Application Notes for Micro Fuse

1. Circuit Design

Micro Fuse should be designated only after confirming operating conditions and Micro Fuse performance characteristics.
When determining the rated current, be sure to observe the following items :

(1) Micro Fuse should always be operated below the rated current (the value considered in the temperature derating rate) and voltage specifications.
(2) Micro Fuse should always be operated below the rated voltage.
(3) Micro Fuse should be selected with correct rated value to be fused at overload current.
(4) When Micro Fuse are used in inrush current applications, please confirm sufficiently inrush resistance of Micro Fuse.
(5) Please do not apply the current exceeding the breaking current to Micro Fuse.
(6) Use Micro Fuse under the condition of category temperature.
(7) Micro Fuse should not be used in the primary power source (AC side).

Micro Fuse should be selected by determining the operating conditions that will occur after final assembly, or estimating potential abnormalities through cycle testing.

2. Assembly and Mounting

During the entire assembly process, observe Micro Fuse body temperature and the heating time specified in the performance table. In addition, observe the following items :

(1) Mounting and adjusting with soldering irons are not recommended since temperature and time control is difficult.
In case of emergency for using soldering irons, be sure to observe the conditions specified in the performance table.
(2) Micro Fuse body should not contact a soldering iron directly.
(3) Once Micro Fuse mounted on the board, they should never be remounted on boards or substrates.
(4) During mounting, be careful not to apply any excessive mechanical stresses to the Micro Fuse.
(5) Should not rub the protective coat surface with a cotton swab or a brush,it might cause the lack for marking and protective coat.

3. Solvents

For cleaning of Micro Fuse, immersion in isopropyl alcohol for 90 seconds (at 20 ~ 30°C liquid temp.) will not be damaged.
If organic solvents will be used to Micro Fuse, be sure to preliminarily check that the solvent will not damage Micro Fuse .

4. Ultrasonic Cleaning

Ultrasonic cleaning is not recommended for Micro Fuse. This may cause damage to Micro Fuse such as broken terminals which results in electrical characteristics effects, etc. depending on the conditions.
If Ultrasonic cleaning process must be used, please evaluate the effects sufficiently before use.

5. Caution During Usage

(1) Micro Fuse with electricity should never be touched. Micro Fuse with electricity may cause burning due to Micro Fuse high temperature.
Also, in case of touching Micro Fuse without electricity, please check the safety temperature of Micro Fuse.
(2) Protective eyeglasses should always be worn when performing fusing tests. However, there is a fear that Micro Fuse will explode during test.
During fusing tests, please cover particles not to fly outward from the board or testing fixture. Caution is necessary during usage at all times.

6. Environmental Conditions

(1) Micro Fuse should not be stored or operated in the presence of acids, or alkalis, or corrosive atmosphere.
(2) Micro Fuse should not be vibrated, shocked, or pressed excessively.
(3) Micro Fuse should not be operated in a flammable or explosive atmosphere.
(4) Please do not use Micro fuse in the environment where dew condensation occurs.
In case Micro fuse has to be used under the dew condensation condition, please apply moisture-proof coating over Micro fuse.
Covering Micro fuse with moisture-proof coating may affect electrical characteristics, please evaluate the effects sufficiently before use.

7. Emergency

In case of fire, smoking, or offensive odor during operation, please cut off the power in the circuit or pull the plug out.

8. Storage

(1) Micro Fuse should not be stored in an environment with high temperature, low temperature, high humidity, condensation and dust and avoid direct sunlight or corrosive atmosphere such as H_2S(hydrogen sulfide) or SO_2(sulfur dioxide).
Direct sunlight may cause decolorization and deformation of the exterior and taping.
Also, solderability will be remarkably lower in high humidity.
(2) If the products are stored for an extended period of time, please contact Matsuo Sales Department for recommendation. The longer storage term causes packages and tapings to worsen. If the products will be stored for longer term, please contact us for advice.
(3) The products in taping, package, or box should not be given any kind of physical pressure. Deformation of taping or package may affect automatic mounting.
(4) The plastic reel (made of PS) used for packaging the product is intended for use in ambient temperatures (5-35℃). To prevent issues during automated insertion due to reel deformation or other factors, please keep the reel away from direct sunlight and heat sources, and ensure it does not reach high temperatures (above 60℃), including during transportation.

9. Disposal

When Micro Fuse are disposed of as waste or “scrap”, they should be treated as “industrial waste”. Micro Fuse contain various kinds of metals and resins.

10. Samples

Micro Fuse received as samples should not be used in any products or devices in the market. Samples are provided for a particular purpose such as configuration, confirmation of electrical characteristics, etc.

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Please feel free to ask our Sales Department for more information on Micro Fuse.

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