

## PTFE/Nonwoven Fiberglass Laminates

**Features:**

- Nonwoven Fiberglass Reinforcement
- Low Dielectric Constant
- Extremely Low Loss

**Benefits:**

- Less Rigid than Woven Fiberglass
- Highly Isotropic in X,Y and Z Directions

**Typical Applications:**

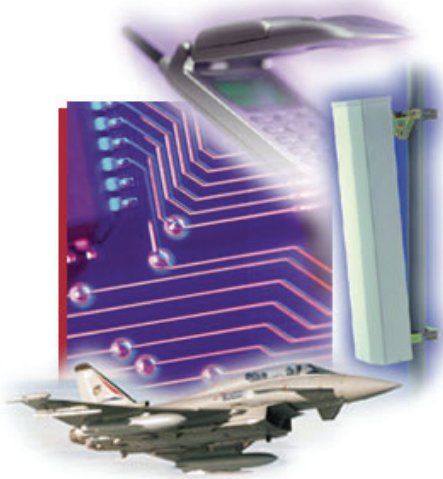
- Conformal Antennas
- Stripline and Microstrip Circuits
- Missile Guidance Systems
- Radar and Electronic Warfare Systems

**IsoClad** laminates are nonwoven fiberglass/PTFE composites for use as printed circuit board substrates. The nonwoven reinforcement allows these laminates to be used more easily in applications where the final circuit will be bent to shape. Conformal or "wrap-around" antennas are a good example.

**IsoClad** products use longer random fibers and a proprietary process to provide greater dimensional stability and better dielectric constant uniformity than competitive nonwoven fiberglass/PTFE laminates of similar dielectric constants.

**IsoClad 917** ( $\epsilon_r=2.17, 2.20$ ) uses a low ratio of fiberglass/PTFE to achieve the lowest dielectric constant and dissipation factor available in a combination of PTFE and fiberglass.

**IsoClad 933** ( $\epsilon_r=2.33$ ) uses a higher fiberglass/PTFE ratio for a more highly reinforced combination that offers better dimensional stability and increased mechanical strength.



## Typical Properties: IsoClad

| Property  | Test Method  | Condition                     | IsoClad 917                   | IsoClad 933                   |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dielectric Constant @ 10GHz   | IPC TM-650 2.5.5.5   | C23/50                        | 2.17, 2.20                    | 2.33                          |
| Dissipation Factor @ 10 GHz   | IPC TM-650 2.5.5.5   | C23/50                        | 0.0013                        | 0.0016                        |
| Thermal Coefficient of Er (ppm/°C)  | IPC TM-650 2.5.5.5 Adapted                                     | -10°C to +140°C               | -157                          | -132                          |
| Peel Strength (lbs.per inch)  | IPC TM-650 2.4.8   | After Thermal                 | 10                            | 10                            |
| Volume Resistivity (MΩ-cm)  | IPC TM-650 2.5.17.1  | C96/35/90                     | 1.5 x 10 <sup>10</sup>        | 3.5 x 10 <sup>8</sup>         |
| Surface Resistivity (MΩ)  | IPC TM-650 2.5.17.1  | C96/35/90                     | 1.0 x 10 <sup>9</sup>         | 1.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup>         |
| Arc Resistance (seconds)  | ASTM D-495   | D48/50                        | >180                          | >180                          |
| Tensile Modulus (kpsi)  | ASTM D-638   | A, 23°C                       | 133, 120                      | 173, 147                      |
| Tensile Strength (kpsi)   | ASTM D-882   | A, 23°C                       | 4.3, 3.8                      | 6.8, 5.3                      |
| Compressive Modulus (kpsi)  | ASTM D-695   | A, 23°C                       | 182                           | 197                           |
| Flexural Modulus (kpsi)   | ASTM D-790   | A, 23°C                       | 213                           | 239                           |
| Dielectric Breakdown (kv)   | ASTM D-149   | D48/50                        | >45                           | >45                           |
| Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )  | ASTM D-792 Method A  | A, 23°C                       | 2.23                          | 2.27                          |
| Water Absorption (%)  | MIL-S-13949H 3.7.7<br>IPC TM-650 2.6.2.2                       | E1/105 + D24/23               | 0.04                          | 0.05                          |
| Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (ppm/°C)<br>X Axis<br>Y Axis<br>Z Axis   | IPC TM-650 2.4.24<br>Mettler 3000<br>Thermomechanical Analyzer | 0°C to 100°C                  | 46<br>47<br>236               | 31<br>35<br>203               |
| Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)   | ASTM E-1225  | 100°C                         | 0.263                         | 0.263                         |
| Outgassing<br>Total Mass Loss (%)<br>Collected Volatile<br>Condensable Material (%)<br>Water Vapor Regain (%)<br>Visible Condensate (±) | Maximum 1.00%<br>Maximum 0.10%                                 | 125°C, ≤10 <sup>-6</sup> torr | 0.02<br>0.00<br>0.02<br>NO    | 0.03<br>0.00<br>0.02<br>NO    |
| Flammability  | UL 94 Vertical Burn<br>IPC TM-650 2.3.10                       | C48/23/50, E24/125            | Meets requirements of UL94-V0 | Meets requirements of UL94-V0 |

### **Material Availability:**

IsoClad laminates are supplied with 1/2, 1 or 2 ounce electrodeposited copper on both sides. Other copper weights and rolled copper foil are available. IsoClad is available bonded to a heavy metal ground plane. Aluminum, brass or copper plates also provide an integral heat sink and mechanical support to the substrate. When ordering IsoClad products, please specify dielectric constant, thickness, cladding, panel size and any other special considerations. Available master sheet sizes include 36" x 48".

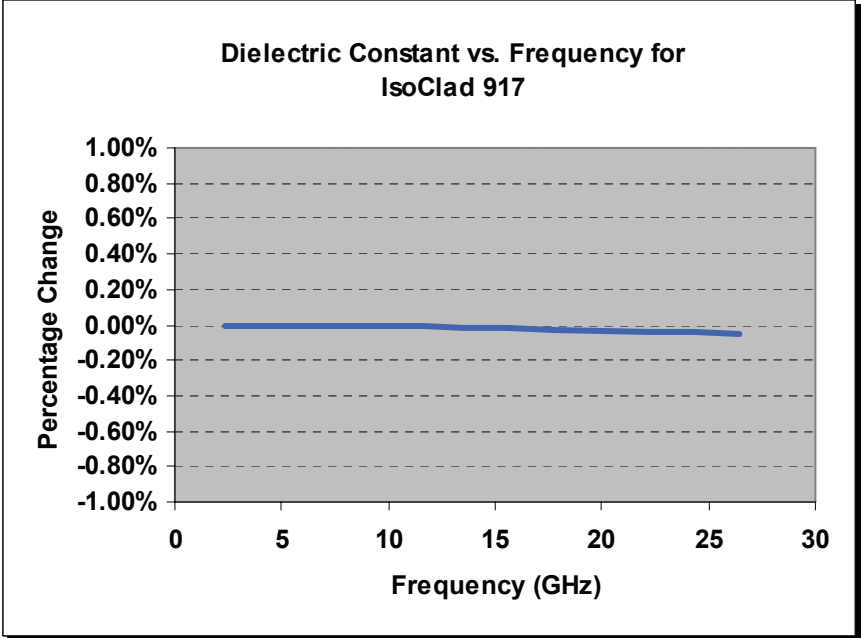


Figure 1

Demonstrates the Stability of Dielectric Constant across Frequency. This information was correlated from data generated by using a free space and circular resonator cavity. This characteristic demonstrates the inherent robustness of Arlob Laminates across Frequency, thus simplifying the final design process when working across EM spectrum. The stability of the Dielectric Constant of IsoClad over frequency insures easy design transition and scalability of design.

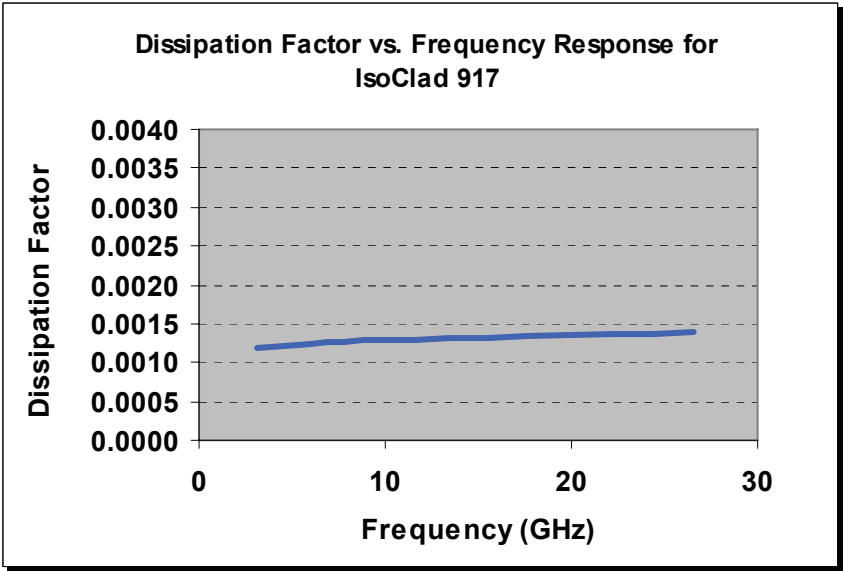


Figure 2

Demonstrates the Stability of Dissipation Factor across Frequency. This characteristic demonstrates the inherent robustness of Arlon Laminates across Frequency, providing a stable platform for high frequency applications where signal integrity is critical to the overall performance of the application.