



5744 Solder Saver®

Product Description

Kester 5744 Solder Saver® is a chloride-free, inorganic white powder formulated to remove dross, which is the oxide of solder, from still solder pots and wave soldering machines. Unlike most active reducing materials, Kester 5744 does not decompose to sticky residues that are harder to remove than the original dross. Kester 5744 has been designed to be low fuming and is stable at molten solder temperatures below 260°C (500°F). Unlike flammable, messy, organic based solder cover chemicals, Kester 5744 is a nonflammable powder that remains a solid while it is working and is easily removed from the solder pot after it is used. Reducing tin oxide back to tin metal will greatly reduce dross scrap and will help keep the soldering pot surface clear of residues.

Physical Properties

Appearance: White Crystals

Melting Point: Sublimes >300°C

Flash Point: None

Application Notes

Kester 5744 must be used on a still solder pot surface. All solder wave pumping and agitation action must be turned off. The pot temperature should be controlled to 232-260°C (450-500°F). Cover the solder surface with Kester 5744 by sprinkling the powder on the pot in a thin covering layer, no greater than 6.4mm (0.25in) thick. Slowly mix the salt with the surface of the solder with a metallic solder ladle or a metal spatula. Allow the salt 10 seconds after mixing to convert the dross back to solder. Move any dross on the pot into the salt covered surface to convert the dross to metal. When done, remove the dross recovery salt and other dirt residues with a metallic solder ladle or a metal spatula. All of the Kester 5744 should be removed from the solder surface. Kester 5744 is intended to be used as received.

Storage and Shelf Life:

Kester 5744 should be stored in sealed containers. Shelf life is 3 years from date of manufacture when handled properly and held at -10-45°C (14-113°F).

Health & Safety:

This product, during handling or use, may be hazardous to health or the environment. Read the Material Safety Data Sheet and warning label before using this product.

World Headquarters: 515 E. Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018 USA

Phone: (+1) 847-297-1600 • **Email:** customerservice@kester.com • **Website:** www.kester.com

Asia Pacific Headquarters

500 Chai Chee Lane
Singapore 469024
(+65) 6449-1133
customerservice@kester.com.sg

European Headquarters

Ganghoferstrasse 45
D-82216 Gernlinden
Germany
(+49) 8142-47850
customerservice@kester-eu.com

Japanese Headquarters

20-11 Yokokawa 2-Chome
Sumida-Ku
Tokyo 130-0003 Japan
(+81) 3-3624-5351
jpsales@kester.com.sg

The data recommendations presented are based on tests, which we consider reliable. Because Kester has no control over the conditions of use, we disclaim any responsibility connected with the use of any of our products or the information presented. We advise that all chemical products be used only by or under the direction of technically qualified personnel who are aware of the potential hazards involved and the necessity for reasonable care in their handling. The technical information contained herein is consistent with the properties of this material but should not be used in the preparation of specifications as it is intended for reference only. For assistance in preparing specifications, please contact your local Kester office for details.

Rev: 11Aug04