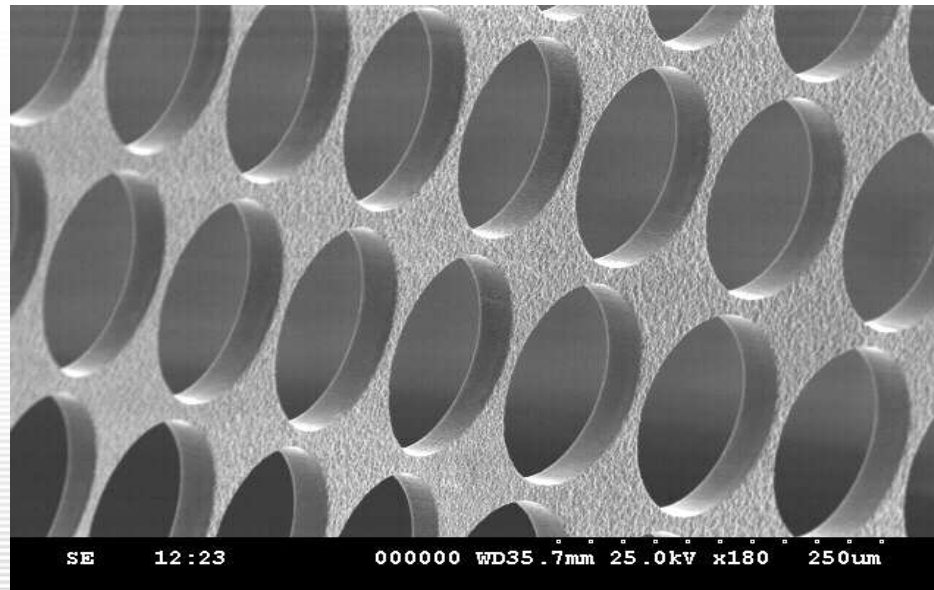




PLATINUM STENCIL



**Precision solder paste stencil for fine pitch
printing applications**

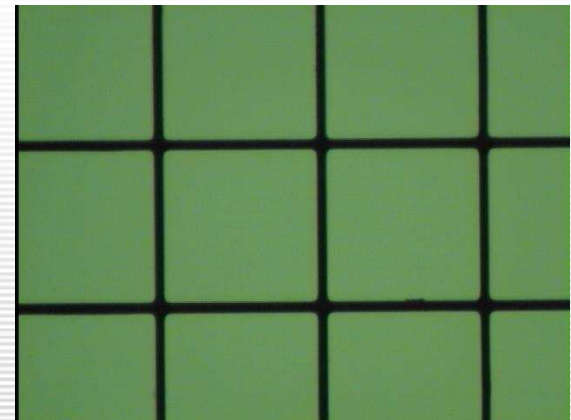
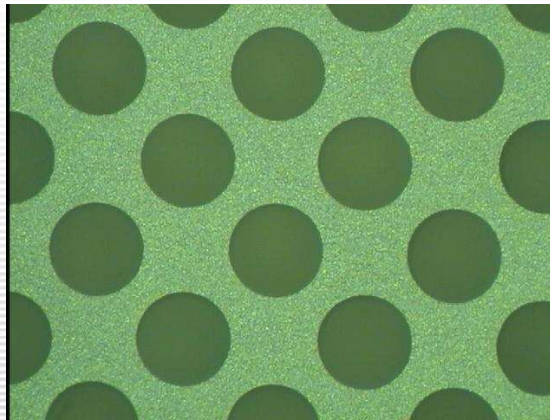
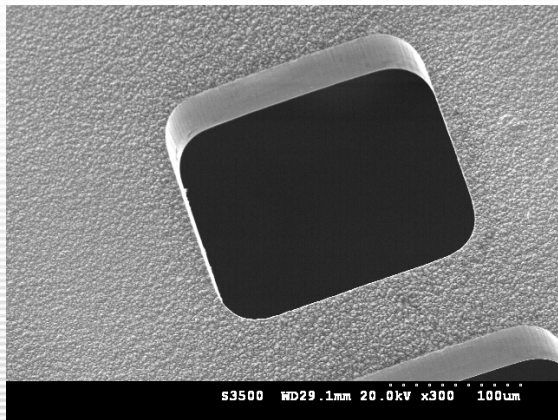
MICROSTENCIL

www.microstencil.com



Overview

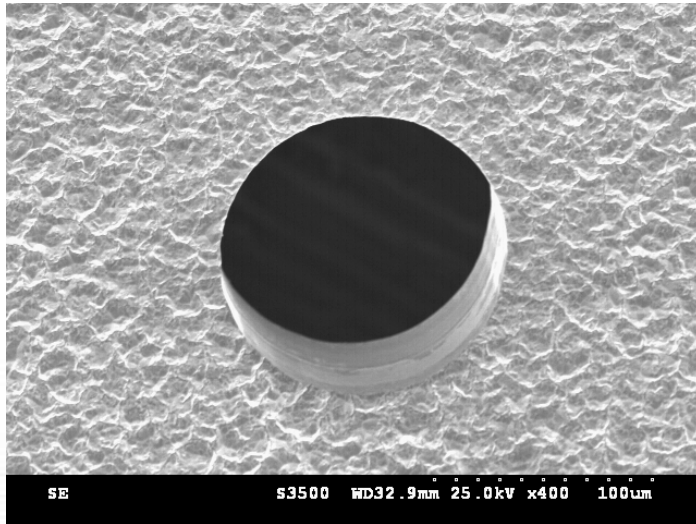
- A Microengineered electroformed stencil manufactured using semiconductor fabrication processes techniques
- This high precision stencil is designed for Semicon printing applications and other fine pitch or high yield printing requirements



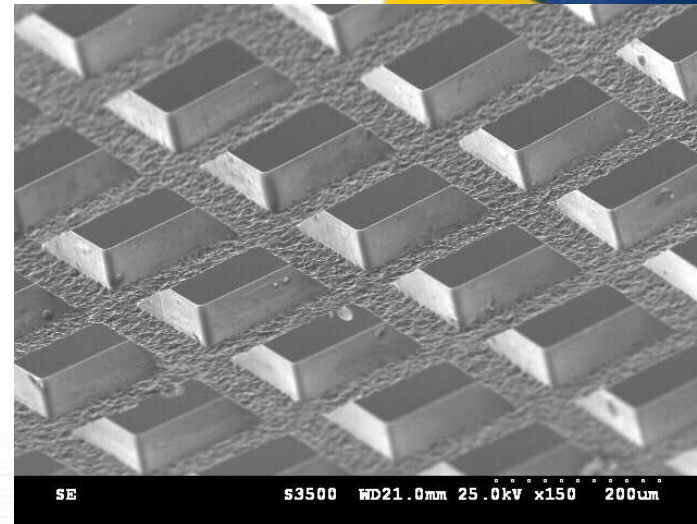
Target Markets

- Wafer printing
 - Solder paste and ICA materials
- Flip-chip substrate bumping
 - Flux printing and paste printing
- Other fine pitch printing requirements

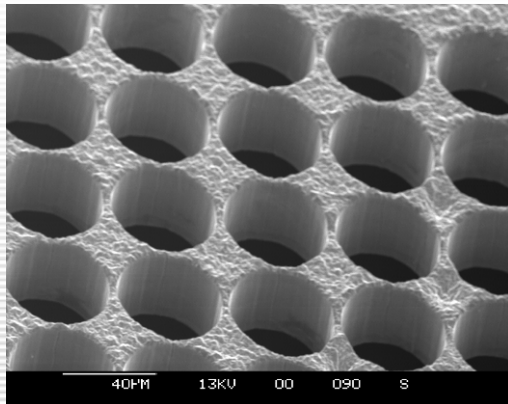
Stencil apertures examples– SEM images



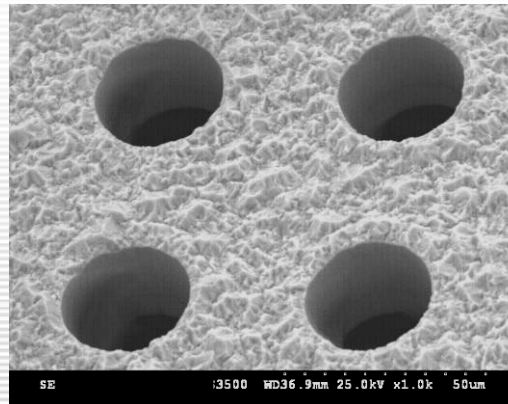
100 micron diameter aperture



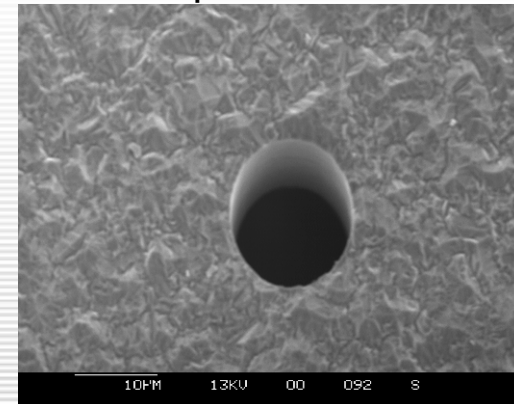
175 micron diameter aperture
225 micron pitch



50µm pitch 45µm diameter
circular apertures

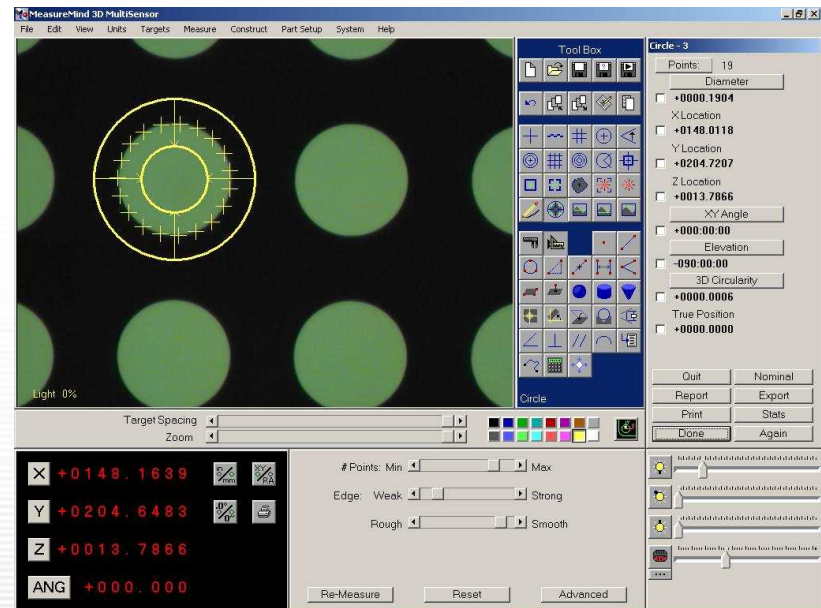
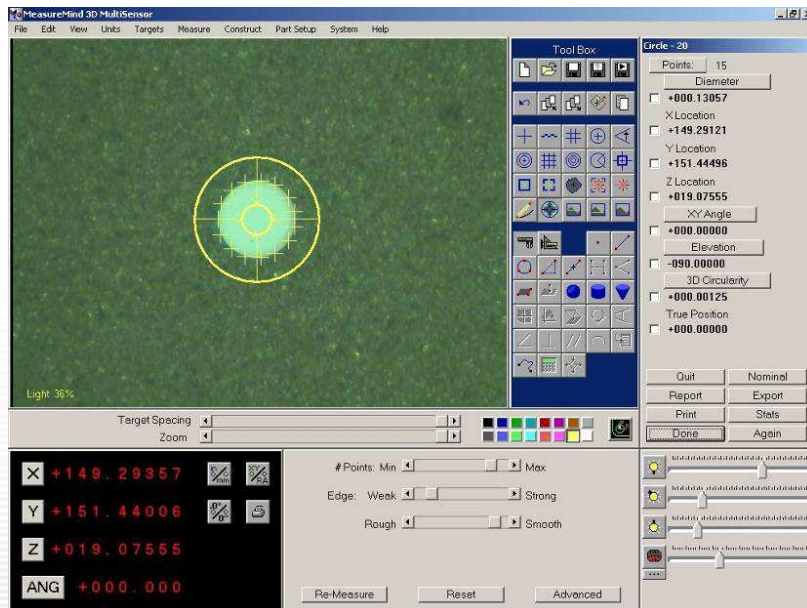


60µm pitch 30µm diameter
circular apertures



7.5 µm diameter circular
aperture

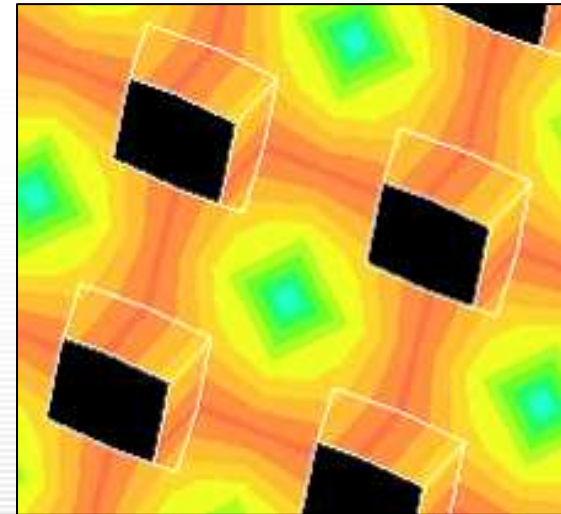
High aperture tolerances



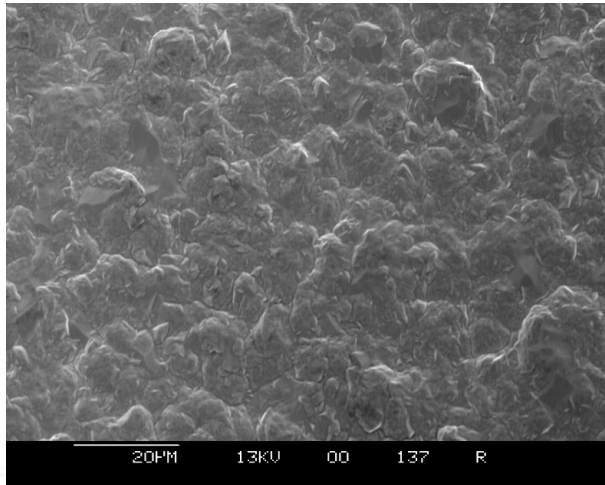
- Apertures tolerances within $3\mu\text{m}$ across 200mm diameter wafer for a $50\mu\text{m}$ thick stencil

Deformation from the mounting process

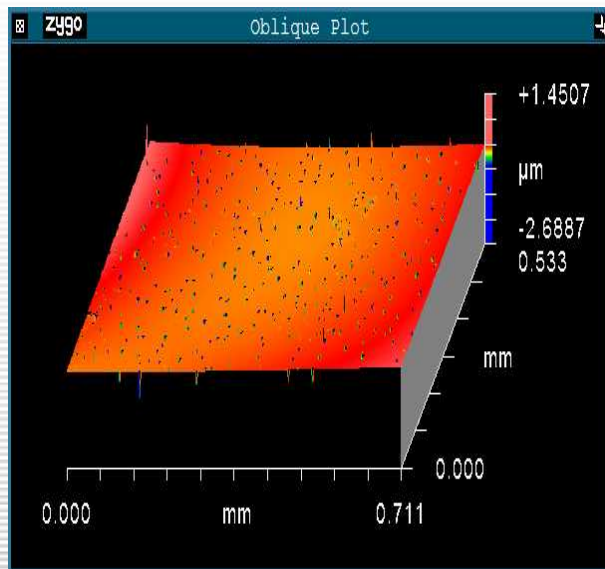
- Modelling studies detect only elastic deformation in the stencil from the mounting / framing process.
- Through tight process control all Platinum stencils will be better than $0.2 \mu\text{m}/\text{mm}$ deformation across the design area after mounting. This spec equates to less than $\pm 40 \mu\text{m}$ on a 200mm diameter wafer.



Surface roughness + stencil hardness



1000 times magnification



Interferometer surface scan

- Low surface roughness on top side and bottom side of stencil
 - Smooth squeegee side of stencils inhibits fine PSD solder pastes smearing on stencil surface during printing therefore allowing a lower print pressure.
 - Smooth substrate side improves the seal during printing onto wafers and allows an effective underside stencil cleaning process
- 10 measurements average, scan area 0.71mm x 0.53mm
 - Squeegee side
 - rms = 0.09875μm, Ra = 0.056μm
 - Board side
 - rms = 0.0694μm, Ra = 0.0388μm
- Stencil hardness 480-550HV (hardness Vickers)
 - Note: Stainless steel 220HV

Competitive advantages

- Perfectly formed apertures with tight aperture tolerances across the whole stencil
- Smooth aperture sidewalls to aid paste release
- Good dimensional match to customer layout data
- Uniform thickness distribution across the design area to ensure each aperture prints the same volume of solder paste
- Smooth and flat substrate side of the stencil which minimises stencil cleaning frequency
 - In addition a smooth underside of the stencil can enable on-printer cleaning techniques not normally possible with conventional E-form stencils for wafer level printing

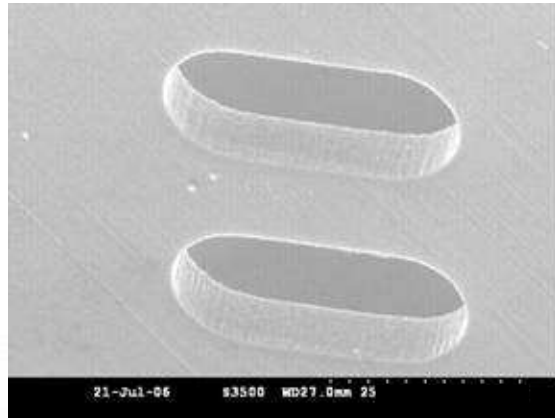
Product Specifications

- Available thickness: 20 μm to 230 μm at 0.5 μm increments.
- Thickness Variation: +/- 5% of requested thickness, across the design area
- Aperture capability: $\geq 25 \mu\text{m}$
- Aperture size tolerance:
 - $<3 \mu\text{m}$ for 50 μm thick stencils
 - 4 μm for 50-100 μm thick stencils
 - 6 μm for 100-200 μm thick stencils
 - 8 μm for 200-230 μm thick stencils
- Positional Accuracy: 0.2 μm / mm
- Pitch: $\geq 50 \mu\text{m}$

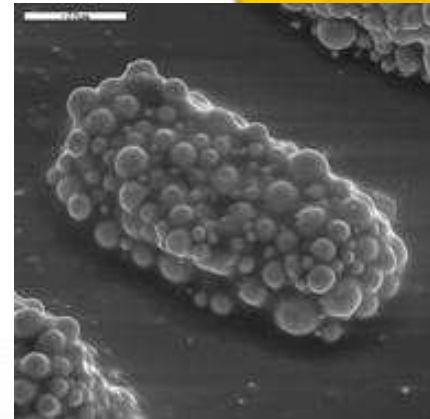
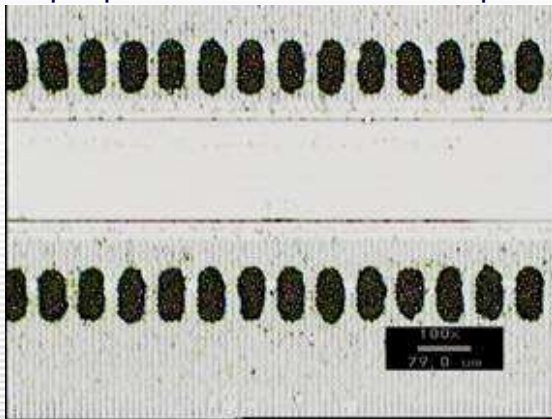


What can this stencil achieve?

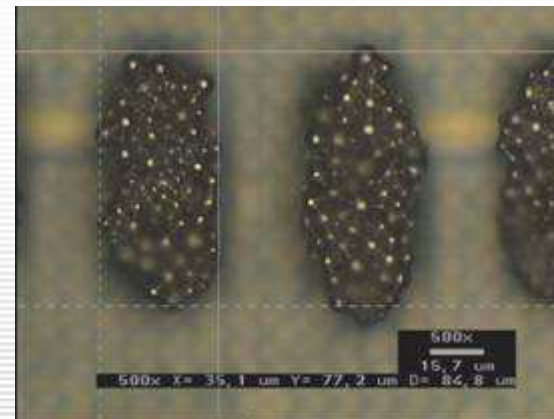
Wafer printing - 60 micron pitch, 6-inch wafer (images courtesy of Technical University of Berlin)



Electroformed nickel apertures 35 μ m x 80 μ m at 60 μ m pitch. Stencil thickness: 20 μ m



Developmental type 8 paste. Powder size range 2-8 μ m. Print deposits at 60 μ m pitch.

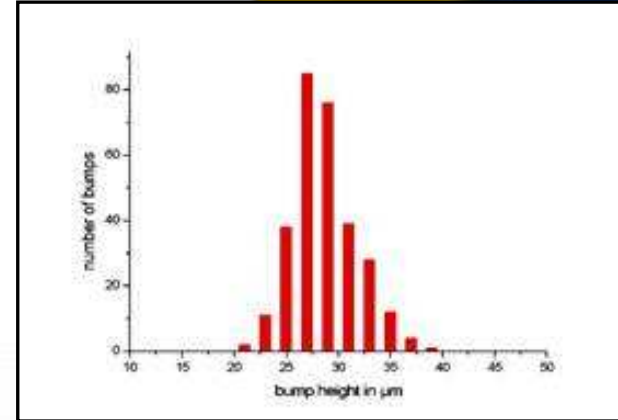
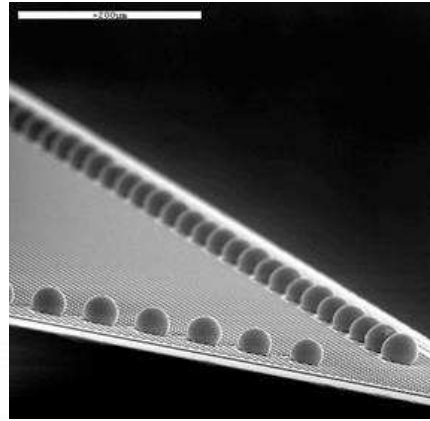
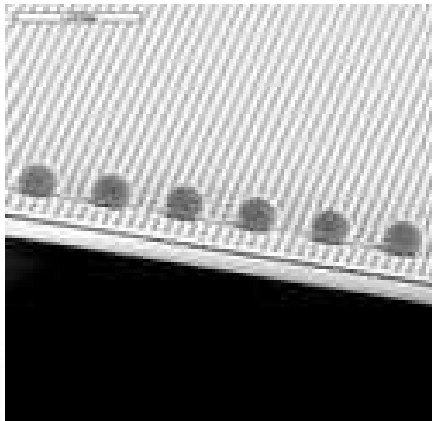


Reference: Wafer printing at 60 μ m pitch with type 8 paste.

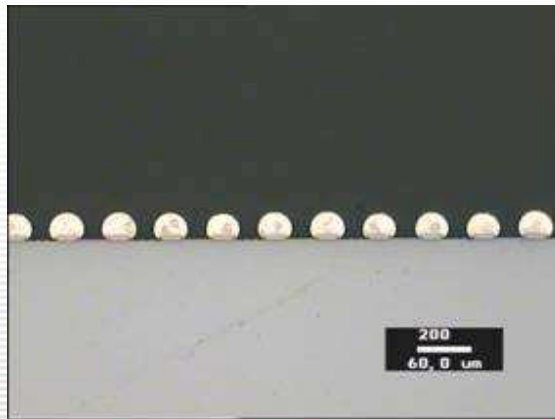
Wafer printing at 60 μ m pitch with type 8 paste.

D. Manassis, R. Patzelt, A. Ostmann, R. Aschenbrenner, H. Reichl, R. W Kay, E. de Gourcuff "Latest technological advancements in stencil printing processes for Ultra-fine-pitch flip chip bumping down to 60 μ m pitch", IMAPS San Diego, Ca, 2006

Case Study – 60 micron pitch 6-inch wafer bumping (images courtesy of Technical University of Berlin)



. Bump height distribution at 60μm pitch, Average height: 28μm

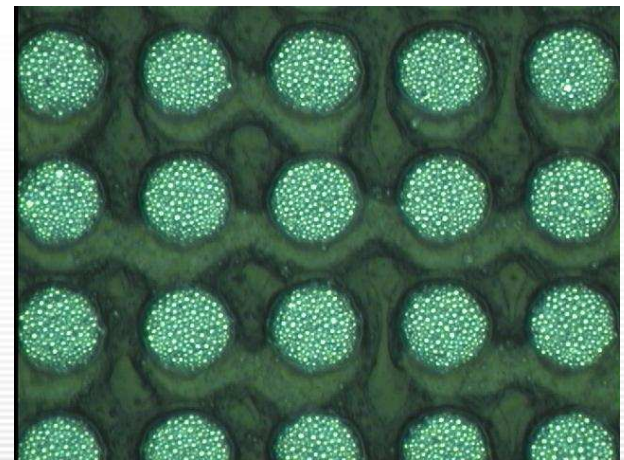
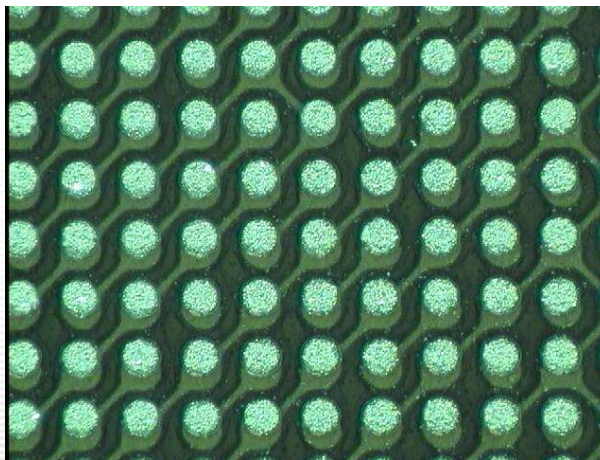
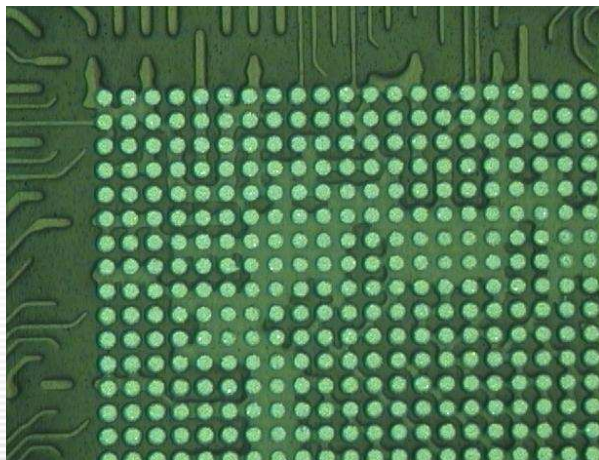


Cross section of bumped chip at 60μm pitch. Shear mode for bumps at 60μm Pitch, fracture occurs in the solder

Reference:

D. Manassis, R. Patzelt, A. Ostmann, R. Aschenbrenner, H. Reichl, R. W Kay, E. de Gourcuff "Latest technological advancements in stencil printing processes for Ultra-fine-pitch flip chip bumping down to 60μm pitch", IMAPS San Diego, Ca, 2006

Flip Chip substrate - 150μm pitch





Technical Contact / Questions?

Dr. Robert Kay
Chief Technical Officer

115A Commonwealth Drive, #04-01, Singapore, 149596

Main Line: +65 6484 7010

Direct Dial: +65 6419 5852

Email: r.w.kay@microstencil.com

Internet: www.microstencil.com

MicroStencil Ltd, 13 Ladysneuk Rd, Stirling, UK

General enquires: sales@microstencil.com

DEK Printing Machines Ltd, 11 Albany Road,
Granby Industrial Estate, UK