

## GENERAL TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

A system of manufacturing Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs) employing a thermally engineered metalized material layer to enable the integrated assembly of advanced electronic circuits using both surface mount (SMT) and unpackaged die components

Provides a very low cost alternative to co-fired ceramics and hybrid MICs

With superior thermal conductivity and ceramic matched CTE, the ECLIPS PCB allows for direct die attach and wire bonding of high power and sensitive IC components and also standard SMT assembly of all others without degradation from dissipated heat

The result is a smaller, more reliable and producible and much more less costly system

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### **PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS**

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Characteristic	Co-Fired Ceramic	Hybrid MIC	ECLIPS PCB
co-location of die & SMT components on single substrate	YES	NO	YES
enables high density trace routing & signal interconnections	YES	NO	YES
thermal conductivity	POOR	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT
CTE matching die attachment	NO	YES	YES
allows automated assembly	YES	NO	YES
housing material cost	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Material cost	<b>\$\$\$\$</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>	<b>\$\$</b>
Assembly cost	<b>\$\$\$</b>	<b>\$\$\$\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

- Thermally engineered material (Met-Graf) developed start-up MMCC – acquired 2015 by Parker Hannifin
- PCB fabrication technology developed and patented by Lockheed Martin under US Patent No. 8,245,390 B2 issued on 21 August 2012
- Cirexx involved in process and technology development through PCB manufacturing. First PCBs fabricated and tested in 2009.
- Cirexx licensed by LMCO M&FC in 2013. The technology is currently used on production programs
- Demonstration Reference System, White Paper and presentation available



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Multilayered PCB Structure with 2 Composite Cores and a Die-Attached MMIC



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High Power RF (millimeter wave) Phased Array Radar Missile Guidance Satellites & Space systems

Product Maturity

Super Computing/CPU "Down Hole" Sensors & Controls Electronic sub-systems (mezzanine)

Mass Production

Automotive/Sensors and Controls Consumer & Industrial LED & CCD Consumer Communications



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- Thermally engineered material is a graphite copper composite which acts essentially as a "metal-core". Available in 10, 20 and 40 mil thickness.
- Vacuum processing assures no residual organics for outgassing or corrosion
- Superior thermal conductivity competing with best currently available materials for PCBs
- Ceramic-matched CTE (especially Z axis) allows for direct-attach of GaAs & GaN die to PCB
- Thinner and lighter-weight heat sinking vs. aluminum or copper metal-core (6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)
- CTE and "balanced stack up" reduces probability of PCB warping and twisting



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### **TECHNICAL DATA**

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Feature	Unit	PARTY PARTY OF A STATE OF THE PARTY PARTY OF THE	Ероху	Ероху	Copper	Aluminum
Thermal Conductivity						
x - y axis	W/mK	285 - 300	0.5	175	390	160
Z axis	W/mK	210	0.5	1	390	160
Heat Capacity (Cp)	J/g-K	0.433	0.6			
CTE (avg 20°C to 150°C)						
x - y axis	ppm/C	7	55	6.5	17	25
Z axis	ppm/C	16	55	55	17	25
Tensile Strength						
x - y axis	ksi	10			34 - 46	40.0
Z axis	ksi	5			34 - 46	40.0
Compressive Strength	ksi	28.5				88.0
Yield Strength (composite)	ksi	12.2			26 - 44	45.0
Elastic Modulus (Young's)	msi	11	3.5	11	17	1.0
Resistivity	μΩcm	4.36		2.85	1.71	0.04
Density	g/cc	6.07		1.65	9.10	2.70
Machinability (drill/rout)		excellent	excellent	fair	good	good
Plated Metal Adhesion		excellent	excellent	fair	excellent	good
Lamination Adhesives		standard	excellent	fair	excellent	good

**FABRICATION DETAIL** 

- PCB Constructions available with many common materials: polyimides, PTFEs, and ceramic-filled laminates
- "Cap Construction" with Arlon 85NT, or "Foil Construction with Taconic TPG30 are common
- Processing similar to standard PCB methods and equipment
- ENEPIG (electroless nickel, electroless palladium, immersion gold) best finish for wire bonding
- Composite backfilled when required with low CTE material
- End product complies with IPC-6013, 6018 and MIL-PRF-31032



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### PCB CONSTRUCTIONATION

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#### CIREXX International "P" (pitch between ECLIPS closest similar vias) "D" (drilled hole diameter) **Top Layer Signals** Smallest standard drill hole diameter is 10:1 ratio between D:T (drilled hole Outer Core Through hole plating directly diameter to overall board thickness) Pre-Preg against Met-Graf for electrical contact Smallest standard Via pad is D + 25 mils Met-Graf/Ground (drill diameter plus 0.025") Pre-Preg flow into Pre-Preg pre-drilled hole in "T" Inner layer Signals sequential lam set for electrical Smallest standard Signal Via pitch is D+ (board Inner Core 30 mils (drill diameter plus 0.030") overall isolation Inner layer Signals thickness) Pre-Preg Pre-drilled hole in Inner layer Signals Smallest standard Thermal Via pitch is D+ Met-Graf filled for 15 mils (drill diameter plus 0.015") electrical isolation Inner Core Inner layer Signals Pre-Preg Minimum Met-Graf clearance hole drill is D + 35 mils (drilled hole daimeter plus 0.035") Met-Graf/Ground Via pad Pre-Preg Minimum Thermal Via clearance hole drill (though sequential lam set) is D + 30 mils **Outer** Core (drilled hole daimeter plus 0.030") **Bottom Layer Signals** Typical Thermal Via **Typical Signal Via**

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An Advanced ECLIPS PCB Design

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		pre-preg	1000			
6		0.5 oz copper				Power
		core 5 mils	1000			
7		0.5 oz Copper				GND
		pre-preg	1000			
8		0.5 oz Copper				Power
_		core 5 mils	1000			
9		0.5 oz Copper				Signals
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10		Met-Graf 7-300 40 mils				GND
11		0.5 oz copper				GND
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16		0.5 oz copper				Signals
		CLTE-XT core 5.1 mils				
17		0.5 oz copper				GND
		CLTE-XT core 5.1 mils				
18		0.5 oz copper				Signals

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Pad on Top Layers

engineering metalized material layers



Internal Ground Connections

Pad on Bottom Layer

Cross-section of typical thermal via through ECLIPS PCB



layers

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**Cross-section of typical signal via** through ECLIPS PCB

(Bottom Layer not shown)

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**After Copper Plating Process** 



### **After Thermal Stress Test**



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### **Thermal Via Spacing**



**Signal Via Spacing** 



### **Center-Core Construction**



**Micro Vias** 

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**Cross-section of typical ECLIPS PCB after Laser Cavity Ablating Operation**  Cross-section of typical ECLIPS PCB with MMIC die-attached

- "Chip & Wire" die attached into outer core cavity directly onto composite layer with solder (AuSn) or silver epoxy paste eliminated the need for exotic heat sinking
- 1 mil Au wire bonding for DC; .25 mil wire for RF connectivity
- Standard SMT assembly of "plastic parts" for remainder of PCB - vapor phase soldering
- Low CTE assures component survival and reliability at higher temperatures
- Housing can be easily machined from anodized aluminum



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Wire/ribbon bonding of direct die-attach to PCB



### **ADVANCED PRODUCT SOLUTIONS**

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Exploded view of high power amplifier with ECLIPS PCB – GaN die side down

Exploded view of high power amplifier with ECLIPS PCB – GaN die side up

**IN SUMMARY** 

 ECLIPS Technology provides a lower cost, more reliable alternative to Co-Fired Ceramic or Hybrid MIC when needing to use both direct die-attach and SMT components

Alternatives unreliable and expensive:

- Ceramics are very high cost
  Hybrid MIC (w/glass feed-through)
- are labor intensive and much larger
- Cirexx engineers are prepared and able to convert your existing designs to an ECLIPS Technology or help you to develop a new one
- ECLIPS Technology meets all current standards and specification

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EXPERIENCED TEAM: UNDERSTANDS THE UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS OF RF/MICROWAVE ENGINEERING SUPPORT: AVAILABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR TEAM HIGH TECHNOLOGY: BROAD EXPERIENCE WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART PCB TECHNOLOGIES SEAMLESS INTEGRATION: OUR SYSTEMS WILL COMPLY WITH YOUR SYSTEMS QUICK TURNAROUND: THE LEADED IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY PCB QUICK-TURN MANAGEMENT COMMITTMENT: TO YOUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION