



Hermetic Conductive Polymer Tantalum Capacitors

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Outline

Tantalum Capacitors

Conventional Tantalum Capacitors

Cathode formation
Anode
Dielectric formation
Anode

Conventional
 Ta_2O_5
 Ta_2O_5
 Ta

Polymer
 Polymer
 Ta_2O_5
 Ta

NbO - OxiCap
 NbO_2
 MnO_2
 NbO_2
 NbO

HAST Test conditions

temperature:	120°C
relative humidity:	85%
voltage:	rated voltage
duration:	64h

HAST CAPACITANCE

HAST ESR

Conclusions

Improvement of CAP and ESR Stability By Hermetical Sealing

Modular Solutions

- TCH 9 case**
 - 22 μF /100V
 - ESR 60 mOhm
- TO3 case**
 - 100 μF /100V
 - ESR 9 mOhm
- Customized case**
 - 400 μF /100V
 - ESR 3 mOhm

Multiple capacitors connected in parallel

Capacitance high

ESR low

Tantalum Capacitors

Cathode Materials and their properties

Thin cathode layers under extreme condition – subject of potential degradation

max operating temperature

175°C
125°C

For special applications is demanded

- temperatures above 200°C (oil drilling)
- temperatures above 125°C + LOW ESR (power supply)
- temperatures up to 125°C + long term high reliability (space)

Hermetic Sealing

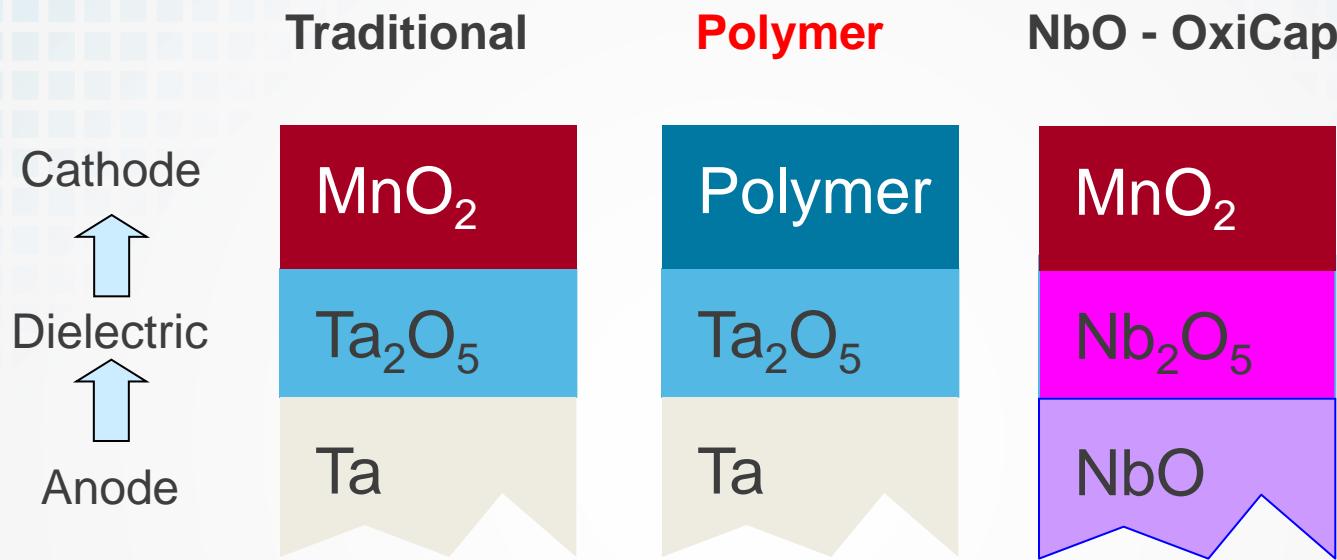
- lid
- sealing ring
- ceramic case
- "oscillator"
- Inert gas
- anode + contacts

SMD Hermetical Sealing Tantalum Case has been developed with superior performances in comparison to standard SMD case

Benefits of hermetic sealing:

- suppression of humidity and oxygen driven mechanisms to achieve long life stable
- MnO_2 Ta capacitors rated up to 230°C
- Low ESR polymer Ta capacitors rated up to 175°C

Solid Electrolytic SMD – Technology Combinations



Nb – small reliability advantage over Ta; limited voltage range; adds material availability.

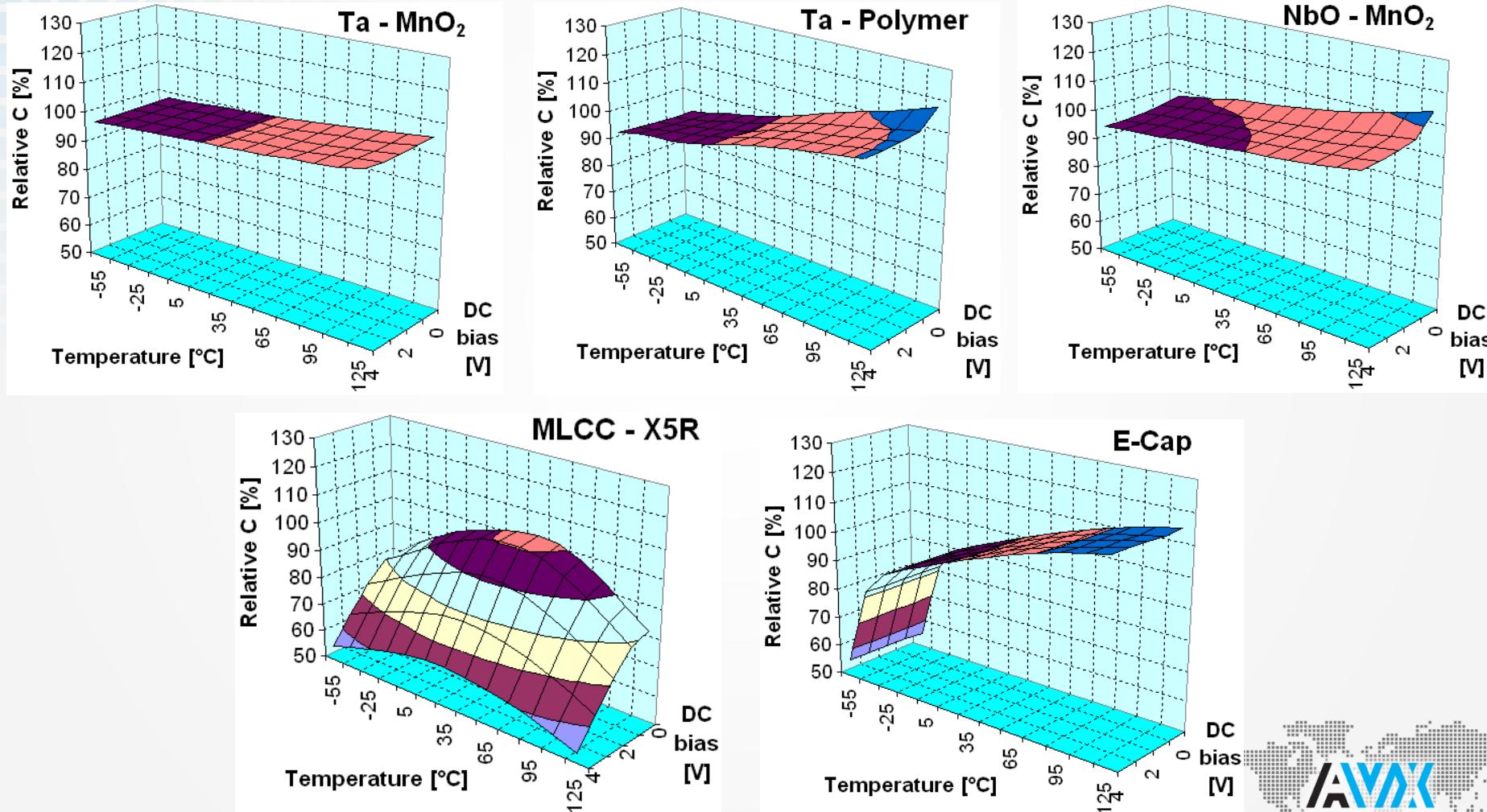
NbO – The only option with a non-short circuit failure mode, greater material availability.

MnO_2 – Promotes self-healing; source of O_2 in failures; long-term stability.

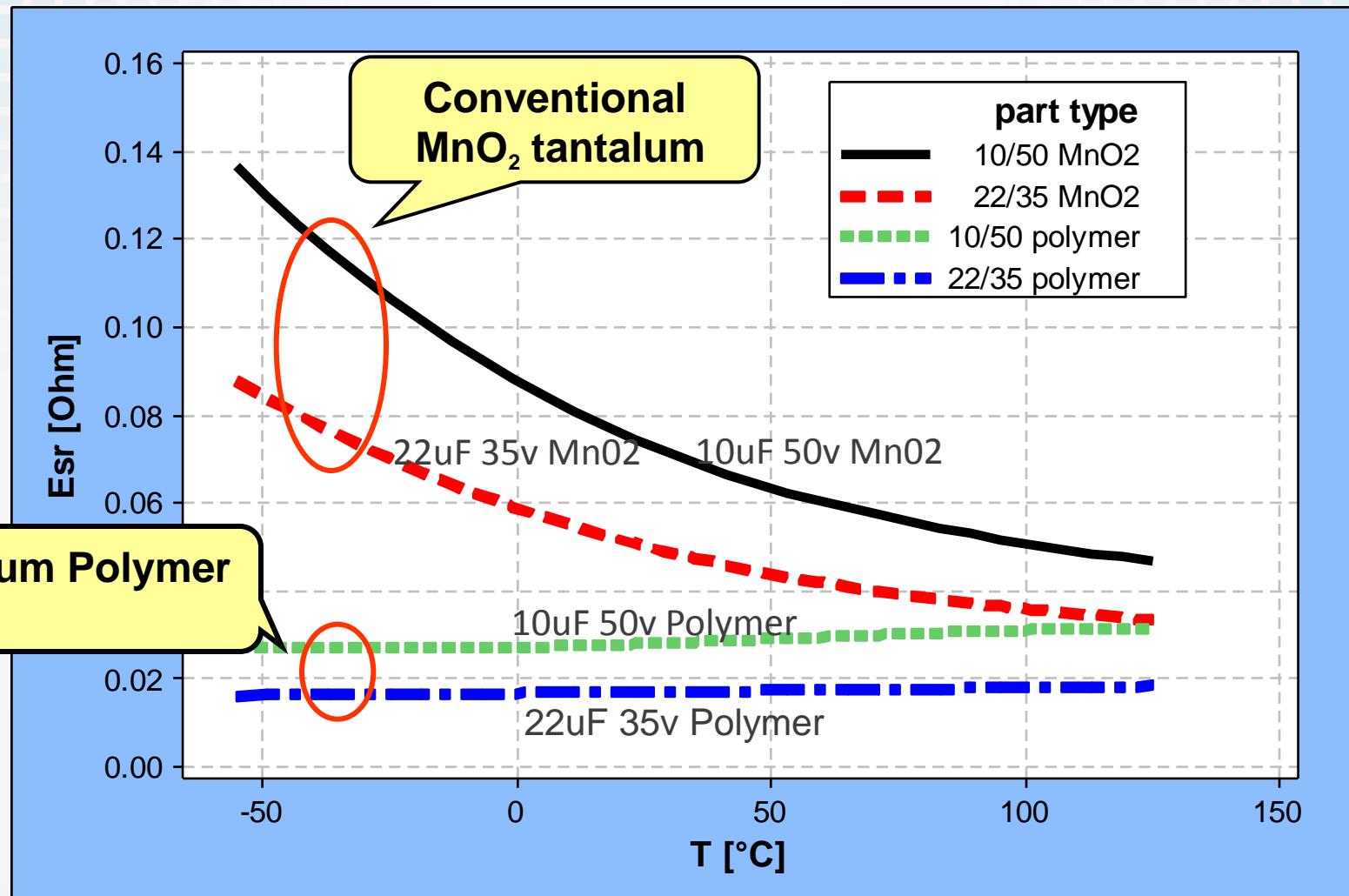
Polymer – Low ESR capability; no O_2 contribution; higher humidity sensitivity.

Technology Comparison – Temperature Characteristics

Tantalum capacitor market remains strong in applications requiring volumetric efficiency, long term reliability and stability over thermal cycling

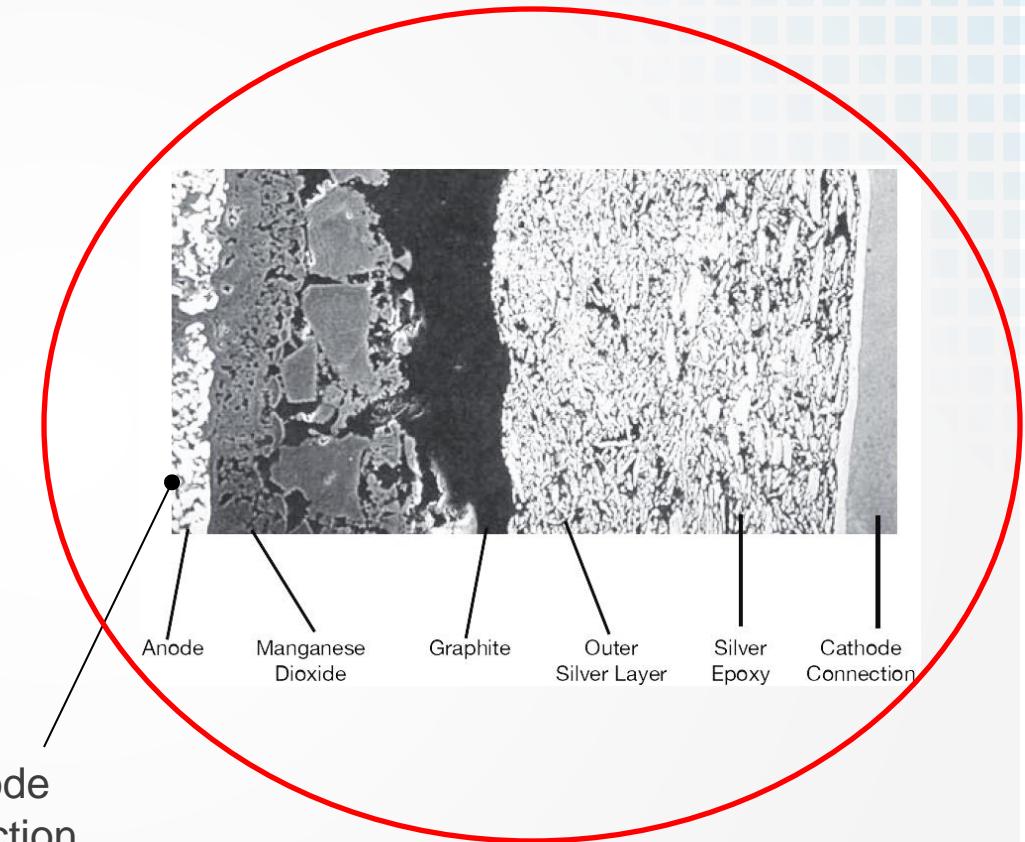
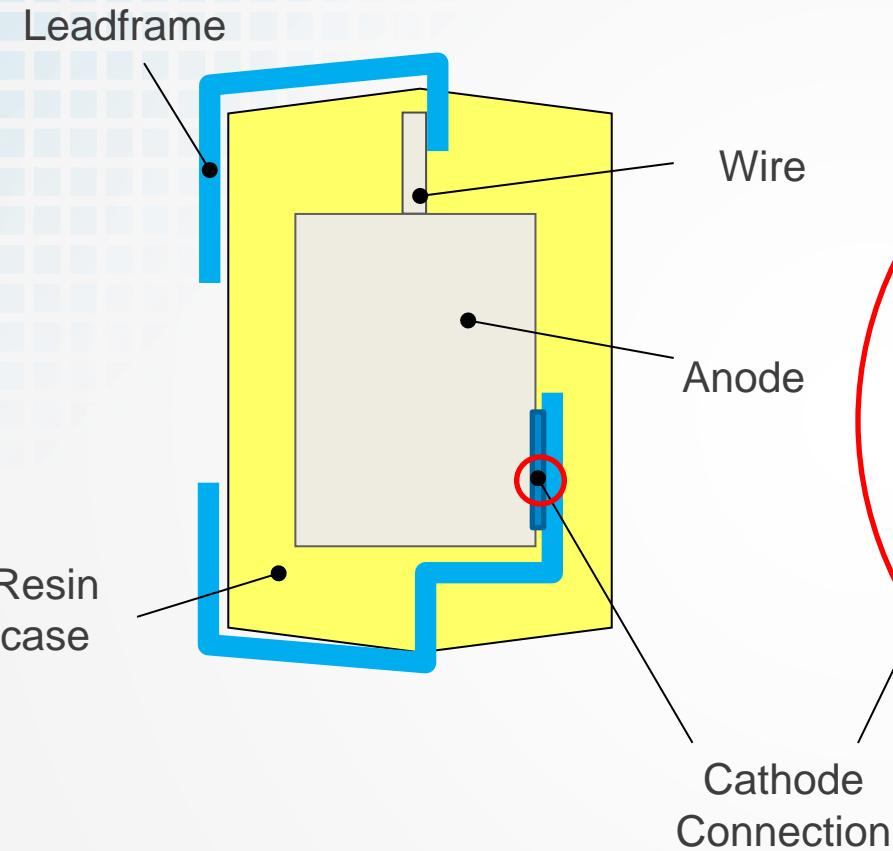


Technology Comparison – ESR Characteristics



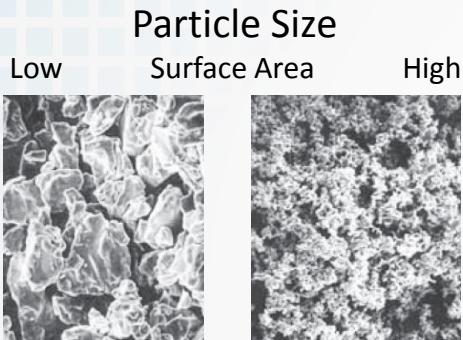
ESR@100 kHz - temperature dependency

Molded Solid Electrolytic SMD – Construction Basis

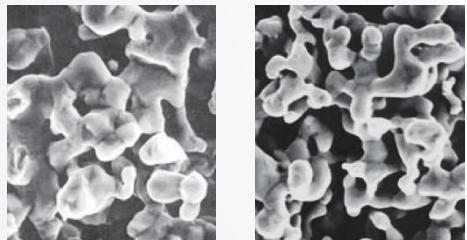


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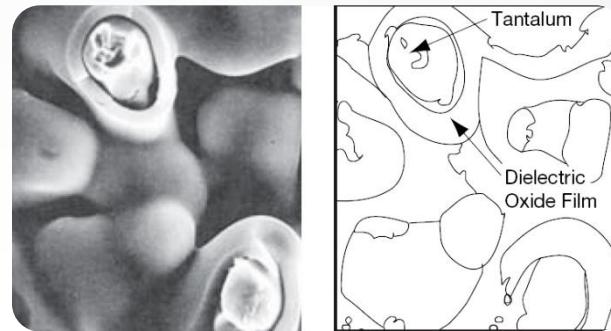
Solid Ta / Nb Electrolytic Capacitor Materials



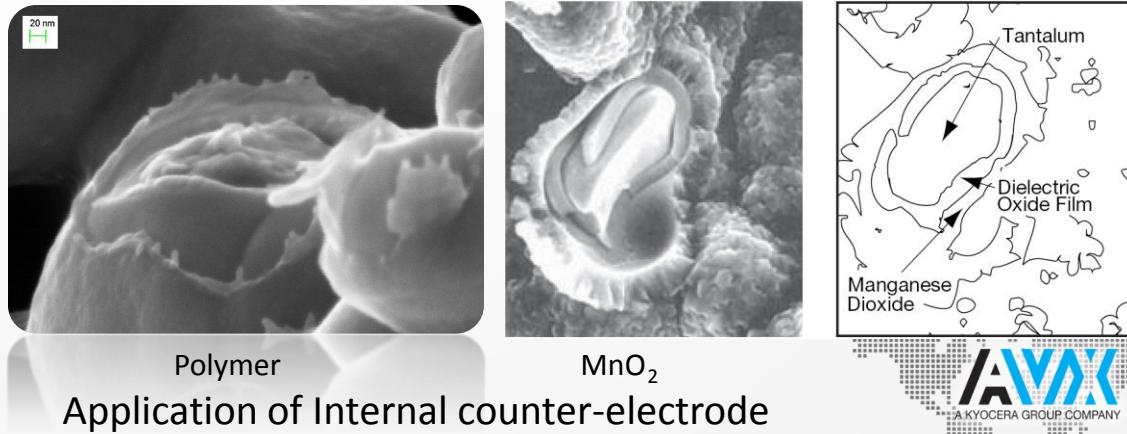
High Purity Ta / Nb or NbO powder



High Purity Ta / Nb or NbO sintered



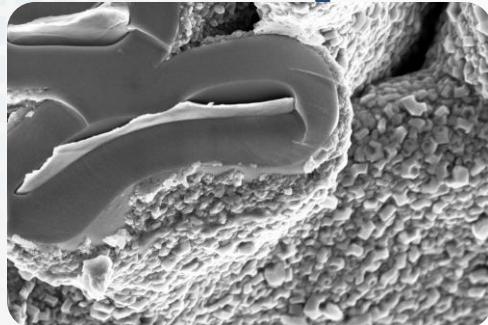
Ta / Nb or NbO post formation
(pentoxide dielectric layer)



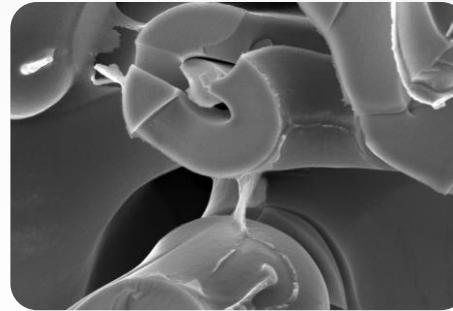
Application of Internal counter-electrode

Molded Solid Tantalum Capacitors – Electrolyte Options

MnO₂



PEDT



Solid - MnO₂ Semiconductor

Electronic conduction

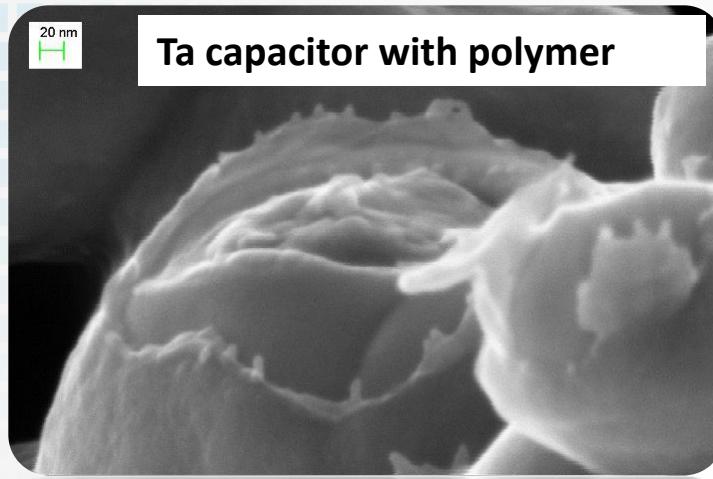
- + Solid crystal – parametric stability vs time
 - Stable Capacitance / DF
 - Stable ESR
- + Self healing
- + High temperature
- Overheating possible
- Voltage limited
- **Standard ESR**

Solid – Conductive Polymer

Electronic conduction

- + Self healing
- + Low ESR
- + Safe failure mode
- + High voltage
- Lifetime – time dependent properties
 - Temperature limited
 - Humidity & oxygen sensitive

Hermetic Seal Polymer Capacitor



Ta capacitor with polymer

Why Hermetic Packaging?

In molded packages, the thin conductive polymer cathode layer is susceptible to degradation under extreme conditions of high temperature and high humidity.

- Stable, low ESR
- Parametric stability under extreme conditions
- Aerospace & Hi-Rel application compatible



Hermetic seal:

Protects from degradation by humidity

Protects from degradation by oxidation

Hermetic Seal Polymer Capacitor

- -55/+125°C Temperature Range
- **Low ESR** conductive polymer electrode
- High ripple current capability up to 3A
- Ceramic **hermetic** packaging suppresses environmental degradation
- Stability under humidity and ambient atmospheric conditions
- **Large CTC-21D case size enables high capacitance / voltage ratings**
- Developed with ESA for aerospace applications
- ESCC EPPL2 specification approval in process



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

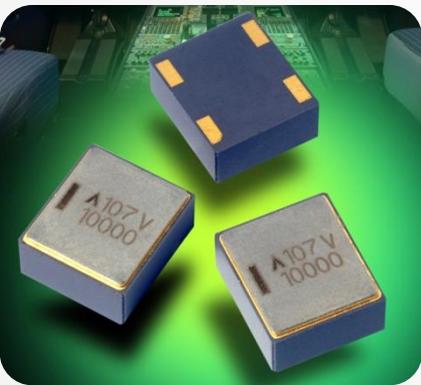
Technical Data:	All technical data relate to an ambient temperature of +25°C									
Capacitance Range:	15µF to 680µF									
Capacitance Tolerance:	±20%									
Leakage Current DCL:	0.1CV									
Rated Voltage (V _R)	≤+85°C:	10	16	20	25	35	50	63	75	100
Category Voltage (V _C)	≤+125°C:	7	11	13.5	17	23.5	33	42	50	66
Temperature Range:	-55°C to +125°C									



Hermetic Seal Polymer Capacitor

TCH SERIES

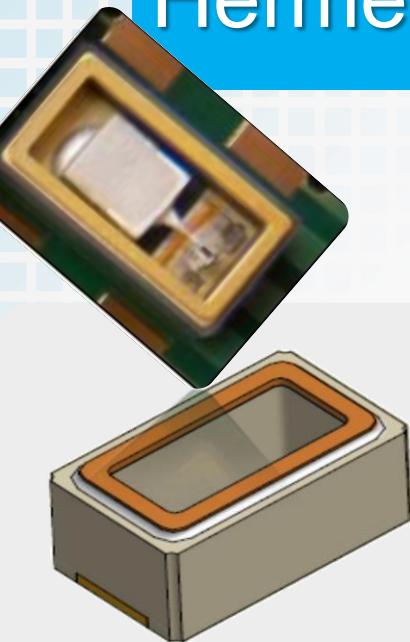
- Hermetic package design removes humidity / oxidation related limitations to conductive polymer.
- Lifetime capability of polymer capacitor: 125°C / 0.66U_R/10.000hrs
85°C/85% RH/1.000hrs
- Low ESR enables higher power rating, more efficient filtering and faster response in power supply applications



■ Reliability Testing Results

– ESCC 3012	PASS
– ESCC 5000	PASS
– Vibration up to 125°C	PASS
– Vibration up to 40g	PASS

Hermetic Seal Capacitor Construction

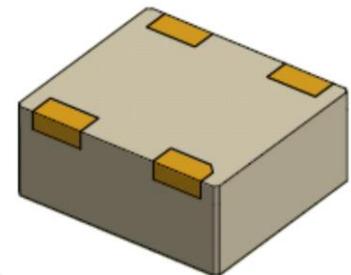
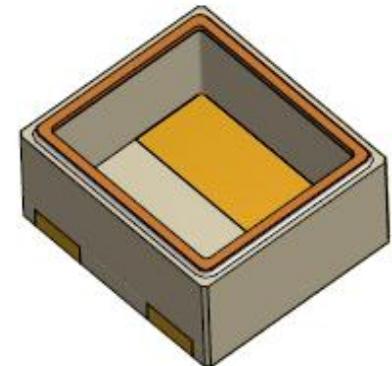


Hermetic Sealing:

- Lid (Kovar)
- Sealing ring
- Ceramic case
- Inert gas
- Anode & contacts

Common Packaging
technology for timing
devices etc.

CTC21
tantalum case



Hermetic Polymer Capacitor Range

Capacitance		Rated voltage DC (VR) to 85°C								
µF	Code	10V	16V	20V	25V	35V	50V	63V	75V	100V
15	156									9(150)*
22	226								9(120)*	9(150)
33	336							9(100)*	9(120)	
47	476						9(70)	9(100)*		
68	686						9(70)*			
100	107				9(50)*	9(55)				
150	157			9(45)*	9(50)	9(55)				
220	227	9(40)*	9(40)	9(45)*						
330	337	9(40)	9(40)*							
470	477	9(40)*								

Approved

Under Development

CASE DIMENSIONS: millimeters

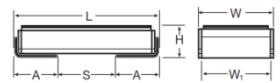
Code	Type	L	W	H	W ₁	A	S
9 (CTC-21D)	J-lead	11.8	12.5	5.8	10.5	1.9	8
9 (CTC-21D)	Undertab	11	12.5	5.45	10.5	1.5	8

CTC21 tantalum case styles:

Undertab Style



J-lead Style



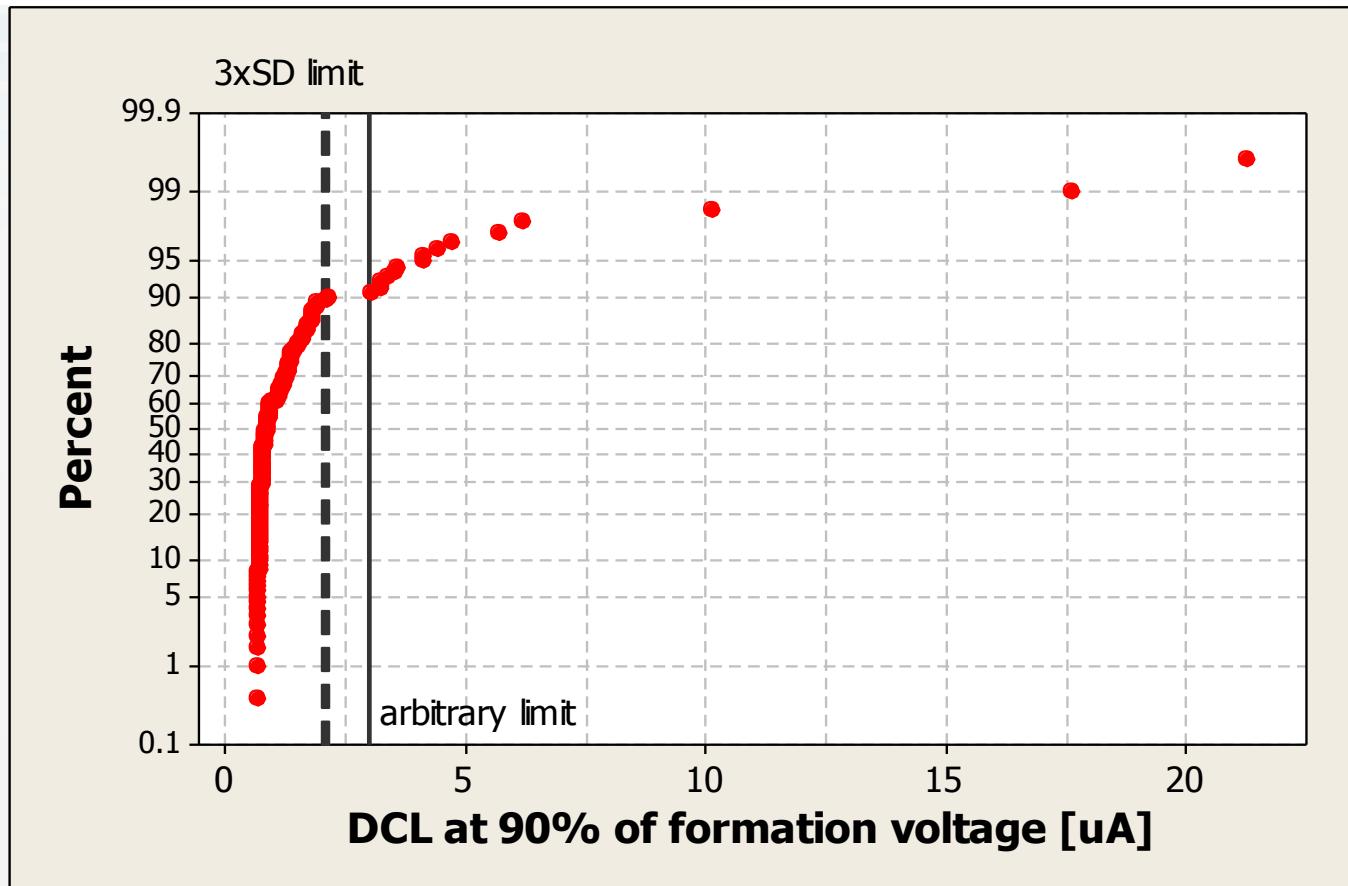
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Testing & Performance

Ageing and Screening Procedures

Every capacitor is voltage stressed.

Statistical approach applied to 3 sigma acceptance limit.



Hermetic Capacitor Performance - HAST

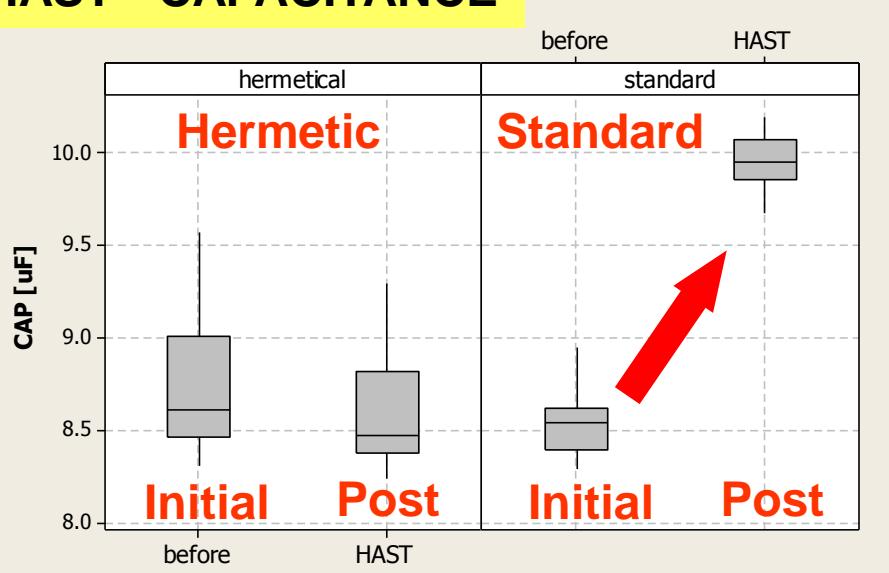
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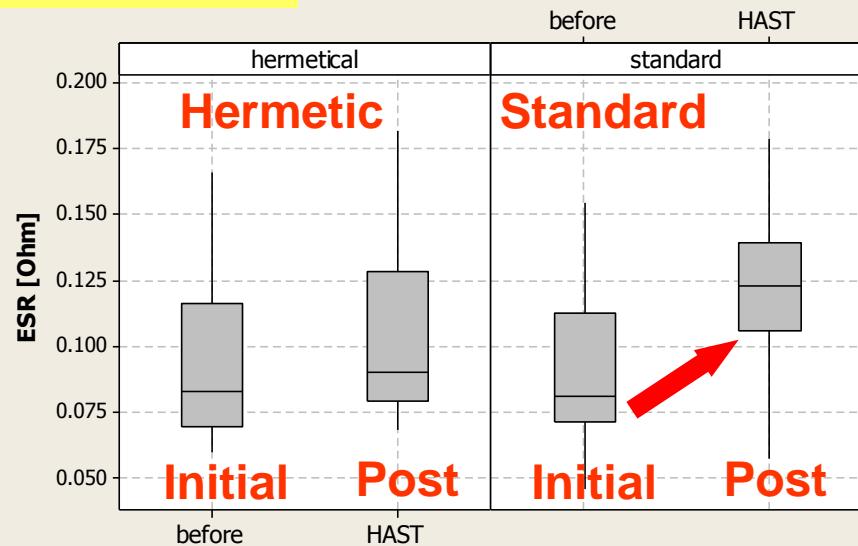
Results:

Demonstration of improved CAP and ESR Stability by Hermetic Sealing

HAST - CAPACITANCE



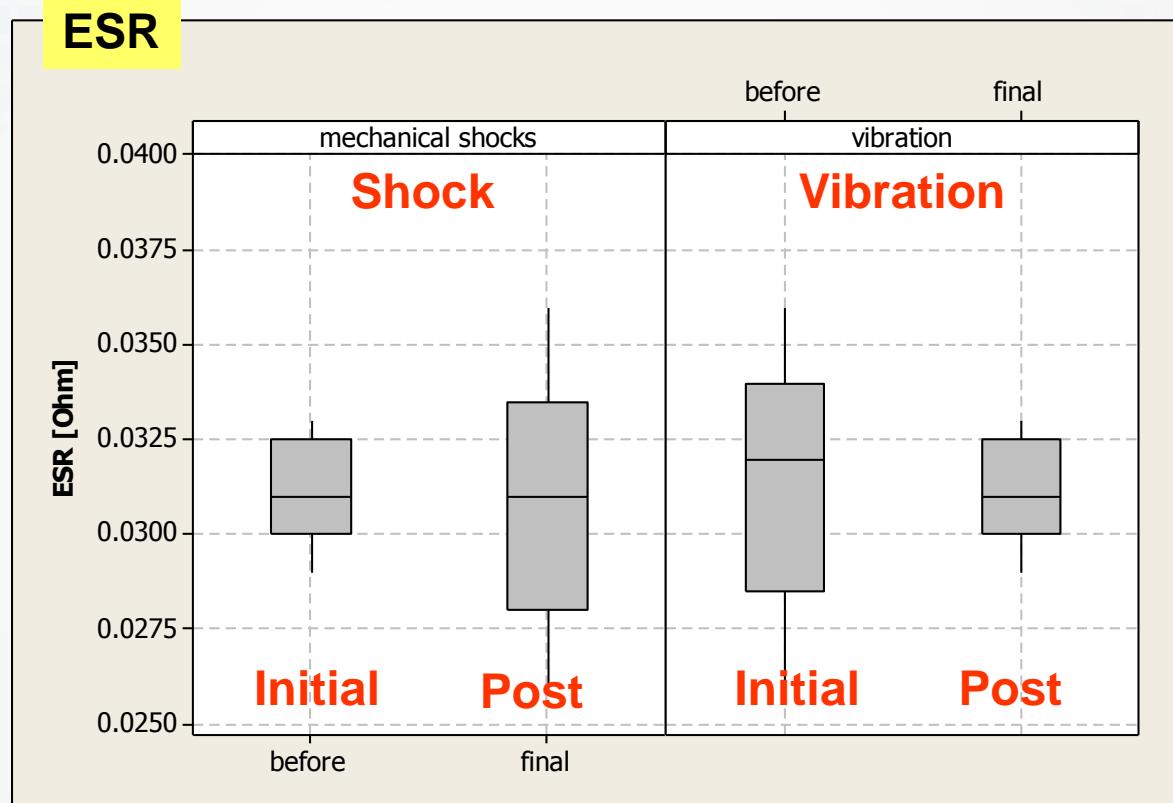
HAST - ESR



Hermetic Capacitor Performance – Shock / Vibration

1) Mechanical Shock Test: 5x 1500g

2) Vibration Test: 20g at 125C



Results:

- Stable Electrical Performance CAP, DF, ESR, DCL
- Post Test Hermeticity: Pass

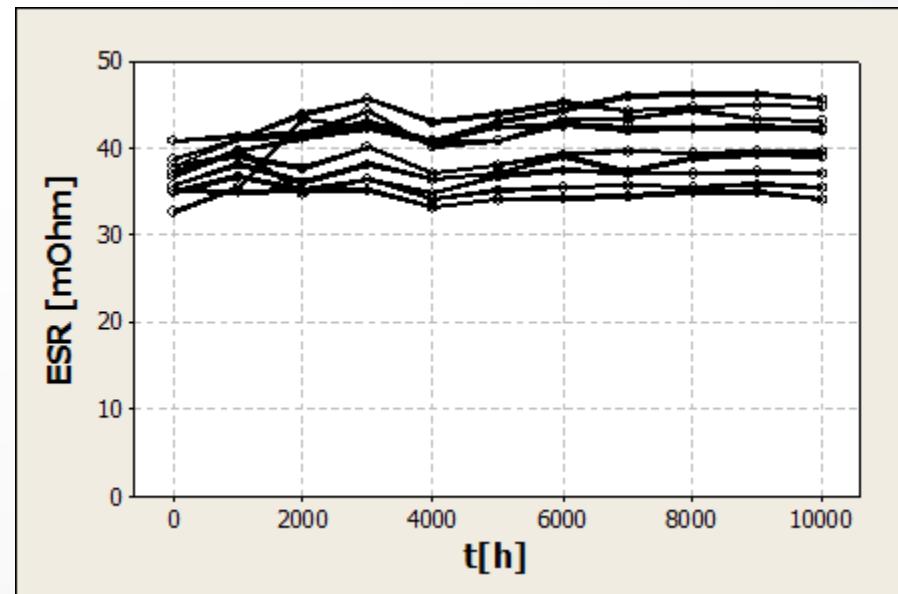
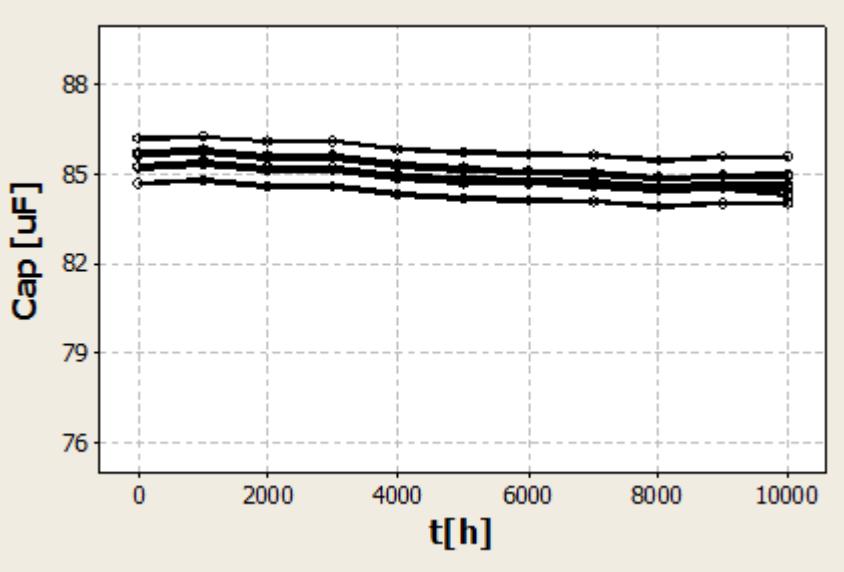


Lifetime Stability of Hermetic Seal Capacitors

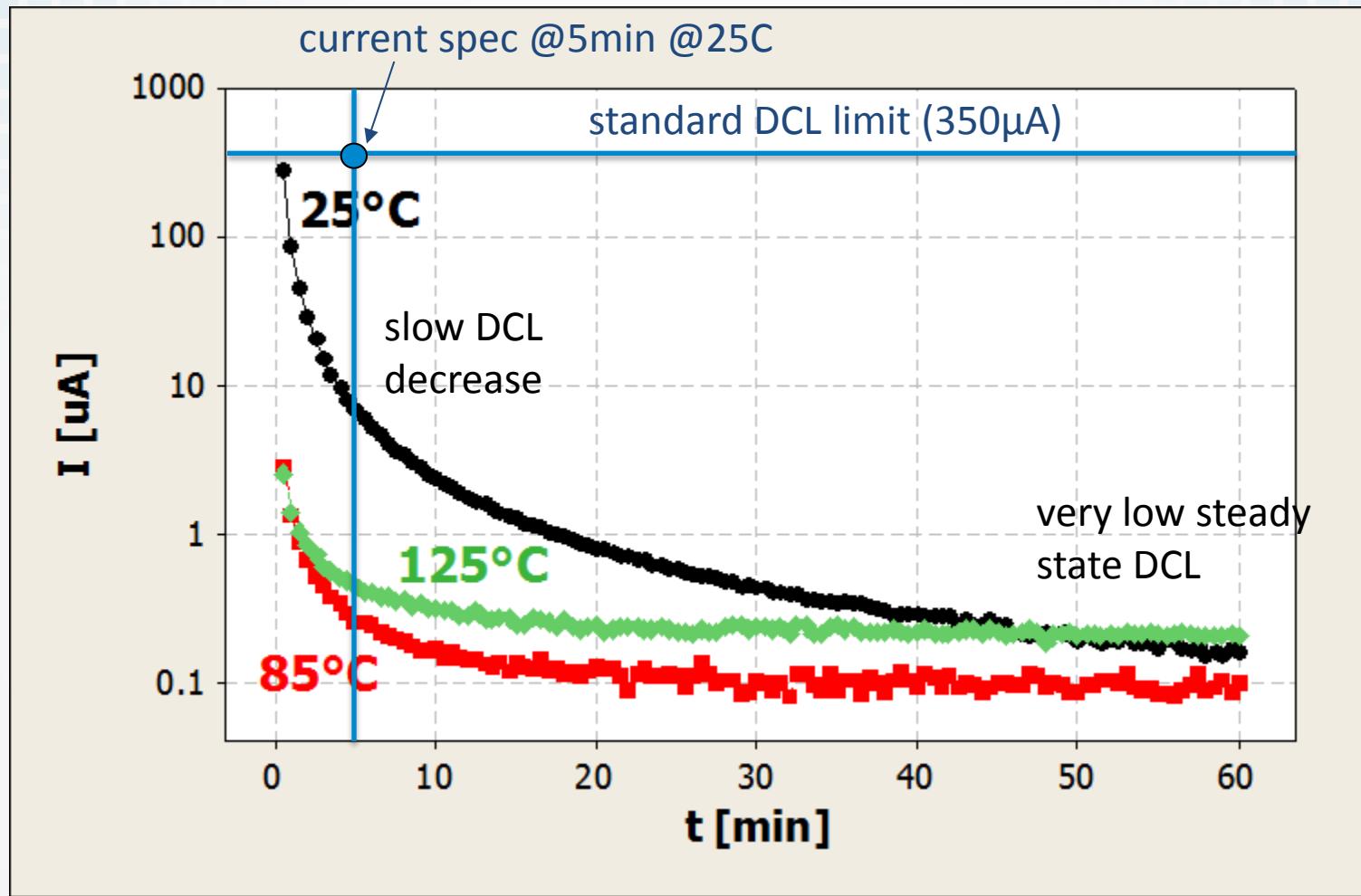
Stability of capacitance and ESR

- 35V rated voltage capacitor at 125°C and UR
- Stable Performance

10,000 hrs



DCL Stability of Hermetic Seal Capacitors



DCL measurement after 10,000h at 125°C and rated voltage

Hermetic Seal Polymer Capacitor ESCC



ESCC 5000 TESTS

subgroup I	subgroup II
initial measurement - loose units	initial measurement - loose units
mechanical shock MIL-STD-750, test method 2016 1500g, 0,5ms duration, 5 shock, planes X, Y, Z	temperature cycling MIL-STD-750, test method 1051 test condition C, 100cycles
M1	M1
vibration MIL-STD-750, test method 2056 20g, 10-2000Hz, cross over at 50Hz	moisture resistance MIL-STD-750, test method 1021
M2	M2
seal MIL-STD-750, test method 1071 seal (fine leak) condition H1, H2 seal (gross leak) condition C, K	seal MIL-STD-750, test method 1071 seal (fine leak) condition H1, H2 seal (gross leak) condition C, K
M(final)	M(final)
visual control	visual control

SMD Hermetically sealed
low ESR tantalum polymer capacitor

subgroup III	subgroup IV
initial measurement - loose units	bond strength
operating life 125°C, without voltage, 2000hrs	anode - ceramic package leadframe - carammic package
M1	M1
M1	M1
seal MIL-STD-750, test method 1071 seal (fine leak) condition H1, H2 seal (gross leak) condition C, K	TEST RESULTS ESCC 5000
M(final)	size 9
visual control	100/35

1. Mechanical shock (1500g) - vibration – seal test	PASS
2. Rapid change temperature – moisture resistance – seal test	PASS
3. Life test - seal test	PASS
4. Bond strength	PASS

Hermetic Seal Polymer Capacitor ESCC



ESCC 3012 TESTS

SMD Hermetically sealed low ESR tantalum polymer capacitor

subgroup I	subgroup II	subgroup III	subgroup IV	subgroup V
PCB mounting	PCB mounting	PCB mounting	PCB mounting	visual control
M0	M0	M0	M0	solderability (235°C,4sec)
adhesion 5N, 10sec	rapid change of temperature IEC 68-2-14 Na (-55/125°C,30min,5cycles)	high and low temp. stability (22/-55/22/rated/category/22°C)	operating life (125°C, UR, 2000hrs,intermediate meas.)	visual control
M1	M1	M1	M(final)	
Damp heat tests IEC 68-2-2 Ba (125°C,2hrs) IEC 68-2-30 Db (1.cycle) IEC 68-2-1 Aa (-55°C,2hrs) IEC 68-2-13 M (1-2min 85mbar, 15-35°C, Ur) IEC 68-2-30 Db (5cycles)	vibration IEC 68-2-6 Fe (10-2000-10Hz, 20min, 12x3dir)	surge test (rated temp,1000cycles,30ces,33Ohm)		
	shock IEC 68-2-27 Ea	M2		
M(final)	M2	DHSS IEC 68-2-3 Ca (40°C,93%rh,0V,56days)		
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TEST RESULTS ESCC 3012				
size 9				
1. mounting - adhesion - damp heat test	PASS	PASS		
2. mounting - rapid change temperature - vibration, shock - damp heat test	PASS	PASS		
3. mounting - high and low temp. stability - surge test - DHSS	PASS	PASS		
4. mounting - operating life 125°C, UC, 2000hrs	PASS	PASS		
5. solderability	PASS	PASS		

Stability of Hermetically Sealed Capacitors

■ Additional Tests:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Life Test at 125°C/100V, 5000h | pass |
| 2. Extended Temperature Cycling -55/125°C, 30 min, 1000 cycles | pass |
| 3. Biased Humidity (85°C/85RH/1000h, Ur) | pass |
| 4. Vibration 40g 6h, 10-2000-10Hz at room temperature | pass |

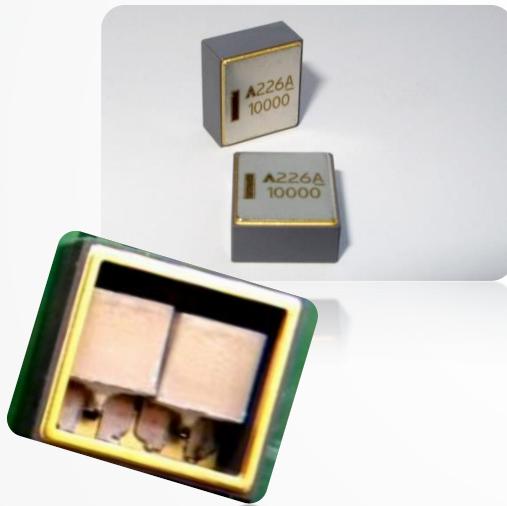
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MODULAR SOLUTIONS

Hermetic Seal Modular Solutions

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- 22 μ F/ 100V
- ESR 60 mOhm



- Multiple capacitors connected in parallel
- High Capacitance
- Ultra-Low ESR (< 5mOhms)

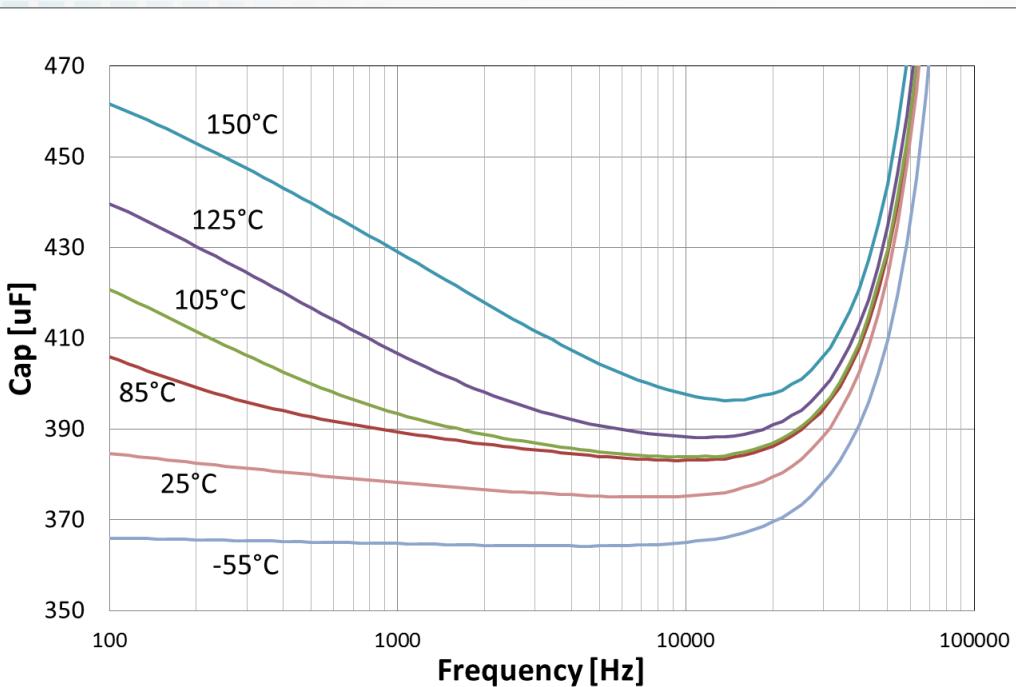
- **Customized case**

- 400 μ F/ 100V
- ESR 3 - 15 mOhm

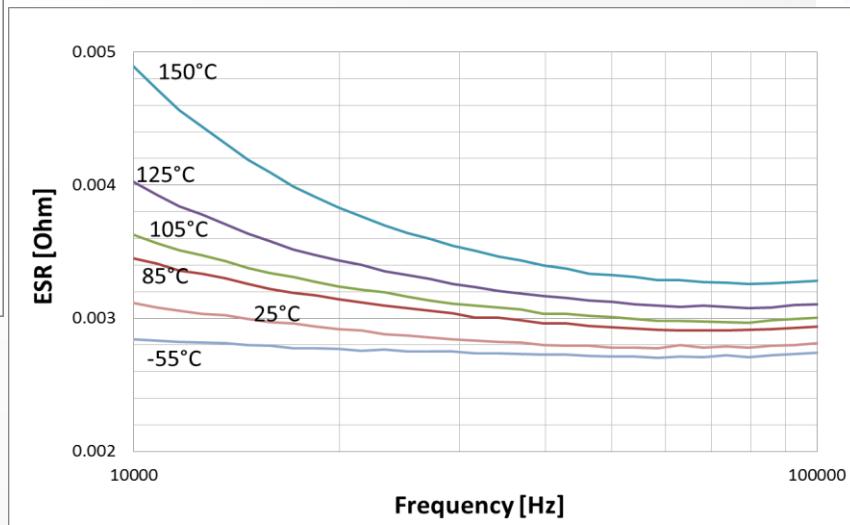


Modular Solution - Capacitance and ESR

- **400 μ F/ 100V – low ESR model**



- Capacitance stable with temperature and frequency



Summary & Conclusion

Hermetically Sealed Conductive Polymer Tantalum Capacitors

- Stable performance and reliability exceeding:
 - 10,000 hours, 85°C at Ur,
 - 10,000 hours, 125°C at 0.66x Ur
- Super-low DCL and low ESR performance achieved
 - Sub 0.0001 CV
 - Lowest DCL ever for any tantalum based capacitor technology!

A New Class of SMD Tantalum Polymer Capacitors:

- Lowest Tantalum DCL specifications (Lower Than Conventional MnO₂)
- Improved Humidity Stability

