## 3M<sup>™</sup> Novec<sup>™</sup> 2704 Electronic Grade Coating

#### Introduction

3M<sup>™</sup> Novec<sup>™</sup> 2704 Electronic Grade Coating is a fluorinated polymer diluted in 3M<sup>™</sup> Novec<sup>™</sup> 7200 Engineered Fluid, a segregated hydrofluoroether solvent, providing a low viscosity, low surface tension coating solution. Designed for moisture and corrosion protection of printed circuit boards and electronic components, it dries to an ultrathin, transparent coating with excellent hydrophobic and oleophobic properties. It does not need curing and is easy to apply. A yellow-orange dye is incorporated into the fluorinated polymer backbone that will fluoresce under ultraviolet (UV) light, thus aiding inspection and detection in the quality control process.<sup>1</sup> Novec 2704 coating is non-flammable, non ozone-depleting, low in toxicity, low in GWP, RoHS compliant and low in VOC.content.<sup>2</sup>

#### Construction

Not for specification purposes. All values @ 25°C unless otherwise specified.

Measured contact angles can vary based on the type of surface, surface roughness and the application method.

Solids	Solvent	Color	Container Size
4 wt% fluoroacrylate	3M <sup>™</sup> Novec <sup>™</sup> 7100 and 7200 Engineered Fluids	Yellow/Orange	1 gal (11lb/5.0 kg)

## **Typical Physical Properties**

Property	Coating Solution			
Appearance	Transparent, yellow/orange, liquid solution			
Solids	4 wt% fluoroacrylate			
Solvent	3M <sup>™</sup> Novec <sup>™</sup> 7200 Engineered Fluid and <5% PGMEA			
Density	1.41 g/mL			
Viscosity	1.8 cP			
Boiling Point	78°C (172°F)			
Flash Point	None (per closed cup method)			
Environmental (Solvent)	Low in toxicity, non-ozone depleting, non-flammable, low in VOC content, <sup>2</sup> RoHS compliant, contains no chlorine or bromine			
Shelf Life	Two years from date of manufacture in original unopened package			

Property	Fluorinated Polymer Coating			
Appearance	Transparent, light yellow to orange (depending on thickness)			
Coating Thickness	Typically 0.2–1.0 microns depending upon application method, although can be thicker			
Solvent and Chemical Resistance	Resists a variety of solvents and chemicals			
Tg (glass transition temperature)	53°C (127°F)			
Thermal Stability of Dry Film	Can withstand 175°C for 24 hours and maintain repellency			
Contact Angles (static, dip coated/dried on glass substrate)	105° (water), 65° (hexadecane)			
Refractive Index	1.3778			
Non-Flammability	Meets UL 94 HB			
Dielectric Constant @30% RH	2.8 (@1kHz)			
Dissipation Factor @30% RH	0.011 (@1kHz)			
Dielectric Breakdown Strength @35% RH	3700 V/mil			

#### **Features**

- Designed for moisture and corrosion protection of printed circuit boards and electronic components
- Low surface energy allows lubricating oils, silicones, etc. to bead and drain freely from coated surfaces
- Helps provide repellency and antiwetting properties against liquids – water, hydrocarbons, and silicones
- Helps protect against corrosive gases and vapors in addition to liquids
- <sup>1</sup>Detectable florescence under UV light is dependent on the concentration on the surface.

- The polymer can endure up to 175°C for 24 hours and maintain repellency
- Essentially insoluble in solvents such as heptanes, toluene and water
- Adheres to a variety of materials (metals, glass, ceramics, polymers, composites, laminates)
- Thermally and electrically stable with good dielectric properties
- Easy to apply dries quickly without the need for post-application curing

• Excellent surface wetting, especially under low standoff SMT components

- · Allows solder-through repairability
- Non-flammable, non ozone-depleting, and low in toxicity
- Low in global warming potential (GWP), RoHS compliant, and contains a low level of volatile organic compound (VOC)<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup>Contains <5% by weight PGMEA, a volatile organic compound (VOC). The U.S. EPA defines a VOC as "any compound of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates and ammonium carbonate, which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions." See SDS for specific product information.

## **Application Ideas**

#### Helps provide:

- Moisture, chemical and corrosion protection for printed circuit circuit boards and their components
- Protection of display and touch panel components (e.g. anisotropic conductive film)
- · An easy and cost-effective alternative to conformal coatings
- Anti-wetting, anti-stiction, anti-migration and anti-corrosion properties in many diverse applications

#### **Application Techniques**

#### Can serve as:

- Anti-migration coating for displays, spindle motors
  or lubricated electronic parts
- Anti-corrosion coating for a variety of materials and components

Can be sprayed (preferred), dipped or selectively deposited as per the safety and handling requirements stated in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). Surfaces to be coated should be clean and dry before application. Masking may not be required for larger connector types but testing is always suggested. The solvent will evaporate quickly and the fluorinated polymer film will dry in minutes.

#### Application Options Drying/Curing

Spray, dip, syringe dispense Dries at room temperature; can be handled in under two minutes

#### Safety, Handling, Storage, Shelf Life

To avoid thermal decomposition, the coating solution should not be heated above 150°C (302°F) and the dried fluorinated polymer film should not be heated to temperatures above 250°C (482°F). When stored under conditions of 16-27°C (60-80°F) and less than 60% R.H. in the original, unopened container, the shelf life is certified for two years from date of manufacture. Before using this product, please read the current product Safety Data Sheet (available through your 3M sales or technical service representative or at www.3M.com/ Novec) and the precautionary statement on the product package. Follow all applicable precautions and directions. Always practice smart and safe industrial hygiene practices. Do not spray apply without proper ventilation and/or personal protective equipment (PPE).

### **Coating Inspection**

This fluorinated polymer contains a dye that is both visible (yellow/orange) and fluoresces under UV light to aid in the identification and quality control of the coating process. The dye is reacted into the backbone of the polymer. It will not migrate or off-gas from the polymer film. Inspection of the polymer under a range of UV frequencies can be accomplished with commercially available UV lamps designed for industrial use. The dye fluoresces brightest under higher frequency UV (254 nm). Please follow the UV lamp manufacturer's recommendations on safe handling of UV radiation. Fluorescence of the polymer will depend on several factors including coating thickness; substrate type and color; UV source frequency, intensity and distance from the coating surface.

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