

**Engineering Specification - Compliance Requirements for the European Union Directive (and other jurisdictions) on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) in Electrical and Electronic Equipment for IBM Products**

Note: This specification allows the exemption “Lead in solders for servers, storage and storage array systems.”

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**1.0 Scope**

**1.1 Objectives**

This Deliverable must comply with the European Union Directive on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, amendments, and with the requirements in this specification.

In order to comply with this Directive, this Deliverable must not contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs) and/or polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) in some cases above certain levels. See Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 for more specific information on exemptions and allowable substitute materials.

In addition to this specification, IBM maintains other environmental specifications for Deliverables, for example, IBM Engineering Specification 46G3772 - Baseline Environmental Requirements for Supplier Deliverables to IBM. See Section 3 for details and web site location. Where multiple documents exist which contain requirements for the same Deliverable, the most restrictive requirement applies.

**1.2 Definitions**

**Deliverable(s)** - any tangible item(s) delivered by or for a Supplier to IBM in accordance with a purchase contract or other agreement with IBM. Deliverables include, but are not limited to, components, Materials, Parts, Products and tools. See Section 1.3 for specific information about tools and consumable items.

**Homogeneous Material** - Means one material of uniform composition throughout or a material, consisting of a combination of materials that cannot be disjointed or separated into different materials by mechanical actions such as unscrewing, cutting, crushing, grinding and abrasive processes. For example, a plastic cover is a “Homogeneous Material” if it consists of one type of plastic that is not coated with or has attached to it or inside it any other kinds of materials. In this case, the limit values found in Table 1 would apply to the plastic. An electric cable that consists of

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metal wires surrounded by nonmetallic insulation materials is an example of a “nonhomogeneous material” because the different materials could be separated by mechanical processes. In this case, the limit values found in Table 1 would apply to each of the separated materials. A semiconductor package contains many homogeneous materials which include plastic molding material, tin-electroplating coatings on the lead frame, the lead frame alloy and gold-bonding wires. Homogeneous is understood to be of uniform composition throughout.

**Intentionally Added or Intentional Addition** - a substance is deliberately utilized in the production of a Deliverable.

**Materials** - chemical substances and preparations that are supplied for the production of Parts, Products and other items (e.g., structural plastics, metals, coatings, paints, and adhesives) and chemical substances or preparations that are shipped with Parts or Products, such as toner, cleaners, lubricants, oils, and refrigerants.

**Not Detected** - below the detection limit of established test standards or appropriate industry wide test methods. In general, these test standards/ methods should achieve trace level detection or at the lowest detection capabilities of the specific sample matrix.

**Parts** - fabricated Materials, components, devices and assemblies.

**Products** - stand alone, final assemblies including complete machines supplied by an original equipment manufacturer (OEM).

**RoHS** - an acronym for the European Union (EU) Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment and subsequent amendments to this Directive and Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (recast) <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:174:0088:0110:EN:PDF>.

### 1.3 Application and Verification

This engineering specification applies to all Deliverables supplied for IBM Server and Storage products, which have this specification cited on their respective IBM part number drawings, part or product specifications, procurement agreements, purchase contracts, purchase orders or other procurement documentation. The supplier is responsible for compliance with this specification as well as for any subcontracted operations and procured Parts, Materials, Products, or assemblies used in the manufacture of Deliverables for IBM Server and Storage applications. Upon request by IBM, the supplier will verify via analytical testing, compliance to this specification. Supplier may use analytical techniques to confirm results. Please refer to the document - IBM Systems and Technology Group (STG) RoHS Analysis Guideline SG-D-0417 located at:

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This specification does not apply to consumable items such as ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, tape cartridges, non-electrical tools (e.g., hammers, screwdrivers, ladders), customer instruction manuals or product packaging materials (e.g., cardboard and wood pallets). Electrical and electronic tools (with the exception of large-scale stationary industrial tools) are included within the scope of the EU RoHS Directive. RoHS compliance requirements for electrical and electronic tools for IBM products (e.g., electronic drills, electronic tools for welding, soldering, riveting, nailing or screwing) are addressed in specification 97P3864.

**Deviation from the requirements of this specification must have prior written approval by IBM’s procurement representative. IBM Procurement shall obtain the documented consent from the appropriate IBM representatives. IBM Procurement must contact the author of this document for details on the documentation requirements for deviations.**

### 1.4 Document Administration

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**2.3.3 Cables and Connectors**

Cable assembly components (e.g., jacket material, over molding materials, housings, tapes, shrink tubing, latches, thumbscrews) will be free of lead (Pb) compounds such as lead-based stabilizers and pigments, except where concentrations in the homogeneous material are less than the maximum concentration values cited in Table 1 or have an applicable exemption as cited in Section 2.2.

**2.3.4 Acceptable Uses of Leaded (Pb) Solder**

The following are considered acceptable uses of lead (Pb) solder in Server and Storage Products at this time. This section is applicable for all Deliverables supplied for IBM Server and Storage products that have this specification cited on their respective IBM part number drawing or in their part specification, purchase contract or purchase order. Any variances from this list require IBM approval. Contact IBM Procurement Engineering for information on approval processes. Please note: these acceptable uses of leaded solders will not be allowed in future releases of this specification, except for the repair and reuse of eligible equipment put on the market prior to a specific date. The exemption for lead in solders for servers, storage and storage array systems, network infrastructure equipment for switching, signaling, transmission and network management for telecommunications may possibly be phased out in 2014. It is IBM’s strategy to phase out the use of this exemption prior to July 1, 2014. It is anticipated that a lead time of six to 24 months will be required to phase out the listed uses below.

- Light crimp and solder of connector terminals
- Solder of copper tape over premold prior to overmold (for shielding)
- Solder dip wires prior to soldering
- Solder dip buss bars prior to soldering
- Solder applied to specific printed circuit board pads or plated through holes during processes that result in the attachment of electrical or mechanical components to these specific sites on the printed circuit board
- Soldering of connectors, wires, and components to printed circuit boards (PCBs) in cable assemblies
- Splices (usually used to create a jumper to eliminate double/triple crimps or light crimp and solder situations)
- Soldering of wires directly to terminals
- Solder cup terminals
- Soldering of braid and drain wires for ground connections
- All solder bumps/balls and solder column technology must remain leaded (Pb) unless approved by IBM. Tin/lead (SnPb) balls containing 2% silver (Ag) are acceptable
- As a finish for all termination based components (e.g. Chip capacitors, chip resistors, QFN, DFN) where the entire termination is covered by solder during the reflow soldering process
- Solder/brazing of fins to heatsinks.

**2.3.5 Acceptable Non-lead (Pb) Solders for Paste, Wave and Rework Solder**

Use of non-lead (Pb) solders for paste, wave, rework, and assembly requires approval from IBM Procurement Engineering.

**2.4 Hexavalent Chromium (Cr <sup>+6</sup>) and Hexavalent Chromium (Cr <sup>+6</sup>) Compounds**

Hexavalent chromium and its compounds must not be used in finishing processes for sheet steel, aluminized, electroless nickel and die cast parts, fasteners and heatsinks. Hexavalent chromium and its compounds must not be used prior to painting or in other surface treatments for metal parts.

**2.4.1 Acceptable Substitutes for Metal Finishes**

Acceptable substitutes for hexavalent chromium finishes may include but are not limited to the list below. The following list cites finishes that are compliant to RoHS requirements. Other requirements such as aesthetics may be necessary for parts. The part print is the master document which cites the material code to be used.

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- IBM Material Code 06-091D, E and F: Hot dip galvanized steel sheet without chromate
- IBM Material Code 06-091H: Steel, galvanized, commercial quality, coating designation Z120/G30, hot dipped galvanized, minimum spangled, temper passed (extra smooth) with hexavalent chromium-free chemical treatment, not oiled
- IBM Material Codes 06-131C: Steel, low carbon, commercial quality, electrogalvanized with hexavalent chromium-free chemical treatment, class B (ASTM A591)
- IBM Material Codes 07-xxx: Steels, alloy
- IBM Material Code 41-020 - Nickel plating
- IBM Material Code 41-027: Nickel-phosphorous electroless plating; specify thickness and class: decorative (alphabetic) and heat-treat (numeric). Post-plating processes which may include hexavalent chromium compounds are not permitted. Note: After 12/01/04, all electroless nickel bath chemistries must not employ Lead (Pb) or Cadmium (Cd) compounds in their formulation
- IBM Material Code 41-091 Type 2A: Zinc plating, black, 5-10 micrometers zinc with Type 2 black chromate must be hexavalent chromium-free, 0.7 grams per square meter
- IBM Material Code 41-091 Type 3: Zinc plating, black, non-conductive black finish
- IBM Material Code 41-093: Zinc plating, includes supplementary yellow or clear chromate conversion coating as specified below:
  - Type 1A: 5 micrometers zinc minimum with yellow iridescent chromate conversion coating which must be hexavalent chromium-free
  - Type 2A: 5 micrometers zinc minimum with clear chromate conversion coating which must be hexavalent chromium-free
  - Type 3A: (for thread-forming fasteners) 5-8 micrometers nickel alloy, 5-8 micrometers zinc with yellow iridescent coating which must be hexavalent chromium-free
- IBM Material Code 41-217A: Hexavalent chromium-free chromate conversion coating: tan on aluminum alloys
- IBM Material Code 41-218A, Hexavalent chromium-free chromate conversion coating: clear on aluminum alloys
- IBM Material Code 41-219A, Hexavalent chromium- free conversion coating for magnesium alloys
- IBM Material Code 41-225A, Hexavalent chromium-free conversion coating: black on aluminum alloys, 0.45 grams per square meter
- Steel with electroplated chromium finishes must be reviewed and approved by the IBM Development organization responsible for this hardware application
- Anodization is considered to be a compliant process
- IBM Material Code 61-0956 Electro-coating process, Black.

IBM Material Code information can be found at: <http://bomdetail.services.ibm.com/matcodes/matcodes.nsf>

Multiple IBM Material Codes have cited a specific ASTM standard at the above web address. Certification to that standard is acceptable verification of compliance to this specification.

## 2.4.2 Base Materials

The following are considered to be compliant to this specification and RoHS as long as the lead (Pb) content does not exceed the maximum concentration value referenced in Table 1 - 0.1% by weight in a homogeneous material. There is an additional exemption for the lead (Pb) content in steel, aluminum and copper alloys referenced below, see Section 2.2 for maximum allowable lead (Pb) content in these alloys. Please note, future releases of this specification will eliminate the exemptions for lead (Pb) as an alloying element in steel and aluminum and in copper alloys as these exemptions are eliminated by the EU RoHS Directive. If a surface coating is specified, it must also be compliant with this specification and RoHS. Surface coatings include plating and surface treatments such as passivation of steel. Please note surface coatings are not required for every application of a base metal.

- 06-XXX: Carbon steels that are not RoHS compliant are marked as such in the IBM Materials Bulletin. Surface coatings must be specified and must be RoHS compliant also (see Section 2.4.1.)
- 07-XXX: Stainless steels

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		<p>changed to reflect the requirements in 46G3772 of no intentional addition.                      Section 2.2 - Additional exemptions were added.                      Section 2.3 - Table 3 deleted and a reference made to IBM Procurement Specification 873444 for conditionally acceptable finishes.                      Section 3.0 - Additional references cited.</p>
2006-03-24	H87225	<p>Section 1.2 - A sentence was added to the end of the first paragraph to clarify "homogenous". Added "Homogeneous is understood to be of uniform composition throughout."                      Section 1.3 - Information detailing that electrical and electronic tools are covered, but non electrical tools are not. Consumable items, such as ink cartridges, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, tape cartridges, customer publications and product packaging are not included. Requirements for deviations from the specification were added.                      Table 1- A separate line was added for cadmium in plating and the line for cadmium used in relays and circuit breakers was eliminated. Plating was removed from the 75 ppm category and put into a category where cadmium is not allowed in plating or surface coating. A footnote was added to clarify California Prop 65 requirements for frequently handled cables such as mice cables. No intentional addition of lead carbonates and lead sulfates in paints was added to the first footnote. This last requirement mirrors the requirement in 46G3772. In footnote 2 and 4, the supplier is referred to the procurement web site for an IBM document which references IBM recommended testing methodologies for mercury and cadmium. Footnote 5 now clarifies that hexavalent chromium is not allowed "in the manufacturing process."                      Section 2.2 - the RoHS exemption "Cadmium and its compounds in electrical contacts and cadmium plating....." was eliminated due to more stringent laws in Switzerland, The Netherlands and Austria.                      Section 2.3 - Table 2 for acceptable finishes was broke out into two tables - one for "Acceptable materials for electronic components" and one table for "RoHS-Compatible Materials for Printed Circuit Boards." Table 3 has additional acceptable finishes for Tantalum Niobium and Niobium Oxide Capacitors, Actives, Crystal/Oscillators, Resistors/Resistor Networks and Magnetics.                      Section 2.3.4 - New "Acceptable uses of leaded solder" were added - 1. as a finish for termination based components, 2. solder/brazing of fins to heatsinks and 3. lead use in specific part numbers.                      Section 2.3.2 - Section was rewritten, and Table 4 was created and added to the document.                      Section 2.4 - The wording was updated and clarified. Hexavalent chromium is not to be used in finishing processes for sheet steel, etc.                      Section 2.6 - The number 209 was added as the number of congeners of PBBs and/or PBDEs.                      Section 3.0 - Three new references were added - the three new EU Commission Decisions for maximum concentration values, and additional exemptions such as lead use in compliant pin connector systems.</p>

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