NASA-DoD Lead-Free Electronics Project

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Resources

Project documents, test plans, test reports and other associated information will be available on the web:

- NASA-DoD Lead-Free Electronics Project: http://www.teerm.nasa.gov/projects/NASA_DODLeadFreeElectronics_Proj2.html
  - Joint Test Protocol
  - Project Plan

Project Stakeholders

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ITB inc.

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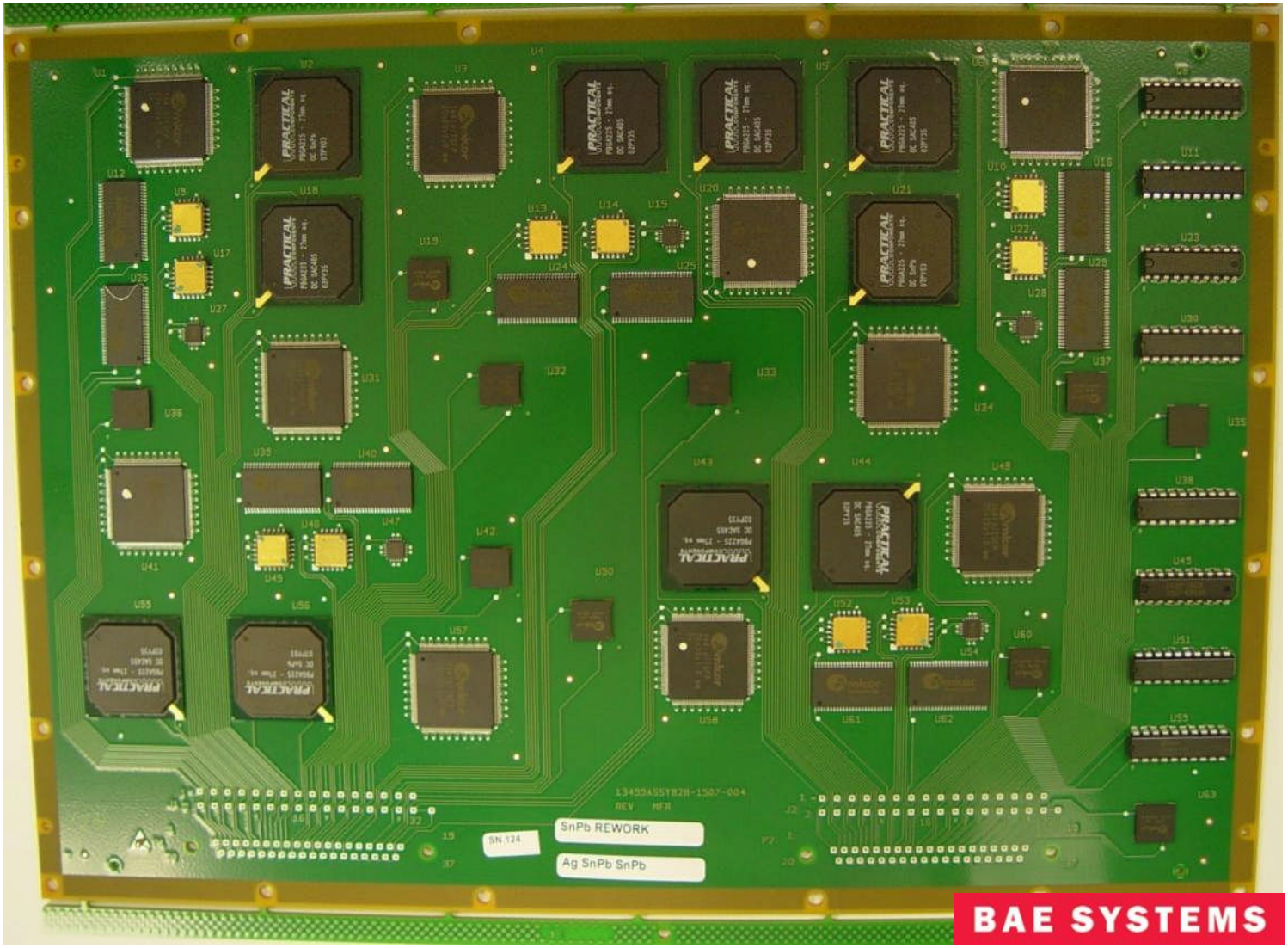
Test Vehicles

- 193 Test Vehicles Assembled by BAE Systems (Irving, Texas)
  120 = “Manufactured”
  73 = “Rework”



Circuit Cards

- 14.5”X 9”X 0.09”
- 6 layers of 0.5 ounce copper
- FR4 per IPC-4101/26 with a minimum Tg of 170ºC (Isola 370HR)
- Pho-Tronics

NAVSEA Crane Rework Effort

Built 30 test vehicles (sub-set of the 193 assembled)

- Test vehicles were built with Lead-Free solder and Lead-Free component finishes only = similar to Manufactured test vehicles for Mechanical Shock, Vibration and Drop Testing
- Lead-Free alloys, SAC305 and SN100C
- Rework was done using only SnPb solder
- Performed multiple pass rework 1 to 2 times on random Pb-free DIP, TQFP-144, TSOP-50, LCC and QFN components
- Testing
  - Thermal Cycling -55°C to +125°C – *Testing In-Progress with NASA-DoD test vehicles*
  - Vibration Testing CELESTICA **COMPLETE**
  - Drop Testing CELESTICA **COMPLETE**

Drop Testing

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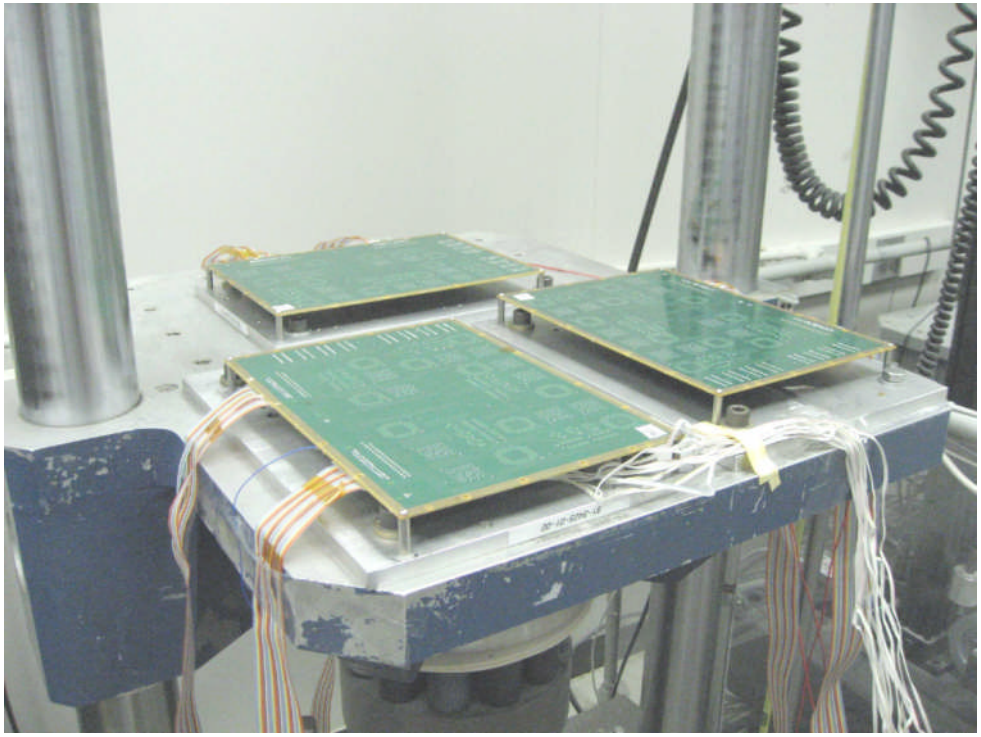
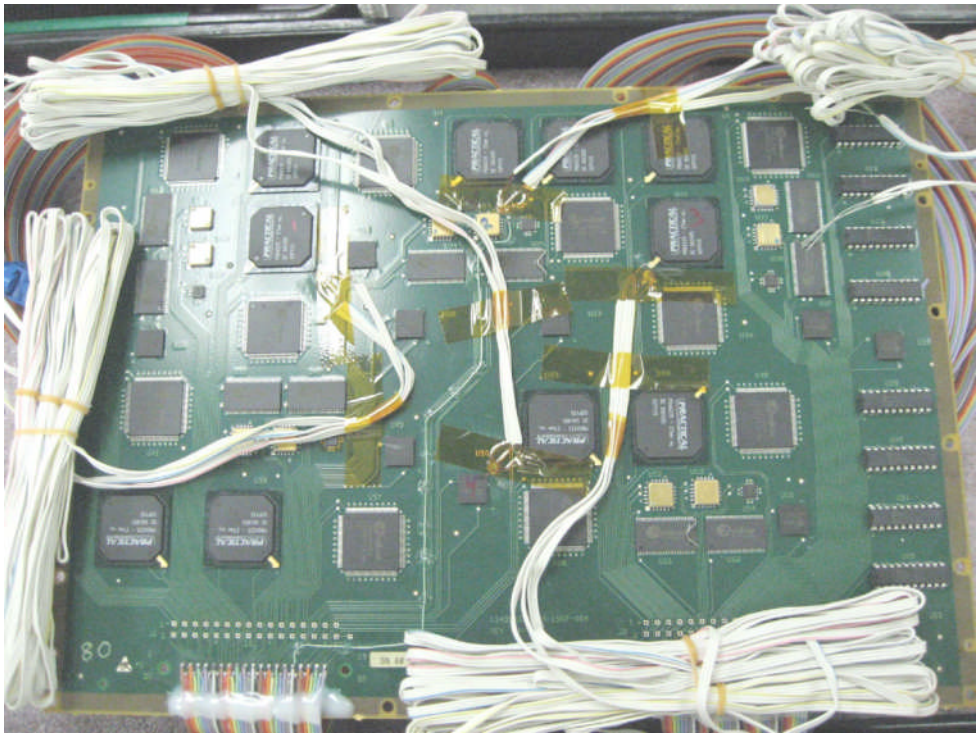
NSWC Crane Test Vehicles

- Shock parameters: 500 G, 2.0 ms duration (340 G for cards 80, 82, 87 for first
- 10 drops)
- Number of drops: 20
- 9 cards in total / 3 cards tested per drop
- Each card monitored for shock response
- Each card monitored for resistance
- Cards 80, 83, 86 monitored for strain





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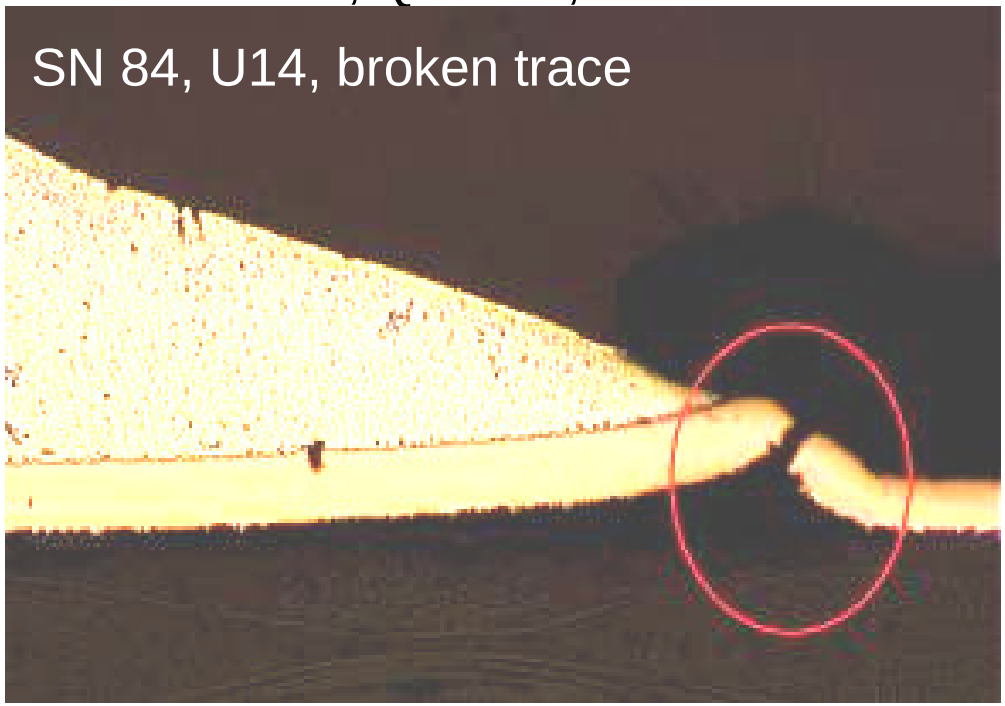
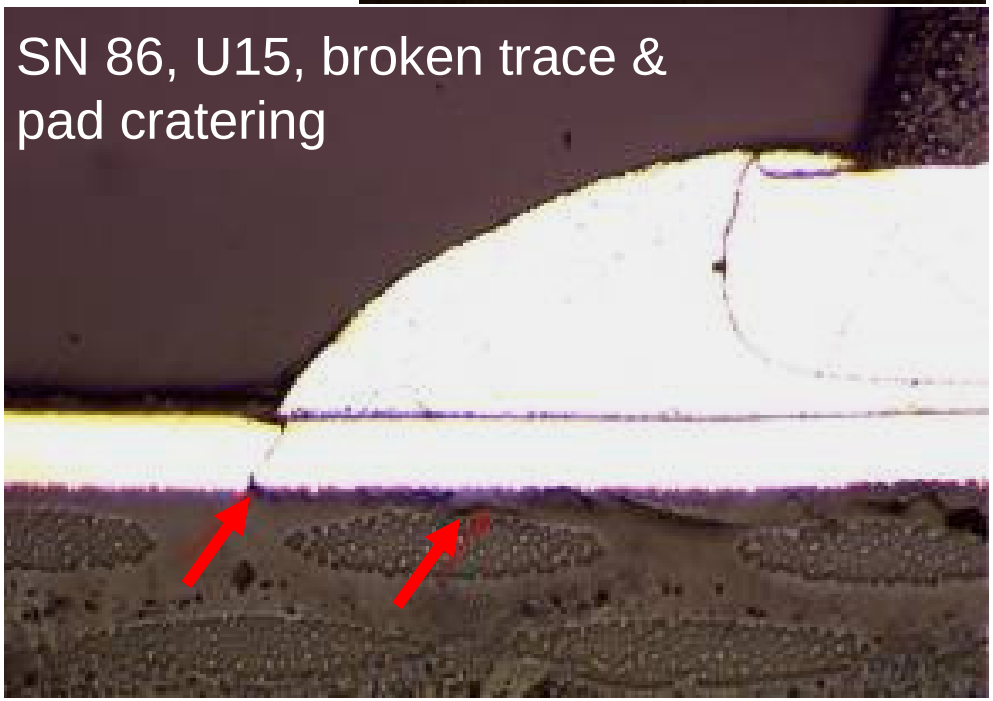
NSWC Crane Test Vehicles

- Only component to have significant failures – BGA 225
- The 4 non-BGA samples that had an electrical failure had the following rework histories:
  - SN 85, TQFP 144, U57 was reworked once
  - SN 85, PDIP-20, U8 was reworked once
  - SN 84, CLCC-20, U14 was not reworked
  - SN 86, QFN-20, U15 was reworked twice





Vibration Testing

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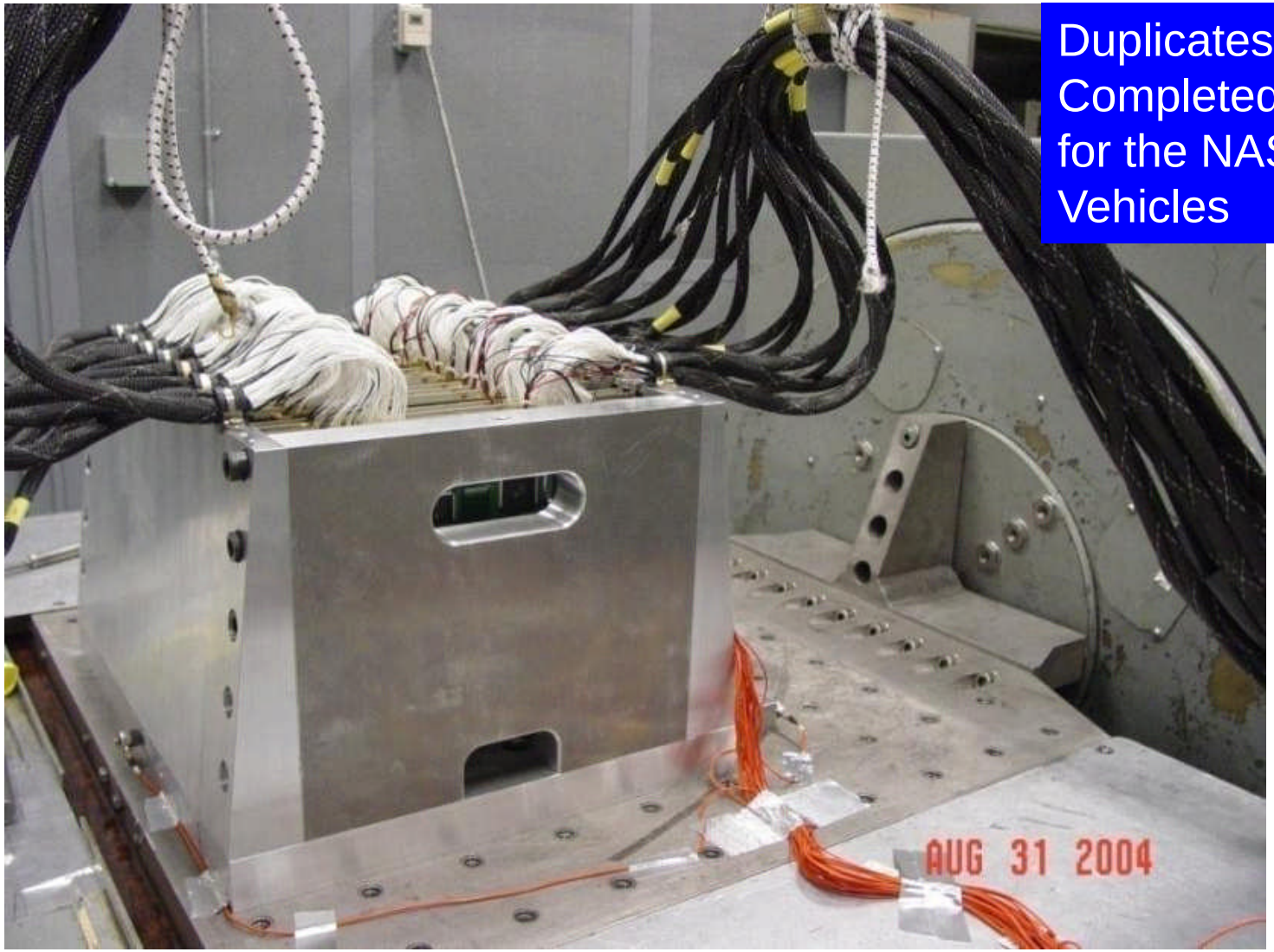

Duplicates Testing Completed by Boeing for the NASA-DoD Test Vehicles

Vibration Testing

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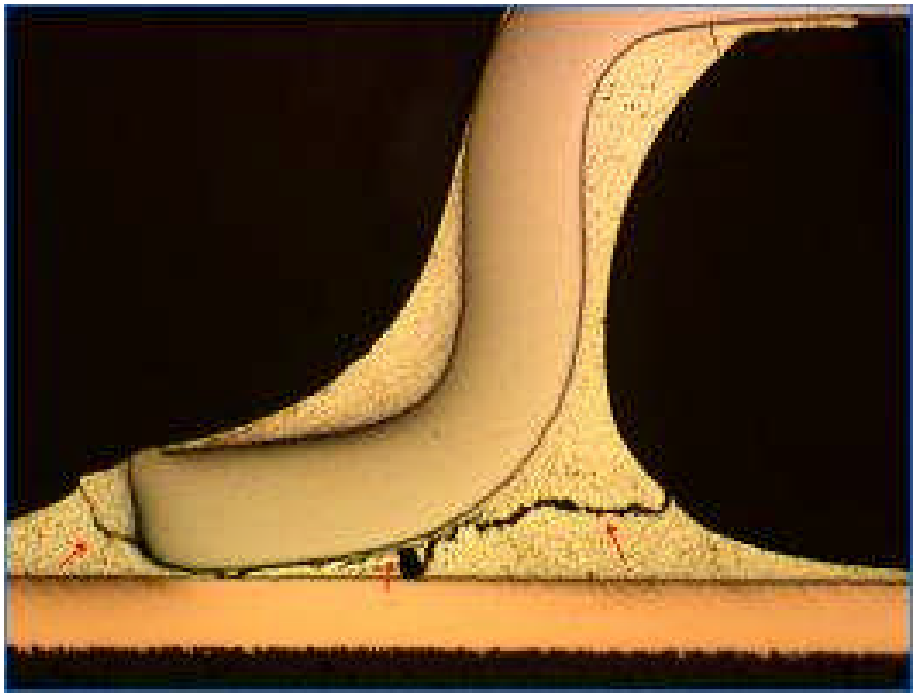
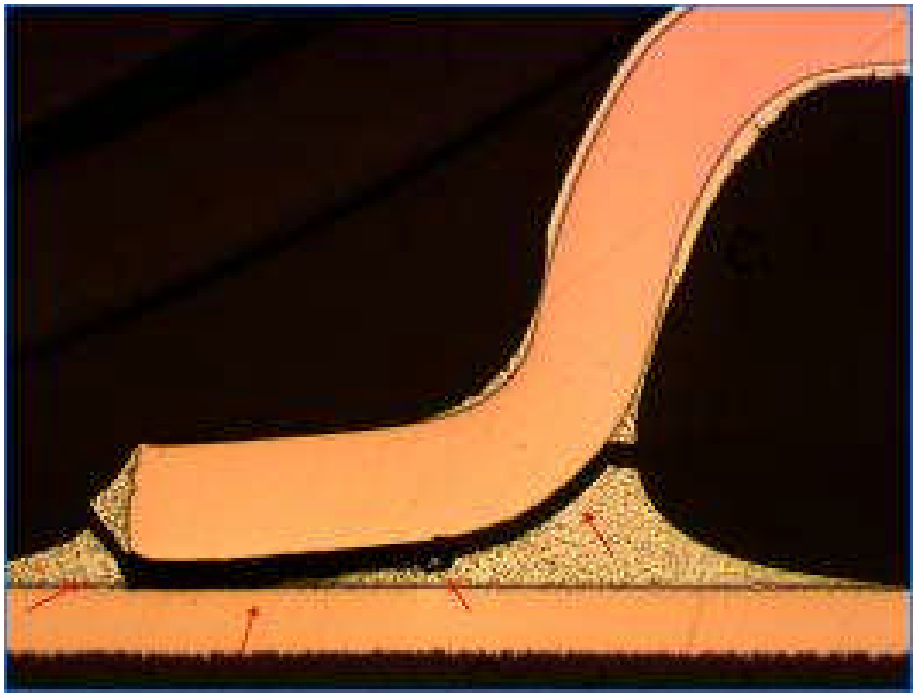
- Among the parameters tested, unexplained variation continues to dominate the results
  - Batch or Card S/N did not significantly influence the results
  - Component package style had a marked influence on both the time to failure (Tf) and on the number of cycles to 10% failure (N10)
- Rework
  - Did influence Time to failure
  - Did not significantly influence N10
- Location on the board
  - Did significantly influence Tf
  - Did not significantly influence N10

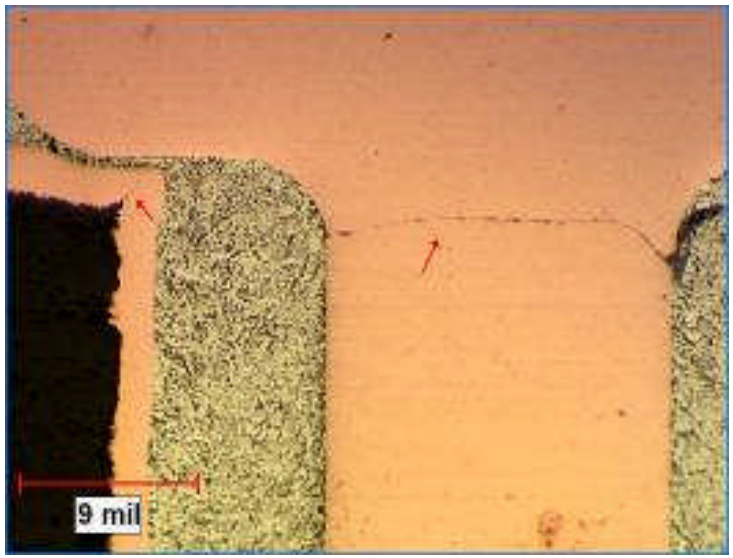
Vibration Testing



SN67, U61, left lead solder crack, 100x



SN67, U31, left lead solder crack, 100x



SN 79, U49, pin 11, 100x

Testing Activities
NASA-DoD Test Vehicles

Specific testing details can be found in the Joint Test Protocol (JTP)
http://www.teerm.nasa.gov/projects/NASA_DODLeadFreeElectronics_Proj2.html

- Thermal Cycle Testing (-20/+80°C) BOEING
- Combine Environments Testing Raytheon **COMPLETE**
- Drop Testing CELESTICA **COMPLETE**
- Thermal Cycle Testing (-55/+125°C) Rockwell Collins
- Vibration Testing BOEING **COMPLETE**
- Mechanical Shock Testing BOEING **COMPLETE**

<u>Not Covered in this Presentation</u>

- Interconnect Stress Test (IST) Interconnect PWB Solutions Inc. **COMPLETE**
- Copper Dissolution CELESTICA Rockwell Collins

Thermal Cycle Testing (-20/+80°C)

Test Parameters

- 5 to 10°C/minute ramp
- 30 minute dwell at 80°C
- 10 minute dwell at -20°C

~ 3,000 Thermal Cycles Completed

Combine Environments Testing

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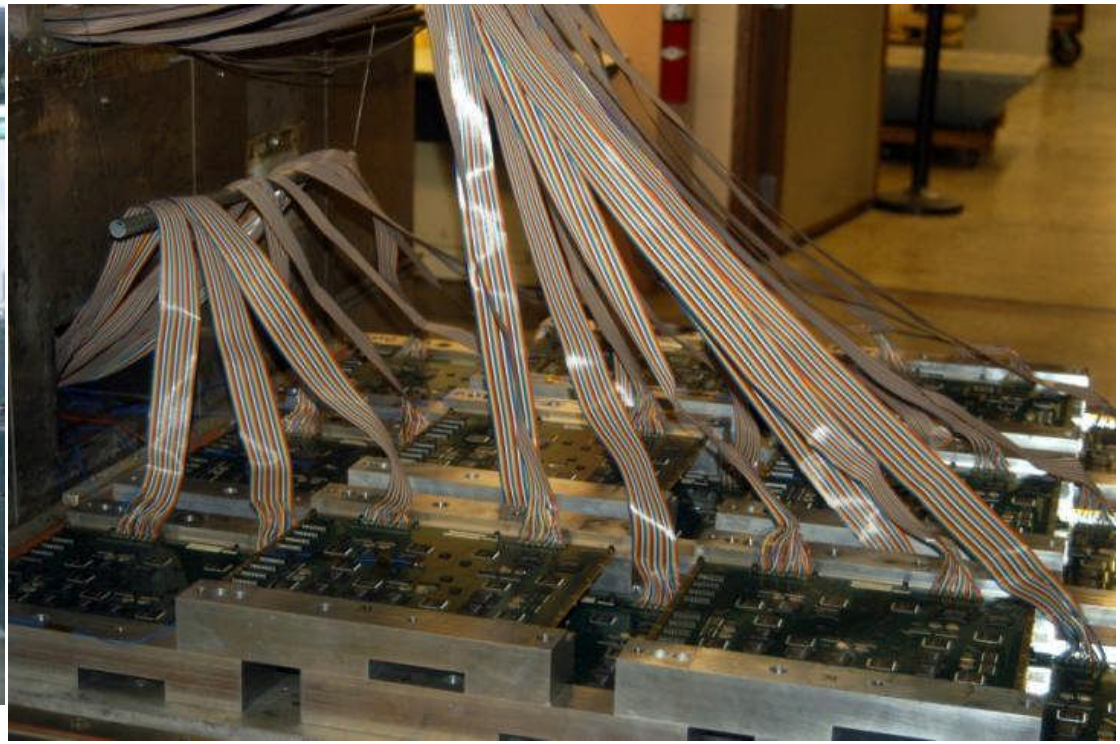
Thermal Cycle with Vibration

- -55°C to +125°C
- 20°C/minute ramp
- 15 minute dwell at -55°C and +125°C
- Vibration for the duration of the thermal cycle
- 10 g_{rms} pseudo-random vibration initially
- Increase vibration level 5 g_{rms} after every 50 cycles
- 55 g_{rms} maximum



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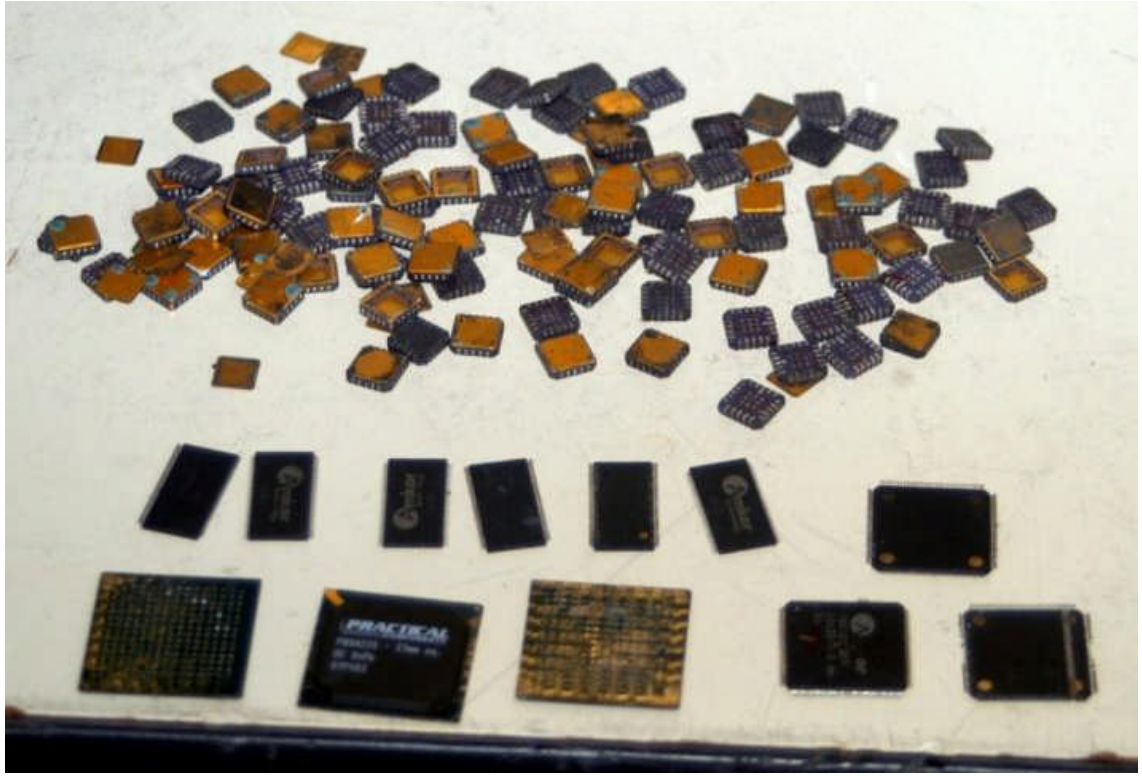
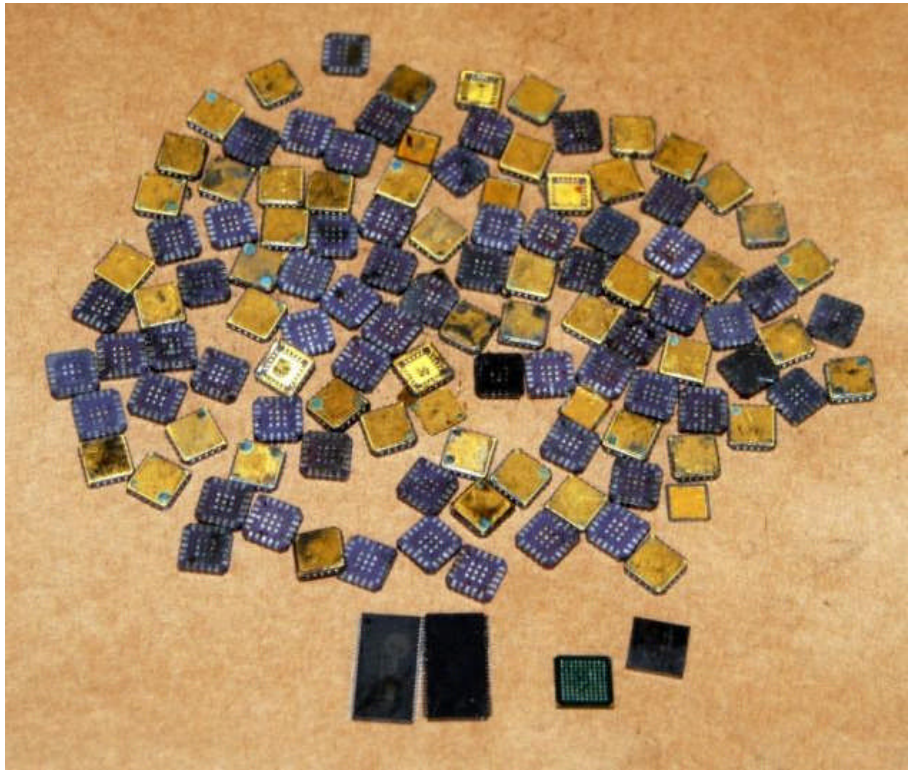
Overall, the component type had the greatest effect on solder joint reliability performance.

- The plated-through-hole components proved to be more reliable than the surface mount technology components.
- The plated-through-holes (PTH), PDIP-20, TQFP-144 and QFN-20 components per-formed the best.
- The BGA-225 components performed the worst.





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Solder alloy had a secondary effect on solder joint reliability.

- In general, tin-lead finished components soldered with tin-lead solder paste were the most reliable with the exception of some components with lead contamination in the solder joints.
- In general, tin-silver-copper soldered components were less reliable than the tin-lead solder controls.
- In several cases, tin-silver-copper solder performed statistically as good as or equal to the baseline, eutectic tin-lead solder.

In general, reworked components were less reliable than the unreworked components. This is especially true with reworked lead-free CSP-100, reworked lead-free BGA-225

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From this testing, it appears the selection of component type and lead-free solder combinations should be considered critical factors when considering converting to lead-free solder assembly, especially for surface mount technology design configurations.

Manufactured Test Vehicles

Board Finish	Component	Finish	Solder	Number of Failed Components
Im. Ag	BGA-225	SAC405	SAC305	76% (19 of 25)
			SN100C	76% (19 of 25)
			SnPb	92% (23 of 25)
		SnPb	SAC305	84% (21 of 25)
			SN100C	88% (22 of 25)
			SnPb	60% (15 of 25)
Im. Ag	CLCC-20	SAC305	SAC305	96% (24 of 25)
			SN100C	96% (24 of 25)
			SnPb	92% (23 of 25)
		SnPb	SAC305	100% (25 of 25)
			SN100C	88% (22 of 25)
			SnPb	84% (21 of 25)
Im. Ag	QFN-20	Matte Sn	SAC305	20% (5 of 25)
			SN100C	40% (10 of 25)
			SnPb	20% (5 of 25)
Im. Ag	TQFP-144	Matte Sn	SAC305	24% (6 of 25)
			SN100C	52% (13 of 25)
			SnPb	32% (8 of 25)
		SnPb Dip	SAC305	0% (0 of 25)
			SN100C	60% (15 of 25)
			SnPb	8% (2 of 25)

Combine Environments Testing

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Rework Test Vehicles

Board Finish	Component	Finish	Solder	New Component Finish	Rework Solder	Number of Failed Components
Im. Ag	BGA-225	SAC405	SAC305	SAC405	Flux Only	60% (9 of 15)
					SnPb	33% (5 of 15)
			SnPb			50% (10 of 20)
		SnPb	SAC305			65% (13 of 20)
			SnPb	SAC405	SnPb	80% (12 of 15)
				SnPb	Flux Only	20% (3 of 15)
Im. Ag	PDIP-20	NiPdAu	SnPb			7% (1 of 15)
		Sn	SN100C	Sn	SN100C	20% (2 of 10)
						7% (2 of 30)
			SnPb			13% (2 of 15)
		SnPb	SnPb	Sn	SnPb	40% (4 of 10)
Im. Ag	TSOP-50	Sn	SAC305	Sn	SnPb	60% (6 of 10)
			SnPb			20% (3 of 15)
		SnBi	SAC305	SnBi	SAC305	90% (9 of 10)
						67% (10 of 15)
			SnPb			33% (5 of 15)
		SnPb	SAC305			33% (5 of 15)
			SnPb	Sn	SnPb	50% (5 of 10)
				SnPb	SnPb	60% (6 of 10)

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Failure Analysis In-Progress

Failure Analysis Location	Test Vehicle	Component Location	Selection Criteria
COM DEV	21	U34	Mfg group - No signal, failed at 0 cycles
	21	U57	Mfg group - Failed at cycle 1
	119	U36	Mfg group - Surrounded by components that fell off; failed at 233 cycles
	119	U39	Mfg group - Surrounded by components that fell off; failed at 318 cycles
	142	U13	Rwk group - Adjacent to rwked components, survived all 650 cycles
	181	U56	Rwk group - Rwked component failed at cycle 1
	181	U25	Rwk group - Rwked component failed at cycle 1
Lockheed Martin	117	U4	Mfg group - Failed at 20 cycles; SN100C solder paste used
	140	U11	Rwk group - Damaged pad from rwk - Failed at 398 cycles
	183	U41	Rwk group - Failed at cycle 1, was not rwked
Nihon Superior	23	U30	Mfg group - Survived 650 cycles, surrounded by components that fell off
	23	U43	Mfg group - Failed at 120 cycles, located near center of TV
	72	U29	Mfg group - Location in chamber (low fails); failed at 161 cycles
	158	U6	Rwk group - Rwked component failed at cycle 1
	180	U21	Rwk group - Rwked component failed at cycle 1

Thermal Cycle Testing (-55/+125°C)

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Test Parameters

- 5 to 10°C/minute ramp
- 30 minute dwell at 125°C
- 10 minute dwell at -55°C

~3,000 Thermal Cycles Completed

Thermal Cycle Testing (-55/+125°C)

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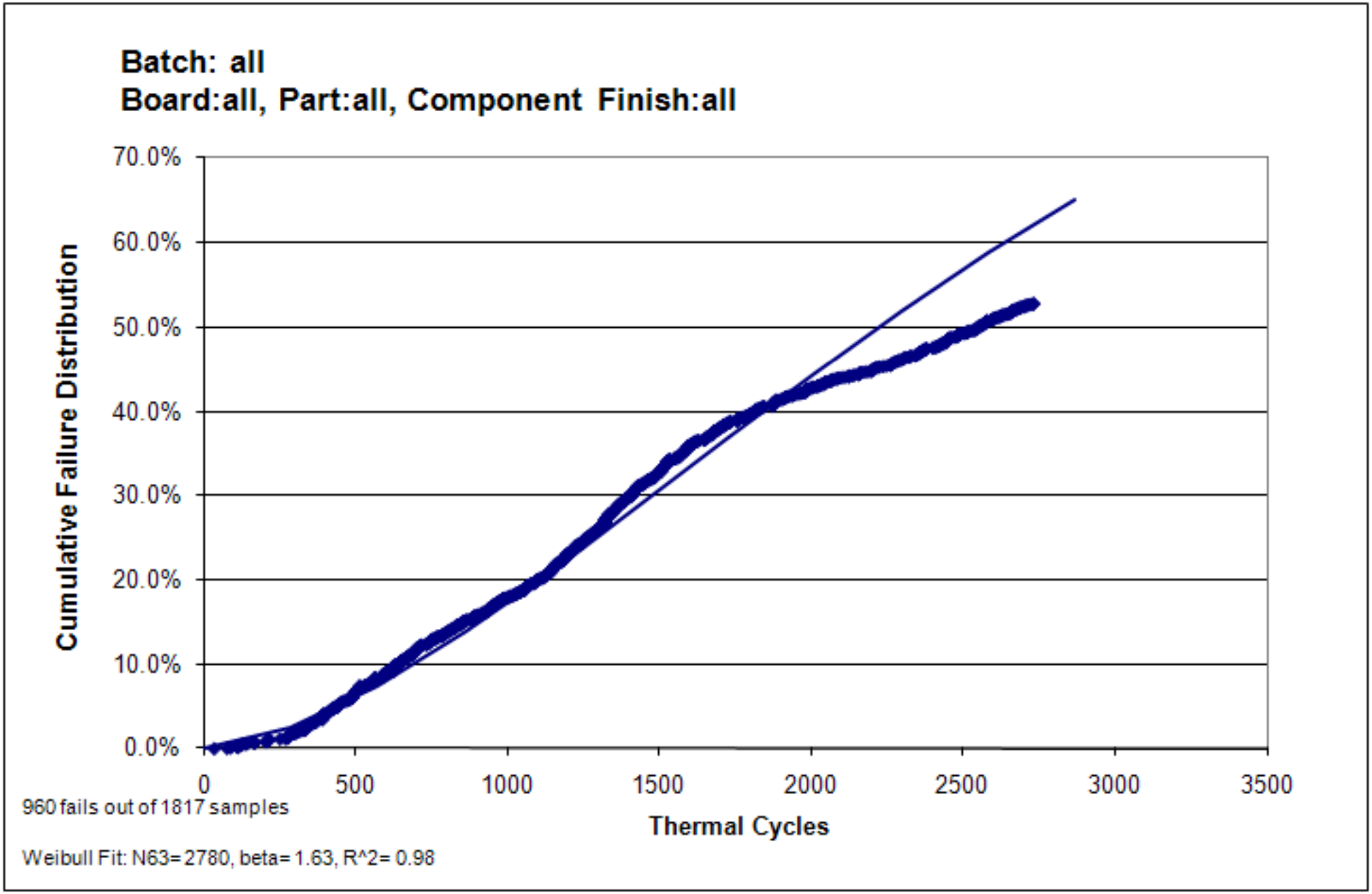
Data Snapshot from "Manufactured" Test Vehicles

- No "Rework" Data



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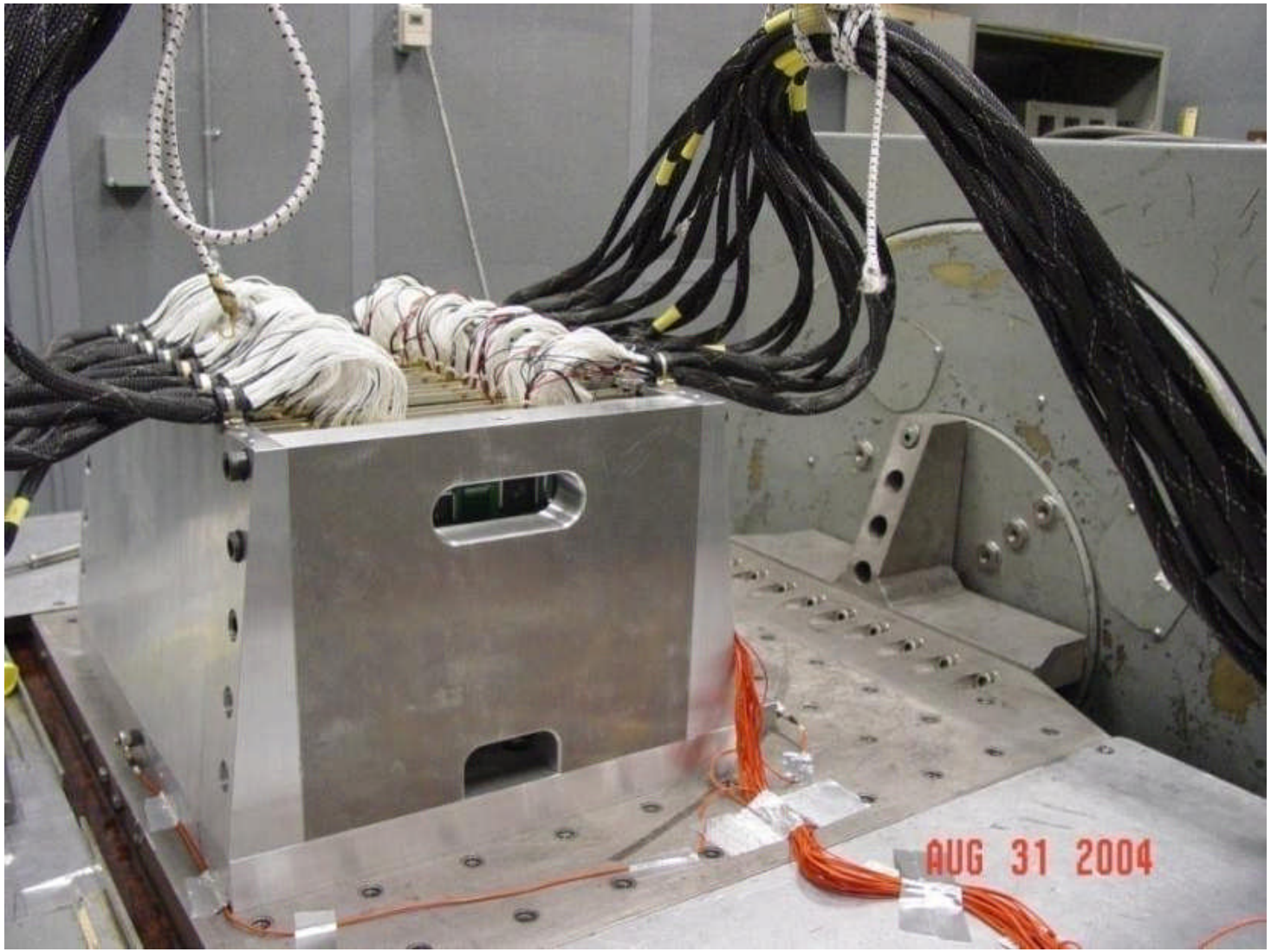
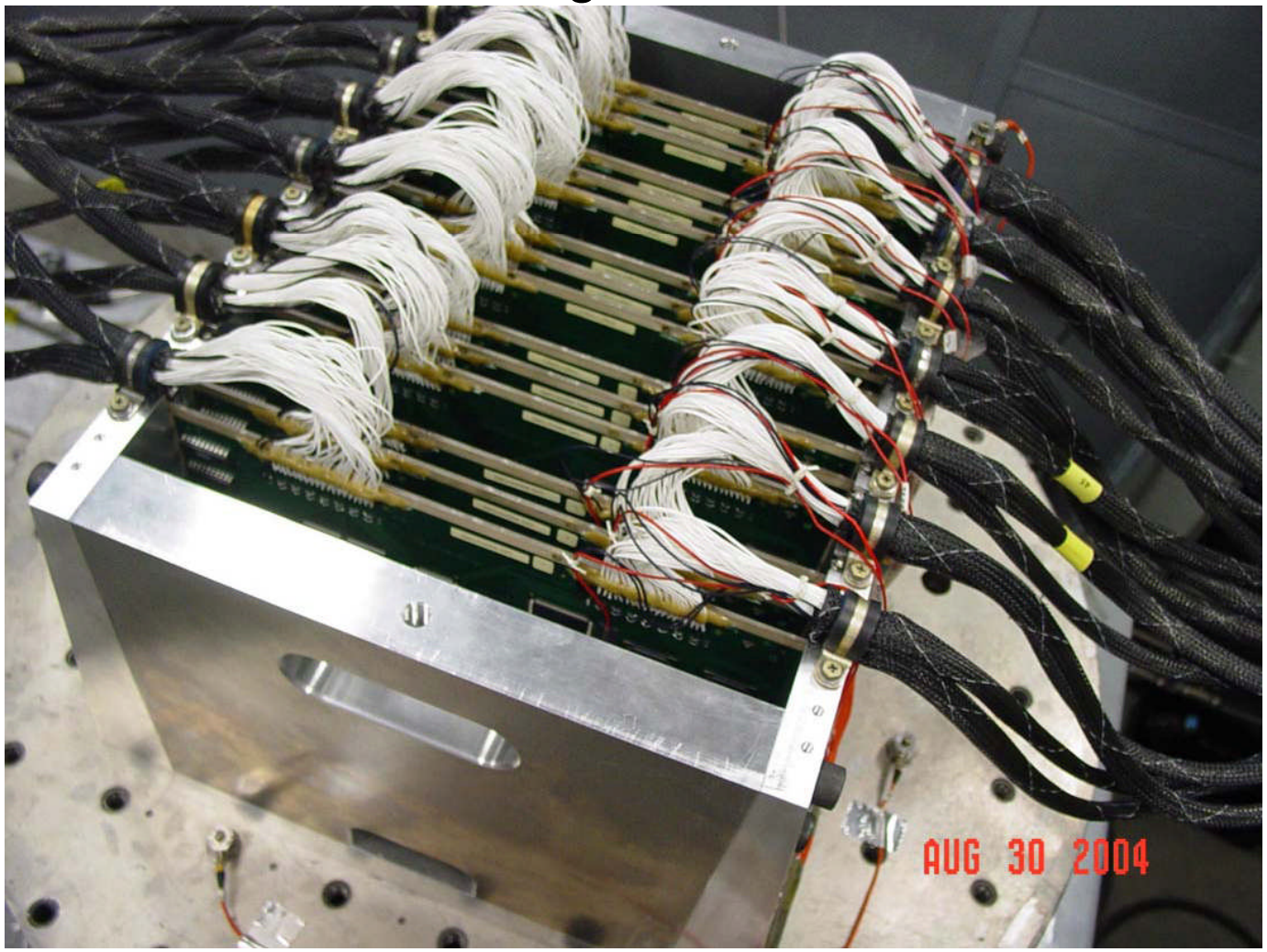


Vibration Testing

- Very early PDIP failures were observed.
- At an initial glance, the data does not look much different than the JCAA/JGPP test results.
- There does seem to be a big difference between solder alloys.



Vibration Testing

- Additional Failure Analysis Efforts are Needed
  - Need In-Kind Contributions or Direct Funding
  - In-Kind Failure Analysis Providers Completing 5 to 10 Cross Sections per Location
    - You can have as many as you want!

Mechanical Shock Testing

Project representatives felt that only testing in the Z-axis was required as this is the only axis which allows significant board bending and subsequent solder joint failures.

Parameters	The shock transients will be applied perpendicular to the plane of the board and will be increased after every 100 shocks (i.e., a step stress test). For Level 6 (300 G's), 400 shocks will be applied. Frequency range is 40 to 1000 Hz. SRS damping: 5%			
	Test Shock Response Spectra	Amplitude (G's)	Te (msec)	Shocks per Level
	Modified Functional Test for Flight Equipment (Level 1)	20	<30	100
	Modified Functional Test for Ground Equipment (Level 2)	40	<30	100
	Modified Crash Hazard Test for Ground Equipment (Level 3)	75	<30	100
	Level 4	100	<30	100
	Level 5	200	<30	100
	Level 6	300	<30	400

Number of Test Vehicles Required				
Manufactured		Rework		
Mfg. SnPb	Mfg. LF	Rwk. SnPb	Rwk. SnPb ENIG	Rwk. LF
5	5	5	1	5
Trials per Specimen		1		

Mechanical Shock Testing

In general SAC305 performed as well as the SnPb for surface mount components.

	% of Components Failed During Mechanical Shock Testing			
	"Manufactured" Test Vehicles		"Rework" Test Vehicles	
	SnPb	Pb-Free	SnPb	Pb-Free
Component				
BGA-225	94	96	95	100
CLCC-20	22	30	22	30
CSP-100	32	26	42	38
PDIP-20	53	73	54	58
QFN-20	0	10	0	0
TQFP-144	70	62	68	80
TSOP-50	4	0	22	20

Mechanical Shock Testing

- The very first components to fail were lead-free PDIP components
  - Lead cracking in the fillet area is being observed as well as some trace cracking near the corner leads. It is not possible to determine if one event happened before the other or if the events are happening simultaneously.
- All of the test vehicles passed the first 3 levels of testing which were conducted per MIL-STD-810F, Method 516.5; Modified Functional Test for Flight Equipment (Level 1), Modified Functional Test for Ground Equipment (Level 2), and Modified Crash Hazard Test for Ground Equipment (Level 3).
  - 100 shocks were conducted in the z-axis for each of the three levels, equating to conducting each of the three tests 33 times.
- It appears that the predominant failure mechanism for the BGA components was pad cratering no matter the solder alloy; lead-free or SnPb.

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Drop Testing

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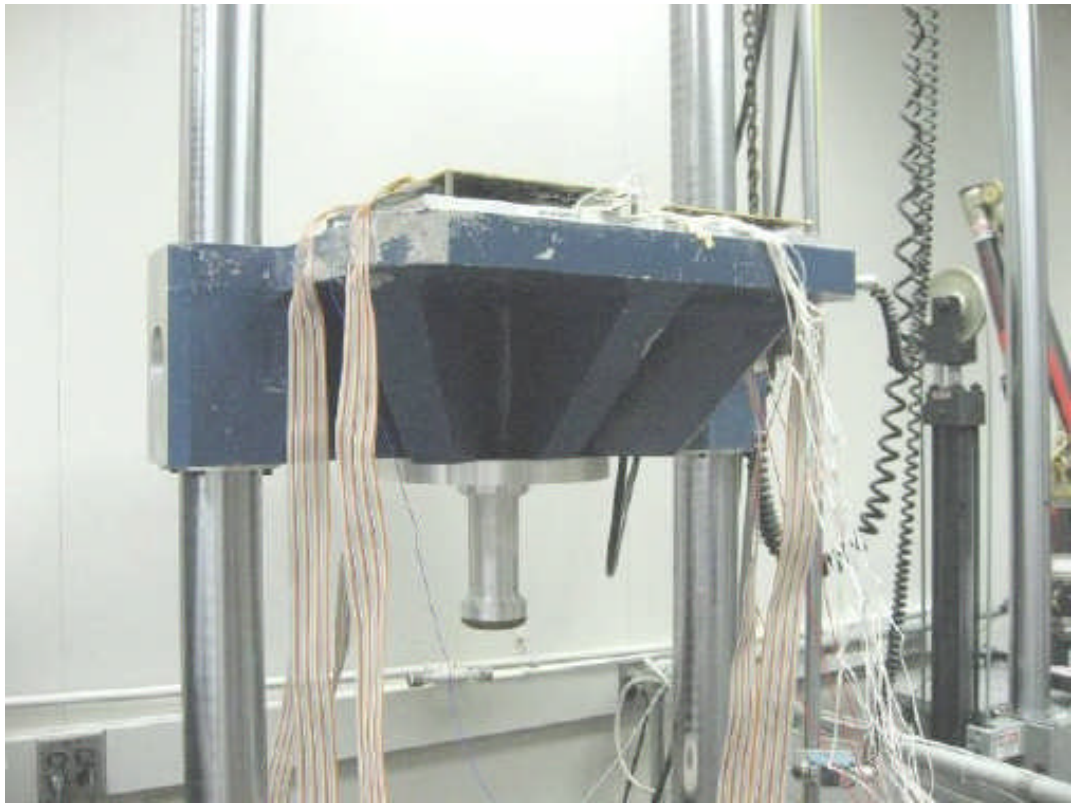
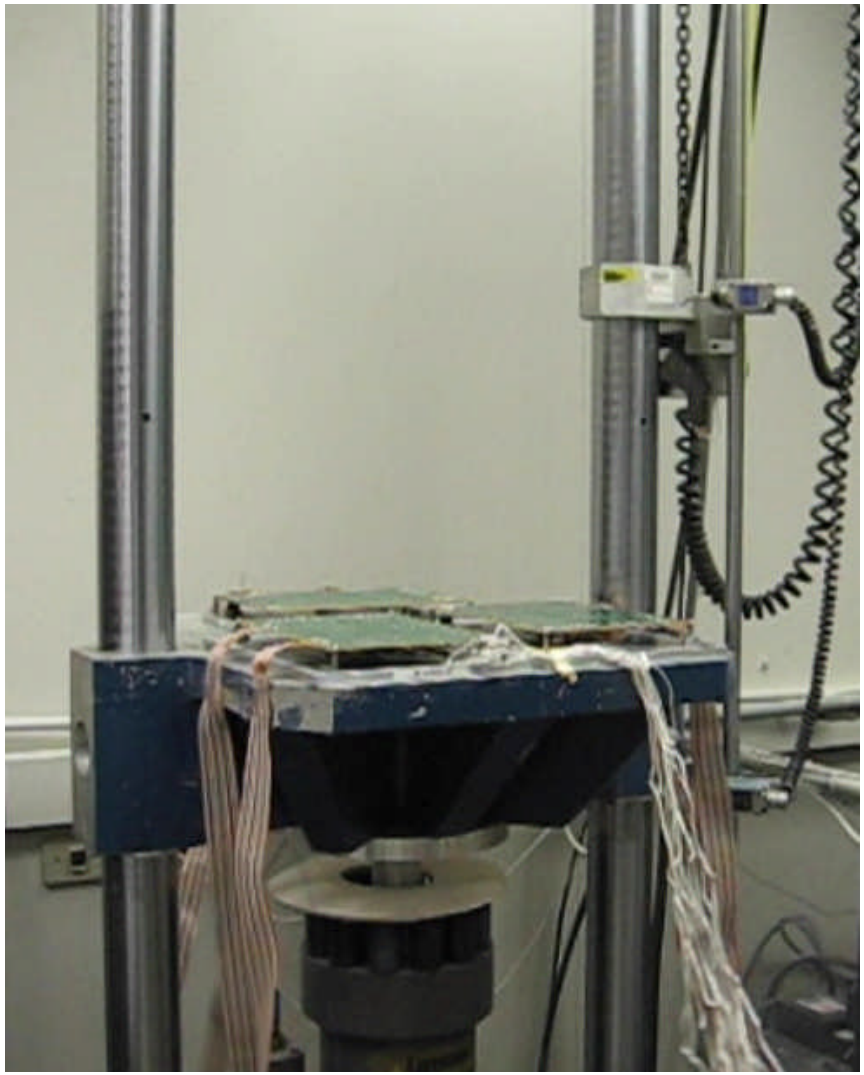
NASA-DoD Test Vehicles

- Shock testing will be conducted in the Z - axis
- 500Gpk input, 2ms pulse duration
- Test vehicles will be dropped until all monitored components fail or 10 drops have been completed





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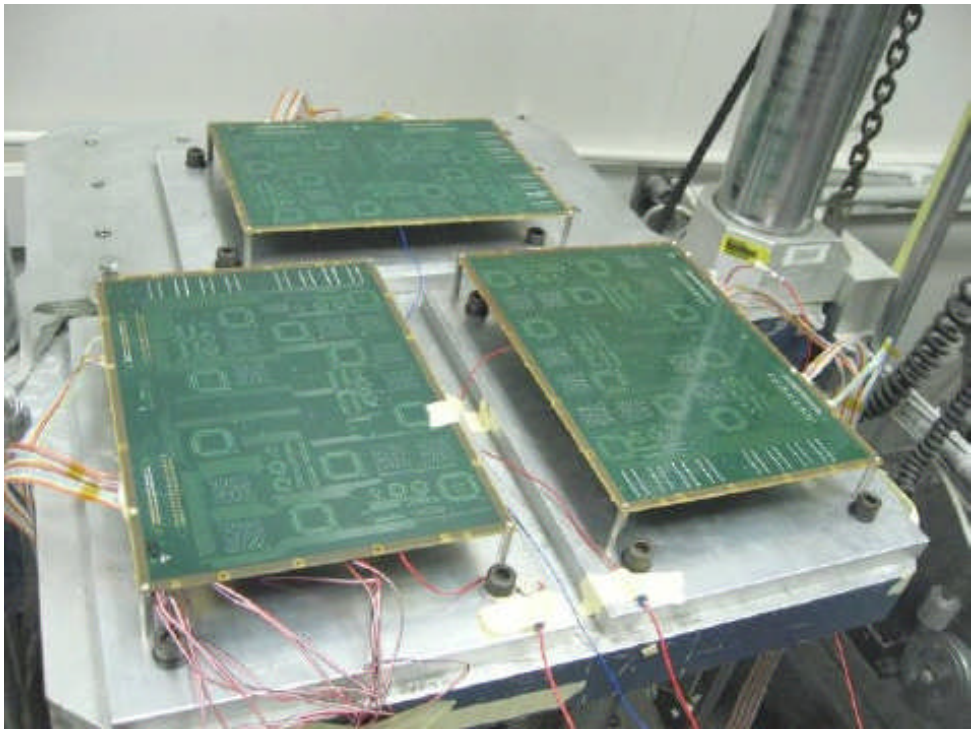
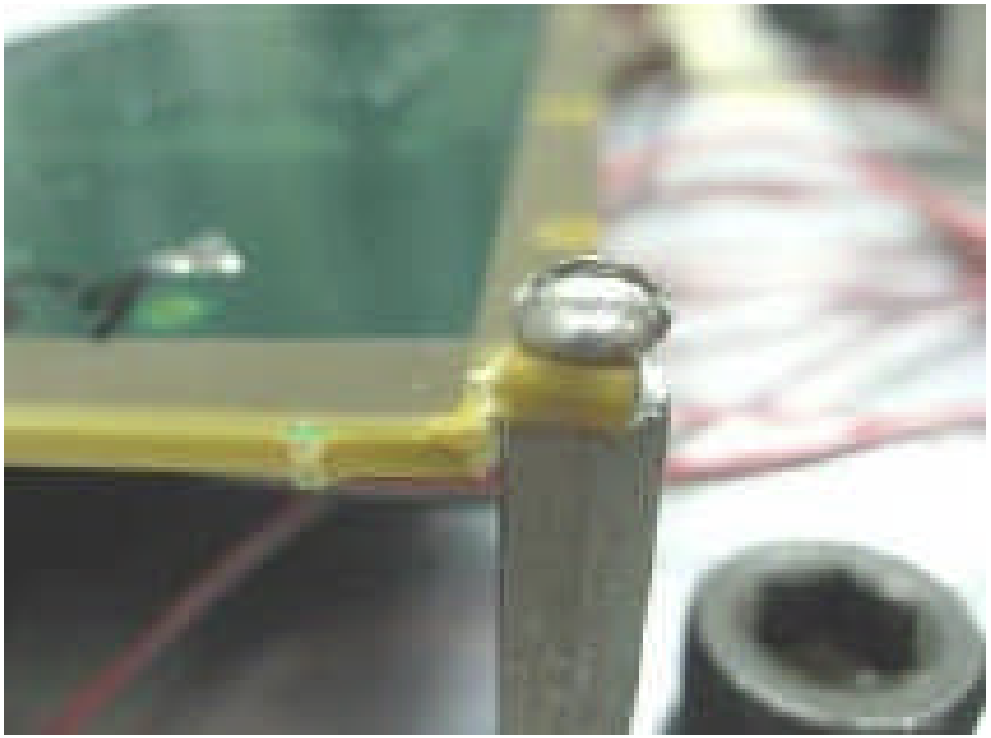
NASA-DoD Test Vehicles

- Only component to have significant failures – BGA 225
- Most failures occurred on or near the corners.
- General ranking – Based on Raw Data – No Failure Analysis
  - Overall; Manufactured test vehicles performed better than Rework test vehicles
  - SnPb Manufactured performed better than Lead-Free Manufactured
  - SnPb Reworked performed better than Lead-Free Reworked





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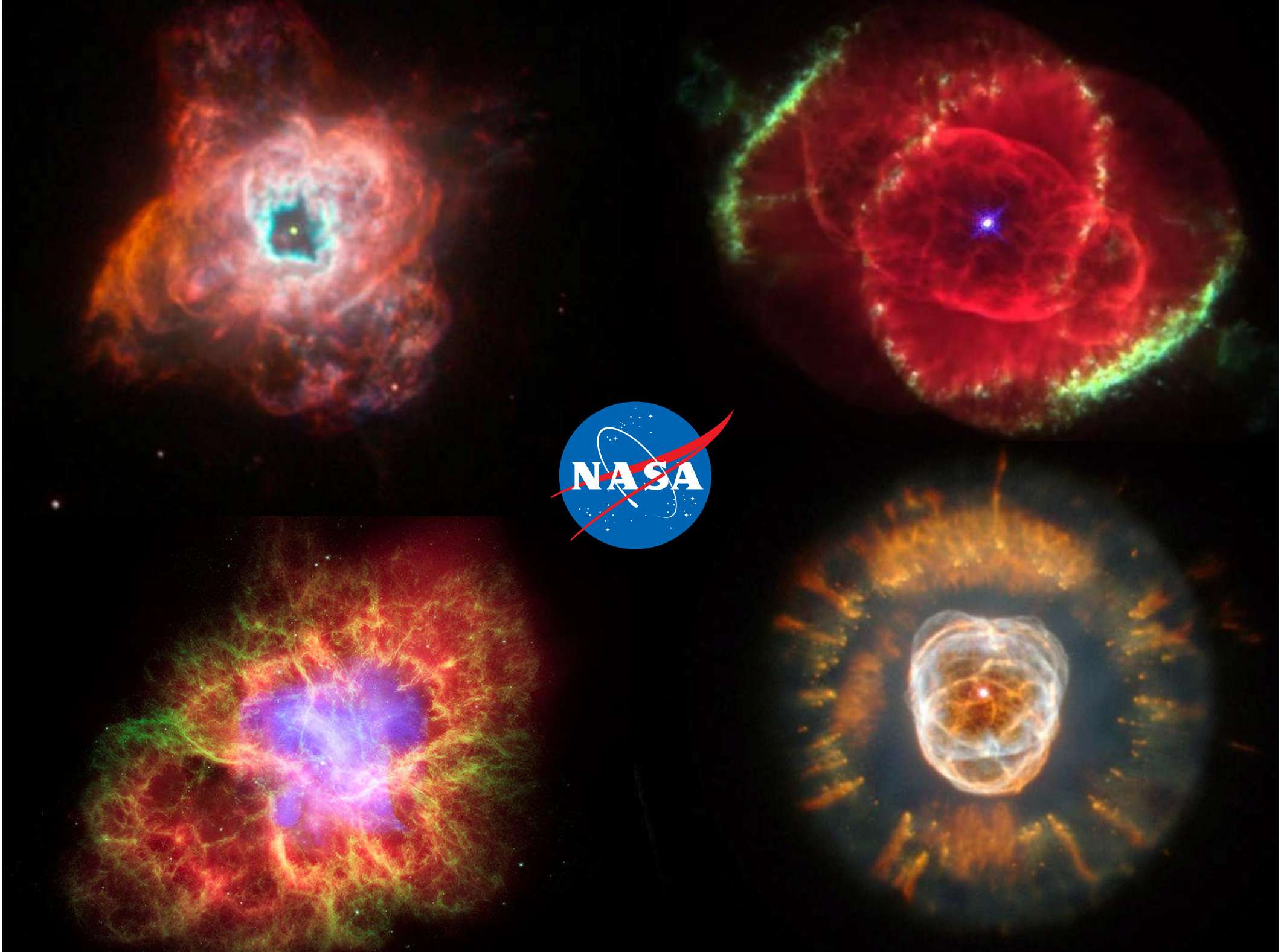
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