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Foreword

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Test methods for lead-free solders— Part 1 : Methods for measuring of melting temperature ranges

Introduction This Japanese Industrial Standard specifies the methods for measuring of melting temperature ranges of lead-free solders based on occupational results by contract of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization concerning “the standardization of test methods and the like necessary for solder connection corresponding to the decrease of an environmental load” carried out in 2000 and 2001.

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JIS K 8034 *Acetone*

JIS R 1301 *Porcelain crucibles for chemical analysis*

JIS R 2701 *Graphite crucible and its accessories*

JIS Z 3001 *Welding terms*

JIS Z 8401 *Guide to the rounding of numbers*

JIS Z 8704 *Temperature measurement—Electrical methods*

3 Definitions For the purposes of this Standard, the definitions given in **JIS Z 3001** and the following definitions apply:

- a) **lead-free solder** It is the generic term of “a tin based solder” not containing lead as an alloy component. It is a solder not containing lead for a use corresponding to that of “a tin-lead based solder”, which is used for mounting an electrical, electronic, communication equipment and the like.
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4 Summary of test The fusion temperature range of lead-free solder (hereafter referred to as “solder”) is marked by a fusion start temperature and a solidification start temperature. The fusion start temperature is measured by using a differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) or a differential thermal analysis (DTA) and further a solidification start temperature is measured by using the cooling curve of a fused solder.

5 Fusion start temperature

5.1 Test method A test method shall be in accordance with either of the following methods:

- a) **Differential scanning calorimetry** (hereafter referred to as “DSC”) For a differential scanning calorimetry, an input-compensating DSC and a heat flux DSC shall be adopted.
- b) **Differential thermal analysis** (hereafter referred to as “DTA”)

5.2 Apparatus and equipment The apparatus and equipment to be used for a test shall be principally in accordance with **JIS K 7121**, and shall be as follows:

5.2.1 DSC apparatus and DTA apparatus The apparatus shall have two container holders whose heat capacities are equal and have a structure capable of being heated and cooled by the same heat exchange conditions.

The input-compensating DSC shall have a structure capable of measuring a difference of applied heat energy per unit time between a sample and a reference material so that a temperature of the sample and that of the reference materials become the same.

The heat flux DSC shall have a structure so that a temperature difference between the sample and the reference material is proportional to a difference between inputs in heat energy per time.

- a) **Heating velocity** A heating velocity shall be 1 °C to 10 °C per min and its precision shall be within $\pm 10 \%$.
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- c) **Container** A container shall be made of a material of a high thermal conductivity which is free from being eroded with the sample. The container made of aluminium is generally used.
- d) **Recorder** A recorder shall be able to continuously record a DSC curve or a DTA curve.
- e) **Noise level** A noise level shall be $\leq 1/10$ of a peak height.

5.2.2 Appliance An appliance shall be as follows:

- a) **Gas flow meter** A gas flow meter shall be able to measure a range of 10 ml to 50 ml per min.
- b) **Scale** A scale shall be 0.1 mg and upward in sensitivity.

5.3 Calibration of temperature For calibration of a temperature, pure material, of purity not less than 99.99 %, given in Table 1 shall be used. Melting points of pure materials of two or more kinds near a temperature to be obtained, are measured by the same conditions as those for the sample, and temperature is calibrated by obtaining a calibration formula of a primary function from the obtained measured value and the melting point in Table 1.

Table 1 Melting point of pure material

Name of pure material	Melting point °C
Indium	156.6
Tin	231.9
Lead	327.4

5.4 Sample The mass of a sample shall be 5 mg to 50 mg. Unless otherwise specified, it shall be about 10 mg. The pretreatment of the sample shall be as agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

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- Installation of sample in container** Place a sample in an almost central part of a container, put a cover of the container and clamp them.
- Installation of container** Install a container in which a sample is packed to container holder on one side, and install a blank container to which the cover is clamped or the container in which alumina powder is packed to container holder on the other side.
- Atmosphere of sample** Set a flow rate of nitrogen gas to a suitable value within a range of 10 ml to 50 ml per min and make it flow in until the end of the test.
- Measurement** Make a heating velocity 1 °C to 10 °C per min and heat to a temperature higher by about 30 °C than that at the end of the melting peak. Unless otherwise specified, make the heating velocity about 2 °C per min.

5.6 Method of obtaining fusion start temperature The method of obtaining a fusion start temperature shall be as follows:

- In the case where melting is sudden, a fusion start temperature shall be a temperature T_1 at an intersecting point of the straight line elongated from a base line on the low temperature side to the base line on the high temperature side as given in Fig. 1 a) and a tangential line drawn along the curved line on the low temperature side of a melting peak so that the inclination becomes the maximum.
- In the case where melting is gradual, a point T_2 wherein the curved line given in Fig. 1 b) starts to deviate from the base line is obtained. In this case, calibration is carried out by using a point wherein the curve of a pure material starts to deviate from the base line. Measurement is carried out several times and their mean shall be taken.

- c) In the case where melting is gradual but a point starting to deviate from the base line is indistinct, instead of the fusion start temperature given in Fig. 1 c), a peak area from near a point wherein the curve starts to deviate from the base line to a point of returning to the base line on the high temperature side is obtained, and a temperature corresponding to 1 % of this area is obtained as 1 % fusion temperature (T_3) from the fusion start point. The measurement is carried out several times and their mean is taken.

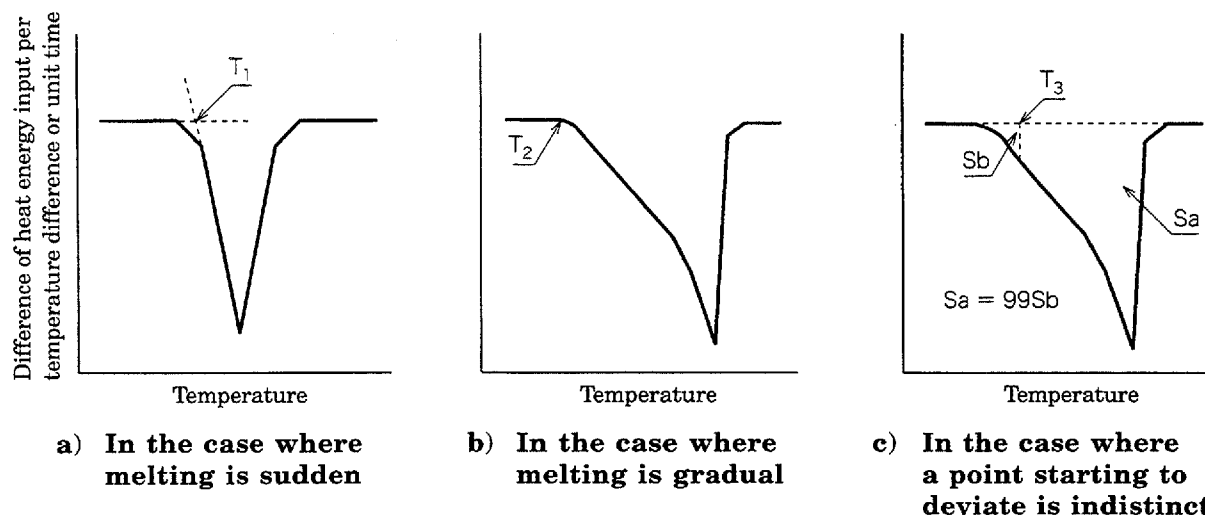


Fig. 1 Method for obtaining of fusion start temperature

5.7 Rounding off of numerical value The temperature is obtained by calculating down to the first decimal place and rounded off in accordance with the method specified in **JIS Z 8401**.

6 Solidification start temperature

6.1 Test method For a test method, melt a sample in a container in an electric furnace and obtain a cooling curve when it is allowed to cool in the electric furnace while the temperature is recorded.

6.2 Apparatus and equipment The apparatus and equipment shall be as follows.

- Electric furnace** An electric furnace which can heat to ≥ 400 °C and is excellent in heat insulation properties, shall be used.
- Thermocouple** Among thermocouples of different classes specified in **JIS C 1602**, that conforming to the use temperature shall be used.

When a sheathed thermocouple is used, that conforming to the use temperature among those of different classes specified in **JIS C 1605** shall be used.

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- Measuring instrument** A measuring instrument specified in 10.5 of **JIS Z 8704** which can measure at an interval of ≤ 1 s shall be used.
- Recorder** A recorder which can record a cooling curve and can read to the nearest 0.1 °C, shall be used.

- e) **Container** A graphite crucible specified in **JIS R 2701** or a porcelain crucible specified in **JIS R 1301** shall be used.

6.3 Calibration of temperature Calibrate a temperature in the same way as that in 5.3.

6.4 Pretreatment of sample Clean a sample by acetone specified in **JIS K 8034**.

6.5 Procedure The procedure shall be as follows:

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6.5.1 Reference contact point For a reference contact point, a freezing point type, a thermoelectric cooling type and a compensation type reference junction specified in 10.3 of **JIS Z 8704** shall be used.

6.5.2 Measurement The measurement shall be as follows:

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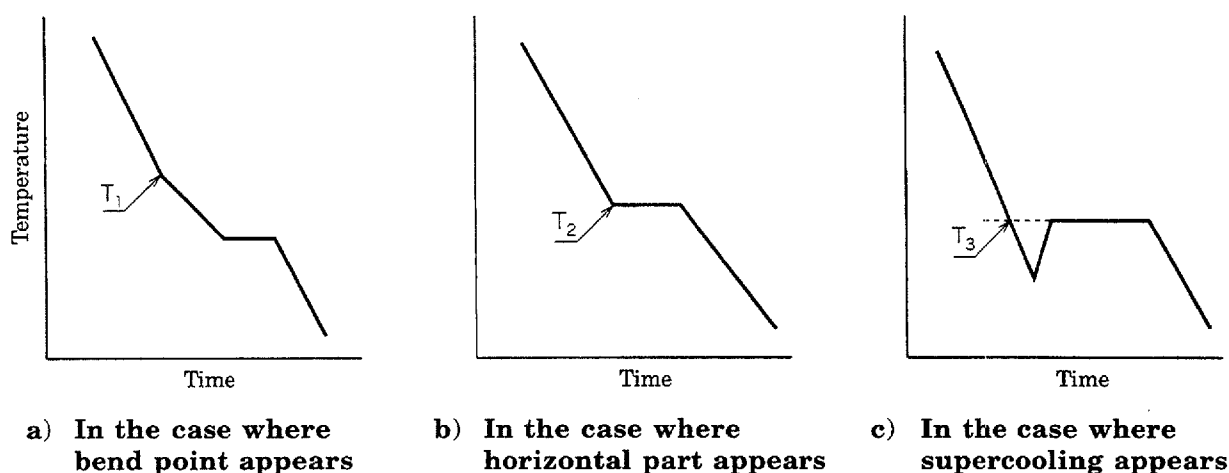


Fig. 2 Method for obtaining solidification start temperature

6.7 Rounding off of numerical value Obtain the temperature to one decimal place and round off by the method specified in **JIS Z 8401**.

7 Recording

7.1 Recording of fusion start temperature Record the following items:

- a) Classification of sample
- b) Name and type of a test apparatus
- c) Shape and material of a container
- d) Mass of a sample
- e) Pretreatment of a sample
- f) Flowin velocity of nitrogen gas
- g) Heating velocity, measurement starting temperature and end temperature
- h) Classification of calibrating material, its read temperature and conversion formula
- i) Read temperature and fusion start temperature or 1 % melting temperature of a sample
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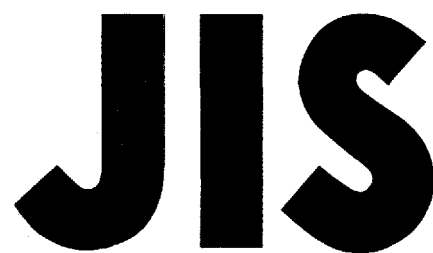
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- c) Classification of container
- d) Classification of thermocouple
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- f) Cooling velocity just before solidification start temperature
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- h) Read temperature and solidification start temperature of sample
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- In the case where melting is sudden, a fusion start temperature shall be a temperature T_1 at an intersecting point of the straight line elongated from a base line on the low temperature side to the base line on the high temperature side as given in Fig. 1 a) and a tangential line drawn along the curved line on the low temperature side of a melting peak so that the inclination becomes the maximum.
- In the case where melting is gradual, a point T_2 wherein the curved line given in Fig. 1 b) starts to deviate from the base line is obtained. In this case, calibration is carried out by using a point wherein the curve of a pure material starts to deviate from the base line. Measurement is carried out several times and their mean shall be taken.

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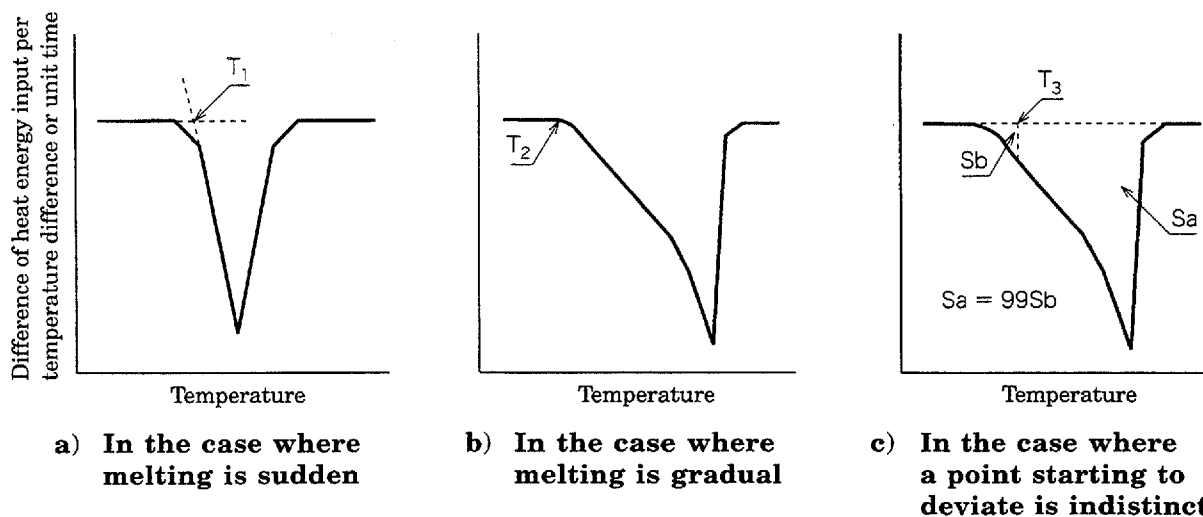


Fig. 1 Method for obtaining of fusion start temperature

5.7 Rounding off of numerical value The temperature is obtained by calculating down to the first decimal place and rounded off in accordance with the method specified in JIS Z 8401.

6 Solidification start temperature

6.1 Test method For a test method, melt a sample in a container in an electric furnace and obtain a cooling curve when it is allowed to cool in the electric furnace while the temperature is recorded.

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- Electric furnace** An electric furnace which can heat to ≥ 400 °C and is excellent in heat insulation properties, shall be used.
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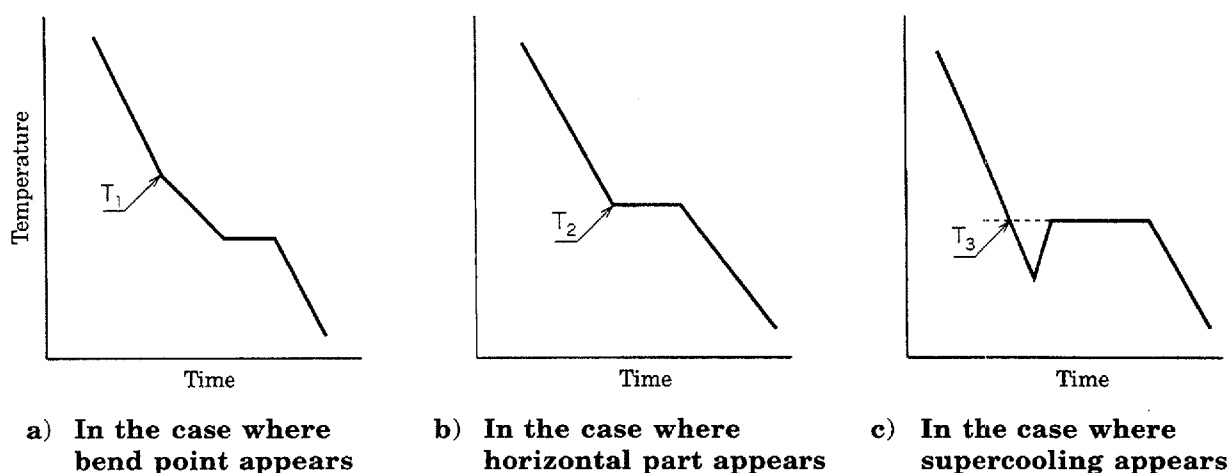


Fig. 2 Method for obtaining solidification start temperature

6.7 Rounding off of numerical value Obtain the temperature to one decimal place and round off by the method specified in **JIS Z 8401**.

7 Recording

7.1 Recording of fusion start temperature Record the following items:

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- d) Mass of a sample
- e) Pretreatment of a sample
- f) Flowin velocity of nitrogen gas
- g) Heating velocity, measurement starting temperature and end temperature
- h) Classification of calibrating material, its read temperature and conversion formula
- i) Read temperature and fusion start temperature or 1 % melting temperature of a sample
- j) Measuring date
- k) Items agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser
- l) Others

7.2 Recording of solidification start temperature Record the following items:

- a) Classification of sample
- b) Mass of sample
- c) Classification of container
- d) Classification of thermocouple
- e) Heating temperature and retention time
- f) Cooling velocity just before solidification start temperature
- g) Classification of calibration material, its read temperature and conversion formula
- h) Read temperature and solidification start temperature of sample
- i) Date of measurement
- j) Items agreed between the manufacturer and the purchaser
- k) Others

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