

RO4830™ Laminate Quick Reference Processing Guide

Material Description:	Reverse-treat copper clad, glass reinforced ceramic filled hydrocarbon resin composite material targeting automotive radar applications operating at 77-79 GHz. The materials covered by this processing guide are intended for use as cap layers in hybrid multi-layer boards made using FR-4 core and prepreg materials.
Storage:	Ambient
INNER LAYER PREPARATION	
Tooling:	Compatible with round and slotted pinning and pinless systems.
Surface Preparation for Photoresist:	Process as-delivered or use chemical surface preparation system.
Photoresist Application:	Standard procedures for film and liquid photoresists would apply.
DES Processing:	Retain balanced copper on both sides of inner-layers to improve registration and reduce the risk for bow and twist.
Oxide/Oxide Alternatives:	Use procedures associated with oxide or oxide alternative of choice.
MLB BONDING	
Final Preparation:	110C-125C pre-bake is recommended unless a similar bake was already implemented as part of the oxide or alternative oxide application process.
Multi-Layer Adhesive System:	Compatible with RO4400™ bondply and most FR4-type adhesive systems.
Multi-Layer Bond Cycle:	Use parameters associated with the chosen adhesive system. Flatness of pressed MLBs might be improved by reducing applied pressure to ~50 PSI fifteen minutes after reaching the final cure temperature.
PTH AND OUTER LAYER PROCESSING	
Drilling:	Use standard entry/exit materials such as sheeted aluminum and pressed phenolic. Use new drills. Enter through the RO4830™ core side when drilling hybrid MLBs. Vias can be processed using UV-YAG, CO2, or combined UV-YAG/CO2 systems. Plasma or permanganate may be required to clean copper surfaces at the base of blind vias.
Deburring:	Mechanical debur/scrub is acceptable for thicker (>0.030") builds. Chemical processing or suspended pumice sprays are preferred for thinner panels.
Hole Preparation:	Chemical or plasma desmear may be required. Etch back of RO4830™ core layers should be avoided.
Metallization:	Electroless copper or direct deposit processes can be used.
PTH AND OUTER LAYER PROCESSING	
Final Finish:	Compatible with most thermally, electrolytically, and chemically deposited final metal finishes and OSPs. Preserve post-etch surface of cores to promote better adhesion to solder mask. Bake cores for 30-60 minutes at 110C-125C prior to applying solder mask.
Final Circuitization:	RO4830 laminates can be routed, punched, V-scored, or laser trimmed. Diamond-cut or multi-fluted chipbreaker router bits are recommended.

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