

Technology

Application Report

Industry	Electronics
Type of Application	Protection of PWB (Printed Wiring Boards) and PCB (Printed Circuit Boards)
Project Details	Providing corrosion and solderability protection for PWB in severe environments like Asia / India
Previous Problems	Major Telecomm company was seeing the Copper based PWB's and via's have major corrosion issues within weeks of manufacture, even though the boards were in sealed ESD shielding bags
Revised Packaging Solution	Switching the client from non-recyclable ESD Shielding Bags to 75 micron (3 mil) Static Intercept® bags provided the solution for short to long term (15 plus years) of corrosion and ESD protection
Benefits and Improvement	The use of Static INTERCEPT bags allowed the PWB's to be protected for short term applications as well as long term shipment and storage without fear of the Copper portions of the board or via connections being attacked by the high levels of Sulfur based pollutants in the air and environment. The Sulfur based gases were severely damaging the Copper rendering the boards not usable and preventing solderability and functionality.

Application Photos

Switching to Static INTERCEPT bags has resolved the problem and provided complete protection for the PWB – the PWB's are protected as both individual boards and stacks

PWB Failure > Verdict - Corrosion Damage Not ESD After only 6 weeks in India in an ESD Shielding Bag

