

WESTCODE

An IXYS Company

WESTCODE SEMICONDUCTORS LIMITED
Langley Park Way, Langley Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, England SN15 1GE

Telephone: +44 (0)1249 455581
Telefax: +44 (0)1249 659995

WWW: <http://www.westcode.com>
e-Mail: g.hutchinson@ixys.net

Subject: Stocking and handling requirements

Westcode recommends that devices and assemblies be stocked in their original packaging if possible. The devices and assemblies should be stored within the temperature range specified in the data sheet. Storage in conditions of high humidity should be avoided.

Care should be taken in handing the devices and assemblies; in particular damage to the following should be avoided:

- Scratches and dents to the external anode and cathode contact faces of the device may result in reduced thermal and electrical performance.
- Mechanical damage to the device flanges, which may result in loss of hermetic sealing and a possible reduction in the useful life of the device.
- Cracking or chipping of the alumina ceramic which may result in loss of hermetic sealing or a reduction in tracking performance between the anode and cathode.
- Distortion to the end plates, bus bars and coolers of an assembly, which may result in water leaks, poor thermal performance or the inability to mount the stack to the assembly fixtures.
- Scratches or fingerprints on the assembly components that could damage the surface passivation and result in an increase in localised oxidation or corrosion.
- Damage to assemblies resulting from multiple stacking.

It is recommended that latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves be worn when handing devices or assemblies.

Assemblies utilising oil filled capacitors should be orientated to prevent oil leaking from the capacitor.

The recommended manual handling procedures should be adopted when handling a number of devices or an assembly to avoid potential personal injuries. For an assembly, a crane or other suitable handing equipment is recommended.



Graham Hutchinson
Quality Manager
06/07/10



Registered in England: Number 3426095.