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Active Metal Brazed (AMB) Si₃N₄ Substrates DPIS⁽¹⁾



AMB-Si₃N₄ Substrate facts

- Silicon nitride ceramic
Thickness: 0.25mm/0.32mm
- Active Metal Brazed Cu (99.96%)
Thickness(2): 0.30mm/0.40mm/0.50mm/
0.60mm/0.80mm
- Asymmetric material combination is possible up to
0.60mm Cu thickness and a max. thickness
difference of 0.10mm
- Single unit or master card
- Surface finish: Ag optimized for silver sintering Ni or
NiAu, bare Cu selective (partial) plating possible

Key features

- Best in class reliability
- Enables thick Cu layers (e.g. 0.8 mm)
- Thinner ceramics vs. AlN possible for equal thermal
resistance
- Thermal conductivity > 80 W/m.K of Si₃N₄ ceramic

Special features

- Best quality functional surfaces, e.g. Ag finish
optimized for silver sintering technology
- Pre-applied sinter⁽³⁾ / solder
- Rimless Ag plating for more efficient and reliable
surface area for bonding
- Special surface treatment to increase die shear
strength

Main properties of Si₃N₄

	Rating	Unit
Bending strength σ_0	> 650	MPa
Fracture toughness	6 - 7	MPa·m ^{1/2}
Thermal conductivity (@ 20 °C)	≥ 80	W/m·K
Coefficient of thermal expansion (20 °C - 500 °C)	2.6	10 ⁻⁶ /K
Young's modulus (@ 20 °C)	> 280	GPa
Dielectric strength (@ 50 Hz)	15	kV/mm
Volume resistivity (@ 20 °C)	> 10 ¹²	Ω·m

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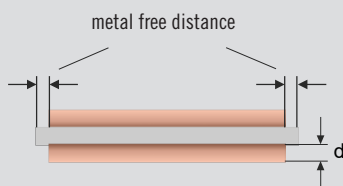
(2) Different material combinations on request

(3) Under development

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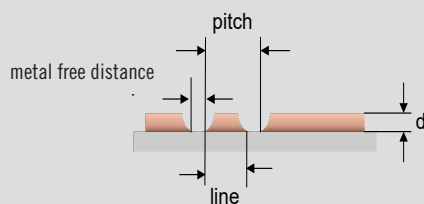
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Metal free distance



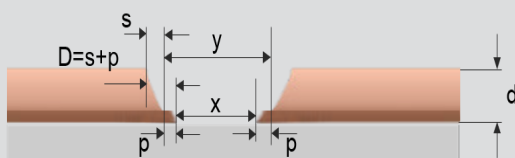
Thickness Cu d [mm]	Min. metal free distance [mm]
0.30	+/- 0.30
-0.80	+/- 0.40

Structuring



Thickness Cu d [mm]	Min. metal free distance [mm]	Min. line [mm]	Min. pitch [mm]
0.30	0.50	0.50	1.00
0.40	0.70	0.70	1.40
0.50	0.70	0.70	1.40
0.60	1.00	1.00	2.00
0.80	1.00	1.00	2.00

Structuring tolerance



Thickness Cu d [mm]	Tolerance of structuring dimensions x, y [mm]
0.30	+0.20, -0.40
0.40	+0.30, -0.50
0.50	+0.30, -0.50
0.60	+ 0.40, -0.60
0.80	+0.40, -0.60

Sidewall of structured pattern + protruding length

Thickness Cu d [mm]	D = sidewall of structured pattern (s) + protruding length (p*) [mm]
0.30 - 0.80	$\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot d$

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*Typical protruding length $p < 50 \mu\text{m}$ on each flank

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Mastercard / Single unit dimension & tolerances

Mastercard usable area	178mm · 127 mm
Single unit dimension*	≥ 15 mm · 15 mm
Tolerances	+0.2 / -0.05 mm

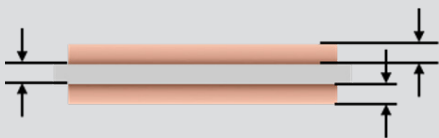
*Smaller dimensions on request

Thickness tolerances

Copper thickness (per each Cu-layer)	0.3 mm	0.4 mm	0.5 mm	0.6 mm	0.8 mm
Copper thickness tolerance (per each Cu-layer)	+10 / -30 μm	+10 / -30 μm	+55 / -55 μm	+55 / -55 μm	+55 / -55 μm
Ceramic thickness tolerance	± 50 μm				
Total thickness (Cu+Si ₃ N ₄ +Cu) tolerance	± 10 %				

Warpage behavior depends on specific layout, single unit size and material combination and can only be specified after initial sample preparation.

Thickness combinations



Si ₃ N ₄ Thickness (mm)	Cu Thickness* (mm)				
	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8
0.32	√	√	√	√	√
0.25	√	√	√	√	√

*Others on request

Surface plating

Plating	Thickness (μm)
Ag full or Ag partial	> 0.2 - 1.0
Electroless Ni	3 - 7 (9% ± 2% P)
Immersion Au (ENIG, Au Class 1)	0.01 - 0.05
Immersion Au (ENIG, Au Class 2)	0.03 - 0.13

Au plating only applicable in combination with Ni

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Metal properties

Surface roughness*

R_a < 1.5 μm, R_z < 16 μm

Copper peeling strength

> 9.8 N/mm

*Lower roughness on request

Customized surfaces for assembly process

Optimization of surface and assembly process parameters available or in development cooperation for:

- Silver sintering
- Solder wetting
- Heavy wire bondability

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