

#### What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?

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- Introduction to Tombstoning
- Experiment Design
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# Introduction to Tombstoning



#### What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?



# Not this kind of tombstone



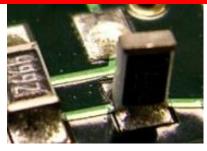






## **Tombstoning Type Defects**

#### Tombstone

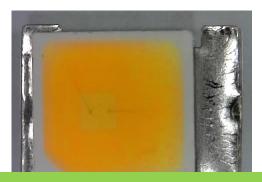


#### Drawbridge









Skew

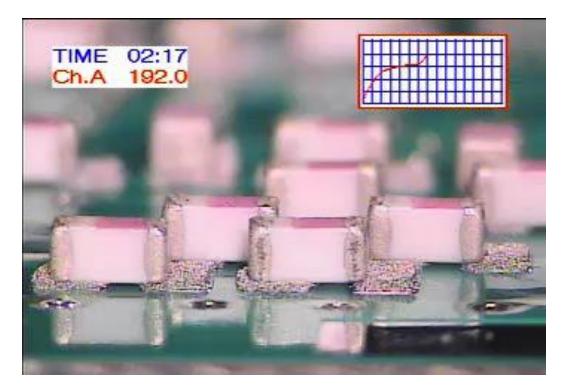


# **Tombstoning Causes**

- Pad layout, Component lead layout, Solder paste print
- Placement shift or error
- Thermal differences in reflow from pad to pad

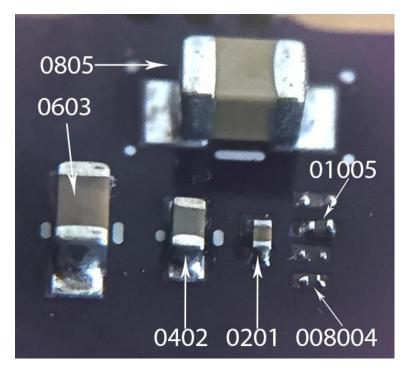


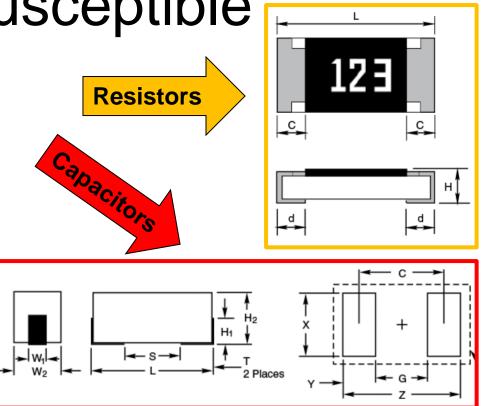
## **Tombstoning Causes**





#### **Components Susceptible**





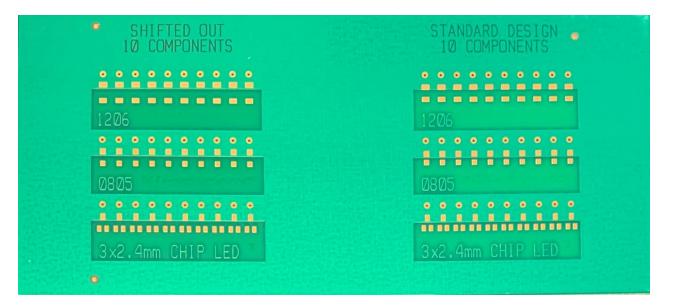
https://www.practicalcomponents.com/dummy-components/



# **Experiment Design**



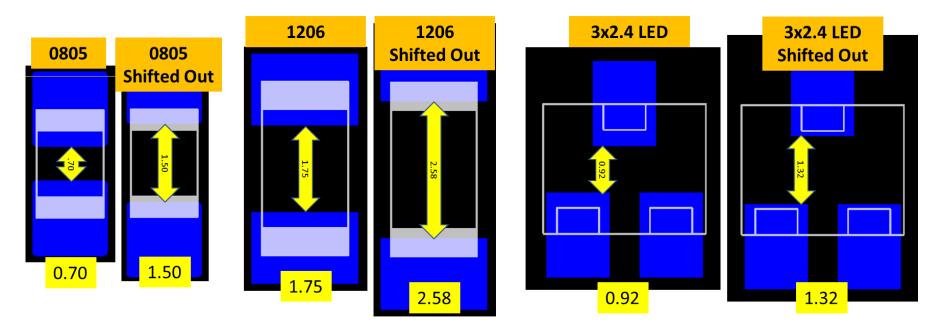
#### **Tombstone Test Board**



SMOBC, 2 oz Cu, 0.059" FR-4, Plated Vias to Ground
1206, 0805, 3x2.4 mm LED, Two Pad Sets



#### **Tombstone Test Board**



Spacing for Normal & Shifted-Out Pad Sets (All Values in mm)

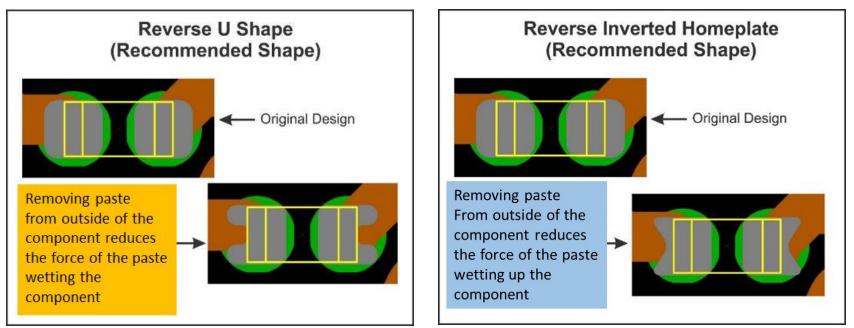


#### **Tombstone Stencils**

Normal and Reverse U-Shape Aperture Designs
127 Microns (5 mils) Thick, No Nano-Coatings



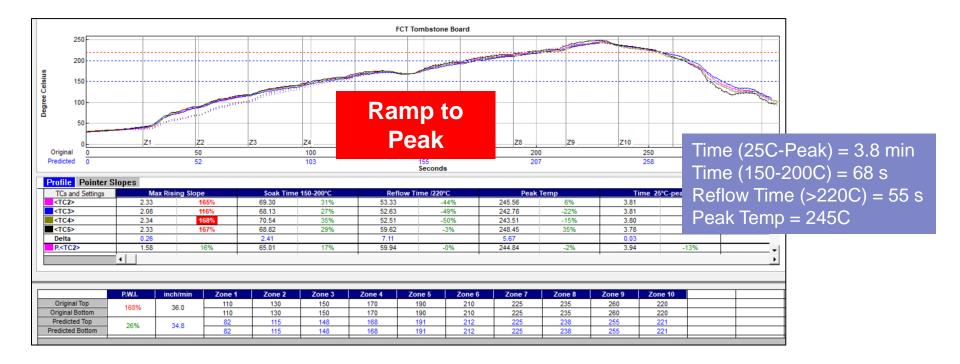
#### **Tombstone Stencils**



Aperture Design to Reduce Tombstoning



#### **Reflow Profile**





#### **Test Iterations**

Test Iteration	Stencil	Alloy	Profile
А	Standard	SAC305	Ramp to Peak
В	Reverse U-Shape	SAC305	Ramp to Peak
С	Standard	SN100CV	Ramp to Peak
D	Standard + 50%	SN100CV	Ramp to Peak
E	Standard + 50%	SN100CV	Ramp to Peak

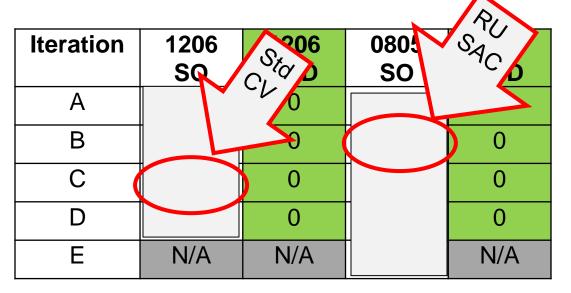
- Solder Paste is No-Clean Lead-Free (ROL0)
- Test E: Placed 0805s on 1206 pads

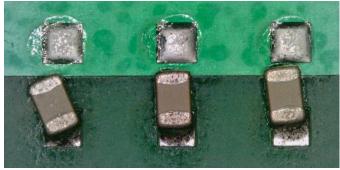


## **Results**



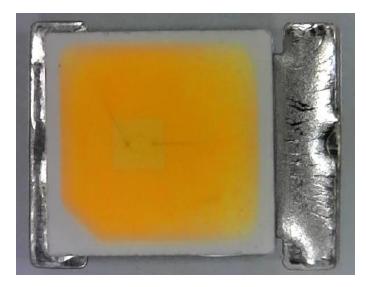
#### Results





SO = Shifted Out, STD = Standard
No Defects With STD Pads or LED's



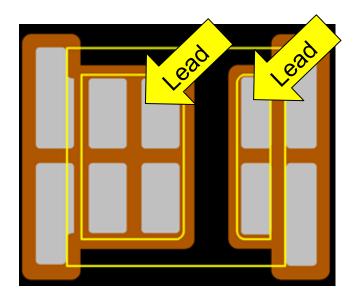


Paste Outside Body

 95% Paste Coverage

 Shifted LED 25/320
 Towards Large Pad





Added Soak Time X
 Modified Stencil Design

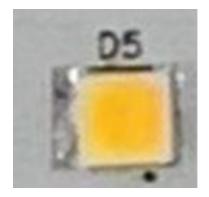
 95% Area to 50% Area

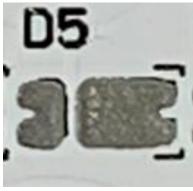
 Anti-Tombstoning Paste

 90% SAC + 10% SN100CV



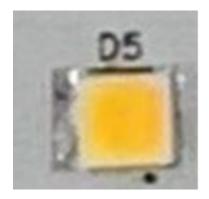






Shifted LED
Towards Large Pad
Relatively High Volume of Paste





Added Soak Time

□ +30 to 40s in 150-200°C

Anti-Tombstoning Paste
 90% SN100CV+ 10% SAC





# Conclusions & Recommendations



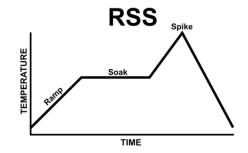
## Conclusions

- Factors with Major Impact on Position Pad Geometry Relative to the Component □ Placement Shift or Error □ Stencil Design Minor Impact
  - □ Reflow Profile



## Recommendations

- Add Soak Time to the Profile
- Modify the Stencil Design
- Minimize Placement Error
- Use Anti-Tombstoning Paste
- Use the Correct Pad Set







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# Thank You!

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