference, the recommended wave soldering profile for our film capacitors is as follows:

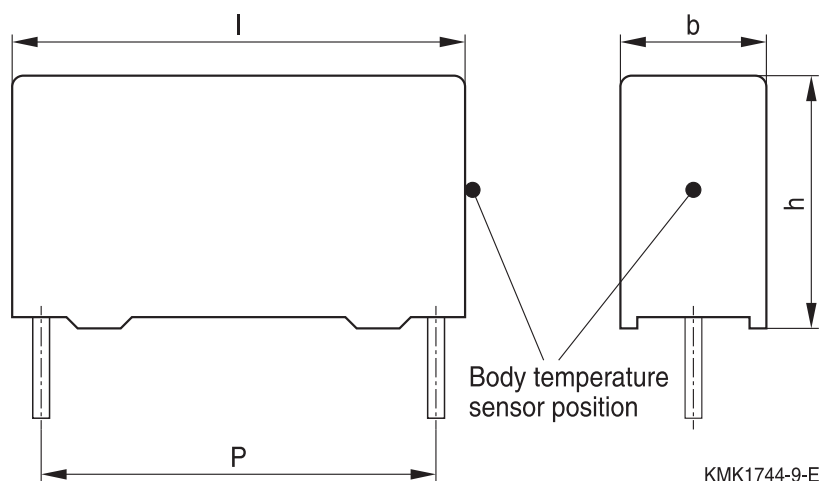


T_s : Capacitor body maximum temperature at wave soldering

T_p : Capacitor body maximum temperature at pre-heating

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Body temperature should follow the description below:

- MKP capacitor
 - During pre-heating: $T_p \leq 110 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
 - During soldering: $T_s \leq 120 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $t_s \leq 45 \text{ s}$
- MKT capacitor
 - During pre-heating: $T_p \leq 125 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
 - During soldering: $T_s \leq 160 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, $t_s \leq 45 \text{ s}$

When SMD components are used together with leaded ones, the film capacitors should not pass into the SMD adhesive curing oven. The leaded components should be assembled after the SMD curing step.

Leaded film capacitors are not suitable for reflow soldering.

In order to ensure proper conditions for manual or selective soldering, the body temperature of the capacitor (T_s) must be $\leq 120 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

One recommended condition for manual soldering is that the tip of the soldering iron should be $< 360 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and the soldering contact time should be no longer than 3 seconds.

For uncoated MKT capacitors with lead spacings $\leq 10 \text{ mm}$ (B32560/B32561) the following measures are recommended:

- pre-heating to not more than $110 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the preheater phase
- rapid cooling after soldering

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2 Cleaning

To determine whether the following solvents, often used to remove flux residues and other substances, are suitable for the capacitors described, refer to the table below:

Type	Ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol	n-propanol-water mixtures, water with surface tension-reducing tensides (neutral)
MKT (uncoated)	Suitable	Unsuitable
MKT, MKP, MFP (coated/boxed)		Suitable

Even when suitable solvents are used, a reversible change of the electrical characteristics may occur in uncoated capacitors immediately after they are washed. Thus it is always recommended to dry the components (e.g. 4 h at 70 °C) before they are subjected to subsequent electrical testing.

Caution:

Consult us first if you wish to use new solvents!

3 Embedding of capacitors in finished assemblies

In many applications, finished circuit assemblies are embedded in plastic resins. In this case, both chemical and thermal influences of the embedding ("potting") and curing processes must be taken into account.

Our experience has shown that the following potting materials can be recommended: non-flexible epoxy resins with acid-anhydride hardeners; chemically inert, non-conducting fillers; maximum curing temperature of 100 °C.

Caution:

Consult us first if you wish to embed uncoated types!