



Overview

KEMET's A782 is a surface mount conductive polymer hybrid capacitor with outstanding electrical performance. The winding is housed in a cylindrical aluminum can with a high-quality rubber deck. Low ESR is conditioned by a highly conductive polymer (PEDOT/PSS). The polymer system creates an electrical pathway between the anodic oxide layer and the cathode through a mechanical separator - paper. The A782 winding is impregnated with liquid electrolyte that translates to the self-healing features of the capacitor. Thanks to its mechanical robustness, the A782 is suitable for use in mobile and automotive installations with operation up to +135°C.

Applications

KEMET's A782 is a series of high-performance surface mount hybrid capacitors. Due to its mechanical robustness, the A782 is suitable for use in mobile and automotive installations with extremely high demands and operation up to +135°C.

Benefits

- Surface mount form factor
- High ripple current up to $4.3A_{rms}$ at 135°C
- High temperature; 135°C up to 4,000 hours
- Low leakage current (Typically no re-ageing required)
- High vibration resistance up to 30g
- Self-healing behaviors
- Outstanding electrical performance
- AEC-Q200 compliance
- RoHS compliant
- Halogen-Free

Standard



Anti-Vibration



Surface Mount Hybrid Aluminum Polymer Capacitors

A782, 135°C, Hybrid Polymer V-Chip, Long Life, AEC-Q200

Part Number System

A	782	MS	107	M	1J	LA	S	030
Capacitor Class	Series	Size Code	Capacitance Code (pF)	Tolerance	Rated Voltage (VDC)	Packaging	Electrical Parameters	ESR
A = Aluminum	Surface Mount Hybrid Polymer Aluminum Capacitors 135 °C 4,000 hours	See Dimension Table	First two digits represent significant figures for capacitance values. Last digit specifies the number of zeros to be added.	M = ±20%	25 = 1E 35 = 1V 50 = 1H 63 = 1J	LA = Tape & Reel	S = Automotive V = Automotive +Anti-Vibration	Last 3 digits represent significant figures for ESR values. (mΩ)

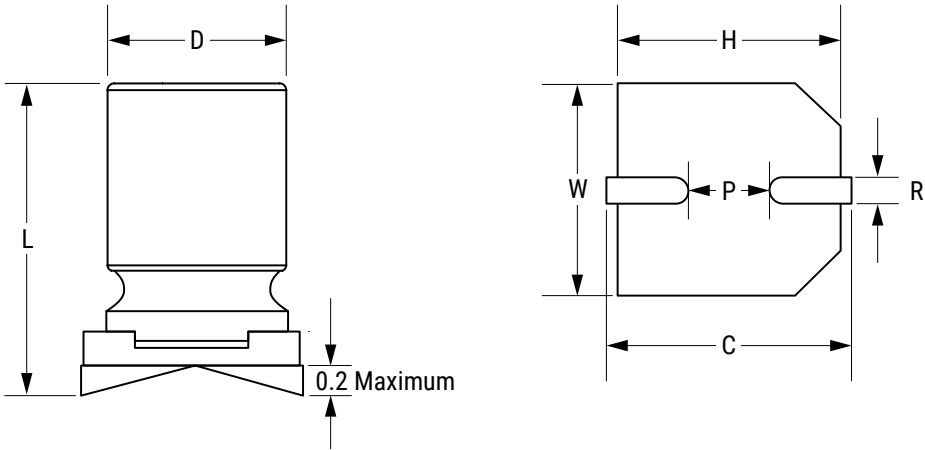
Ordering Options Table

Packaging Type	Packaging Code
Standard Packaging Options	
Tape & Reel	LA
Contact KEMET for other Lead and Packaging options	

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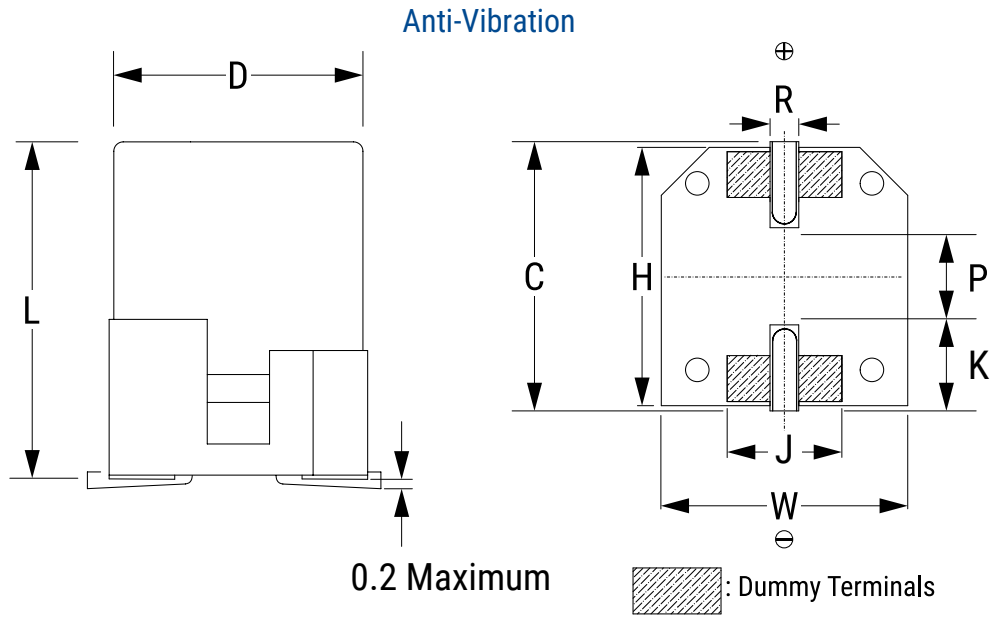
Dimensions – Standard – Millimeters

Standard



Size Code	D		L		W		H		C		R	P	J	K
	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Range	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
KN	8.0	±0.5	9.7	±0.3	8.3	±0.2	8.3	±0.2	9.0	±0.2	0.8 - 1.1	3.1	-	-
MN	10.0	±0.5	10.2	±0.3	10.3	±0.2	10.3	±0.2	11.0	±0.2	0.8 - 1.1	4.6	-	-
MS	10.0	±0.5	12.2	±0.5	10.3	±0.2	10.3	±0.2	11.0	±0.2	0.8 - 1.1	4.6	-	-
MW	10.0	±0.5	16.5	±0.5	10.3	±0.2	10.3	±0.2	11.0	±0.2	0.8 - 1.1	4.6	-	-

Dimensions – Anti-Vibration – Millimeters



Size Code	D		L		W		H		C		R	P	J	K
	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Nominal	Tolerance	Range	Nominal	Nominal	Nominal
KN (Anti-Vibration)	8.0	±0.5	9.9	±0.3	8.3	±0.2	8.8	±0.2	9.2	±0.2	0.7 – 1.1	3.1	4	3
KS (Anti-Vibration)	8.0	±0.5	12.4	±0.3	8.3	±0.2	8.3	±0.2	9.0	±0.2	0.8 – 1.1	3.1	4	2.3
MN (Anti-Vibration)	10.0	±0.5	10.4	±0.3	10.3	±0.2	10.8	±0.2	11.2	±0.2	0.7 – 1.1	4.6	4.4	3.2
MS (Anti-Vibration)	10.0	±0.5	12.4	±0.5	10.3	±0.2	10.8	±0.2	11.2	±0.2	0.7 – 1.1	4.6	4.4	3.2
MW (Anti-Vibration)	10.0	±0.5	16.7	±0.5	10.3	±0.2	10.8	±0.2	11.2	±0.2	0.7 – 1.1	4.6	4.4	3.2

Environmental Compliance



All Part Number in this datasheet are Reach and RoHS compliant and Halogen-Free.

As an environmentally conscious company, KEMET is working continuously with improvements concerning the environmental effects of both our capacitors and their production. In Europe (RoHS Directive) and in some other geographical areas like China, legislation has been put in place to prevent the use of some hazardous materials, such as lead (Pb), in electronic equipment. All products in this catalogue are produced to help our customers' obligations to guarantee their products and fulfil these legislative requirements. The only material of concern in our products has been lead (Pb), which has been removed from all designs to fulfil the requirement of containing less than 0.1% of lead in any homogeneous material. KEMET will closely follow any changes in legislation worldwide and makes any necessary changes in its products, whenever needed. Some customer segments such as medical, military and automotive electronics may still require the use of lead in electrode coatings. To clarify the situation and distinguish products from each other, a special symbol is used on the packaging labels for RoHS compatible capacitors.

Due to customer requirements, there may appear additional markings such as LF = Lead-free or LFW = Lead-free wires on the label.

Performance Characteristics

Item	Performance Characteristics
Capacitance Range	33 – 680 µF
Rated Voltage	25 – 100 VDC
Operating Temperature	-55°C to +135°C
Capacitance Tolerance	±20% at 120 Hz/20°C
Life Test	4,000 hours at rated temperature (See conditions in Test Method and Performance)
Leakage Current	I = 0.01 CV
	C = Rated capacitance (µF), V = Rated voltage (VDC), Voltage applied for 2 minutes at 20°C.

Compensation Factor of Ripple Current (RC) vs. Frequency

Frequency correction factor for permissible ripple current should be calculated following $I_{AC, f} / I_{AC, 100 kHz}$:

Rated Voltage (V)	Frequency	100 Hz	200 Hz	500 Hz	1 kHz	5 kHz	10 kHz	50 kHz	100 kHz
25 and 35	Coefficient	0.40	0.50	0.60	0.67	0.79	0.84	0.97	1.00
		0.22	0.31	0.42	0.55	0.75	0.82	0.94	1.00

Test Method & Performance

Conditions	Endurance Life Test	High Temperature Storage Test
Temperature	+135°C	+135°C
Test Duration	4,000 hours at rated temperature (See conditions in Test Method and Performance)	1,000 hours
Ripple Current	Rated ripple applied	No ripple current applied
Voltage	Rated voltage	No voltage applied
Performance	The following specifications will be satisfied when the capacitor is restored to 20°C.	
Capacitance Change	Within ±30% of the initial value	
Dissipation Factor	Does not exceed 200% of the specified value	
ESR	Does not exceed 200% of the specified value	
Leakage Current	Does not exceed the specified value	Does not exceed the specified value after Voltage treatment (Re-age procedure)
Damp Heat	The following specifications will be satisfied when the capacitor is restored to 20°C after application of rated voltage for 2,000 hours at 85°C, 85% RH.	
Capacitance Change	Within ±20% of the initial value	
Dissipation Factor	Does not exceed 200% of the specified value	
ESR	Does not exceed 200% of the specified value	
Leakage Current	Does not exceed the specified value	
Surge Voltage (Rated Voltage x 1.15(V))	The following specifications will be satisfied when the capacitor is subjected to 1,000 cycles, each consisting of charge with the surge voltages specified at 135°C for 30 seconds through a protective resistor (Rc = 1 kΩ) and discharge for 5 minutes, 30 seconds.	
Capacitance Change	Within ±20% of the initial value	
Dissipation Factor	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value	
ESR	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value	
Leakage Current	Does not exceed the specified value	
Resistance to Soldering Heat	Measurement for solder temperature profile at capacitor top and terminal.	
Capacitance Change	Within ±10% of the initial value	
Dissipation Factor	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value	
ESR	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value	
Leakage Current	Does not exceed the specified value	

Test Method & Performance – Anti-Vibration Version

Anti-Vibration Version Only	
Vibration Test Specifications	1.5 mm displacement amplitude or 30 g maximum acceleration. Vibration applied for three 4-hour sessions at 10 – 2,000 Hz (capacitor on PCB).
Capacitance Change	Within $\pm 20\%$ of the initial value
Dissipation Factor	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value
ESR	Does not exceed 150% of the specified value
Leakage Current	Does not exceed the specified value

Shelf Life & Re-Ageing

Shelf Life

Solderability is 12 months after manufacturing date.

The capacitance, ESR and impedance of a capacitor will not change significantly after extended storage periods, however the leakage current will slowly increase.

- The suitable storage condition is +5 to +35°C and less than 75% in relative humidity.
- Do not store in damp conditions such as water, saltwater spray or oil spray.
- Do not store in an environment containing gases such as hydrogen sulphide, sulphurous acid gas, nitrous acid, chlorine gas, ammonium, etc.
- Do not store under exposure to ozone, ultraviolet rays or radiation.

If a capacitor has been stored for more than 12 months under these conditions and it shows increased leakage current, then a treatment by voltage application is recommended.

MSL 1 rating according to IPC/JEDEC-J-STD-020.

Re-age Procedure

Apply the rated DC voltage to the capacitor at 125°C for a period of 120 minutes through a 1 k Ω series resistor.

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Table 1 – Ratings & Part Number Reference

Rated Voltage	Surge Voltage	Rated Capacitance	ESR	Dissipation Factor	Ripple Current ¹	Ripple Current ¹	Leakage Current	Case Size	KEMET Part Number		Case Size
(VDC)	(VDC)	120 Hz 20°C (µF)	100 kHz 20°C (mΩ)	120 Hz 20°C	100 kHz 125°C (mA)	100 kHz 135°C (mA)	20°C 2 min (µA)	D x L (mm) Std. Version	Standard Version	Anti-Vibration Version	D x L (mm) Anti-Vibration
25	28.75	180	25	0.14	3400	2600	45.0	8 x 9.7	A782KN187M1ELAS025	A782KN187M1ELAV025	8x9.9
25	28.75	220	25	0.14	3400	2600	55.0	8 x 9.7	A782KN227M1ELAS025	A782KN227M1ELAV025	8x9.9
25	28.75	300	25	0.14	3600	2750	75.0	10 x 10.2	A782MN307M1ELAS025	A782MN307M1ELAV025	10 x 10.4
25	28.75	330	25	0.14	3600	2750	82.5	10 x 10.2	A782MN337M1ELAS025	A782MN337M1ELAV025	10 x 10.4
25	28.75	420	20	0.14	4450	3400	105.0	10 x 12.2	A782MS427M1ELAS020	A782MS427M1ELAV020	10 x 12.4
25	28.75	470	20	0.14	4500	3450	117.5	10 x 12.2	A782MS477M1ELAS020	A782MS477M1ELAV020	10 x 12.4
25	28.75	560	13	0.14	5650	4300	140.0	10 x 16.5	A782MW567M1ELAS013	A782MW567M1ELAV013	10 x 16.7
25	28.75	680	13	0.14	5650	4300	170.0	10 x 16.5	A782MW687M1ELAS013	A782MW687M1ELAV013	10 x 16.7
35	40.25	120	25	0.12	3400	2600	42.0	8 x 9.7	A782KN127M1VLAS025	A782KN127M1VLAV025	8x9.9
35	40.25	150	25	0.12	3600	2750	52.5	10 x 10.2	A782MN157M1VLAS025	A782MN157M1VLAV025	10 x 10.4
35	40.25	150	25	0.12	3400	2600	52.5	8 x 9.7	A782KN157M1VLAS025	A782KN157M1VLAV025	8x9.9
35	40.25	180	25	0.12	3600	2750	63.0	10 x 10.2	A782MN187M1VLAS025	A782MN187M1VLAV025	10 x 10.4
35	40.25	220	20	0.12	4450	3400	77.0	10 x 12.2	A782MS227M1VLAS020	A782MS227M1VLAV020	10 x 12.4
35	40.25	220	25	0.12	3600	2750	77.0	10 x 10.2	A782MN227M1VLAS025	A782MN227M1VLAV025	10 x 10.4
35	40.25	330	20	0.12	4500	3450	115.5	10 x 12.2	A782MS337M1VLAS020	A782MS337M1VLAV020	10 x 12.4
35	40.25	420	15	0.12	5250	4000	147.0	10 x 16.5	A782MW427M1VLAS015	A782MW427M1VLAV015	10 x 16.7
35	40.25	470	15	0.12	5250	4000	164.5	10 x 16.5	A782MW477M1VLAS015	A782MW477M1VLAV015	10 x 16.7
50	57.5	68	30	0.10	3100	2350	34.0	8 x 9.7	A782KN686M1HLAS030	A782KN686M1HLAV030	8x9.9
50	57.5	82	30	0.10	3100	2350	41.0	8 x 9.7	A782KN826M1HLAS030	A782KN826M1HLAV030	8x9.9
50	57.5	100	30	0.10	3300	2500	50.0	10 x 10.2	A782MN107M1HLAS030	A782MN107M1HLAV030	10 x 10.4
50	57.5	120	30	0.10	3250	2500	60.0	10 x 10.2	A782MN127M1HLAS030	A782MN127M1HLAV030	10 x 10.4
50	57.5	150	28	0.10	3800	2900	75.0	10 x 12.2	A782MS157M1HLAS028	A782MS157M1HLAV028	10 x 12.4
50	57.5	180	28	0.10	3800	2900	90.0	10 x 12.2	A782MS187M1HLAS028	A782MS187M1HLAV028	10 x 12.4
50	57.5	220	16	0.10	5100	3900	110.0	10 x 16.5	A782MW227M1HLAS016	A782MW227M1HLAV016	10 x 16.7
50	57.5	270	16	0.10	5100	3900	135.0	10 x 16.5	A782MW277M1HLAS016	A782MW277M1HLAV016	10 x 16.7
63	72.45	47	35	0.08	2850	2200	29.6	8 x 9.7	A782KN476M1JLAS035	A782KN476M1JLAV035	8x9.9
63	72.45	56	35	0.08	2850	2200	35.3	8 x 9.7	A782KN566M1JLAS035	A782KN566M1JLAV035	8x9.9
63	72.45	68	35	0.08	3050	2300	42.8	10 x 10.2	A782MN686M1JLAS035	A782MN686M1JLAV035	10 x 10.4
63	72.45	82	35	0.08	3050	2300	51.7	10 x 10.2	A782MN826M1JLAS035	A782MN826M1JLAV035	10 x 10.4
63	72.45	100	30	0.08	3650	2800	63.0	10 x 12.2	A782MS107M1JLAS030	A782MS107M1JLAV030	10 x 12.4
63	72.45	120	30	0.08	3650	2800	75.6	10 x 12.2	A782MS127M1JLAS030	A782MS127M1JLAV030	10 x 12.4
63	72.45	150	17	0.08	4900	3750	94.5	10 x 16.5	A782MW157M1JLAS017	A782MW157M1JLAV017	10 x 16.7
63	72.45	180	17	0.08	4900	3750	113.4	10 x 16.5	A782MW187M1JLAS017	A782MW187M1JLAV017	10 x 16.7
100	128	33	35	8	3300	2500	33.0	10x12.2	A782MS336M2ALAS035	A782MS336M2ALAV035	10 x 12.4
100	128	47	25	8	3500	2700	47.0	10x16.5	A782MW476M2ALAS025	A782MW476M2ALAV025	10 x 16.7

¹ Capacitor mounted on PCB, Lop: 4,000 hours

Installing

Hybrid Polymer Aluminum Capacitors are prone to a change in leakage current due to thermal stress during soldering. The leakage current may increase after soldering or reflow soldering. Therefore, verify the suitability for use in circuits sensitive to leakage current. Depending on the nature of the circuit, it may be recommended to follow the re-aging procedure before application.

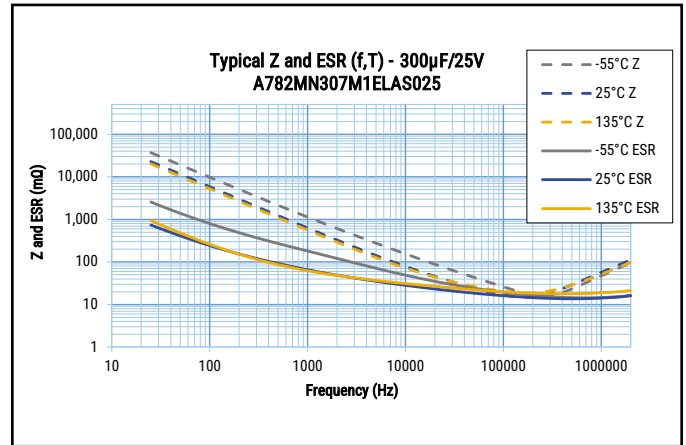
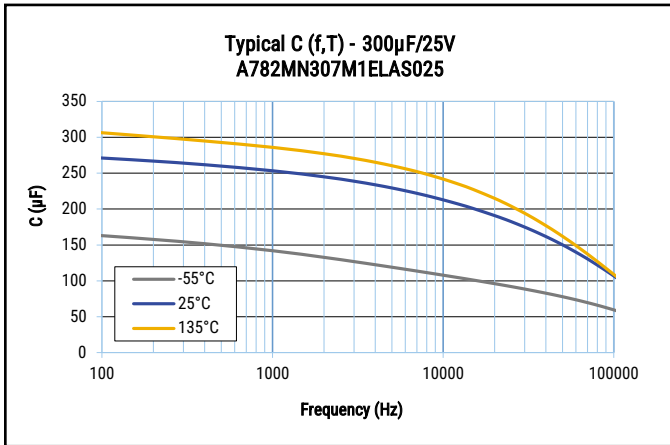
A general principle is that lower temperature operation results in a longer, useful life of the capacitor. For this reason, it should be ensured that Hybrid Polymer Aluminum capacitors are placed away from heat-emitting components. Adequate space should be allowed between components for cooling air to circulate, especially when high ripple current loads are applied. In any case, the maximum rated temperature must not be exceeded.

- Do not deform the case of capacitors or use capacitors with a deformed case.
- Verify that the connections of the capacitors are able to insert on the board without excessive mechanical force. Excessive force during insertion, as well as after soldering may cause terminal damage and affect the electrical performance.
- Ensure electrical insulation between the capacitor case, negative terminal, positive terminal and PCB.
- If the capacitors require mounting through additional means, the recommended mounting accessories shall be used.
- Verify the correct polarization of the capacitor on the board.

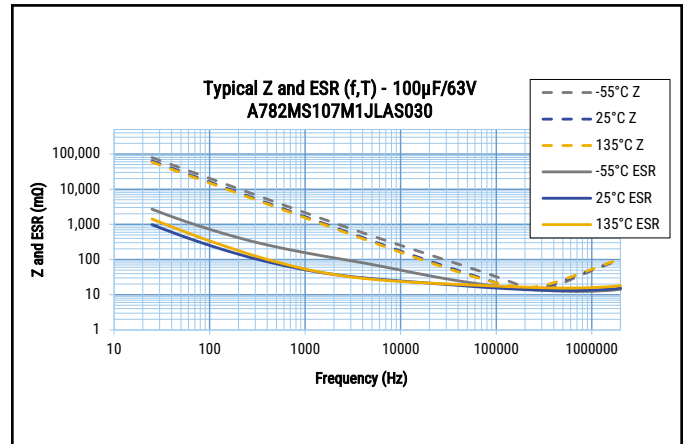
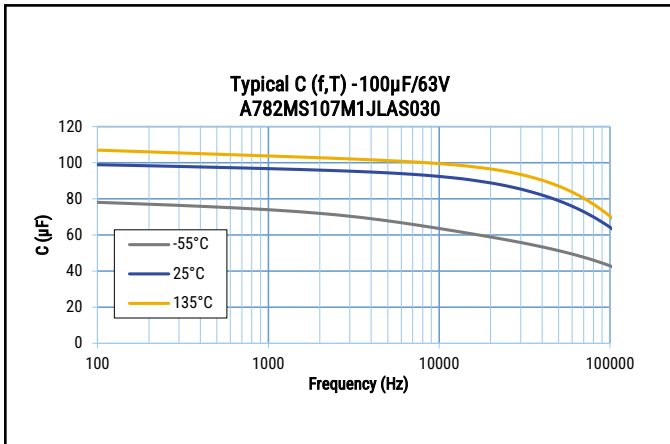
KEMET recommends, to ensure that the voltage across each capacitor does not exceed its rated voltage.

Electrical Parameters across Frequency Range

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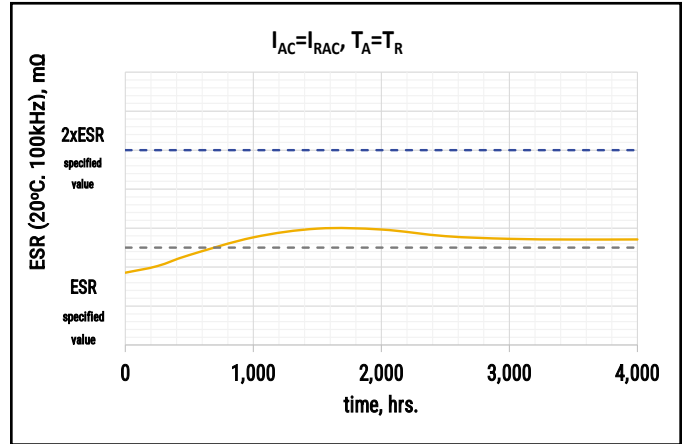
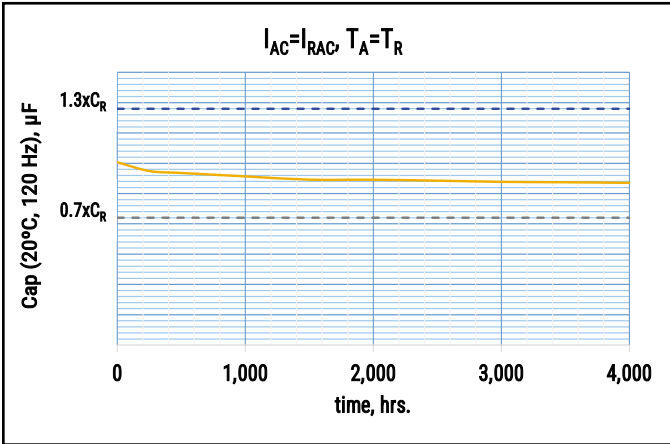


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Operational Life

Typical capacitance and ESR curves of Polymer Hybrid V-Chip mounted on a standard Printed Circuit Board (PCB) at rated temperature T_R and with rated ripple current I_{RAC} applied:



DC Life Formula

Expected DC operational life (L_{Op} , in k hour) can be calculated in accordance to the following equations depending on part number rated voltage (VDC):

$$L_{Op} = 6,500 \times 10^{((125-T_A)/33)} \text{ for } T_A \text{ lower or equal to } 105^\circ\text{C}$$

$$L_{Op} = 11,200 \times 10^{((125-T_A)/54)} \text{ for } T_A \text{ higher than } 105^\circ\text{C}$$

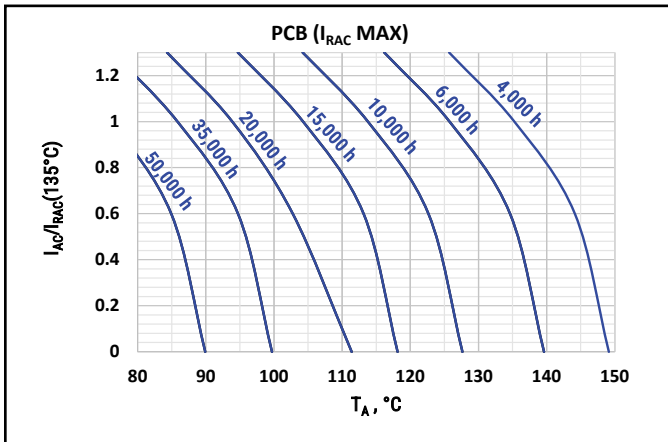
Where:

L_{Op} : Life at maximum permissible operating temperature with rated operating voltage applied (k hour). Maximum $L_{Op} = 200$ kh.

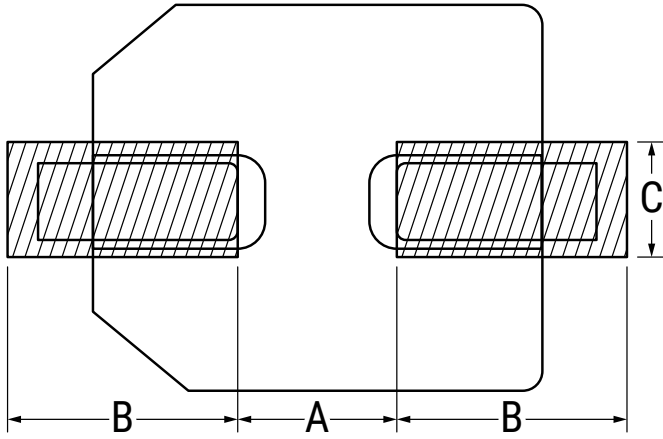
T_A : Ambient operating temperature ($^\circ\text{C}$).

Operational Life

Operational Life (L_{Op}) of a Polymer Hybrid V-Chip mounted on a Printed Circuit Board (PCB) at ambient temperature T_A and ripple current I_{AC} applied, can be converted from the diagram:

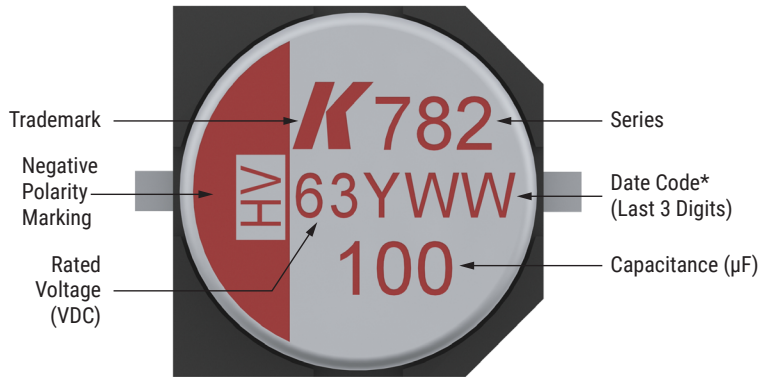


Landing Pad – Millimeters



Diameter	A	B	C
10	4.5	4.4	2.2
10 (Anti-Vibration)	4.5	4.4	4.6
Units in mm			

Marking

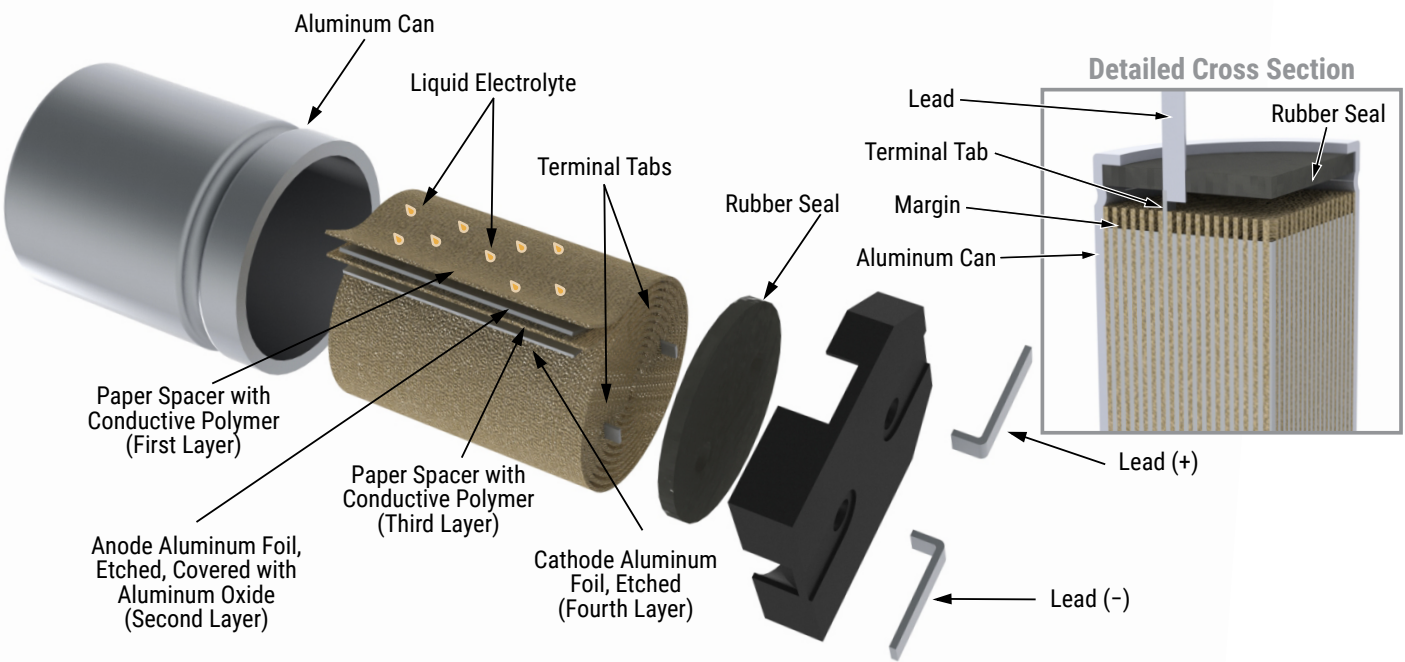


Date Code*	
1 st Digits = Rated Voltage	
Letter = Year Code	V = 2022
Final Digits = Week of the Year	01 = 1 st week of the Year to 52 = 52 nd week of the Year
Year Code	
W	2023
X	2024
Y	2025
Z	2026
A	2027
B	2028
C	2029

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Construction

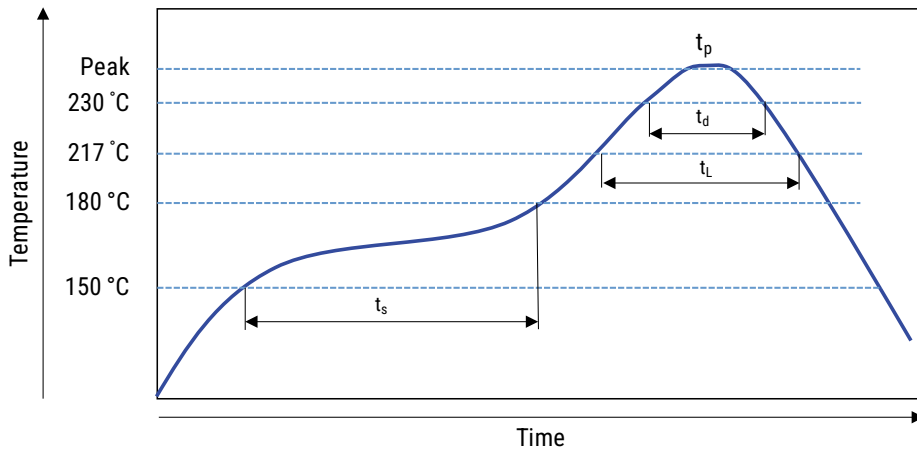


Re-Flow Soldering

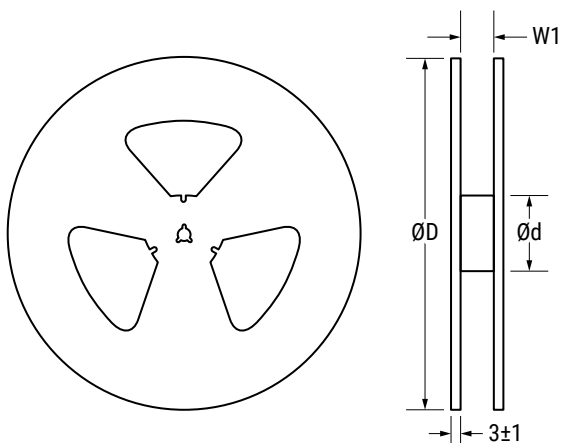
The soldering conditions should be within the specified conditions below:

- Do not dip the capacitors body into the melted solder.
- Flux should only be applied to the capacitors terminals.
- Vapour heat transfer systems are not recommended. The system should be thermal, such as infra-red radiation or hot blast.
- Observe the soldering conditions as shown below.
- Do not exceed these limits and avoid repeated reflowing.

Time Period	Preheating t_s	t_L	t_d	t_p	Reflow Number
Temperature (°C)	150 – 180	≥ 217	≥ 230	260	1
				250	1 or 2
Time (seconds)	60 – 120	≤ 50	≤ 40	≤ 5	-

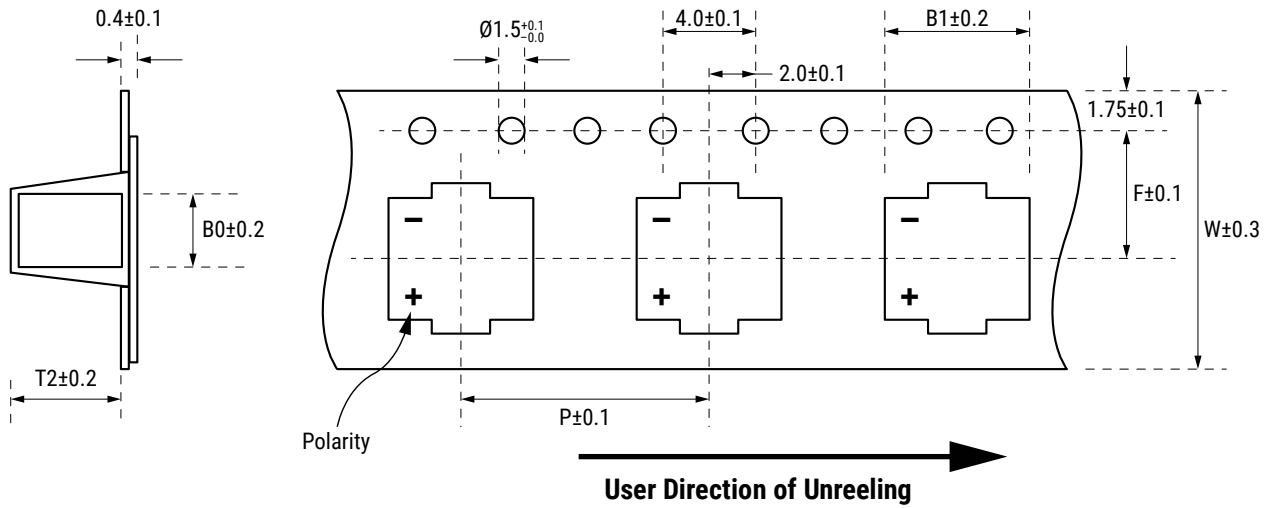


Lead Taping & Packaging



Size Code	Diameter (mm)	Length (mm)	Reel			Reel Quantity	Box Quantity
			d (mm)	D (mm)	W1 (mm)		
			±3	±2	±2		
KN	8	9.7	100	380	24	500	3000
KN (Anti-Vibration)	8	9.9	100	380	24	500	3000
MN	10	10.2	100	380	24	500	3,000
MS	10	12.2	100	380	24	400	2,400
MW	10	16.5	100	380	24	250	1,500
MN (Anti-Vibration)	10	10.4	100	380	24	500	3,000
MS (Anti-Vibration)	10	12.4	100	380	24	400	2,400
MW (Anti-Vibration)	10	16.7	100	380	24	250	1,500

Taping for Automatic Insertion Machines



Size Code	D x L	W	P	F	B1	B0	T2
	Tolerance	± 0.3	± 0.1	± 0.1	± 0.2	± 0.2	± 0.2
KN	8x9.7	24	16	11.5	8.7	8.7	9.8
KN (Anti-Vibration)	8x9.9	24	16	11.5	8.7	9.2	10
MN	10 x 10.2	24	16	11.5	10.7	10.7	12.5
MS	10 x 12.2	24	16	11.5	10.7	10.7	12.5
MW	10x16.5	24	20	11.5	10.7	11.2	16.9
MN (Anti-Vibration)	10 x 10.4	24	16	11.5	10.7	11.2	10.3
MS (Anti-Vibration)	10 x 12.4	24	16	11.5	10.7	11.2	12.7
MW (Anti-Vibration)	10x16.7	24	20	11.5	10.7	11.2	16.9

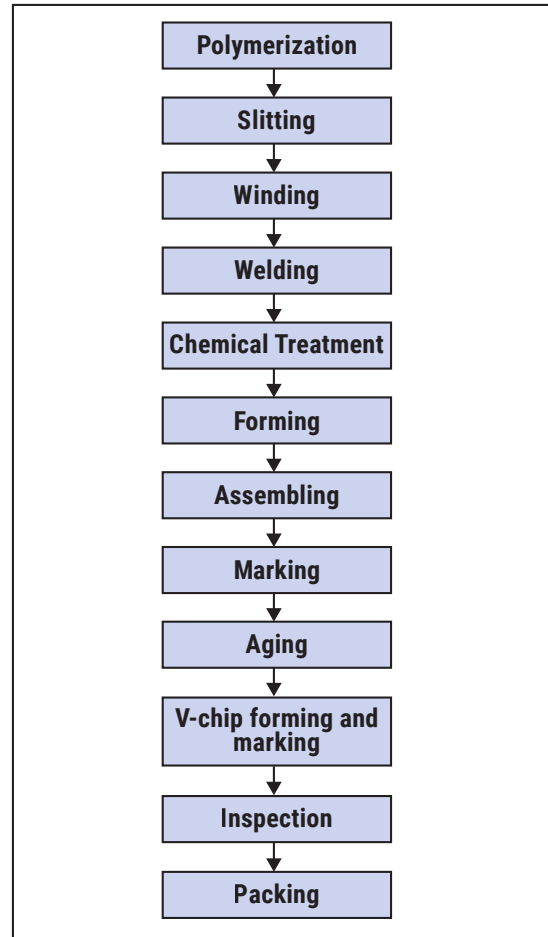
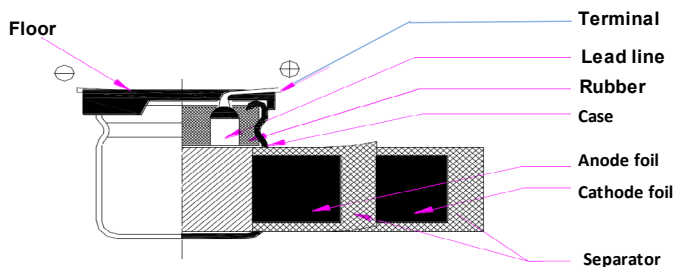
Construction Data

The manufacturing process begins with the anode foil being electrochemically etched to increase the surface area and then 'formed' to produce the aluminum oxide layer. Both the anode and cathode foils are then interleaved with absorbent paper and wound into a cylinder. During the winding process, aluminum tabs are attached to each foil to provide the electrical contact.

The deck, complete with terminals, is attached to the tabs and then folded down to rest on top of the winding. The complete winding is impregnated with a conductive polymer electrolyte before being housed in a suitable container, usually an aluminum can, and sealed. Throughout the process, all materials inside the housing must be maintained at the highest purity and be compatible with the electrolyte.

Each capacitor is aged and tested before being packed. The purpose of aging is to repair any damage in the oxide layer and thus reduce the leakage current to a very low level. Aging is normally carried out at the rated temperature of the capacitor and is accomplished by applying voltage to the device while carefully controlling the supply current. The process may take several hours to complete. Damage to the oxide layer can occur due to a variety of reasons:

- Slitting of the anode foil after forming
- Attaching the tabs to the anode foil
- Minor mechanical damage caused during winding



Product Safety

THESE NOTES SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRODUCT DATA SHEET. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE RATINGS AND THE INFORMATION ON THIS SHEET MAY RESULT IN A SAFETY HAZARD.

Warning

When potential lethal voltages e.g. 30 VAC (RMS) or 60 VDC are applied to the terminals of this product, the use of a hazard warning label is recommended.

1. Electrolyte

Hybrid aluminum polymer electrolytic capacitors contain polymer and electrolyte, which can be hazardous.

1.1 Safety Precautions

In the event of gas venting, avoid contact and inhalation. Wash the affected area with hot water. Use rubber gloves to avoid skin contact. Any contact with the eyes should be liberally irrigated with water and medical advice sought.

2. Intrinsic Properties

2.1 Operating

DC capacitors are polar devices and will operate safely only if correctly connected. Reversing the connections will result in high leakage currents which could subsequently cause short circuit failure and possibly explosion and fire. Correctly polarized operation may result in the above failure modes if:

- The surge voltage is exceeded
- The ambient temperature is too high
- Excessive ripple currents are applied

2.2 Non-Operating

Excessive torque or soldering heat may affect the performance of the capacitor or damage the sealing. Electric shock may result if capacitors are not discharged.

3. Disposal

Aluminum electrolytic capacitors are consignable waste under the Special Waste Regulations 1996 (Statutory Instrument 1996 No 972), which complies with the EC Hazardous Waste Directive – Directive 91/689/EEC. The electrolyte should therefore be treated as a hazardous waste and advice should be sought from the local office of the Environmental Agency regarding its disposal.

Due to the construction of an aluminum electrolytic capacitors, high temperature incineration may cause the component to explode due to build-up of internal pressure. In addition, incineration may also cause the emission of noxious fumes. KEMET strongly recommends that if there are any doubts regarding the disposal of conductive polymer aluminum solid electrolytic capacitors, that advice be sought from the local regulating authority.

In addition, KEMET would like to request that users of aluminum electrolytic capacitors respect the needs of the environment and, wherever possible, recover as much of the materials as possible, i.e., aluminum.

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4. Unsafe Use

Most failures are of a passive nature and do not represent a safety hazard. A hazard may, however, arise if this failure causes a dangerous malfunction of the equipment in which the capacitor is employed. Circuits should be designed to fail safe under the normal modes of failure.

The usual failure mode is an increase of ESR or an open circuit. Other possible modes are decrease of capacitance, increase in dissipation factor (and impedance) or an open circuit. Capacitors should be used in a well-ventilated enclosure or cabinet.

5. Mounting

Care should be taken when mounting, that any safety vent in the can is not covered.

6. Fumigation

In many countries throughout the world it is now common practice to fumigate shipments of products in order to control insect infestation, particularly when wooden packaging is used. Currently, methyl bromide is widely used as a fumigant, which can penetrate cardboard packing and polymer bags and, therefore, come into direct contact with equipment or components contained within.

If aluminum electrolytic capacitors become exposed to methyl bromide then corrosion may occur, depending upon the concentration and exposure time to the chemical.

This failure mode can affect all types of KEMET aluminum electrolytic capacitors. Methyl bromide can penetrate the seals of aluminum electrolytic capacitors and cause internal corrosion of the anode connection, resulting in the component becoming open circuit. The rate of corrosion will depend upon the level of exposure to methyl bromide as well as the subsequent operating conditions, such as voltage and temperature. It may take months or, in some cases, several years before the component becomes open circuit.

7. Dielectric Absorption

A phenomenon known as dielectric absorption can cause aluminum electrolytic capacitors to recharge themselves. The phenomenon is well known but impossible to predict with any great accuracy, so potentially any electrolytic product could be affected. Thus, a capacitor that has been charged and then completely discharged will appear to recharge itself if left open circuit; this will manifest itself as a small voltage across the terminals of the capacitor. Generally, the voltages seen are less than 20 VDC. However, higher voltages have on occasion been reported.

In order to avoid any problems caused by this voltage, KEMET recommends that capacitors be discharged before connecting to the terminals.

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