

# ALPHA<sup>®</sup> CRR-BK2 READY RIBBON<sup>®</sup> FLUX

## Black Ready Ribbon Flux for PV Ribbon Coating

### DESCRIPTION

**ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux** is a black colored alcohol based, zero-rosin, halogen, and halide free, no-clean flux specifically designed to use for in coating photovoltaic (PV) Ready Ribbon. When applied on the rooftop and BIPV, the black coated Ready Ribbon improves cosmetics by blending with solar panel color.

**ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux** eliminates the need for module assemblers to apply liquid flux during either manual or automated stringing operations. This virtually eliminates all the effort and costs associated with buying, storing, and using a liquid flux. It also eliminates a potential hazard from the workplace if the liquid flux being used is flammable.

**ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux** is designed to be pliable, so it does not chip or flake during handling or feeding in automated Combined Tapping and Stringing (CTS) equipment. The flux system activates at normal soldering temperatures so it can be dropped into most current liquid flux processes. It is low in residues and non-tacky, minimizing the time requires for equipment maintenance and reducing machine downtime. Flux forms a uniform coating on Ready Ribbon resulting uniformly coated black spool.

**ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux** is also specifically designed to meet the demanding requirements of the Photovoltaic industry when higher pull strength is deemed necessary.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

**FEATURES & BENEFITS**

| Features  | Benefits   |
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| Cosmetic enhancement  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black coated ribbon improves aesthetics in rooftop PV module application blending with solar panel</li> <li>• Excellent lightfastness and color durability</li> </ul>   |
| Eliminates module assembler issues associated with assembling cSi modules using a liquid flux | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher resistance to cracking and flaking (pollution)</li> <li>• Increase throughput by maximizing production equipment up-time</li> <li>• Reduces flux related system maintenance including cleaning of residues and replacement of corroded parts</li> <li>• Eliminates the presence of flammable material (flux) from module assembler production and inventory</li> <li>• Minimizes impact of residues on modules assembled using systems where the flux is applied directly on the cell</li> </ul> |
| Drop into the most existing assembly process  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy transition to fluxless processing by the end customer</li> <li>• Works well on all the most popular CTS equipment</li> </ul>   |
| Novel flux chemistry that is uniformly applied  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tack-free residues for clean operation</li> <li>• Fast wetting speed improves production yield</li> <li>• Uniform coating and a consistent amount of flux deliver optimum peel strength</li> <li>• No change in module reliability</li> </ul>   |

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux is engineered to support Ready Ribbon coating process for standard solar module assembly applications. This flux has a wide process window and works well with most soldering processes. This is a no-clean flux, no cleaning is needed. It is recommended that flux should be bead milled or stirred at high speed (>7000 rpm) for 4 to 5 hours to get uniform dispersion.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

| Parameter                        | Typical Value          | Parameter               | Typical Values |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Appearance                       | Black Color suspension | pH, (5% solution, Base) | 3.3 to 4.7     |
| Specific Gravity @ 25 °C (77 °F) | 0.790 to 0.810         | Flash Point (T.C.C.)    | 12 °C          |
| IPC J-STD-004 Designation        | ORL0                   | Shelf Life              | 6 months       |

**CORROSION & ELECTRICAL TESTING**
**Corrosion Test**

| Test   | Requirements                       | Results  |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Copper Mirror Test<br>IPC-TM 650 Test Method 2.3.32    | No evidence of mirror breakthrough | No evidence of a mirror breakthrough. Classified as "L"  |
| Copper Corrosion Test<br>IPC-TM 650 Test Method 2.6.15 | No evidence of corrosion           | No corrosion and pitting was observed. Classified as "L" |

**RECYCLING SERVICES**

We provide safe and efficient recycling services to help companies meet their environmental and legislative requirements and at the same time, maximize the value of their waste streams.

Our service collects solder dross, solder scrap, and various forms of solder paste waste. Please contact your local sales representative for recycling capabilities in your area or [link here](#).



**SAFETY & WARNING**

It is recommended that the company/operator read and review the Safety Data Sheets for the appropriate health and safety warnings before use. **Safety Data Sheets are available at [MacdermidAlpha.com/assembly-solutions/knowledge-base](http://MacdermidAlpha.com/assembly-solutions/knowledge-base).**

**STORAGE**

Recommend to store ALPHA CRR-BK2 Ready Ribbon Flux at temperatures between 10 to 42 °C. An unopened container stored under these conditions has a storage period up to 6 months.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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