

Recommended reflow soldering profile

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The perfect soldering profile for SMT Surface Mount Technology is one the most exiting question in SMT production. But there are more than one correct answer: The diagram of temperature-on-time is related to processing features of solder paste and to maximum load of components.

We have to consider the following parameters:

- Time for pre heating
- Maximum temperature
- Time above melting point
- Time for cooling
- Maximum heating rate
- Maximum cooling rate

We recommend a typical solder profile with associated process limits. With preheating components and board are prepared smoothly for the solder phase. Heating rate is typically $\leq +3\text{K/s}$. In parallel the solder paste is 'activated'. The time above melting point of 217°C the paste gets liquid and components and boards begin to connect. The maximum temperature of 245°C to 254°C should stay between 10 and 40 seconds. In the cooling phase at $\geq -6\text{K/s}$ solder is cured. Board and components cool down while avoiding cold cracks.