Customer Service Note

Micron® Component, Module and SSD Packaging

Introduction

Micron follows specific packaging procedures to help ensure safe transport of our products. This customer service note describes a wide range of topics concerning the packaging and shipping of Micron® semiconductors, modules and SSDs, including:

- Packaging Procedures
- Air Allowance in Moisture-Barrier and Static-Shielding Bags
- Humidity Indicator Cards
- Pin 1 Orientation for Tray and Tape-and-Reel Packaging
- Carrier Tape Design Details
- Component Packaging Materials Composition

Packaging Procedures

For shipping, Micron packages its semiconductor, module, and SSD products in product-specific trays and tape-and-reel carriers. Each method may include a desiccant pack, HIC, moisture-barrier or static-shielding bag, internal padding, boxes, and packing labels. The following figures outline the packing sequence for each packaging method.

Notes: 1. For actual tray and box quantities, refer to CSN-04, “Shipping Quantities.”
Final tray packages may be placed in a master shipping container in configurations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, and 12.
Final tape-and-reel packages may be placed in a master shipping container in configurations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 20.
Figure 4: Module Packaging

The security tape shown in Figure 5 is an example of the tape Micron uses to seal all open ends of outer shipping containers. A single box may be shipped without a shipping container, but the security tape will still be applied.

Figure 5: Shipping Container Security Tape Example
Figure 6: 1.8-Inch SSD Packaging

- Static-shielded bag
- ESD-protected SSD is then inserted into the foam cell divider slots
- ESD warning label
- Foam insert
- Foam cell divider
- Inner box
- Box label
- Non-opening side
- ESD tape
- Opening side
- Spec label (optional)
Figure 7: 2.5-Inch SSD Packaging

SSDs are placed directly into the tray.

Loaded trays are stacked.

An empty tray is used as the lid.

Opening side

Non-opening side

Spec label (optional)

Box label

ESD tape

Shipper
Figure 9: M.2 SSD Packaging

- M.2 SSD shipping tray lid
- Shipping tray
- Completed shipping tray with lid in place
- Shipping box, holds two trays
- ESD tape
- Box label
- Spec label (optional)
Figure 10: M.2 SSD Flat-Tray Packaging

- M.2 SSD flat shipping tray used as lid
- Stacked shipping trays
- Completed shipping trays with lid in place
- Shipping box
- ESD tape
- Box label
- Spec label (optional)
Figure 11: Embedded USB (eUSB) Packaging

- eUSB shipping tray lid
- eUSB shipping tray
- Full shipping tray
- Shipping box, holds two tray
- ESD tape
- Box label
- Spec label (optional)
Air Allowance in Moisture-Barrier and Static-Shielding Bags

Moisture-barrier and static-shielding bags are packed with some allowance for air to facilitate maximum moisture absorption. As such, some variation in the amount of air within the bags is to be expected. However, if questions arise regarding the moisture content of the bagged product or if the enclosed humidity indicator card indicates any abnormality, please refer to the section Humidity Indicator Cards or to Micron Technical Note TN-00-01, “Moisture Sensitivity of Plastic Packages.”

There is no shelf life for module-level products (for example, DIMMs and SSDs). The memory components are humidity sensitive, which can affect their performance and reliability during mounting. When mounted, these components are no longer moisture sensitive.

Humidity Indicator Cards

Micron provides a humidity indicator card (HIC) and desiccant pack with all non-level 1 surface-mount products. The HIC provides an indication of the relative humidity (RH) level of the packaged contents. Review the Packaging Procedures section for the general placement of a standard HIC and desiccant for each of Micron’s packaging methods.

Micron is in the process of changing the HICs we use to comply with both the IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033 standard and all REACH regulations (cobalt dichloride free). During the transition, customers may receive either format. For this reason, Figures 14–18 show both formats.
Evaluating the RH Levels of Dry Pack Shipments

The RH level within the moisture-barrier bag can be determined by inspecting the HIC. Micron recommends inspecting the HIC under the following conditions:

- The HIC should be read immediately after opening the moisture-barrier bag.
- For accuracy, the HIC should be read at 23°C ±5°C.

If the devices are to be repackaged in a moisture-barrier bag, replace both the desiccant and the HIC.

The HIC’s color dots should be evaluated using the following guidelines.

5% RH

If the 5%, 10%, and 60% dots are blue (see Figure 5), the devices are adequately dry, and no baking is required.

Figure 14: 5% RH

- **HUMIDITY INDICATOR**
  - Complies with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B
  - **LEVEL 2 PARTS**
    - Bake parts if 60% is NOT blue
  - **LEVEL 2A-5A PARTS**
    - Bake parts if 10% is NOT blue and 5% is pink
  - Initial use: Do not put this card into a bag if 60% is pink.

- **COBALT DICHLORIDE FREE**
  - Complies with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033 and all REACH regulations
  - **LEVEL 2 PARTS**
    - BAKE PARTS IF 60% IS NOT BLUE
  - **LEVEL 2A-5A PARTS**
    - BAKE PARTS IF 10% IS NOT BLUE AND 5% IS PINK
  - Initial use: Do not put this card into a bag if 60% is pink.

or

- **HUMIDITY INDICATOR**
  - Complies with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B
  - **LEVEL 2 PARTS**
    - Bake parts if 60% is NOT blue
  - **LEVEL 2A-5A PARTS**
    - Bake parts if 10% is NOT blue
  - Initial use: Do not put this card into a bag if 60% is pink.

- **COBALT DICHLORIDE FREE**
  - Complies with IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033 and all REACH regulations
  - **LEVEL 2 PARTS**
    - BAKE PARTS IF 60% IS NOT BLUE
  - **LEVEL 2A-5A PARTS**
    - BAKE PARTS IF 10% IS NOT BLUE AND 5% IS PINK
  - Initial use: Do not put this card into a bag if 60% is pink.
<10% RH

If the 5% dot is pink and the 10% or 60% dots are blue (see Figure 15), the devices are adequately dry, and no baking is required.

Figure 15: <10% RH

10% RH

If the 5% dot is pink, 10% dot is lavender, and the 60% dot is blue (see Figure 16), the devices are adequately dry, and no baking is required.

Figure 16: 10% RH
>10% RH

If the 5% and 10% dots are pink and the 60% dot is blue (see Figure 17), the devices have been exposed to an excessive level of moisture, and they must be dried per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B, Clause 4. Upon completion of the recommended bake, the devices can be repacked in a moisture-barrier bag with a new desiccant and a new HIC.

Figure 17: >10% RH

60% RH

If the 5%, 10%, and 60% dots are pink (see Figure 18), the devices have been exposed to an excessive level of moisture, and they must be dried per IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B, Clause 4. Upon completion of the recommended bake, the devices can be repacked in a moisture-barrier bag with a new desiccant and a new HIC.

Figure 18: 60% RH
Pin 1 Orientation for Tray and Tape-and-Reel Packaging

Pin 1 refers to the location of the first lead or ball inside a semiconductor device and is used to determine how a part is attached to a circuit board. In a corner on the topside of each Micron device, pin 1 is indicated by an indentation, either a molded dot or a molded “MT,” or it is indicated by a mark, specifically, a laser-etched dot or a laser-etched “MT.” This section explains the locations of the pin 1 indicators on Micron’s devices shipped in tray and tape-and-reel packaging.

Location of Pin 1 in Tray Packaging

Micron uses several different types of trays with varying colors for shipping products. However, each tray has a single beveled corner that indicates the direction pin 1 faces on each device. Depending on the package type and the design ID of the part, the pin 1 indicator will be located in one of the two corners of the device edge closest to the beveled corner of the tray. For square BGA packages, pin 1 is always positioned in the A location. An example is shown in Figure 19.

Figure 19: Pin 1 Direction on Trays

1. For square BGA packages, pin 1 is always positioned in the A location.

Location of Pin 1 in Tape-and-Reel Packaging

Depending on their package type and design ID, devices shipped in tape-and-reel carriers are positioned so that the pin 1 indicator on each device is located in one of the two corners that faces the edge of the carrier tape with the round sprocket holes. For square BGA packages, pin 1 is always positioned in the A location. Figure 20 on page 17 illustrates the position of the pin 1 indicators on Micron's tape-and-reel carriers.
Carrier Tape Design Details

Micron supports the Electronic Industries Association’s (EIA) standardization of tape-and-reel specifications, number 481-D. Specifications for our tape-and-reel offerings are detailed in the following figures and tables.

Figure 21: Reel

Notes: 1. The leader and trailer lengths on Micron’s tape-and-reel carriers are >400mm and >160mm, respectively.
Figure 22:  Bending Radius

Notes: 1. Tape and components shall pass around radius “R” without damage.

Figure 23:  Camber (top view)

Notes: 1. Allowable camber to be 1mm/250mm.
Figure 24: Embossed Carrier Dimensions (16mm and 24mm tape)

![Diagram of carrier tape dimensions](image)

Notes:
1. The cavity defined by A0, B0, and K0 shall surround the component with sufficient clearance that:
   1a. The component does not protrude above the top surface of the carrier tape.
   1b. After the top cover tape has been removed, the component can be removed from the cavity in a vertical direction without mechanical restriction.
   1c. Rotation of the component is limited to 10 degrees maximum for 16mm and 24mm tapes.
   1d. Lateral movement of the component is restricted to 1.0mm MAX for 16mm- and 24mm-wide tapes. See Figure 27 on page 21.

2. All dimensions in millimeters (inches).

Table 1: 16mm and 24mm Embossed Tape Dimensions

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<td>16mm</td>
<td>1.5 +0.10/-0.00 (0.059)</td>
<td>1.75 ±0.10 (0.069 ±0.004)</td>
<td>4.0 ±0.10 (0.157 ±0.004)</td>
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<td>11.5 ±0.10 (0.453 ±0.004)</td>
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Notes:
1. All dimensions in millimeters (inches).
2. The cavity defined by A0, B0, and K0 shall surround the component with sufficient clearance that:
   2a. The component does not protrude above the top surface of the carrier tape.
   2b. After the top cover tape has been removed, the component can be removed from the cavity in a vertical direction without mechanical restriction.
   2c. Rotation of the component is limited to 10 degrees maximum for 16mm and 24mm tapes.
   2d. Lateral movement of the component is restricted to 1.0mm MAX for 16mm- and 24mm-wide tapes. See Figure 27 on page 21.
3. Tape and components shall pass around radius “R” without damage. Refer to Figure 22 on page 18.
Figure 25: Embossed Carrier Dimensions (32mm and 44mm tape only)

Notes: 1. The cavity defined by A0, B0, and K0 shall surround the component with sufficient clearance that:
   1a. The component does not protrude above the top surface of the carrier tape.
   1b. After the top cover tape has been removed, the component can be removed from the cavity in a vertical direction without mechanical restriction.
   1c. Rotation of the component is limited to 10 degrees maximum for 32mm and 44mm tapes.
   1d. Lateral movement of the component is restricted to 1.0mm MAX for 32mm- and 44mm-wide tapes. See Figure 27 on page 21.

Figure 26: Detail of Elongated Hole
Figure 27: Maximum Lateral Movement for Punched and Embossed Carrier

16mm-44mm Tapes

Table 2: 32mm and 44mm Embossed Tape

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<td>44mm</td>
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Notes:
1. All dimensions in millimeters (inches).
2. The cavity defined by A0, B0, and K0 shall surround the component with sufficient clearance that:
   2a. The component does not protrude above the top surface of the carrier tape.
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3. Tape and components shall pass around radius “R” without damage. See Figure 22 on page 18.
Component Packaging Materials Composition

To package its semiconductor memory for delivery, Micron uses two basic methods: tray and tape-and-reel. Where possible, Micron incorporates recyclable materials both in the internal packing materials and in the external coverings. Table 3 on page 22 provides complete descriptions of the materials, their properties, and the industry standards met for component packaging methods.

Table 3: Component Packaging Materials

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Notes:
1. Contact the factory for questions regarding omitted information.
2. Provided with MST Level 2 through 5A products shipped in trays and tape-and-reels only.
3. Provided with MST Level 1 product only.
4. Applicable to product shipped in trays only.
5. Applicable to product shipped in tape-and-reel only.
Revision History

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  • Updated SSD packaging figures
  • Updated doc ID number

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  • Added pin 1 information to Pin 1 Direction on Trays and Location of Pin 1 in Tape-and-Reel Packaging figures

Rev. W.  .................................................. 10/18
  • Updated Air Allowance in Moisture-Barrier and Static-Shielding Bags section

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  • Updated desiccant composition

Rev. U.  .................................................. 1/18
  • Updated M.2 SSD packaging figure

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  • Updated eUSB packaging figure

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  • Added CSN-04 note to page 1

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  • Added ESD Tape Example figure (Figure 2)
  • Updated Figures 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 to include box orientation (opening and non-opening sides) and ESD tape
  • Replaced 2.5-Inch SSD Packaging figure (Figure 7)

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  • Added M.2 information
  • Added thermoformed packaging information

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  • Added microdisplay panel information

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  • Added mSATA information

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  • Updated EIA specification information

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  • Changed ...cobaltous chloride... to ...cobaltous bromide... in Table 3

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  • Added customer revision to Figure 3 on page 3

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