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Semi-Flex

multi-family semi-flexible cores and prepregs



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Semi-Flex Introduction

The Semi-Flex family of laminates and prepregs are a low cost alternative for flex-to-install technology applications where non-dynamic or limited bending is required.



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Semi-Flex Value Proposition

- Low cost of ownership
- Conventional PCB processing
- Dimensional Stability through reinforced E-glass
- Lead-free compatible
- Manufactured in Europe
- No additional UL requirements
- Available across a wide range of Isola products

Semi-Flex - Availability

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- Material thickness 60um, 80um, 100um
- Glass Styles 106, 1080, 2116
- HD Copper 18um, 35um
- Product DE104, IS400, IS410, 370HR, 408HR
- Available in sheets, panels or rolls

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- Test Matrix:
- Material: IS400, IS410, 408HR, 370HR
- Glass Styles: 106, 1080 and 2116 (single ply)
- Copper Foil: 18um HD copper
- Bending Radius: 2mm, 3mm
- Bending Angle: 180°degrees
- Track Width: 300um

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Semi-Flex - Performance

Test fixture and test set up:



Failure criteria: Break in the track after *n* bending cycles

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IS400, Number of bends, bending angle 180°



* Prediction based on pilot tests, extensive test series will soon be completed.

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IS410, Number of bends, bending angle 180°



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408HR, Number of bends, bending angle 180°



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370HR, Number of bends, bending angle 180°



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- Single ply constructions using HD copper give excellent performance characteristics (>100 bends)
- More testing planned for multiple ply constructions with results due in Q1 2012
- Cost and performance benefits versus traditional flex circuit materials such as PET, PEN and polyimide
- Conventional PCB processing and known design aspects of reinforced substrates