Silicon Avalanche Photodiodes (APDs) for LIDAR, range finding and laser meters – plastic, leadless ceramic and FR4 packages



Excelitas' C30737 Series APDs are ideally suited to automotive LIDAR, laser meter, laser range finding and area scanning applications, providing high responsivity in the 500 – 1000 nm range.

The Excelitas C30737 series silicon avalanche photodiodes (APDs) provide high responsivity between 500nm and 1000nm, as well as extremely fast rise times at all wavelengths with a cut-off frequency >1 GHz for some versions.

Standard versions of these APDs are available in two active area sizes: $230\mu m$ and $500\mu m$ diameter. They are offered in a metal TO-18 and plastic T1- 3 4 through-hole packages (C30737EH and PH), in leadless ceramic-carrier (LCC) surface-mount "side-looking" and "top-looking" packages (C30737CH and LH), and in a surface-mount "top-looking" leadless FR4 package (C30737MH). The EH and LH packages comes with clear glass or built-in 635nm, 650nm, or 905nm filter window versions. The MH package is only 1.75 x 2.0mm. These package varieties are ideally suited for high volume, cost-effective applications where a high gain APD is required.

The leadless, ceramic-carrier (LCC) SMD package parts (C30737CH, LH and MH series) are available in tape-and-reel pack for SMT-compatible, RoHS-compliant reflow soldering.

Customizations of these APDs are offered to meet your design challenges. Options for these APDs include breakdown voltage selection (binning).

Key Features

- High gain at low bias voltage
- Low breakdown voltage
- Fast response, t_r ~ 200 ps for high-speed applications
- Low noise ~ 0.1pA/√ Hz
- Optimized versions for high responsivity and high bandwidth
- Two standard diameters: 230μm and 500μm
- Built-in band-pass filter windows
- NEW ultra-compact and lowcost "MH" SMT package
- "Tape-and-Reel" packaging format for automated SMD pick-and-place

Applications

- Automotive LIDAR
- 905nm range-finding devices
- 635nm and 650nm laser meters
- Speed measurement
- Area scanners for safety, surveillance, automatic door opening
- Optical communication
- 3D laser scanning
- Gesture recognition



Table 1. Electrical Characteristics at T_A = 22 °C; at operating voltage- V_{op} – unfiltered devices

Parameter	C3(C3(C30737PH-230-80 C30737CH-230-80 C30737LH-230-80 C30737MH-230-80 C30737EH-230-80			C30737PH-500-80 C30737CH-500-80 C30737LH-500-80 C30737MH-500-80 C30737EH-500-80			
	Min	Typical	Max	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	
Active Area Diameter		230	•		500		μm	
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength		800			800		nm	
Breakdown Voltage, V _{BR}	120		210	120 210			V	
Temperature Coefficient of V _R , for Constant M	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	V/°C	
Gain (M) @ 800nm	-	100	-	-	100	-		
Responsivity @ 800 nm	-	50	-	-	50	-	A/W	
Total Dark Current, I _d	-	0.05	0.5	-	0.1	1	nA	
Noise Current, I _{n, f=10kHz, Δf=1.0Hz}	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	pA/√Hz	
Capacitance, C _d	-	1	-	-	2	-	pF	
Rise + Fall Time, R _L =50 Ω , 10%-90%-10% points	-	0.2	-	-	0.3	-	ns	
Cut-off frequency (-3 dB)	-	1.5	-	-	1.3	-	GHz	
Storage Temperature	-50		+100	-50		+100	°C	
Operating Temperature	-40		+85	-40		+85	°C	

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	Min	Typical	Max	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	
Active Area Diameter		230			500		μm	
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength		900			900		nm	
Breakdown Voltage, V _{BR}	180		260	180 260			V	
Temperature Coefficient of V _R , for Constant M		1.3			1.3		V/°C	
Gain (M) @ 900 nm	-	100	-		100			
Responsivity @ 900 nm	55	60	-	55	60		A/W	
Total Dark Current, I _d	-	0.05	0.5		0.1	1	nA	
Noise Current, i _{n, f=10kHz, Δf=1.0Hz}	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	pA/√Hz	
Capacitance, C _d	-	0.6	-	-	1	-	pF	
Rise & Fall Time, R_L =50 Ω , 10%-90%-10% points	-	0.9	-		0.9	-	ns	
Cut-off frequency (-3 dB)	-	380	-	-	380	-	MHz	
Storage Temperature	-50		+100	-50		+100	°C	
Operating Temperature	-40		+85	-40		+85	°C	

Table 2. Electrical Characteristics at T_A = 22 °C; at operating voltage- V_{op} – devices with optical bandpass filters

Parameter	C30737LH-230-81 (635nm filter #1)			C30 (63			
	Min	Typical	Max	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Active Area Diameter		230	•		500		μm
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength		635			635		nm
Breakdown Voltage, V _{BR}	120		210	120		210	V
Temperature Coefficient of V _R , for Constant M	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	V/°C
Gain (M) @ 635 nm	-	100	-	-	100	-	
Responsivity @ 635 nm	-	35	-	-	35	-	A/W
Total Dark Current, I _d	-	0.05	0.5	-	0.1	1	nA
Noise Current, i _{n, f=10kHz, Δf=1.0Hz}	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	pA/√Hz
Capacitance, C _d	-	1	-	-	2	-	pF
Rise & Fall Time, R_L =50 Ω , 10%-90%-10% points	-	0.2	-	-	0.3	-	ns
Cut-off frequency (-3 dB)	-	1.5	-	-	1.3	-	GHz
Storage Temperature	-50		+100	-50		+100	°C
Operating Temperature	-40		+85	-40		+85	°C

Parameter	C3	C30737LH-230-92 C30737EH-230-92 (905nm filter #2)			C30737LH-500-92 C30737EH-500-92 (905nm filter #2)			
	Min	Typical	Max	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	
Active Area Diameter		230	•		500		μm	
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength		905			905		nm	
Breakdown Voltage, V _{BR}	180		260	180		260	V	
Temperature Coefficient of V _R , for Constant M		1.3			1.3		V/°C	
Gain (M) @ 900nm	-	100	-		100			
Responsivity @ 900 nm	55	60	-	55	60		A/W	
Total Dark Current, I _d	-	0.05	0.5		0.1	1	nA	
Noise Current, i _{n, f=10kHz, Δf=1.0Hz}	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	pA/√Hz	
Capacitance, C _d	-	0.6	-	-	1	-	pF	
Rise & Fall Time, R_L =50 Ω , 10%-90%-10% points	-	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	ns	
Cut-off frequency (-3 dB)	-	380	-	-	380	-	MHz	
Storage Temperature	-50		+100	-50		+100	°C	
Operating Temperature	-40		+85	-40		+85	°C	

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Parameter		C30737LH-230-83 (650nm filter #3)			C30737LH-500-83 (650nm filter #3)			
	Min	Typical	Max	Min	Typical	Max	Unit	
Active Area Diameter		230			μm			
Peak Sensitivity Wavelength		650			650		nm	
Breakdown Voltage, V _{BR}	120		210	120		210	V	
Temperature Coefficient of V _R , for Constant M	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	V/°C	
Gain (M) @ 650 nm	-	100	-	-	100	-		
Responsivity @ 650 nm	-	35	-	-	35	-	A/W	
Total Dark Current, I _d	-	0.05	0.5	-	0.1	1	nA	
Noise Current, i _{n, f=10kHz, Δf=1.0Hz}	-	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	pA/√Hz	
Capacitance, C _d	-	1	-	-	2	-	pF	
Rise & Fall Time, R_L =50 Ω , 10%-90%-10% points	-	0.2	-	-	0.3	-	ns	
Cut-off frequency (-3 dB)	-	1.5	-	-	1.3	-	GHz	
Storage Temperature	-50		+100	-50		+100	°C	
Operating Temperature	-40		+85	-40		+85	°C	

Table 3. Filter Transmission Characteristics

Filter #	1	2	3	
Nominal center wavelength	635nm ^{note 1}	905nm ^{note 2}	650nm ^{note 3}	Transmission ≥ 85%
Transmission window	623652nm		638669nm	Transmission ≥ 85%
50% cut-on wavelength	606617nm	870890nm	622634nm	
50% cut-off wavelength	657669nm	929949nm	673685nm	
Average transmission from	<1% @	<1% @	<1% @	
300 nm to bandpass region	<593nm	<850nm	<608nm	
Average transmission from	<1% @	<1% @	<1% @	
bandpass region to 1100 nm	>682nm	>979nm	>699nm	
Wavelength drift	<+0.5nm/°C	<+0.5nm/°C	<+0.5nm/°C	for range -10°C+50°C
Typical filter thickness	0.3mm	0.3mm	0.3mm	Material: Borosilicate glass

Notes:

- 1. The 635nm filter is designed to work optimally with the 635nm red laser commonly used in laser meters or laser pointers.
- 2. The 905nm filter is designed to work optimally with the Excelitas 905nm Pulse Laser Diodes PGEW and PGA series.
- 3. The 650nm filter is designed to work optimally with the 650nm red laser commonly used in laser meters or laser pointers.

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Figure 1–Typical Responsivity vs. wavelength.

800nm PSW = APD with 800nm peak sensitivity wavelength; 900nm PSW = APD with 900nm peak sensitivity wavelength

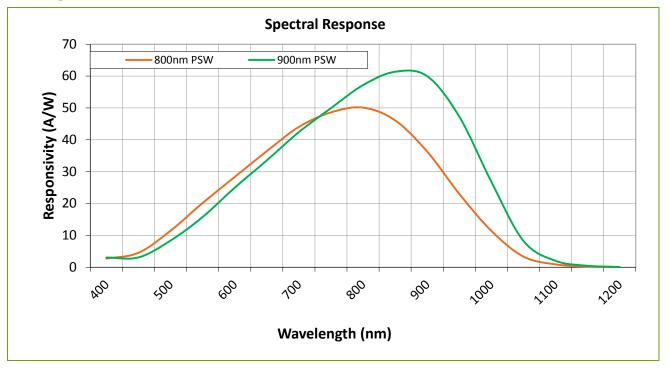


Figure 2- Typical capacitance vs. bias voltage

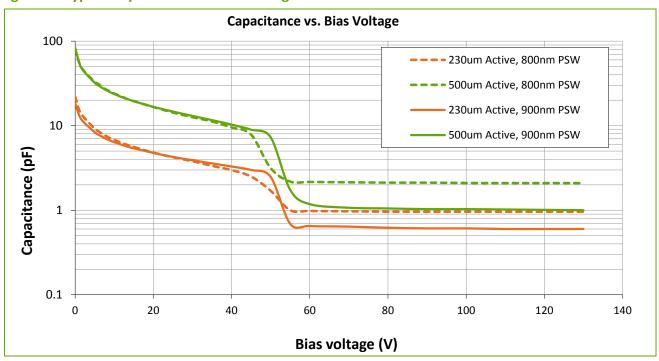


Figure 3–Typical response vs. wavelength for a 635nm filtered APD

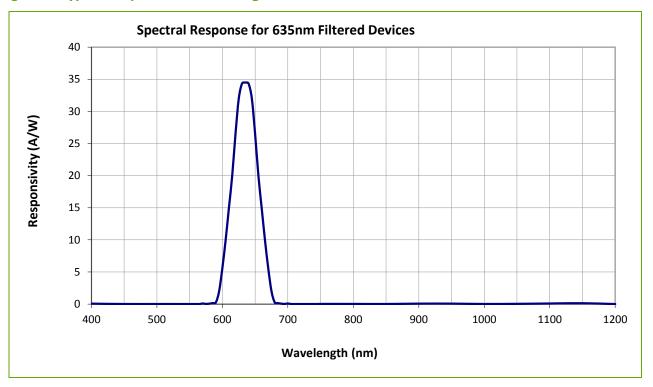


Figure 4 - Typical response vs. wavelength for a 905nm filtered APD

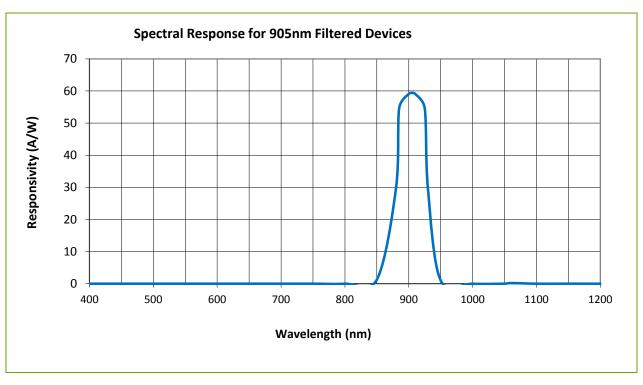


Figure 5 – Typical gain vs. bias voltage for 800nm peak sensitivity wavelength types

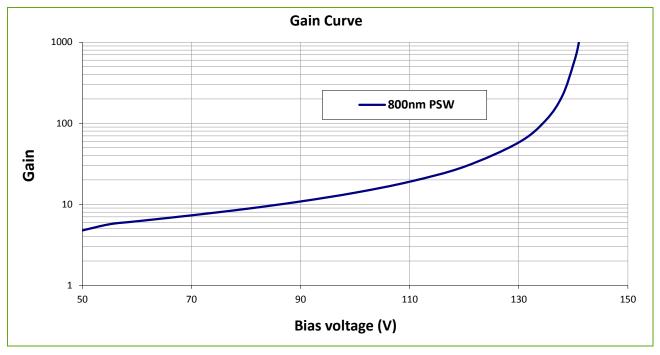


Figure 6 – Typical gain vs. bias voltage for 900nm peak sensitivity wavelength types

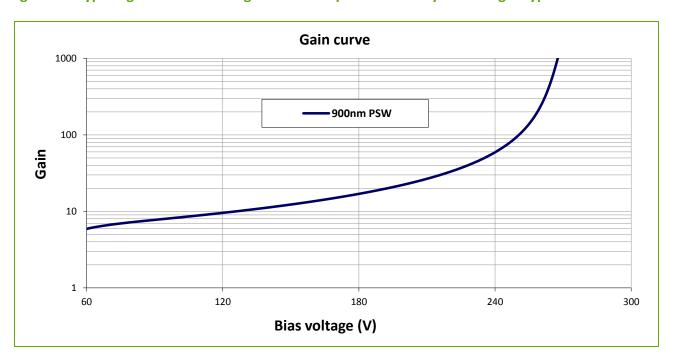


Figure 7– Plastic T 1 ¾ through-hole PH package. Dimensions in mm [inches].

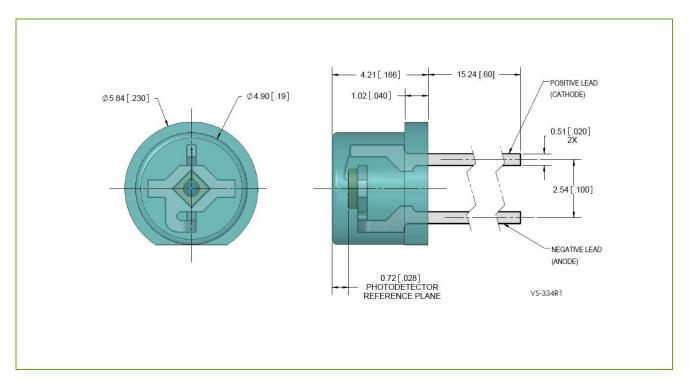


Figure 8 – Leadless ceramic carrier (LCC) side-looking CH package. Dimensions in mm [inches]

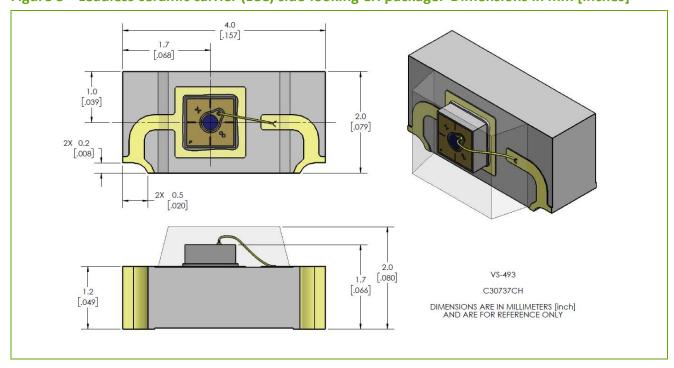


Figure 9 – Flat window hermetic TO-18 package dimension in mm (inches)

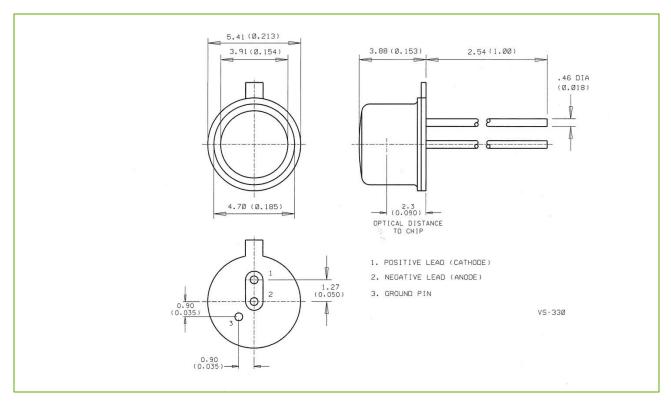
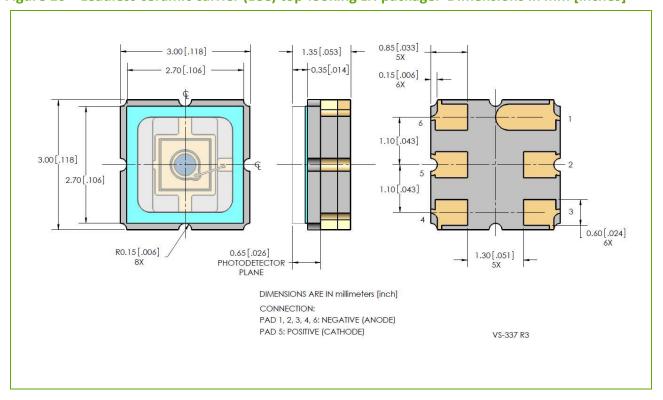


Figure 10 – Leadless ceramic carrier (LCC) top-looking LH package. Dimensions in mm [inches]



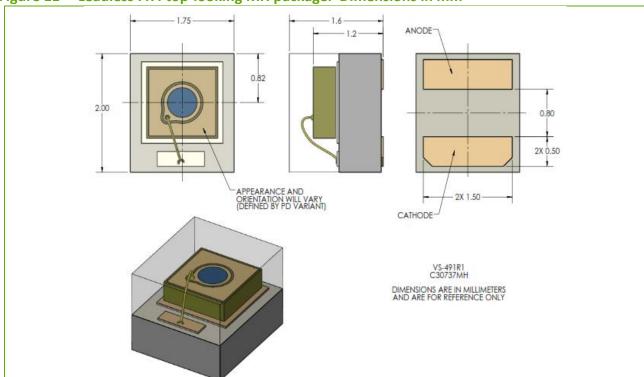


Figure 11 – Leadless FR4 top-looking MH package. Dimensions in mm

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Table 4– Ordering Guide

	C30737	AA -	BBB -	С	D ⁽¹⁾	E ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Epitaxial structure Si APD	C30737					
Plastic TO-18 can (P-package)		PH -				
Flat window hermetic TO-18 package		EH				
Leadless ceramic carrier side-looking package		CH -				
Leadless ceramic carrier (3 x 3 mm ² LCC) top-looking package		LH -				
Ultra-compact (1.75 x 2 mm) FR4 top-looking package		MH-				
Active area diameter = 230 μm			230 -			
Active area diameter = 500 μm			500 -			
Optimum chip response λ @ 800 nm				8		
Optimum chip response λ @ 900 nm				9		
No filter					0	
With 635 nm filter					1	
With 905 nm filter					2	
With 650 nm filter					3	
V _{bd} = 120 - 160 V						Α
V _{bd} = 160 - 200 V						В
V _{bd} = 180 - 220 V						С
V _{bd} = 220 - 260 V						D
V _{bd} = whole V _{bd} range (no V _{bd} binning)						N

- (1) Filter option is only available for the LCC (LH) package option.
- (2) V_M binning /screening is available in these options: A and B are available for APD with optimum response λ @ 800nm
 - C and D are available for APD with optimum response λ @ 900nm
 - N is available for all types
- (3) Bandwidth tends to be lower for lower voltage bins. Contact factory for further information.
- (4) For binning please allow 2 V overlap between bins for the 800nm versions and 5 V for the 900nm versions.

Example: C30737LH-230-92C: A C30737 in the 3 x 3mm ceramic carrier package, with optimum 900nm response wavelength, with 905nm filter and selected for V_{tot} of 180V - 220V.

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Tape-and-Reel Shipping Pack Option

All the C30737LH (leadless ceramic carrier SMD package) series are offered in the tape-and-reel shipping pack option for quantities of 3000 units per reel; as shown in Figure 11 and 12. This packing option should be indicated at the time of order placement.

Figure 12– Tape-and-reel packing specification

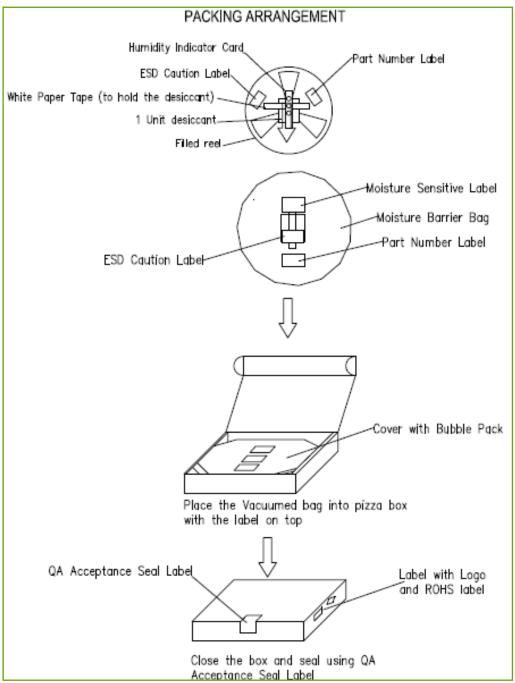


Figure 13- Tape-and-reel device carrier specification

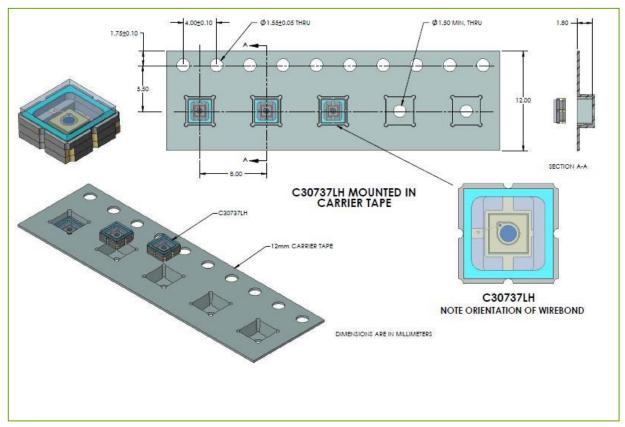
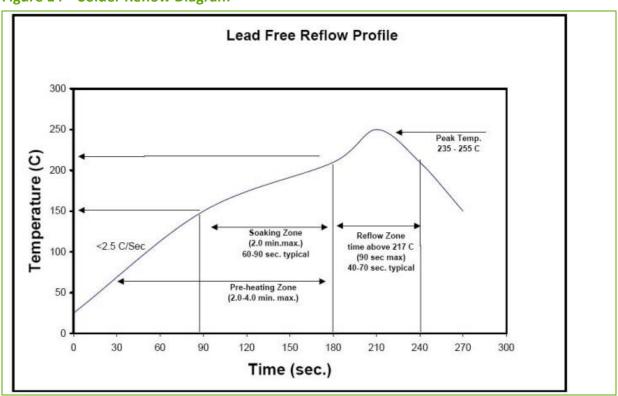


Figure 14 - Solder Reflow Diagram



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RoHS Compliance

This series of APDs is designed and built to be fully compliant with the European Union Directive 2011/65/EU - Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic equipment.





Warranty

A standard 12-month warranty following shipment applies.

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