In modern electronic manufacturing many components with hidden solder joints, bottom terminal components (BTC) are in use. During reflow processes, it is possible that gases are trapped within cavities in the solder joint. These so-called voids in the soldering connection can lead to technical defects of the component during its lifetime, especially in power electronics.

Ersa introduces with the HR 600/2 VOIDLESS a concept study, based on the regular hybrid rework systems HR 600/2. Void build up in the solder joint can be reduced below a critical limit of 2% with this technology, during rework.

The HR 600/2 VOIDLESS automatically desolders components like BGA, MLF or SMT-power device in general. New components, printed with solder paste, are automatically placed onto the PCB and soldered. During the soldering process, the PCB is stimulated with vibration.

For this, a frequency generator supplies a low frequency oscillation. Via an amplifier, this signal is transmitted to an active piezo element (piezo actor). This actor injects an associated sweep stimulation longitudinal into the PCB substrate (vibration). In result, a relative movement between substrate and component is taking place. Enclosed gases under the component can escape from underneath the component.

After this treatment, the solder joint features a significantly reduced void rate. If x-ray analysis is indicating a high void rate on electronic assemblies, a selective reflow process with HR 600/2 VOIDLESS will lead to a clear reduction of voids.
VOIDLESS module

Frequency range 0–5,000 Hz (no ultra sonic)
Amplifier max. 350 W
Amplitude max. 20 µm (in PCB level)
Injector stacked piezo actor
Injector element 30 mm wide (adaptable)
PCB dimensions Min. 64 x 54 mm – max. 206 x 315 mm

Technical data:

Dimensions (W x D x H) 850 x 660 x 620 mm
Weight 57 kg
Power supply 220–240 V AC, 50-60 Hz, 16 A
Top heater data (W x D) 60 x 60 mm, 2 zones, each 400 W, 800 W in total, shutter blades 40 x 40 mm, 30 x 30 mm, 20 x 20 mm
Bottom heater data (W x D) 380 x 250 mm, 3 zones, each 800 W, 2,400 W in total
Component dimensions 0.5 x 0.5 to 50 x 50 mm

MLF with voids and voidless after a rework process with vibration stimulation

The piezo actor transfers the vibrations to the board