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Application Notes: Cu-IJ70 Copper Nanoink

Description

ANI's Cu-IJ70 is a copper nanoparticle ink suitable for printing highly conductive lines and patterns for applications in the printable electronics and PCB industry. Cu-IJ70 can be printed and sintered to form conductive patterns on flexible substrate materials such as polyimide, liquid crystal polymer (LCP), and certain coated papers.

Storage and Shelf Life

Cu-IJ70 ink should be stored in a tightly sealed, leak-proof container at 3-10°C. Storage in freezers is not recommended. Cu-IJ70 may be stored for up to 6 months.

Safety and Handling

When working with Cu-IJ70 ink, always use adequate ventilation and wear appropriate protective gear. Cu-IJ70 can cause eye and skin irritation. The following precautions should be taken when handling Cu-IJ70 ink:

- Read the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapor
- Use appropriate safety equipment such as gloves and eye protection
- Wash hands thoroughly after handling
- Keep the ink container closed when not in use to prevent drying and spilling

Processing Procedures

Pre-processing

- The Cu-IJ70 requires ultrasonic agitation for 10 minutes.
- After sonication, the ink should be filtered using a 1 micrometer pore size glass fiber filter (PALL Acrodisc® 25mm 4523-T recommended).

Printing

- Printing has been demonstrated using inkjet, aerosolized jet, and wire rod drawdown. Conditions will vary based on technique and substrate.

Drying

- Printed ink can be dried at 100°C for 30 minutes in ambient atmosphere.

Sintering

- Cu-IJ70 ink <5µm thickness printed onto flexible substrate materials can be photosintered using a xenon arc-discharge lamp system (Xenon 2000). The sintering parameters are 2msec single-pulse 2.6kV, and the distance from lamp to sample is 2.5cm. Conditions will vary based on substrate.

Clean-up

- Follow appropriate cleaning procedures for equipment used to print Cu-IJ70 ink. Excess ink can be removed with acetone or IPA.

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Photonic Sintering - Conductive Copper Ink

Putting you in Charge

XENON's high energy S-2100 Pulsed Light system has been proven to rapidly sinter **Applied Nanotech, Inc.** copper nanoparticle ink for applications in the printable electronics and PCB applications.

Key Specifications – Model S-2100

- Max radiant pulse energy 11 J/cm² at wavelengths of 190 nm to 1100 nm
- Delivers high average pulse power up to 3.7 kW/cm²
- Ease of programming pulse energy, duration and sequencing using operator controller mounted in the systems electronics rack.
- Programmable pulse duration from 100 to 3000 μs
- Programmable pulse energy from 100 to 3,000 Joules
- Detached robust, air cooled lamp housings containing lamp, reflector and air filters.
- Storage and recall of all pulse settings with timing enables quick return to pulse recipes developed by operator.

Enabling your success in printed electronics

The S-2100 is designed to support both research and low volume manufacturing for sintering of silver nanoparticle inks on low temperature substrates such as PET. This system is offered with a range of options which allow you to tailor the system to your specific sintering application.



XENON's S-2100 Pulsed Light sintering system provides the researcher the flexibility to easily program energy delivered to a target. Selecting from available lamp housings, such as the linear lamp model LH-840, (top photo below) or the spiral lamp model LH-910, (bottom photo below) provide unique exposure areas and energy profiles.

