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1 Purpose of this document

This document describes the recommended conditions and parameters to be applied when handling, soldering, and mounting Bosch Sensortec's Inertial Measurement Units (IMUs, incl. programmable IMUs) to a PCB. This document applies to all Sales Part Numbers mentioned on the cover sheet. In case the Sales Part Number of your Bosch Sensortec device is not listed, contact your Bosch Sensortec representative.

Important:

- To avoid damage to the sensor and the loss of warranty, strictly follow the instructions described in this document.
- It is strongly recommended to study the sensor datasheet before handling the sensor device.
- In case you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact your Bosch Sensortec representative.

2 Package outline

Please refer to the latest version of the corresponding product datasheet or preliminary datasheet.

3 Landing pattern

Refer to the latest version of the corresponding product datasheet or preliminary datasheet.

4 Moisture sensitivity level (MSL)

The moisture sensitivity level of the device corresponds to JEDEC Level 1. Also, see the following standards:

- IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020E "Joint Industry Standard: Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification for non-hermetic Solid State Surface Mount Devices."
- IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033D "Joint Industry Standard: Handling, Packing, Shipping and Use of Moisture/Reflow Sensitive Surface Mount Devices."

Both standards are available on <u>JEDEC's website</u>.

The sensor fulfills the lead-free soldering requirements of the IPC/JEDEC standard mentioned above, i.e., reflow soldering with a peak temperature T_p up to 260°C.

5 RoHS compliance/halogen content

The sensors meet the requirements of the EC restriction of hazardous substances (RoHS) directive. Also, see the following directive:

RoHS-Directive 2011/65/EU and its amendments, including the amendment 2015/863/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

As listed on the cover sheets, the devices (Sales Part Numbers) are also halogen-free. For more details on the corresponding analysis results, contact your Bosch Sensortec representative.

Corresponding chemical analysis certificates are available as separate documents from Bosch Sensortec.

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6 Mounting recommendations

MEMS sensors, in general, are high-precision measurement devices with electronic and mechanical silicon structures. Bosch Sensortec MEMS sensor devices are designed for precision, efficiency, and mechanical robustness.

However, to achieve the best possible results for your design, the following recommendations should be considered when mounting the sensor on a printed circuit board (PCB).

The scenarios described below, as examples, may lead to a bending of the PCB, which consequently might influence the performance of the sensor mounted to the PCB.

It is recommended to use additional tools during the design-in phase to evaluate and optimize the considered placement position of the sensor on the PCB, for example:

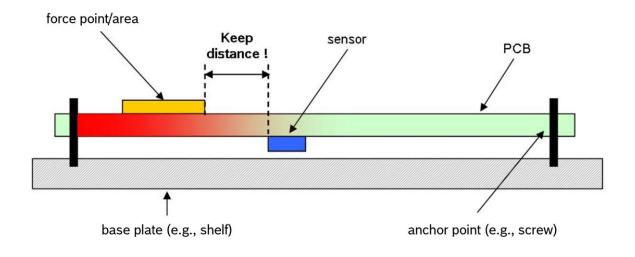
- infrared camera regarding thermal aspects
- warpage measurements and/or FEM simulations regarding mechanical stress
- drop tests of the device after soldering on the target application PCB regarding shock robustness

It is generally recommended to keep a reasonable distance between the sensor mounting location on the PCB and the critical locations described in the following examples. The exact value for a "reasonable distance" depends on the individual design and, therefore, must be determined case by case.

Contact us if you have questions regarding the mounting of the sensor on your PCB or about evaluating and/or optimizing the considered placement position of the sensor on your PCB. If the recommendations mentioned above cannot be met, a specific in-line offset calibration after device placement onto your PCB might help minimize the potential remaining effects.

6.1 External loads/forces

In certain applications, circuit boards may feature an array of functional buttons or connection points. External loads or forces applied to these points can transmit stress through the board to the MEMS sensor, potentially causing mechanical damage. It is advisable to position MEMS sensors at a distance from these force-prone areas. See Figure 1.





6.2 Thermal hot spots on the PCB

It is recommended to keep a reasonable distance from any thermal hot spots when placing the sensor device to achieve higher accuracy measurements. Hot spots can include a µController or a graphic chip, other integrated circuits with high power consumption, processors, batteries, power management circuitry, or high-current devices.

The hot spots on the PCB will have two effects: temperature rise will affect the performance of IMU series sensors, including the impact on the sensitivity and zero-g offset of the acceleration and gyroscope. Additionally, the rise in temperature will cause the PCB to deform, generating additional mechanical stress. See Figure 2.

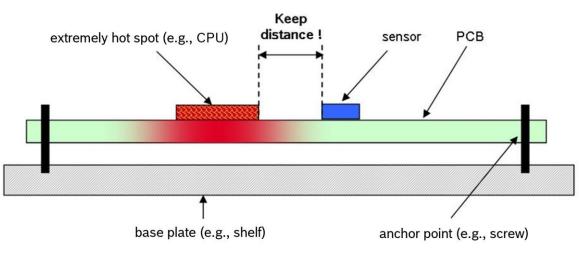


Figure 2: Thermal hot spots on the PCB

Prevent any contact between heat sinks or other external structures and the sensor, which may also create thermal conduction and mechanical stress. See Figure 3.

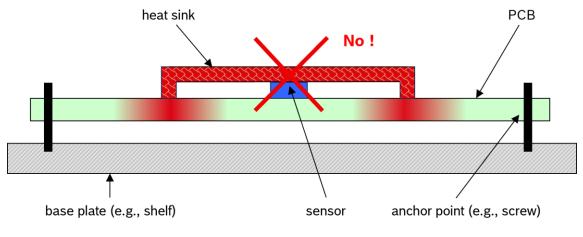


Figure 3: Heat sinks

6.3 Mechanical stress maximum on the PCB

It is recommended to keep a reasonable distance from any mechanical stress maximum when placing the sensor device.

Figure 4 shows a stress maximum in the center of the diagonal crossover of the four anchor points. It is good manufacturing practice to always avoid or reduce mechanical stress by optimizing the PCB design first, then placing the sensor in an appropriate low-stress area.

A best practice is to place MEMS components on the PCB in locations where the stress value is not exceeding 500 µstrain.

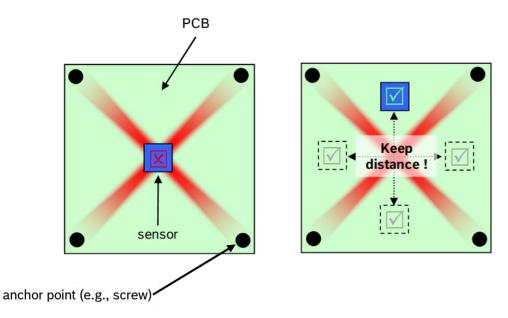
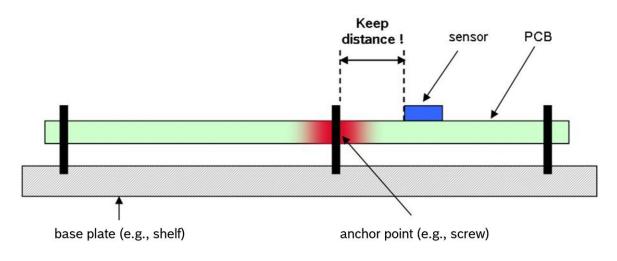
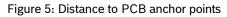


Figure 4: Mechanical stress maximum on the PCB

6.4 Distance to PCB anchor points

When placing the sensor device, keep a reasonable distance from anchor points where the PCB is fixed at a base plate (e.g., a shelf or something similar). See Figure 5.





6.5 Vibrations on the PCB

Various measures can be applied to minimize vibration transmission. Passive damping can be achieved by adding damping washers or foam pads at anchor points, while active damping can be accomplished by adjusting the placement of the IMU.

It is recommended to position the IMU away from other Sub-systems/Modules (from top and bottom side) on the PCB to mitigate or prevent the impact of vibrations from these parts to the sensor. MEMS gyroscopes and accelerometers have multiple internal eigenmodes. In the case of a resonant match between an external aggressor and an eigenmode of the sensor, even rather low vibration amplitudes might cause damage to the MEMS structures. The system-level design should avoid vibrations that align with the resonant frequencies of the IMU.

External vibrations that coincide with the sensor's eigenfrequencies may introduce extra noise or even damage the sensor. It is recommended to contact your Bosch Sensortec representative in case interference sources with resonant frequencies are used.

Do not place the sensor next to components or in areas where the PCB's resonant amplitudes (vibrations) are likely to occur or to be expected.

The predominant vibration sources at the PCB board level are those listed below. Measures must be taken to avoid their impact on the sensor.

6.5.1 Mechanical vibration sources

Vibrating components not intended for measurement, such as speakers, vibration/haptic motors, fans, etc., should be mechanically isolated from the IMU.

6.5.2 Electrical sources

A switched-mode power supply (SMPS) has the potential to induce vibrations. If the SMPS's specific switching frequencies (including harmonic frequencies) coincide with the sensor's specific eigen frequencies (including harmonic frequencies), it could result in increased noise and offset in the sensor gyroscope.

6.5.3 MLCCs

MLCCs (multilayer ceramic chip capacitors) are commonly employed in wireless and fast-charging ICs and DC-DC conversion circuits. Some ceramic capacitors may exhibit vibration or low-frequency buzzing, known as "singing capacitors," due to imbalances in the power circuit. This phenomenon, attributed to the piezoelectric effect, can induce vibrations overlapping with the resonant frequency of the IMU, thereby impacting sensor performance. Furthermore, prepolarization from DC bias enables AC voltages to generate mechanical stresses, resulting in the deformation of the MLCC and the attached PCB substrate. See Figure 6.

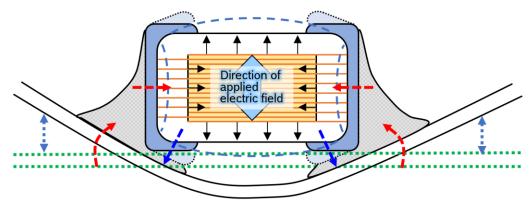


Figure 6: Deformation of MLCC affected by electric field

Recommendations for PCB material and thickness:

Increasing PCB thickness resists deformation and reduces sound pressure level (SPL).

Optimize the layout of MLCCs on the PCB:

- MLCCs are placed as far away from the sensor as possible.
- Prioritizing placing MLCCs on PCB edges produces a lower SPL.
- When MLCCs are placed symmetrically on opposite sides of a PCB, the vibrations generated by each other can
 often be canceled out.
- When placed in an L-shape or T-shape layout configuration, the vibrations of the two MLCCs are orthogonal to each other and provide a certain level of cancellation. See Figure 7.

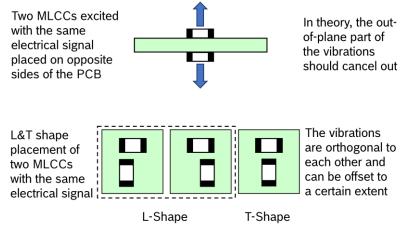


Figure 7: Placement of MLCCs to significantly reduce vibration

 MLCCs can be replaced with tantalum capacitors; the structural composition of tantalum capacitors prevents them from generating vibration and deformation effects similar to those of MLCCs on the PCB board.

It is recommended that the impact of MLCCs on IMUs can be reduced or avoided in the early design-in phase from the following aspects:

- Provide aggressor frequencies (e.g., frequency of fast charging and/or wireless charging ICs). Ideally, test more than one fast-charging IC frequency (consider fallback options to primary IC frequency, etc.).
- Invest in Laser Doppler Vibrometer (LDV) measurements to scan the vibration profile of the target PCB and assess expected load (g's) at available placement position (s) of IMU.
- Perform finite element modeling (FEM) simulations to understand the impact of aggressors better.
- Qualify the IMU based on HSMI recommendations.

By implementing best practices, vibrations caused by MLCCs can be reduced but not entirely prevented. If switching the frequency hits an eigenmode of the IMU, vibration reduction alone cannot guarantee the absence of interference. If you have any questions about the placement of MLCCs, contact your Bosch Sensortec representative.

6.5.4 PCB with large span

Avoid placing the IMU on the end of a long hanging beam or the PCB with a large span. See Figure 8.

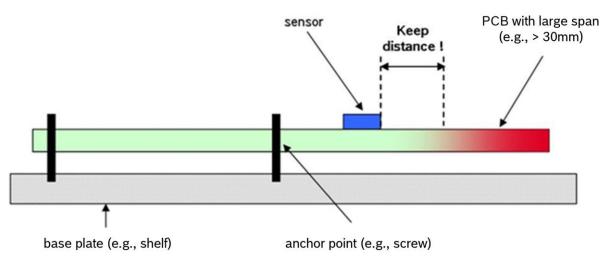


Figure 8: Long hanging beam or large span PCB

6.6 Resin coatings and shields

6.6.1 Resin coatings

Avoid partially covering the sensor with any protective material, such as epoxy resin.

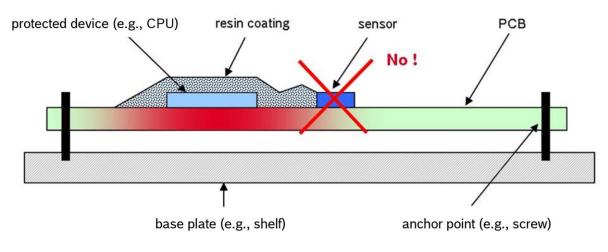
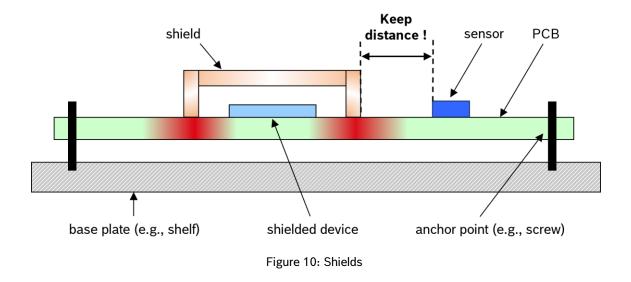


Figure 9: Resin coatings

As shown in Figure 9, while ensuring the sensor is not partially covered (if at all), also ensure it is not in contact with any (epoxy) resin material, leading to an un-symmetric stress distribution over the sensor package.

6.6.2 Shields

A shield can cause mechanical stress on the PCB, which may have the effect of causing additional offset of sensors located close to the shield. Keep the sensor away from the shield, including the opposite side of the shield. See Figure 10.



6.7 Edge of PCB

Keep the IMU away from PCB edges and bridges or V-Grooves (see Figure 11), as deflection caused by milling drills or saws when separating the PCB can damage the MEMS device, and avoid dull milling cutters and saw blades, which can cause excessive mechanical vibration. Do not break the panel. Severe bending force and mechanical shock may damage the IMU.

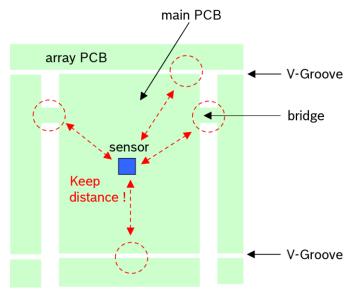


Figure 11: Edge of PCB

6.8 Magnetic, Electric, Infrared (IR) and Radio Frequency (RF)

Avoid mounting (and operating) the sensor in the vicinity of strong magnetic, electric, infrared (IR), and radio frequency (RF) radiation fields.

6.9 Electrostatic charging

Avoid electrostatic charging of the sensor and of the device wherein the sensor is mounted.

7 PCB Design Guidelines

- For the solder mask design of each pin, it is recommended to use Non-Solder Mask Defined (NSMD) pads.
- Placing any structure or routing on the top layer of the PCB below the sensor is strictly prohibited.
- The symmetry of the traces connected to the pads can optimize component self-alignment and promote improved solder paste reduction after reflow, so it is recommended to maintain symmetry and balance of traces on the pads as much as possible.
- Keep the distance between the screw hole and the sensor greater than 2mm for best performance.
- Confirm that the pin #1 indicator is unconnected and must remain unconnected to avoid affecting sensor functionality.

7.1 Footprint design rules

All lands are required to be of equal size and do not need to be large. General recommendations for PCB pads and solder mask layers are illustrated in Figure 12. Refer to the datasheet for specific pad count, size, and pitch.

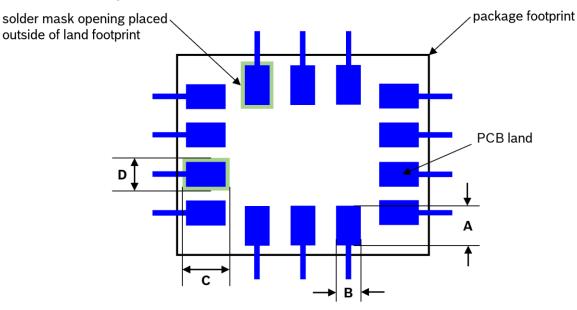


Figure 12: Footprint design rules

PCB land and connecting traces should be designed symmetrically.

- A = PCB land length = LGA solder pad length
- B = PCB land width = LGA solder pad width
- C = Solder mask opening length (Longer than A)
- D = Solder mask opening width (Wider than B)

7.2 Stencil design

The stencil design is very important for sensor soldering.

- It is recommended to use a stainless-steel stencil to apply solder paste.
- Stencil thickness will result from pad size, aspect, and area Ratio.
- The stencil opening dimensions need to follow the general best practices for stencil design.
- Aspect ratio of stencil openings: Aperture width/stencil thickness = W/T > 1.5
- Area ratio of stencil openings: Aperture area/aperture wall cross-sectional area = (W x L)/ [2 x (W+L) x T] > 0.66

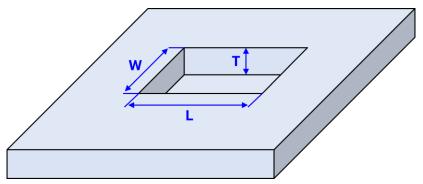


Figure 13: Stencil opening dimensions

7.3 PCB design rules for the traces

All traces should flow outside the component, remain symmetrical, and be parallel to the long sides of the pads.

The traces must remain the same thickness; power signals do not require thicker traces because the current flowing into them is very low, thus avoiding potential mechanical stress.

The ground plane should not be connected directly to the package pad. It is better connected via standard traces. See Figure 14.

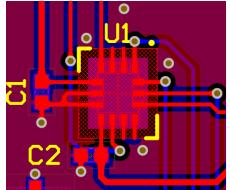


Figure 14: Correct traces

High-frequency communication lines (as SCx or OSCx) should only be routed around the sensor with enough distance to the sensor: the connection lines to the clock pads should run perpendicular to the package outline as long as possible; several millimeters are recommended.

When designing the layout, as much as possible, ensure that VDD, VDDIO, and serial interface traces are isolated from any components and signals related to battery charging and DC-DC switching power regulation. The substantial energy carried by power signals can induce significant noise or spikes.

If the above requirements cannot be met during actual wiring, the 3W principle can be followed, where the center spacing of high-speed signal traces is not less than three times the line width. See Figure 15.

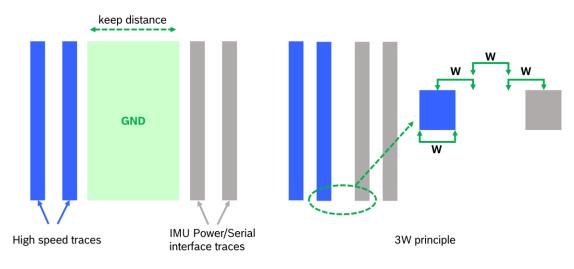
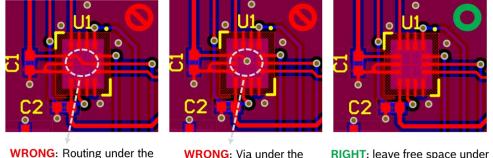


Figure 15: High-speed traces

7.4 BMI2xy and BMI3xy placement rules for the top layer

For all MEMS devices, soldering takes place exclusively on the top layer. Avoid positioning any routing or vias directly under the device on the top side. See Figure 16.



WRONG: Routing under the sensor on TOP layer

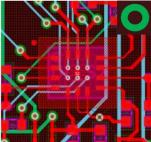
WRONG: Via under the sensor on TOP layer

RIGHT: leave free space under the sensor on TOP layer

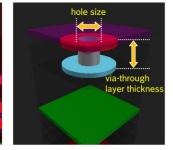
Figure 16: Top layer placement examples for BMI2xy/BMI3xy

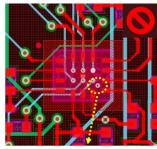
7.5 BHI3xy placement rules for the top layer

BHI3xy is pin-to-pin compatible with BMI2xy and BMI3xy for outer pads, in addition, BHI3xy has six inner pads. For inner pads, blind vias can be used to route the signals, the size of the blind vias should not exceed the pad size, meanwhile, the blind vias must comply with a drilling aspect ratio of 1:1 or greater, where the aspect ratio is defined as the hole size divided by the via-through layer thickness. See Figure 17. Note that other top-layer placement rules are consistent with those of BMI2xy and BMI3xy.



RIGHT: Place blind vias within RIGHT: Drilling aspect ratio of central pads for signal routing





WRONG: Via under the sensor except for the central pads

Figure 17: Top layer placement examples for BHI3xy

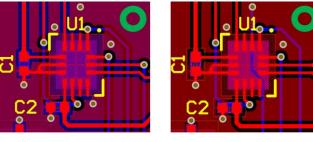
1:1 or greater

Note:

- For full compatibility with other BMI2XY and BMI3XY sensors, other points also need to be considered according to BHI360 datasheet chapter 4.2.
- If customer solders BMI2XY using BHI360 landing pattern for a compatible design, to avoid BM2XY performance decrease, it is suggested that customer prepares another set of stencil for BMI2XY soldering.

7.6 Placement rules for the middle and bottom layer

Power plane or signal routing can be done on the middle and the bottom layer below the sensor. See Figure 18. Note that this bottom placement rule only applies to MEMS accelerometers, gyroscopes, and pressure sensors. BMI2xy/BMI3xy and BHI3xy share these rules.



RIGHT: Power plane on MIDDLE or BOTTOM layer under the sensor

RIGHT: Signal routing on MIDDLE or BOTTOM layer under the sensor

Figure 18: Middle and bottom layer placement examples

8 Note on internal package structures

Within the scope of Bosch Sensortec's ambition to improve its products and secure the product supply while in mass production, Bosch Sensortec qualifies additional sources for the LGA package of its sensors.

While Bosch Sensortec took care that all of the technical package parameters as described above are 100% identical for both sources, there can be differences in the chemical analysis and internal structure between the different package sources.

However, as secured by the extensive product qualification processes at Bosch Sensortec, this has no impact on the usage or the quality of the sensor.

9 Device marking

Refer to the latest version of the corresponding product data sheet or preliminary data sheet.

10 Reflow soldering

10.1 Recommendation for soldering of sensors in the LGA package

Ensure that the edges of the LGA substrate of the sensor are free of solder material. It is not recommended to allow solder material to form a high meniscus covering on the edge of the LGA substrate (see Figure 19).

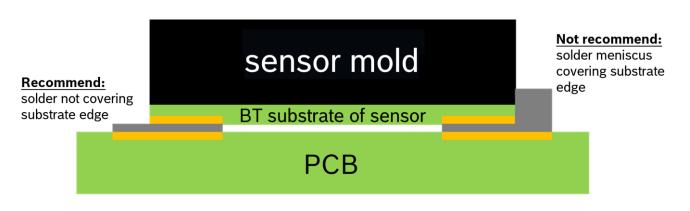


Figure 19: Recommendation to keep the side of LGA free from solder material

Using underfill (e.g., copper underfill) for the LGA package is forbidden. See Figure 20.

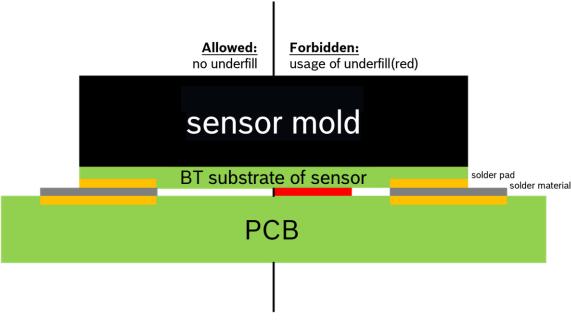


Figure 20: Recommendation not to use underfill for LGA packages

10.2 Classification reflow profiles

The sensor fulfills the JEDEC and lead-free soldering requirements described in Chapter 4, i.e., reflow soldering (after MSL1 pretreatment) with a peak temperature T_p up to 260°C.

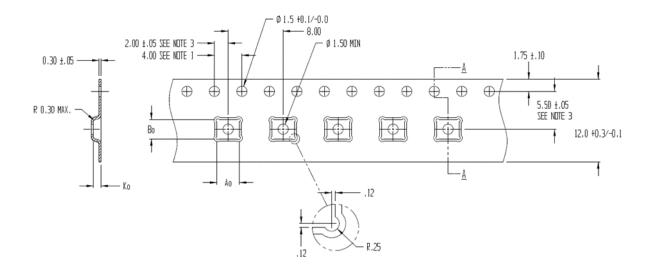
10.3 Multiple reflow soldering cycles

The product can withstand up to 3 reflow soldering cycles in total. In case 5 cycles are required, contact your local Bosch Sensortec representative.

There could be a situation where a PCB is mounted with devices from both sides (i.e., 2 reflow cycles necessary) and where, in the next step, an additional re-work cycle could be required (1 reflow).

11 Tape & reel

11.1 Tape & reel specification



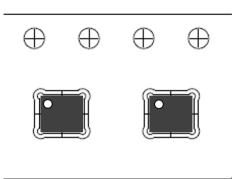
A₀ = 3.30mm, B₀ = 2.80mm, K₀ = 1.10mm

Note:

- Tolerances unless noted: ±0.1mm
- Sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance ±0.1mm
- Camber in compliance with EIA481
- Pocket position relative to sprocket hole measured as true position of the pocket, not the pocket hole
- A_0 and B_0 are calculated on a plane at a distance "R" above the bottom of the pocket.

11.2 Orientation within the reel

 \rightarrow Processing direction \rightarrow



12 Further important mounting, assembly & handling recommendations

Bosch Sensortec's IMUs are designed to sense acceleration and rate of rotation with high accuracy, even at low amplitudes, and contain highly sensitive structures inside the sensor element. The MEMS sensor can tolerate mechanical shocks up to several thousand g's. However, these limits might be exceeded in conditions with extreme shock loads, such as a hammer hitting the sensor or next to the sensor, dropping the sensor onto hard surfaces, etc.

We strongly recommend avoiding any g-forces beyond the limits specified in the datasheet during the sensors' transport, handling, and mounting in a defined and qualified installation process.

The IMUs have built-in protections against high electrostatic discharges or electric fields (2kV HBM); however, anti-static precautions should be taken for any other CMOS component.

Unless otherwise specified, proper operation can only occur when all terminal voltages are kept within the supply voltage range. Unused inputs must always be connected to a defined logic voltage level.

Ultrasonic cleaning and welding are not recommended.

13 Legal Disclaimer

i. Engineering samples

Engineering Samples are marked with an asterisk (*), (E) or (e). Samples may vary from the valid technical specifications of the product series contained in this data sheet. They are therefore not intended or fit for resale to third parties or for use in end products. Their sole purpose is internal client testing. The testing of an engineering sample may in no way replace the testing of a product series. Bosch Sensortec assumes no liability for the use of engineering samples. The Purchaser shall indemnify Bosch Sensortec from all claims arising from the use of engineering samples.

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