Cost-Effective Microwave Solutions - also suitable for HDI

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Commercial Radar Market Forecast



Data acc. to Frost & Sullivan









Processability PTFE vs. Thermoset Laminates

Process	Low Cost PTFE	Thermoset
Drilling	almost FR4 parameter	almost FR4 parameter
	higher stack height (0.5 oz)	
Photomech	same	same
Hole Wall Prep.	Plasma	Permanganate
PTH	same	same
Etching	same	same
Solder Mask	same	same
HASL	same	same
Ni/Au	same	same
Routing	same (almost FR4)	same (almost FR4)



Availability of PTFE Base Materials

Example of a leading PTFE base material manufacturer

	10 Years ago	Today
Price	very expensive	competitive (low cost PTFE) -
		expensive (very low DK material)
Lead Time	several weeks	5 days ex works
Source	USA only	ISO9002 approved European Manufacturer;
		US plant as guaranteed 2nd source
Quality	intermittent	excellent (state-of-the-art treater; vacuum press
Product Range	DK 2.20, 2.50, 2.55	DK 2.17, 2.20, 2.30, 2.45, 2.50, 2.55, 3.0, 3.20,
		3.50, 10
Sheet/Panel Size	36 x 48" (914 x 1220 mm)	36 x 48" (914 x 1220 mm) or any panel size thereof
	16 x 36" (406 x 914 mm);	for all laminate grades;
	10 x 10" (250 x 250 mm)	36 x 60", 36 x 76", 36 x 106" for specialities
	(specialities)	



Pricing PTFE vs. Thermoset Laminates





PTFE/FR4 Hybrid Multilayer



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A) Economical Solution











Dielectric Thickness:

Copper Thickness:

50 micron (2 mil) = standard for HDI multilayer 3/8 oz, 0.5 oz Copper



Mass Via Concept - Approach 1





Mass Via Concept - Approach 2



4 Lyr o/a thicknesss 0.8mm; material content ~ 11 cents/in²



TacLam -

Controlled thickness, low-loss material for HDI

	TacLam	RCC®	MultiFoil®
DK (@ 1 MHz)	2.1	3.43	3.70
DK (@ 10 GHz)	2.1	3.1	3.4
DK (@ 40 GHz)	2.1	?	?
DF (@ 1 MHz)		0.0257	0.0396
DF (@ 10 GHz)	0.0009	0.02	0.026
DF (@ 40 GHz)	0.0009	?	?
Tg (°C)	> 260	160	112
Water Absorption (%)	< 0.02	1.04	2.17

Based on feedback, PTFE base material with resin-content > 95% can also be used in applications with frequencies > 70GHz. The DK remains constant.



TacLam -

Controlled thickness, low-loss material for HDI

Value to the Marketplace

Features

- Glass-free dielectric
- Low profile copper
- Surface smoothness/ no weave printthrough
- Lowest dielectric constant and tightest tolerance up to very high GHz range

Benefits

- Very thin multilayer constructions
- Enabler for mass via formation
- Superior insulation resistance
- Very fine line technology
- Improved etching yields of fine lines and spaces
- Higher clocking speeds (high-speed digital)





PTFE Prepregs for Multilayers

PTFE Prepregs for All-RF Multilayers (Mass-Lam Approach)



