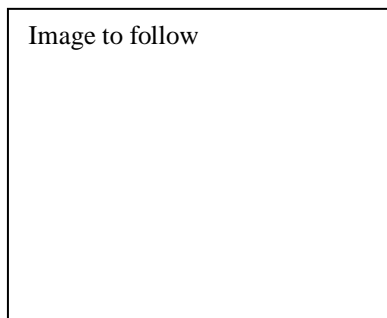




## Stabilized tin-copper-nickel Eutectic Alloy

### SN100C

Nihon Superior's **SN100C** has been developed for lead-free wave soldering. With more than 400 lines in commercial production, some for nearly 5 years, and more than 40 million boards in service **SN100C** is the most proven lead-free wave solder alloy available today.



Wave Soldered with SN100C

The patented Ni addition to the Sn-Cu eutectic ensure:

- No shorts on QFP to 0.65mm, 100 pins
- Smooth bright fillets
- Good penetration of through holes
- No joint failures in more than five years of field service
- Can be used in air
- Dose not require special pot materials
- Easy to manage in solder pot
- Lower cost than silver containing alloys

Patent for SN100C has been applied for in 33 countries and which is partially obtained in Japan, U.S.A. Taiwan and Singapore. (JAP PAT. No.3152945/US PAT. No. 6180055/TAIWAN PAT. No. 123376/SINGAPORE PAT. No. 69432)

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## **APPLICATIONS**

Nihon Superior's **SN100C** is designed to be substituted for tin/lead solder alloy in the wave soldering process. It can be used in existing soldering equipment just as 63/37 tin lead.\* Minor adjustments to soldering techniques will be required but the resulting soldered joints will perform as well as tin/lead soldered joints.

Recommended soldering temperature is between 250-260°C

Compared with tin/lead solder, the leaching rate of copper in the molten solder is about half of that of 63/37 tin/lead. Copper levels are further controlled with the addition of **SN100Ce**.

**SN100C** provides creep strength more than 1000 times (load 1kg, 150°C). It has been reported that the sound quality audio system is better because of higher electrical conductivity.

### **Recommended Adjustments**

Eliminate cold air

- Closed system to minimize entry of cold air
- Adjust damper to retain heat
- Ensure cold air does not blow back to wave solder

Preheat temperature

- Capacity to preheat to 100-130°C
- Preheater with tunnel will be required to retain heat

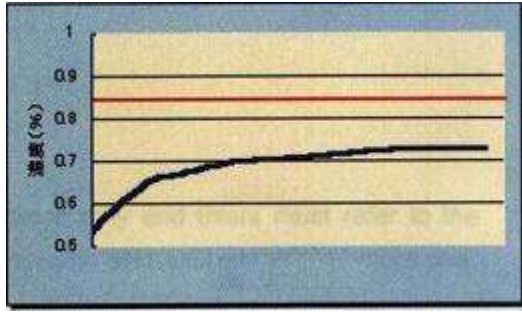
Minimise the distance from preheater to first wave

- Minimise the distance between waves
- Contact time: 3-4 sec.
- No special flux is required, but its activity must survive to the exit area

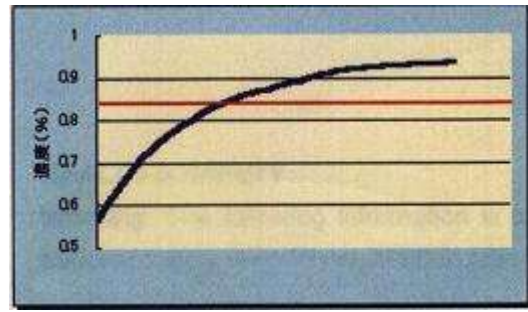
### **Managing the copper content of SN100C Wave Soldering Bath**

During use copper is dissolved, from the boards and components, into the solder bath. If the copper content of the **SN100C** in the solder bath exceeds 0.85% there is likely to be an increase in the incidence of bridges, icicles and other defects. Nihon Superior have devised a simple but effective method of keeping the copper content in the optimum range of 0.6-0.85%. To replace solder carried off on the soldered boards, a top-up alloy with lower copper content, **SN100Ce** is used. To replace solder removed during the skimming of dross the standard **SN100C** alloy can be used. Grosvenor provides solder bath analysis to ensure that the copper content is within the recommended range.

**\*Consult equipment manufacturer for any special requirements.**



a) Cu content, when SN100C is used for top up



b) Cu content, when SN100Ce is used for top up

## Product Range

Available in Cast Bar, Extruded Bar, Solid Solder Wire for Auto Feed Systems.

The specifications of SN100C & SN100Ce

	Elements	Contents (mass%)	
		SN100C	SN100Ce
<b>Ingredients</b>	<b>Sn</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>Cu</b>	<b>0.6 ± 0.1</b>	<b>0.2 ± 0.2</b>
	<b>Ni</b>	*	*
<b>Impurities</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>
	<b>Ag</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>
	<b>Bi</b>	<b>0.03 max</b>	<b>0.03 max</b>
	<b>Zn</b>	<b>0.002 max</b>	<b>0.002 max</b>
	<b>Sb</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>	<b>0.05 max</b>
	<b>As</b>	<b>0.03 max</b>	<b>0.03 max</b>
	<b>Fe</b>	<b>0.02 max</b>	<b>0.02 max</b>
	<b>Al</b>	<b>0.002 max</b>	<b>0.002 max</b>
<b>Properties</b>	<b>Melting Point</b>	<b>227°C</b>	<b>227-229°C</b>
	<b>S.G.</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>

For further information, please refer to the technical data & MSDS

## **Health & Safety**

**Warning:** The following information is for guidance only and users must refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) relevant to the specific SN100C/SN100Ce before use.

**Fume:** Ensure adequate ventilation to ensure that operators are not exposed to the fumes released during flow soldering.

**Heat:** Molten solder is hot and dangerous. Gloves and goggles should be worn during handling.

**Protection and Hygiene:** Eating, drinking and smoking should not be permitted in the working area. Hands should be washed with soap and warm water after handling solder, especially before eating.