

Advanced Circuit Materials

Properties 2.9.1

Low Outgassing Characteristics of Rogers Laminates Approved for Spacecraft Applications

RT/duroid[®] composites of PTFE with inorganic fiber filler and TMM[®] temperature stable hydrocarbon composites, have outstanding resistance to outgassing, according to data compiled by NASA test procedure SP-R-0022A. Reinforced PTFE laminates and PTFE composites are thermally stable and have universal outgassing characteristics. Similarly, TMM temperature stable laminates are highly crosslinked hydrocarbons which do not evolve gases or by-products at elevated temperatures. Test data shown in the table (back page) were obtained on specimens etched free of copper foil.

The test procedure² consists of vacuum heating 100 to 300 mg specimens in a copper enclosure, with exit port at 125°C for 24 hours with a chrome-plated collector maintained at 25°C located 12.7 mm from the exit port. The Total Mass Loss (TML), Collected Volatile Condensable Materials (CVCM) and Water Vapor Recovered (WVR) are expressed as a % of the original specimen mass. In general, materials with TML over 1.0 or CVCM over 0.10 should be avoided in spacecraft applications.

References:

1. William A. Campbell, Jr. and Richard S. Marriott of Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, "OUTGASSING DATA FOR SPACECRAFT MATERIALS", NASA Reference Publication 1124, August 1987.

Note: The database of RP1124 is updated weekly and may be accessed or downloaded from the NASA website at http://epims.gsfc.nasa.gov/og/.

2. ANSI/ASTM E595-84 "Standard Test Method for Total Mass Loss and Collected Volatile Condensable Materials from Outgassing in a Vacuum Environment", American Society for Testing and Materials, Annual Book of Standards.

| %WVR | %CVCM | %TML | ASTM 595-84 | Nominal Dielectric Constant | Composition | Material Type |
|------|-------|------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.05 | | 2.33 | PTFE Glass-microfiber | RT/duroid® 5870 Laminates |
| 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.03 | | 2.20 | PTFE Glass-microfiber | RT/duroid 5880 Laminates |
| 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.03 | | 10.2 | PTFE PTFE Glass-microfiber Ceramic filler Ceramic filler | RT/duroid 6010 Laminates |
| 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | | 2.94 | PTFE Glass-microfiber Ceramic filler | RT/duroid 6002 Laminates |
| 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.04 | | 3.27 | Thermoset Polymer Composite | TMM® 3 Temperature Stable Laminates Temperature Stable Laminates |
| 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.06 | | 9.20 | Thermoset Polymer Composite | TMM10 Temperature Stable Laminates |
| 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.13 | | 2.28 | Thermoplastic Chlorofluroro- copolymer | TMM10 3001 Bonding emperature Film Stable -aminates |
| 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.06 | | 3.38 | ThermosetThermoplasticHydrocarbonPolymerChlorofluroro-Cermic WovenCompositecopolymerGlass | RO4003C™ High Frequency Circuit Materials |
| 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | | 2.40-2.60 | PTFE Woven | ULTRALAM® 2000 Laminates |

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