



SUPERIOR No. 48



Organic Acid, Halide Flux

- Formulated for tinning Nickel/Copper semiconductor and component leads in automated soldering systems.
- Promotes excellent solderability of electroless Nickel (EN), Alloy 42, Alloy 51, Beryllium Copper, and other difficult-to-solder metals.
- Helps achieve high first-pass yields in excess of 99.99%.
- Solder coatings pass steam-aging tests.

DESCRIPTION

Superior No. 48 is a high activity, organic acid (OA) foam flux that contains a unique amino acid-chloride activator in combination with a fluoride compound. The flux also contains a small amount of sulfuric acid that helps eliminate the need for a pre-cleaning process.

Superior No. 48 removes oxides at room temperature, reaching peak activity at 260°C/500°F. The flux contains little water and does not pop or spatter during normal soldering conditions.

DIRECTIONS

Superior No. 48 is specially formulated for tinning component leads. Soldering should be carried out as soon as possible after flux application. Preheating of leads reduces spattering and solder ball formation.

For optimum soldering results, the following steps should be taken:

- ❶ Remove any oil, grease, or mold-release from component leads to be soldered.
- ❷ Dip or drag component leads in flux.
- ❸ Preheat the leads prior to solder dipping to reduce or eliminate spattering and solder balls.
- ❹ Dip or drag components in solder at a level that allows upward solder wetting.
- ❺ Clean component leads in 60°C/140°F de-ionized or distilled water.

The flux is formulated for use as supplied; however, the specific gravity increases with prolonged use and should be monitored using a hydrometer. To adjust specific gravity, add **Superior No. 95MT** to the flux to keep it in a range of 0.895 ± 0.003 @ 20 - 25°C.

Flux and residues are completely water-soluble. Clean soldered leads in an aqueous cleaning system, with hot (60°C/140°F) de-ionized or distilled water. If hot water is unavailable, room temperature water may also be used, it may require a longer rinse cycle. A detergent or saponifier may be added if a cleaning process specifies its use, but are not necessary for residue removal. Rinse waters are completely biodegradable. Consult local authorities for disposal regulations.

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PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Form	Clear, colorless liquid.
Specific Gravity	0.895 ± 0.003 @ 20 - 25°C
Density	7.46 lbs./gallon @ 20 - 25°C
Acid Number	50 ± 5
Flashpoint	12°C/53°F TCC Method
Recommended Soldering Range	200-315°C/390-615°F
Residues	Completely Water-Soluble

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Superior No. 48 is a hazardous product, and should be handled and stored as an industrial chemical. Store in plastic containers away from heat, sparks, or open flame. Do not store or place flux in contact with metals.

Adequate ventilation is necessary to remove flux fumes along with vapors and fumes from hot solder. Wear NIOSH approved gloves, goggles, and respirators when working with this product. Avoid breathing vapors and contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes.

Refer to the MSDS for additional safety information.

Superior No. 48 has a two (2) year shelf life.

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