# **Technical datasheet**

# AZ® Remover 920 Photoresist Stripper

**IC Grade Formulated Organic Solvent Based Remover** 

AZ® Remover 920 photoresist stripper is designed for **fast delamination** and dissolution of photoresist patterns while maintaining **broad compatibility** with device substrates and metal films. Merck's proprietary solvent and additive blend is **environmentally friendly** and fully compliant with the European Union's REACH regulatory code.

### **APPLICATIONS**

- Bulk Photoresist Removal
- Metal Lift-off Lithography
- Cu Pillar Metallization Cleans
- RDL Metallization Cleans
- Delamination of Heavily Cured Photoresist Patterns & Organic Residues

## **DEVICE COMPATIBILITY**

- Substrates
  - Si, SiO2, GaAs
- Metals
  - Al, Cu, Ti, W, TiW, TiN, Sn, Ni
- Insulators
  - TEOS, SiO2, SiN, SiON

#### POLYMER REMOVAL

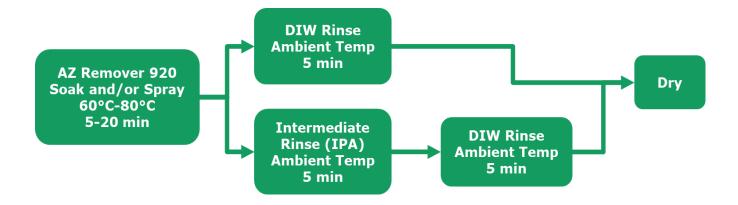
- Full Dissolution & Delamination
  - DNQ/Novolac Positive Photoresists (AZ® P4620)
  - Chemically Amplified Positive Photoresists (AZ® 3DT)
- Fast Delamination
  - Chemically Amplified Negative Tone PR (AZ® 15nxt, AZ® nLOF & AZ® ANR series)

# CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- Organic solvent based with amine additives
- EHS Friendly NMP, DMAC & TMAH free
- Alkaline pH
- High boiling point of 188°C, low evaporation
- Flash point of 84.4°C

# REMOVAL PROCESSING CONDITIONS

- AZ® Remover 920 is fully water miscible and can go directly to DIW rinse.
- IPA or alternate intermediate rinse solvent can also be used.
- Recommended operating temperature is 60°C to 80°C.
- Suitable for use on wet bench, batch-spray, soak & spray, or single-wafer spray tooling.
  - Compatible with PTFE, HDPE, 316L EP Stainless Steel & Quartz. Incompatible with Viton.





## **REMOVAL OF AZ® P4620 PHOTORESIST**

Substrate 8" SiliconFilm Tks 12.6 µm

Exposure i-line 600 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
 Soft Bake 110°C/240sec

PEB none

Development AZ® 300MIF 4 x 60sec

• Remover Bath 80°C / 5min soak

#### Before Strip After Strip

Resist lifts & dissolves in < 20sec

#### REMOVAL OF AZ® 3DT PHOTORESIST

Substrate 8" SiliconFilm Tks 12.6 µm

Exposure i-line 400 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
 Soft Bake 110°C/300sec

PEB none

Development AZ® 300MIF 2 x 60sec

Remover Bath 80°C / 5min soak



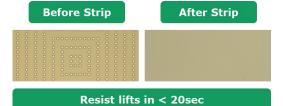
# **REMOVAL OF AZ® NLOF2070 PHOTORESIST**

Substrate 8" SiliconFilm Tks 7.8 µm

Exposure i-line 2200 mJ/cm²
 Soft Bake 110°C/90sec
 PEB 110°C/90sec

Development AZ® 300MIF 1 x 90sec

• Remover Bath 80°C / 5min soak



# REMOVAL OF AZ® 15NXT PHOTORESIST

Substrate 8" SiliconFilm Tks 11.2 µm

Exposure i-line 900 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
Soft Bake 110°C/180sec
PEB 120°C/60sec

Development AZ® 300MIF 2 x 60sec

Remover Bath 80°C / 5min soak

# Before Strip Si After Strip Cu After Strip

Resist lifts in < 20sec

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