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Fluid Channels for Evaluation of MEMS Pumps and Gas Flow Sensors

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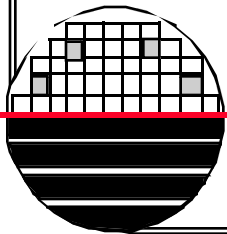
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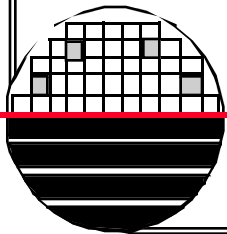
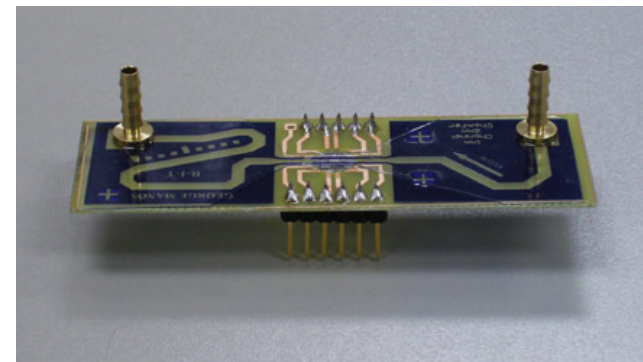
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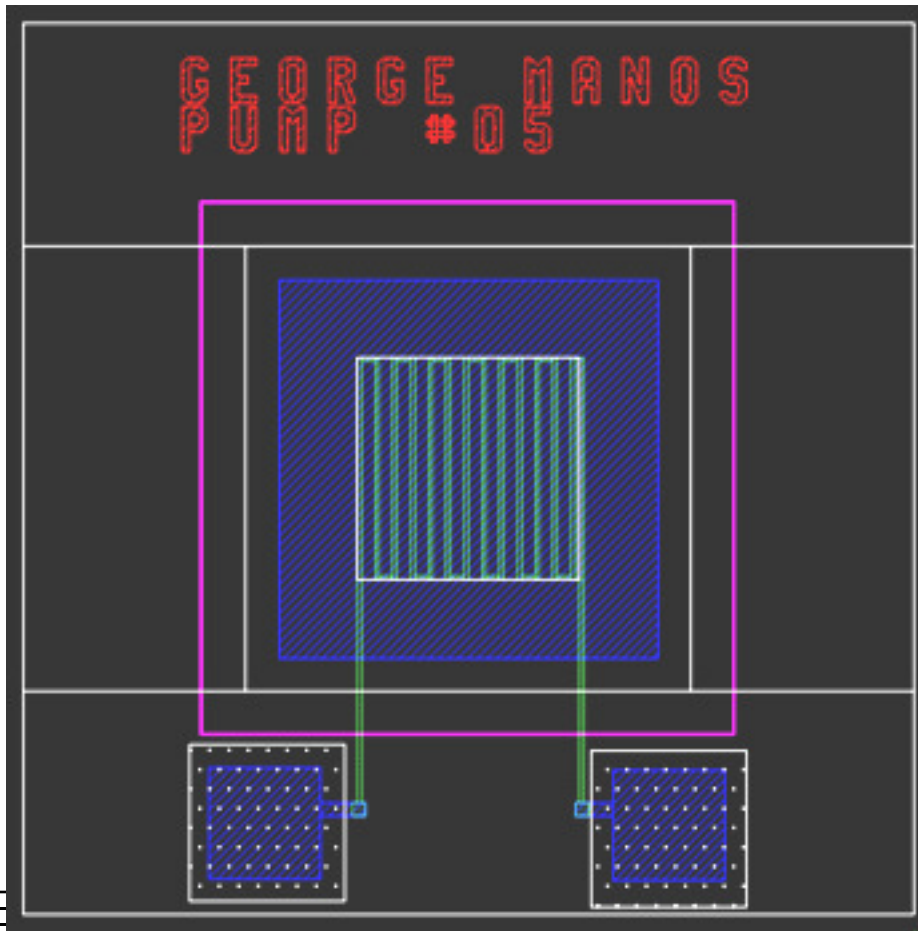


OUTLINE

- Mems pump design
- Mems gas flow sensor design
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PUMP DEISGNS



4mm x 4mm chip

2mm wide flow channel

2 Pads

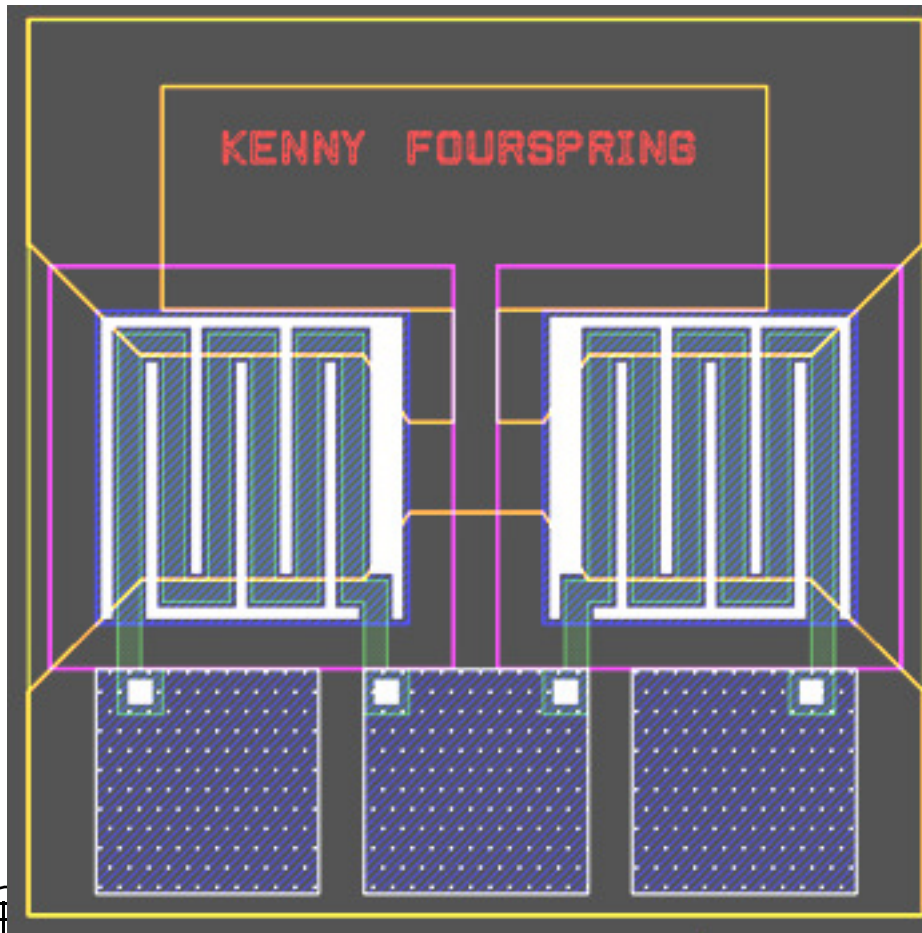
2mm center to center pads

Pad size $800\mu\text{m} \times 800$

Street between die $500\mu\text{m}$

Saw blade makes $200\mu\text{m}$ cut

PUMP DESIGNS

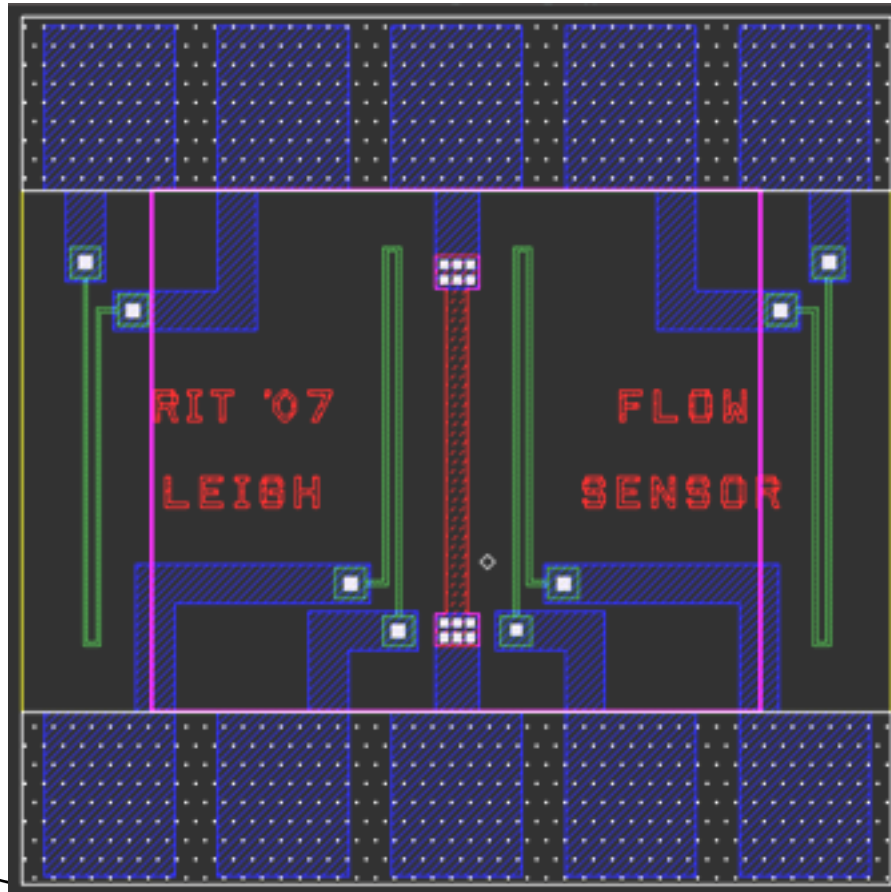


4mm x 4mm chip
Custom shaped flow channel

3 pads
1.2mm center to center pads
Pad size 1mm x 1mm

Street between die 500µm
Saw blade makes 200µm cut

GAS FLOW SENSOR DESIGN



4mm x 4mm chip

2mm wide flow channel

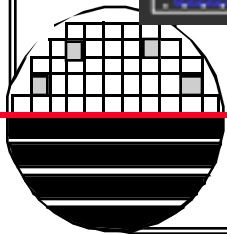
10 pads

800 μ m center to center pads

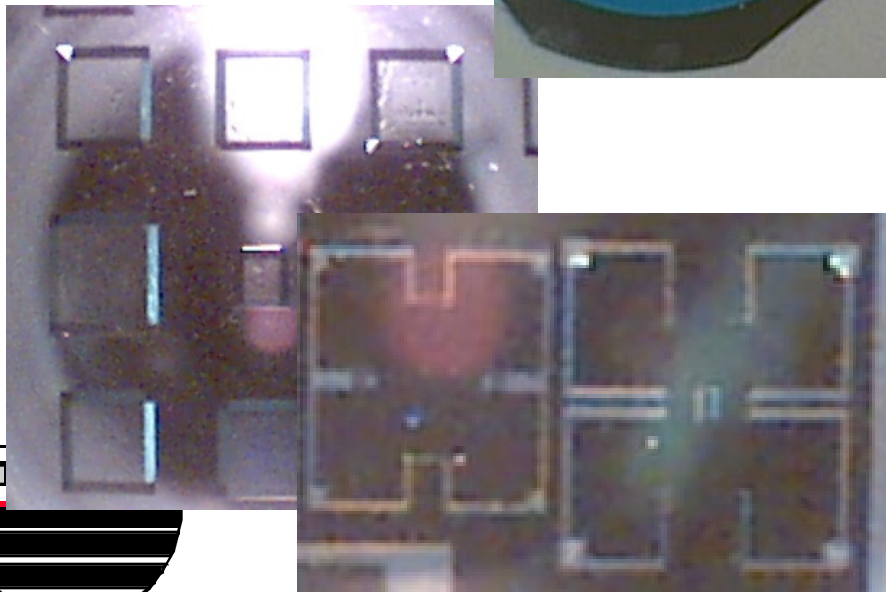
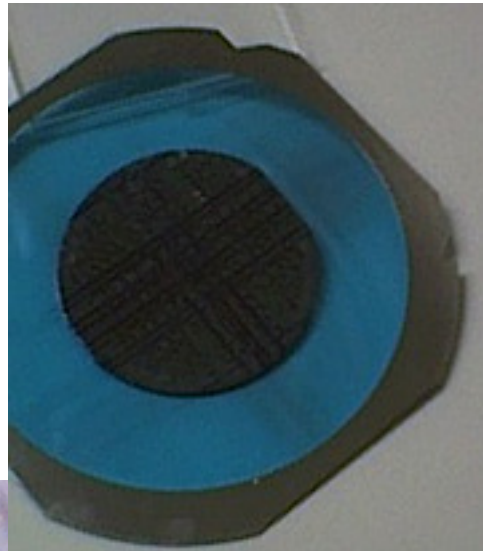
Pad size 600 μ m x 600 μ m

Street between die 500 μ m

Saw blade makes 200 μ m cut



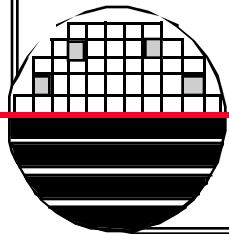
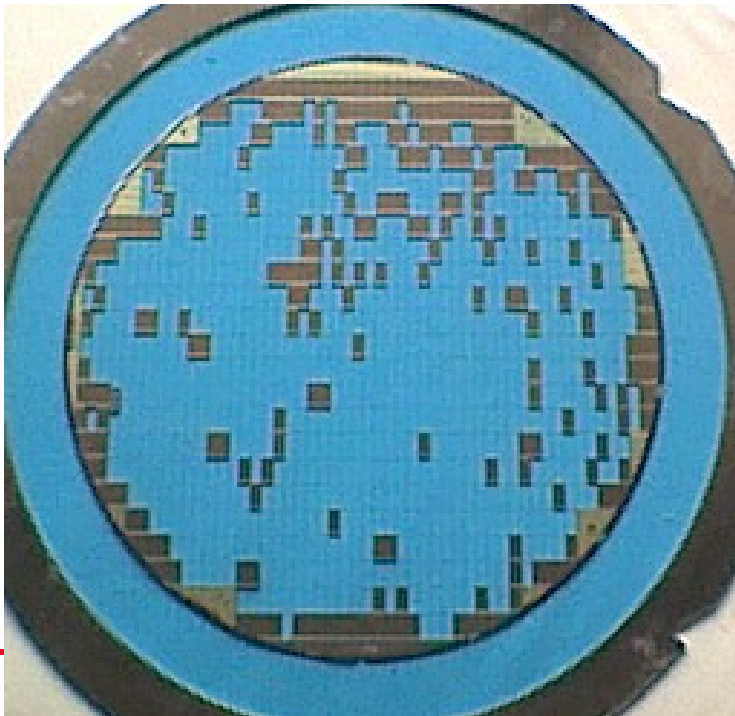
K&S 780 WAFER SAW



TAPES FOR DICING

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Lintec Corp., Tokyo, Japan

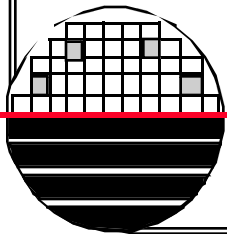
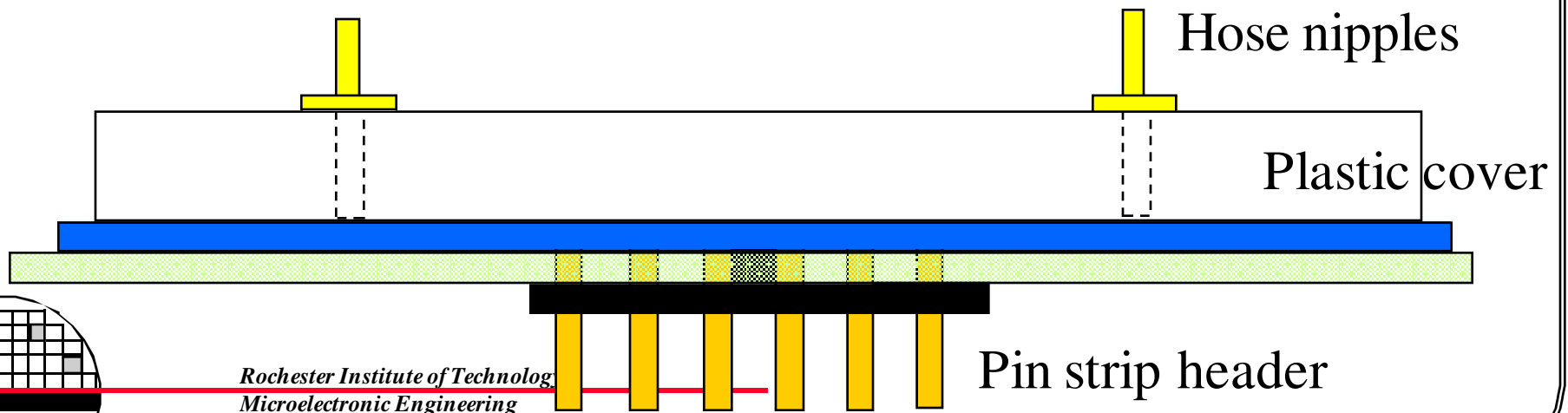
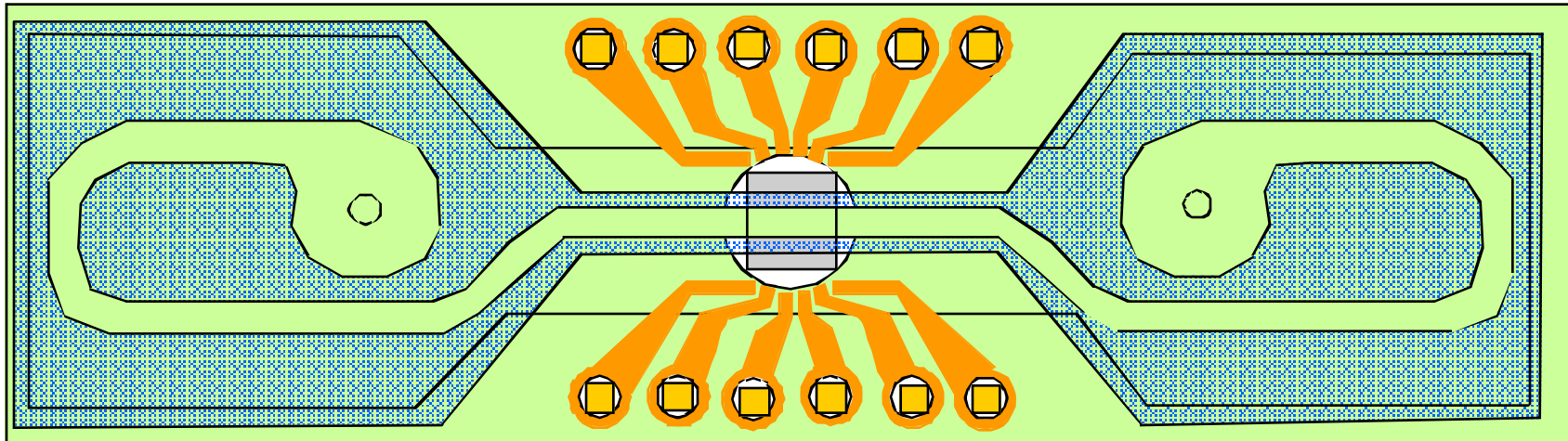
UV Light Release ADWILL T-5782, 200 mm x 10 m roll
Extra Sticky, ADWILL G-19, 200 mm x 10 m roll



Fluid Channels

UNIVERSAL PUMP TEST ASSEMBLY

1" by 3" PCB 0.0125" thick with 0.005" copper



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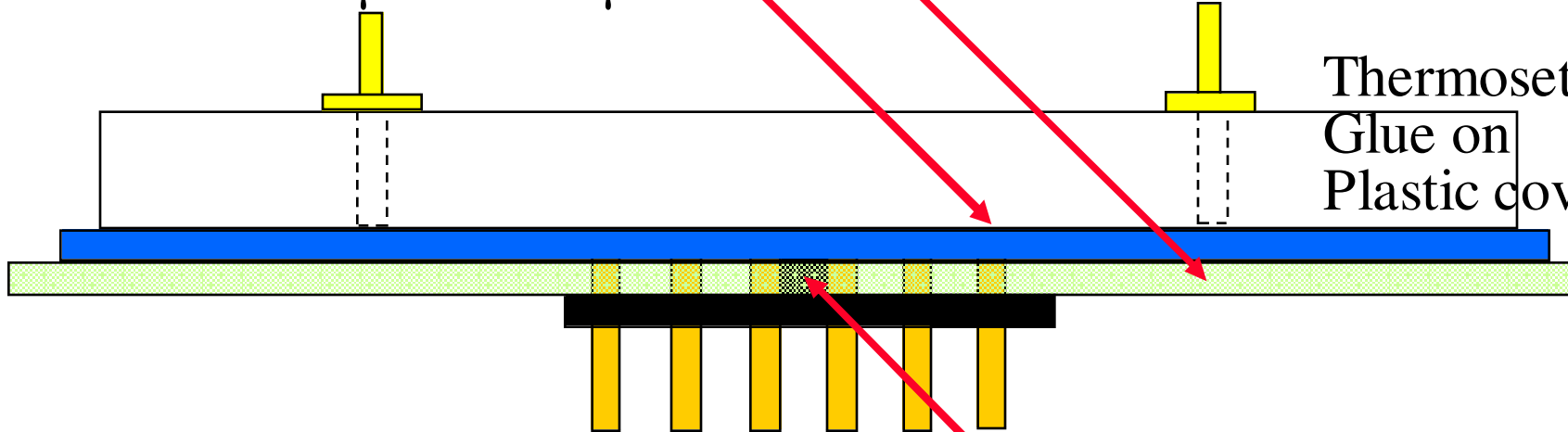
CROSSECTION

1" by 3" PCB 0.0125" thick with 0.005" copper

Photoresist (film) channel walls
Thickness 50 μ m to 125 μ m

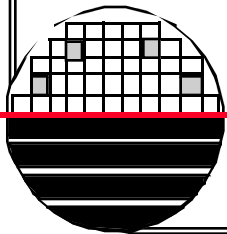
Hose nipples

Thermosetting
Glue on
Plastic cover

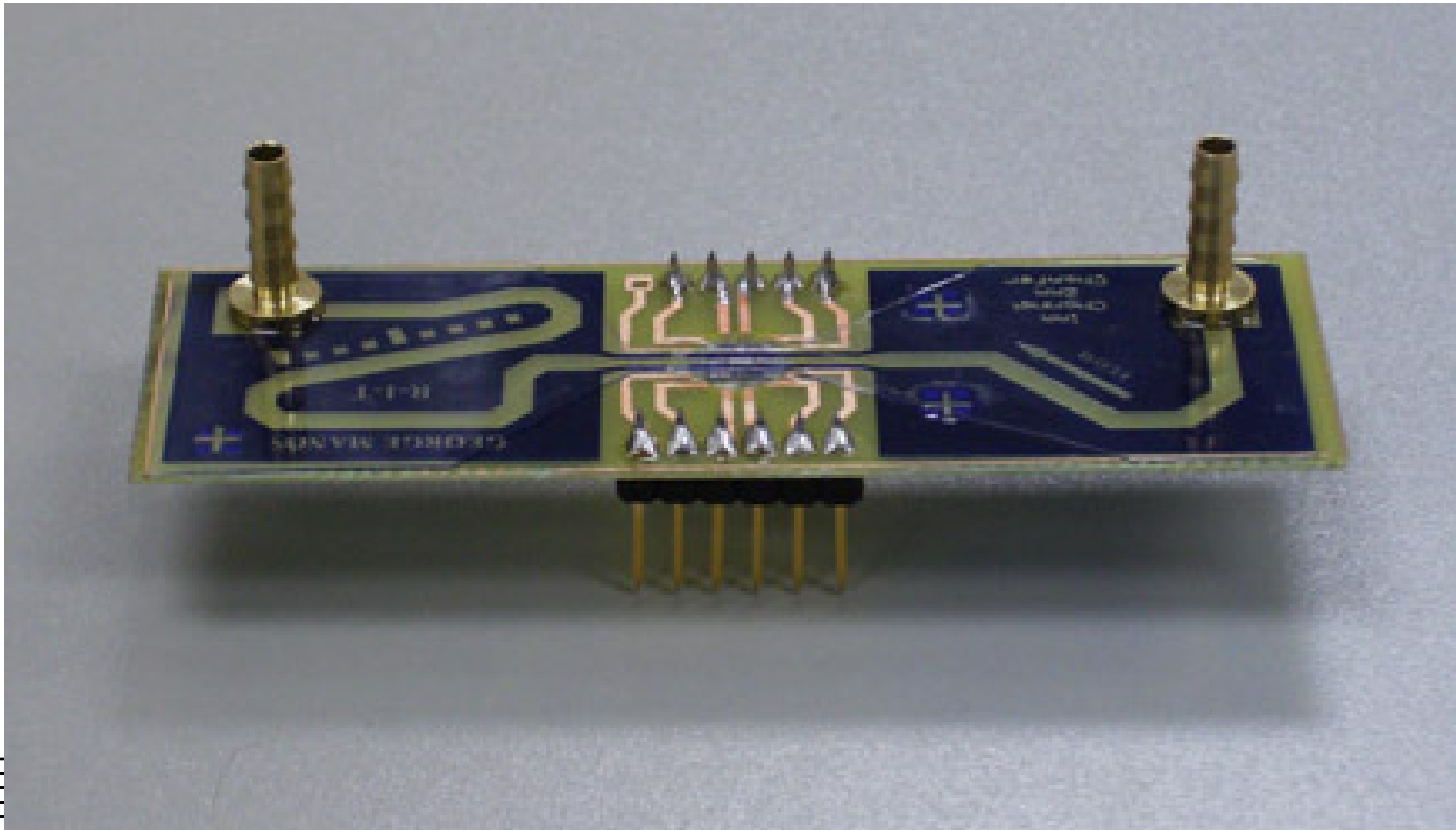


Pin strip header

MEMS chip mounted flush
with PCB surface, wire
bonds from MEMS chip to
copper traces



AFTER WIRE BONDS, HEADER AND NIPPLES



PUMP TEST ASSEMBLY FABRICATION

1. Make printed circuit board (See next page)
2. Drill holes for pins and big hole (holes) for microchips
3. Mount chip or chips using blue dicing tape to temporarily hold chip
4. Epoxy chips in place (thermally conductive epoxy?)
5. Remove blue dicing tape
6. Apply sheet photoresist
7. Align and expose photoresist
8. Develop photoresist
9. Hard bake photoresist
10. Cut and laminate plastic channel cover
11. Wire bond MEMS chip to copper traces
12. Drill holes for fluid input and output in cover
13. Epoxy hose nipples
14. Fill with fluid using syringe and test pumping action
15. Gas flow sensors may need heat sink on back of assembly

MAKE COPPER BOARD

Clean Board with 400 grit sand paper or very fine steel wool using
Soap, Water and Blow Dry

Spin Coat with Positive Photoresist (S1813), 1500 rpm

Bake in Oven 100C 15 min.

Place Transparency on Board and Flatten with Glass Plate

Flood Expose, (10 sec = ~ 100mj/cm²)

Develop in CD-26 Developer (~1 min, overdevelop to ensure clear)

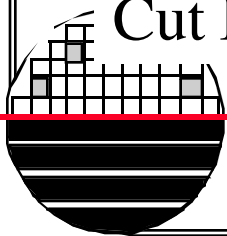
Bake in Oven 140C 15 min

Etch in Mixture of Water, H₂O₂, HCl (3:2:1)

Strip Resist in Acetone, Rinse in Water

Drill

Cut Board into Individual Packages Using Shear in Machine Shop

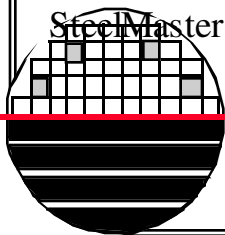


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EP21TPND	100/100	thixotropic	30min	<u>48hrs @ RT+2hrs @ 200F</u>	Polysulfide modified, Fuel and oil resistant sealant
EP30LTE	100/10	17,000	30min	<u>24hrs @ RT+3hrs @ 200F</u>	Exceptionally low coefficient of expansion, low shrinkage
EP30	100/10	2000	25min	<u>24hrs @ RT+2hrs @ 200F</u>	Clear system for optical and fiber optic bonding
EP77M-F	100/100	paste	8min	<u>1hr @ 150F+8hr @ 300F</u>	Electrically conductive silver filled epoxy
EP121AO	100/80	50,000	15hrs	<u>3hrs @ 200F+9hrs @ 200F</u>	Thermally conductive potting and encapsulation
SuperGel#7	100/100	500	3hrs	<u>60hrs @ RT+3hrs @ 200C</u>	Soft resilient, transparent epoxy gel
SteelMaster 43HT	100/20	Thixotropic	25 min	<u>24hr @ RT+2hr @ 200C</u>	Machinable, stainless steel filled



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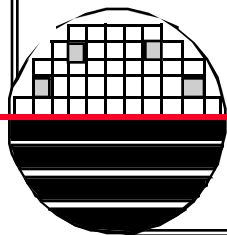
PHOTOSENSITIVE FILMS



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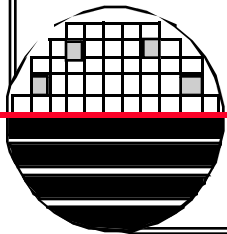
PC BOARD, ELECTROPLATE MOLD, SAND CARVING MASK

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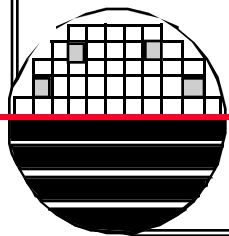
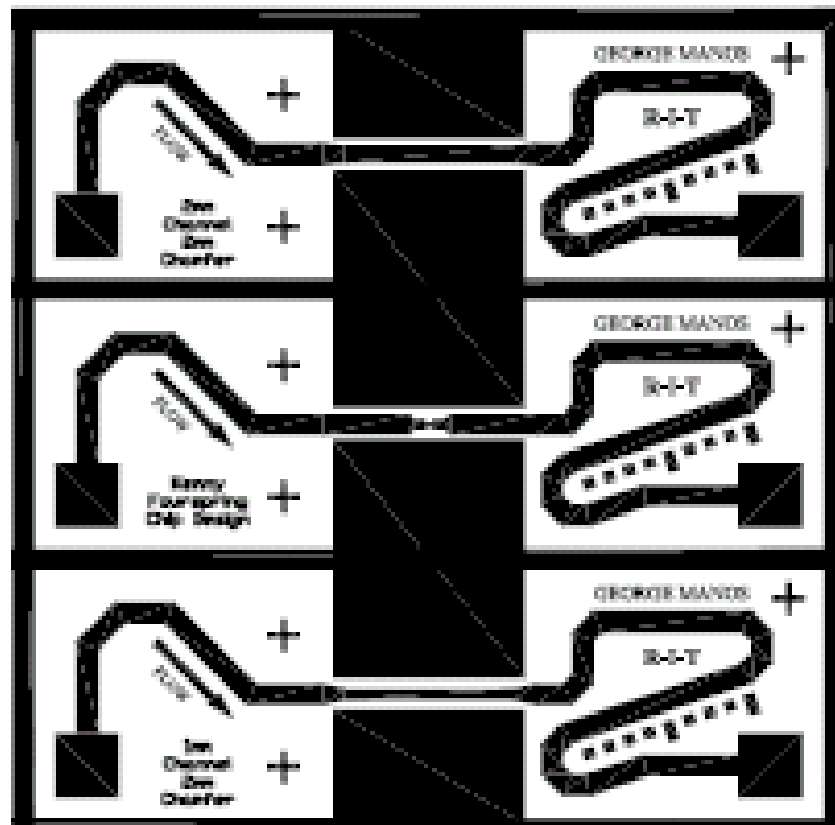
Ultra Blue
10" x 12" Qty 10 sheets 6 mil thick for \$98
Negative working resist, developed in water
Self adhesive to substrate

Also special waterproof films for inkjet printers
8.5" x 11" Qty 10 sheets for \$18



CHANNEL ARTWORK

Fluid Alignment keys to match PCB

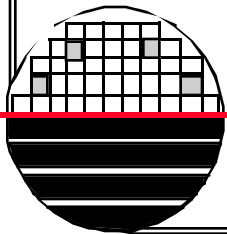
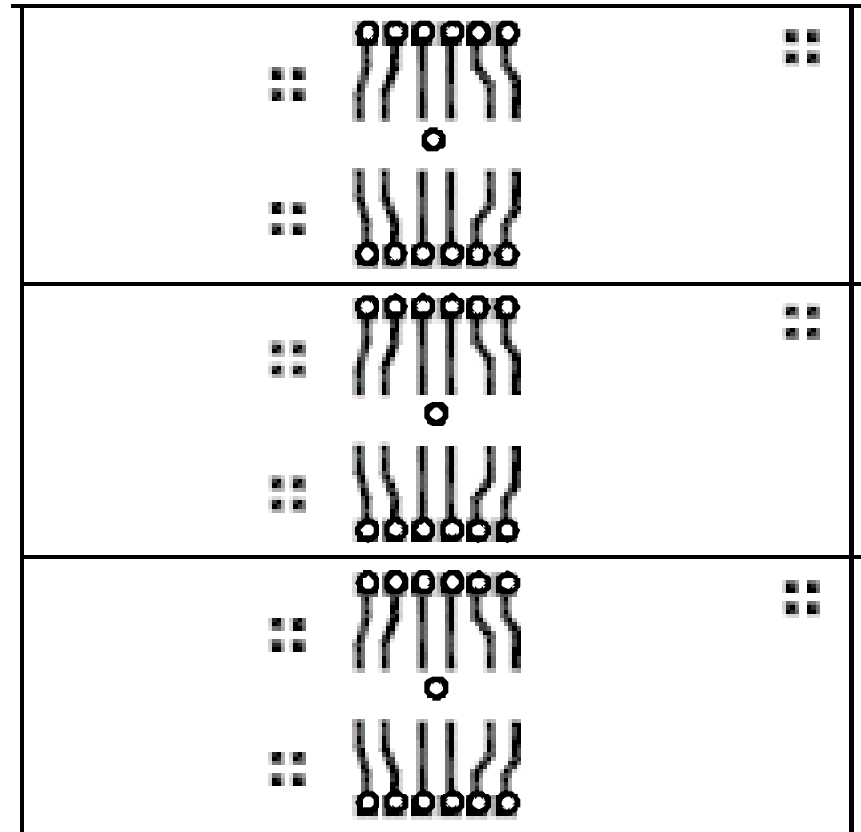


PCB ARTWORK

PCB

Donuts for drill hole alignment

Alignment Keys to match channel



ImageOn Ultra Rapid Dry Film Resist

ImageOn Processing –negative working resist, 50 μ m Thick

Wet Substrate

Remove mylar film from the non-shiny side of the resist

Place resist on the wet substrate

Remove water from center to edge, remove top mylar film

Repeat to get 100, 150, 200 μ m total thickness

Heat cure the resist to improve adhesion???

Expose: Dose = ~50 mj/cm²,

Irradiance = 3.5mW/cm² x 15 sec

30 for 100 μ m, 45 for 150 μ m, etc.

Remove top mylar film

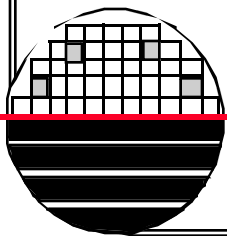
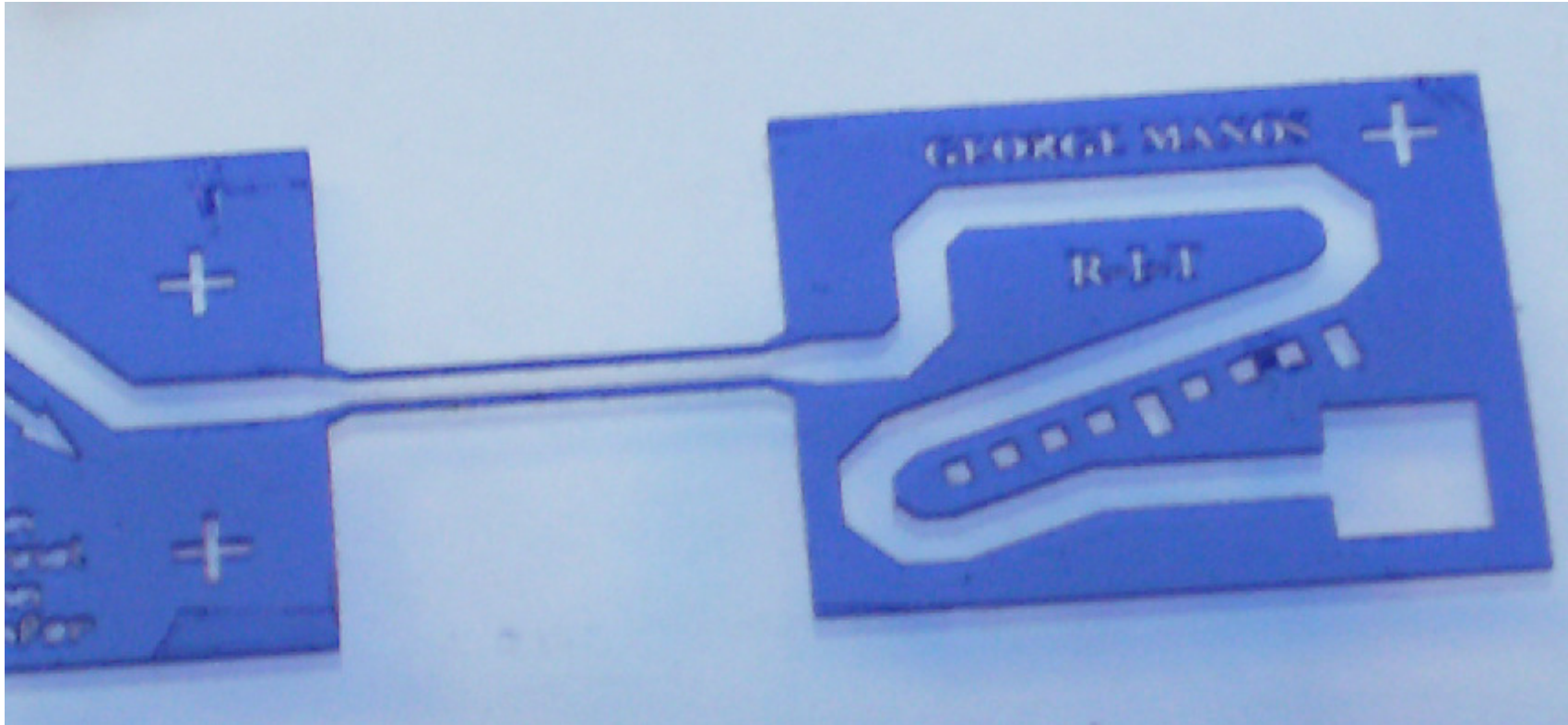
Develop for 60sec in CD26 (develop 15 sec, spray DI water,
repeat every 15 sec until clear

Rinse with water and dry

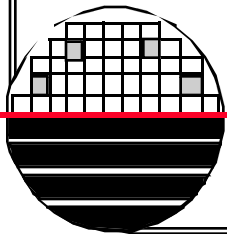
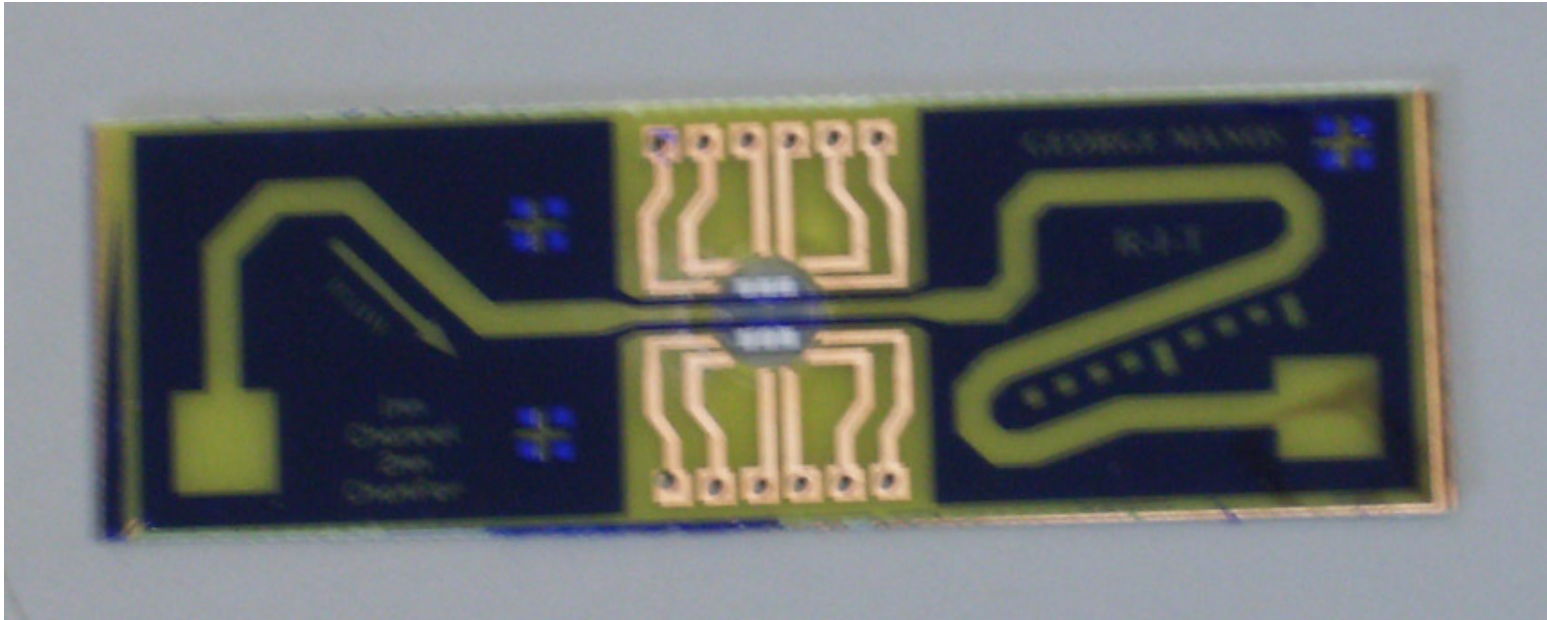
Hard bake

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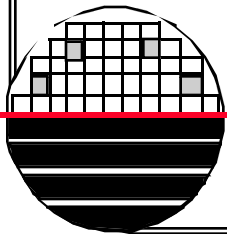
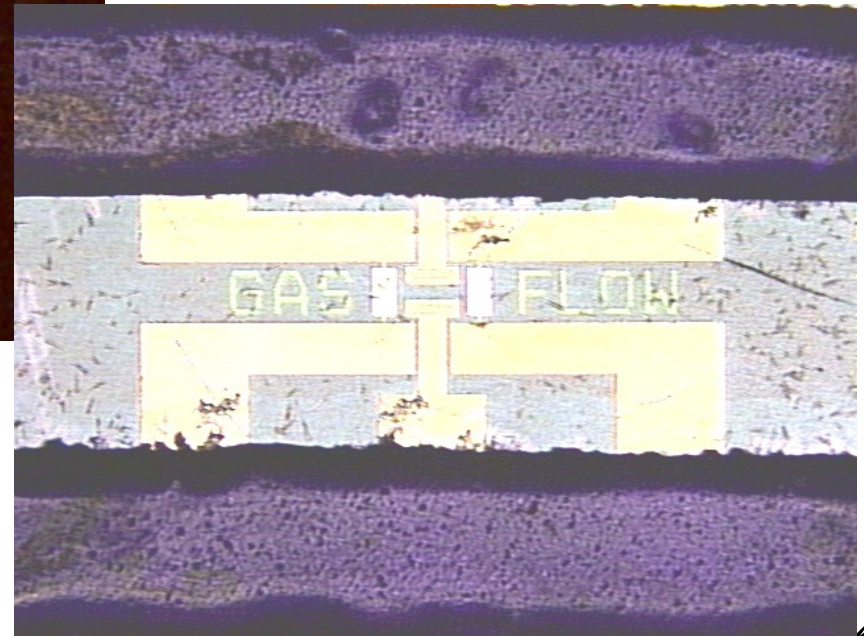
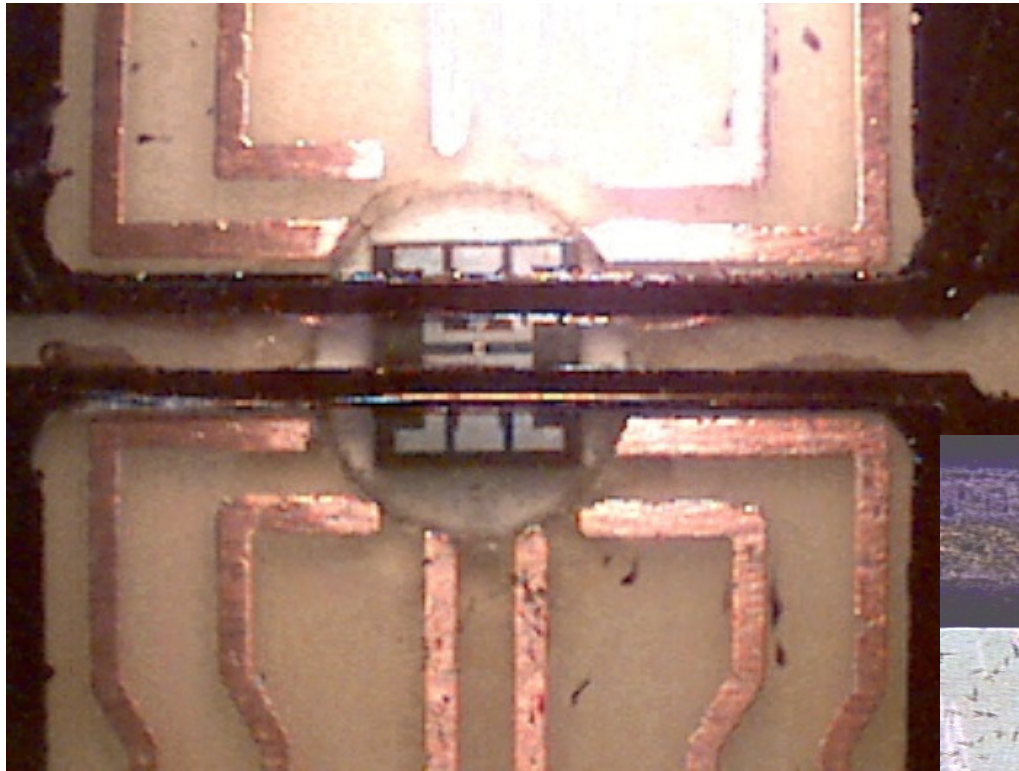
150 μ m DEEP CHANNELS



AFTER CHANNEL (NO TOP COVER) DEFINED

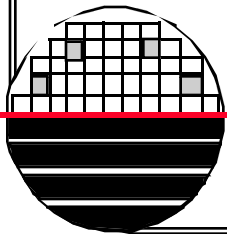
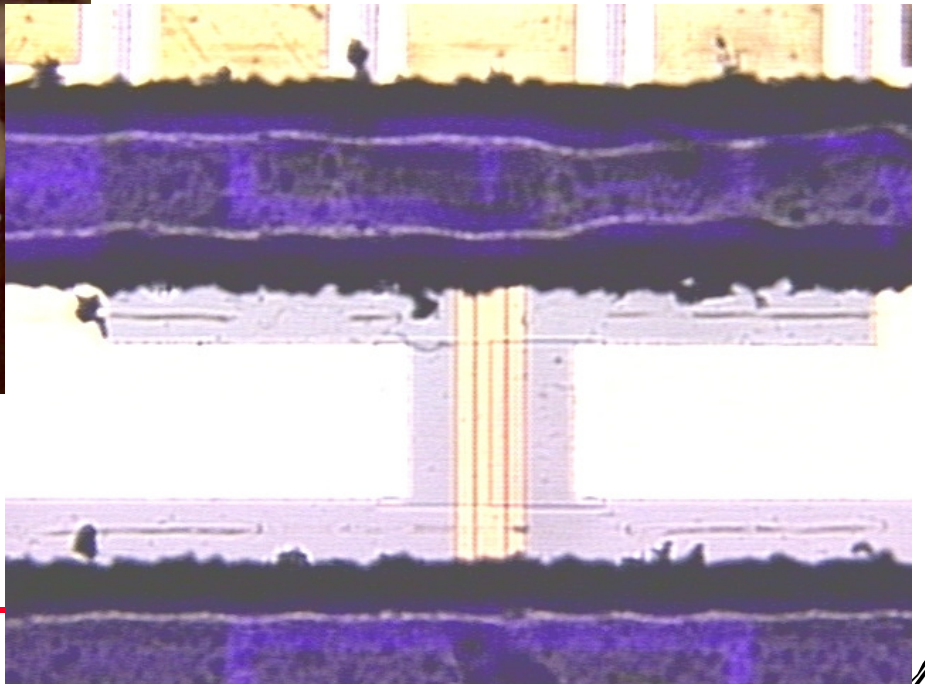
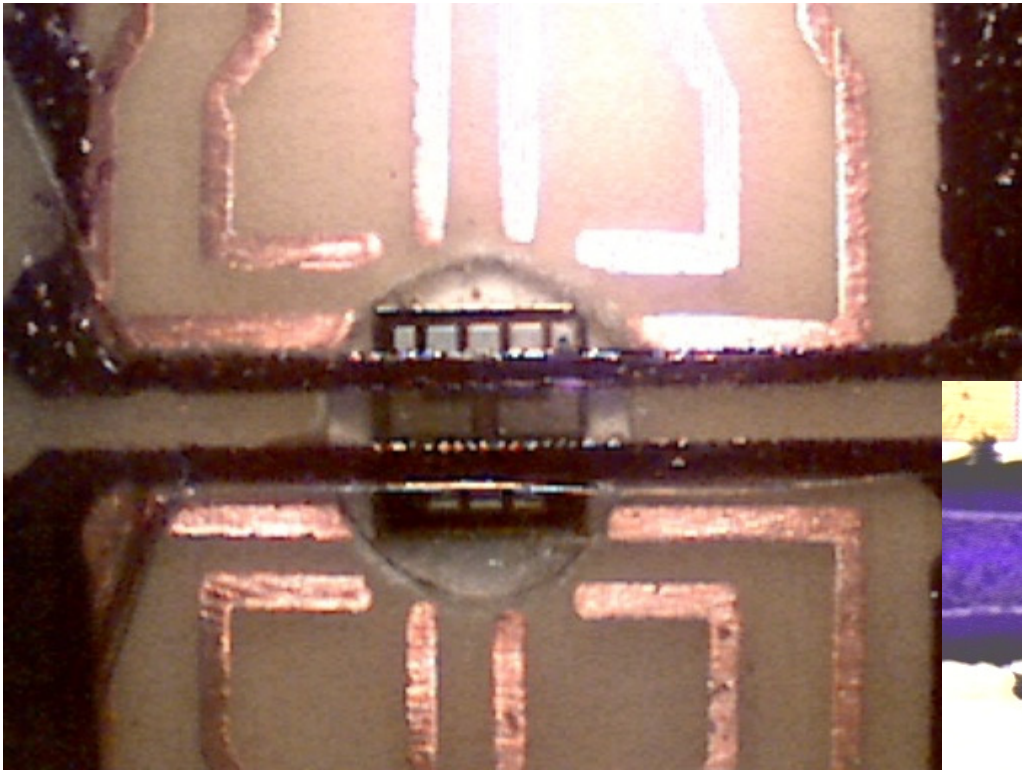


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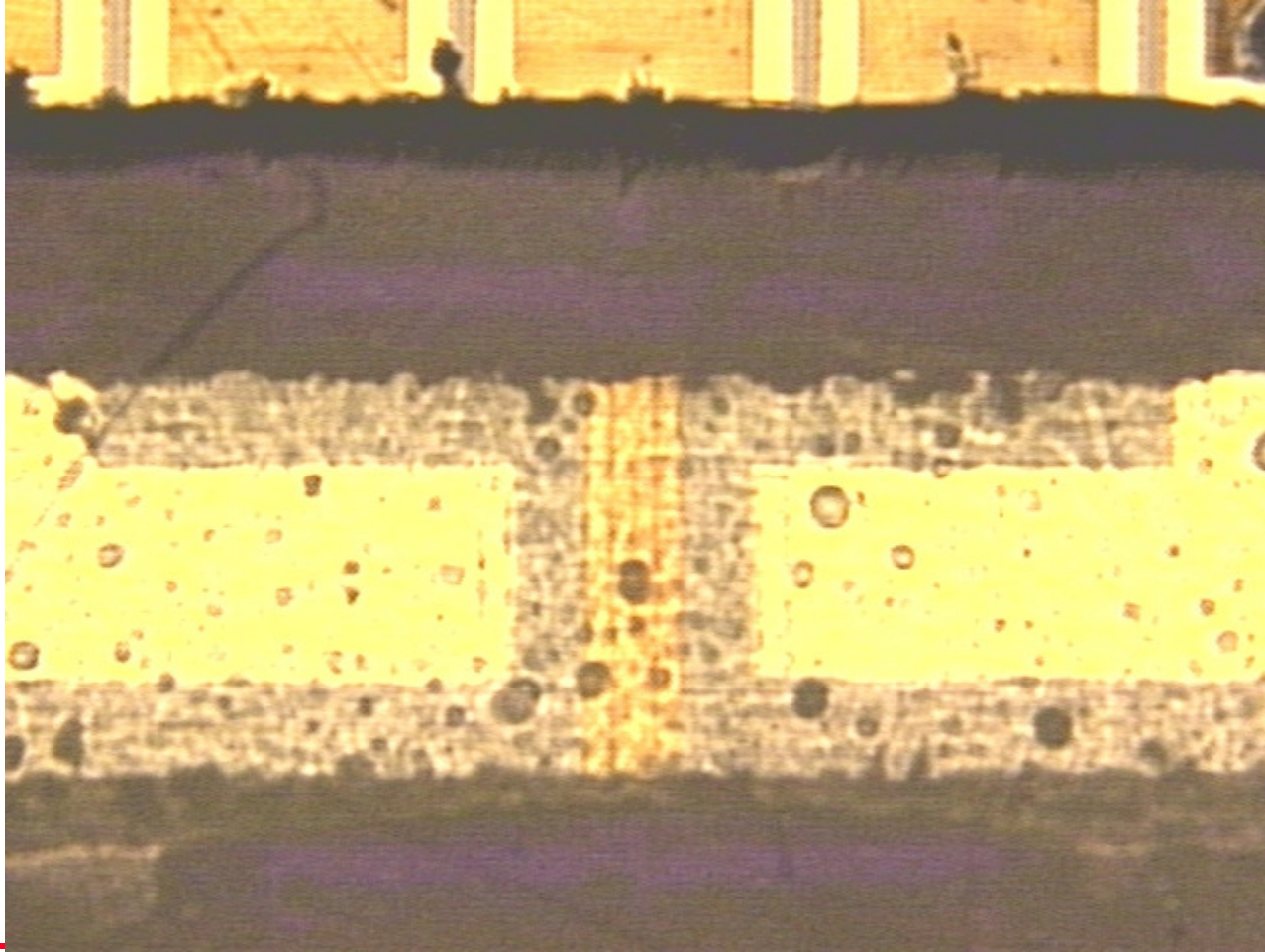
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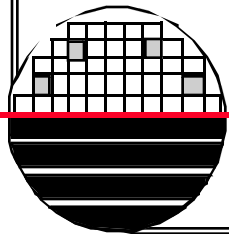


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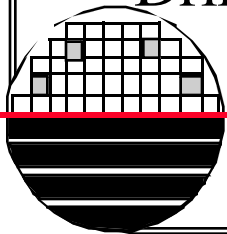


THERMOSETTING GLUE ON PLASTIC COVERS

Plastic used for lamination of nametags, signs, etc. is plastic with a coating of thermosetting glue on one side. This plastic makes a good cover for the fluid channels.

Cut a piece of plastic the right size. Use exacto knife and trace the outline of the channel. Lay it over the channels. Lay a microscope slide or piece of glass to weigh down the plastic. Set it on a hot plate set to 150C. Watch the glue change from frosty to clear. Remove from the hot plate and allow to cool.

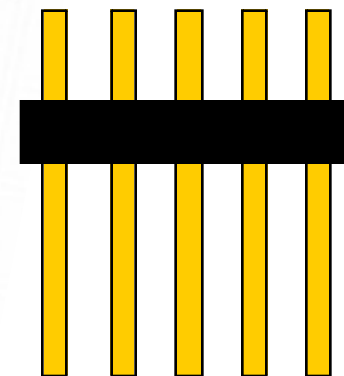
Drill a hole in the plastic for inlet and outlet port.



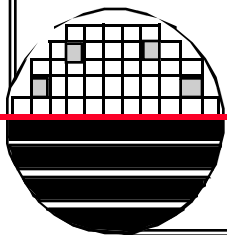
PIN STRIP HEADERS

**3M 929 Series Pin Strip Headers and Sockets
Dual Row and Single Row**

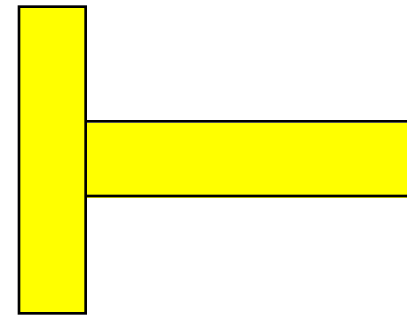
- 0.1 inch center to center (2.54mm x 2.54mm)
- 0.05 inch center to center (1.27 mm x 1.27mm)
- 2mm center to center



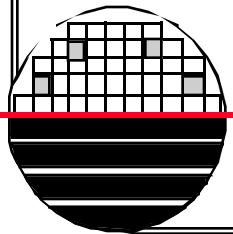
Break off any length desired



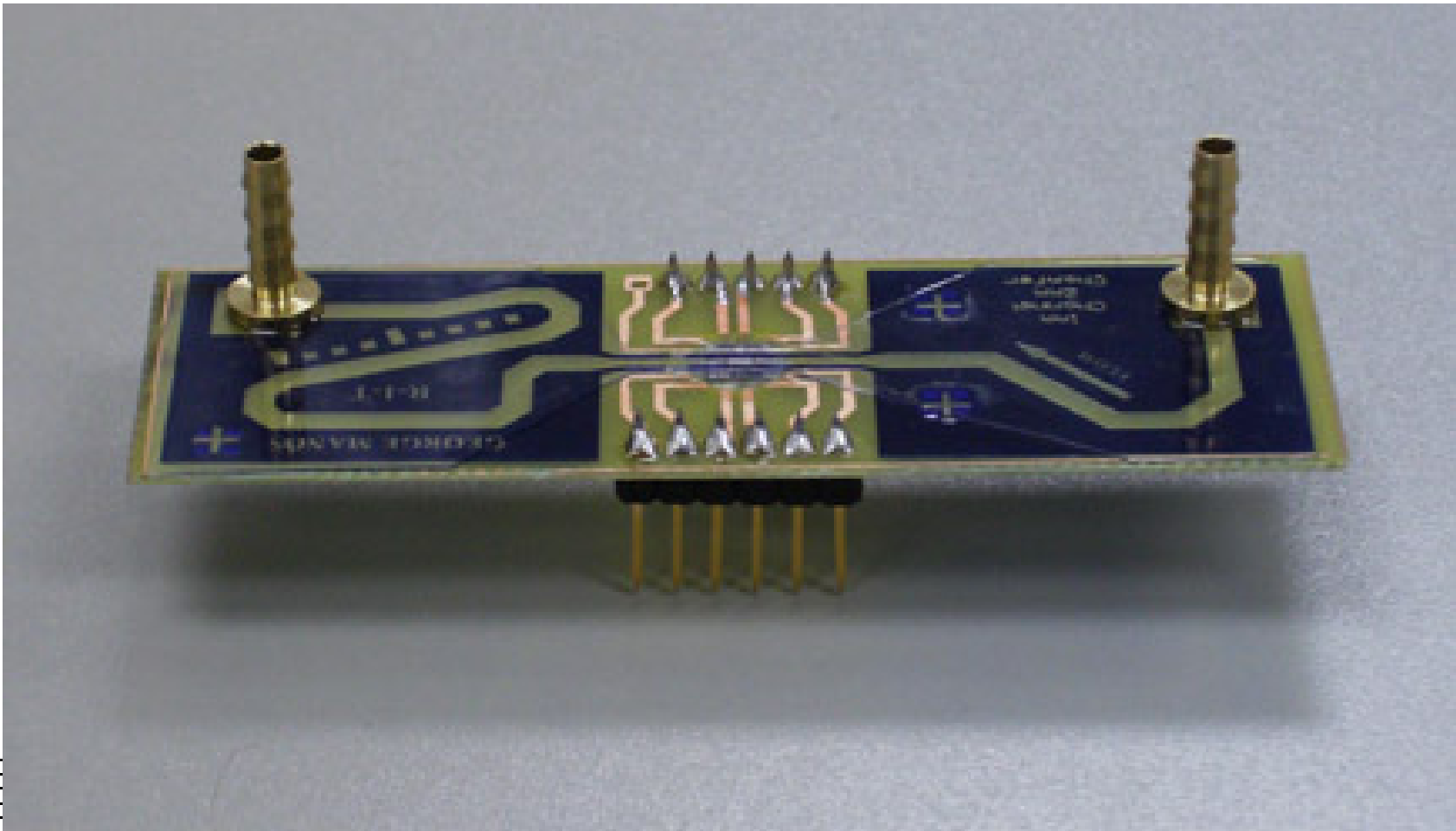
HOSE NIPPLES



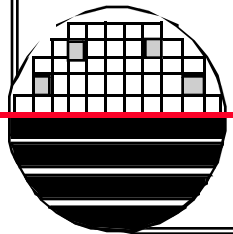
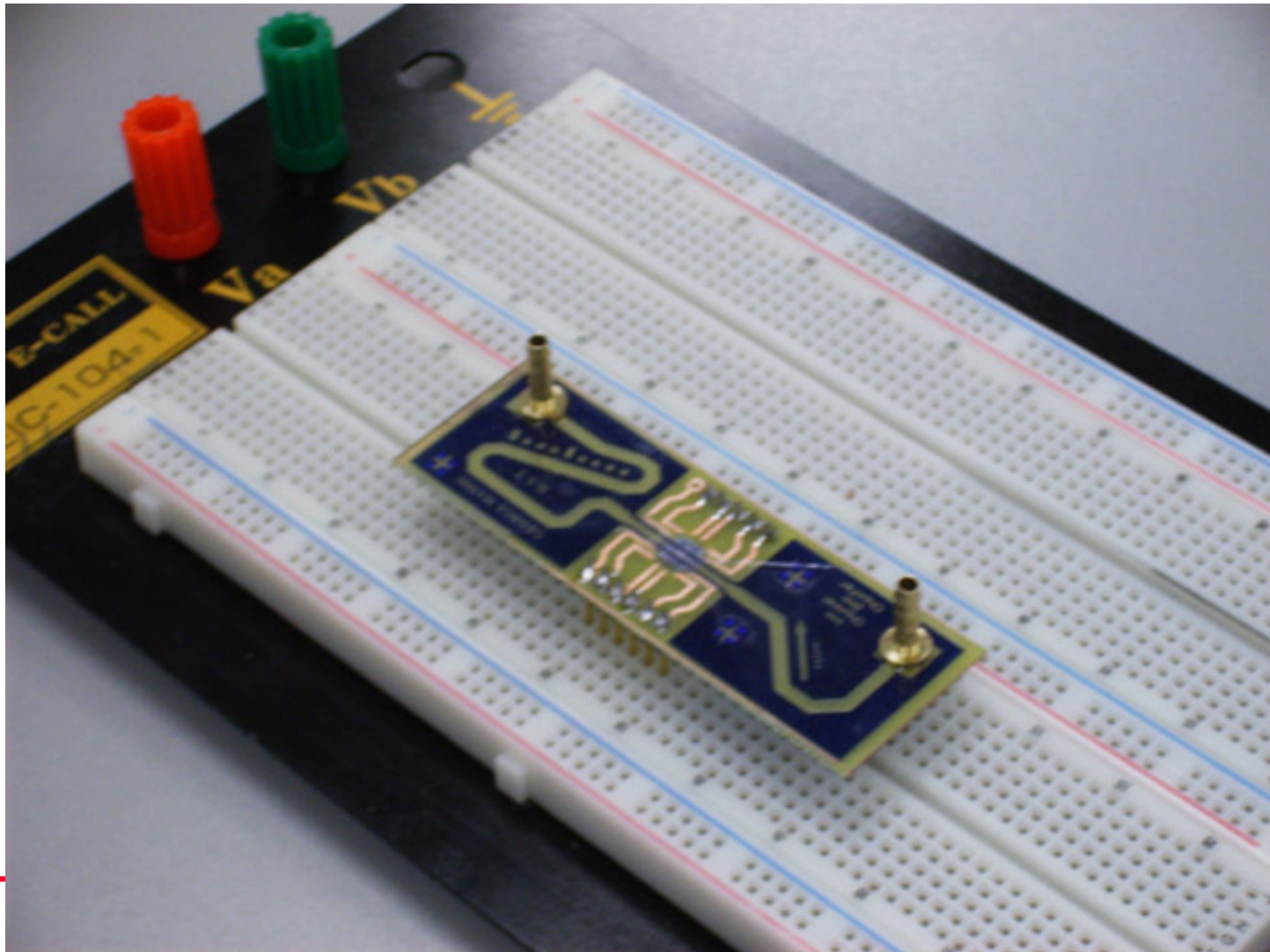
These are brass
others are plastic
and various sizes
and shapes



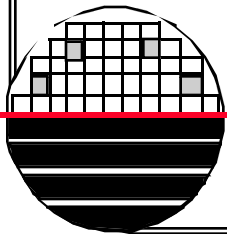
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PROTOTYPE BOARD FOR DRIVE SIGNALS AND MEASUREMENTS

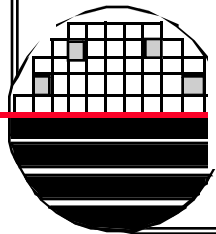
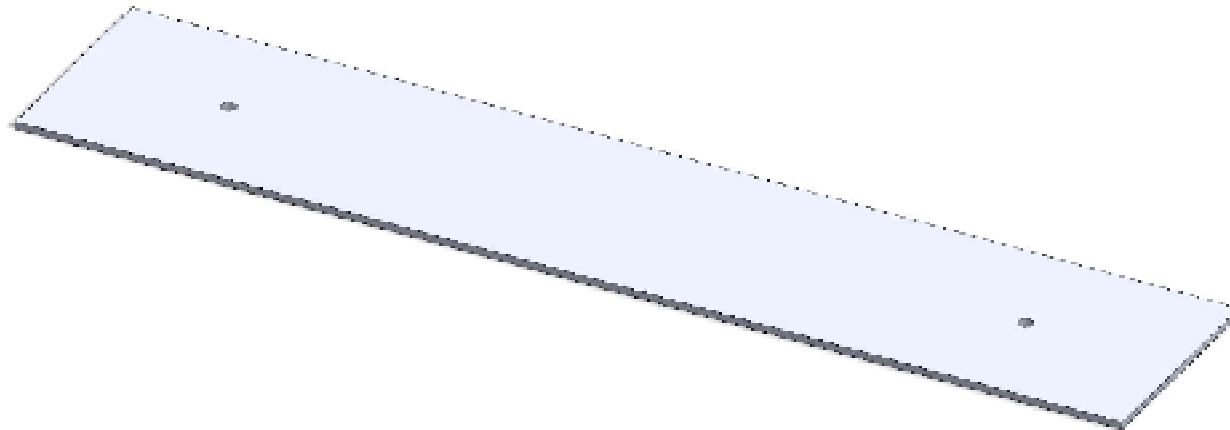


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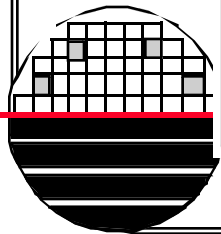
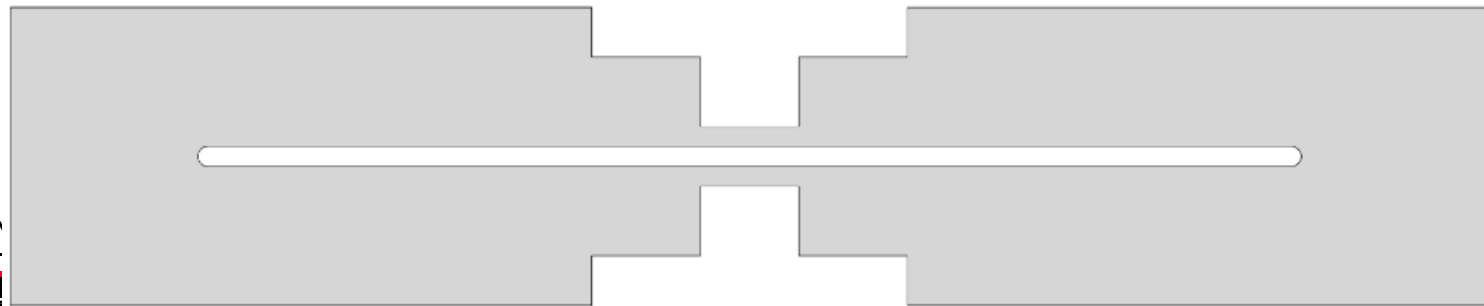
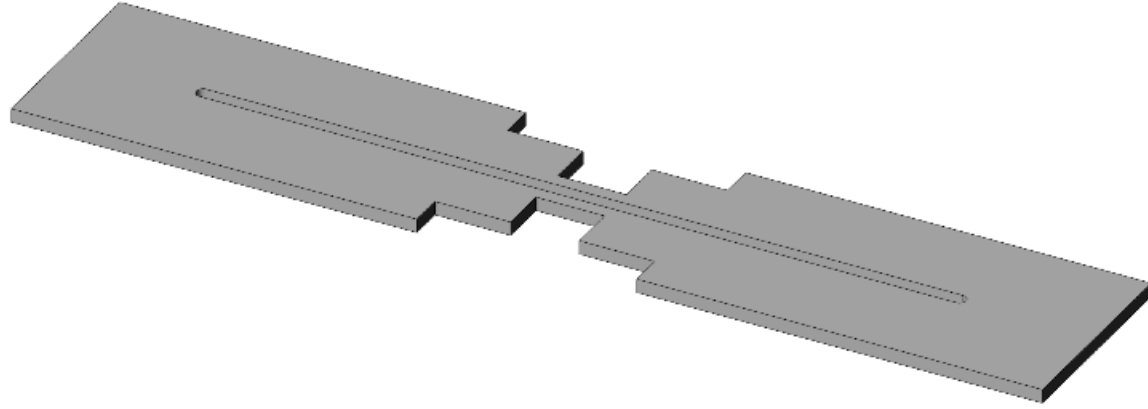


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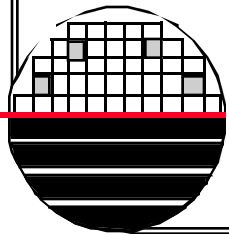
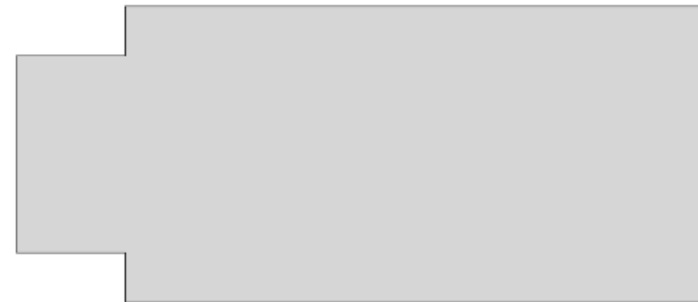
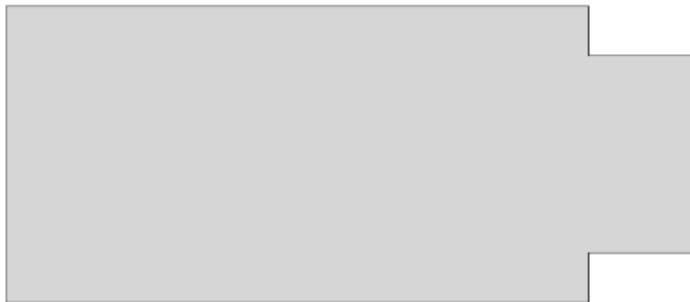
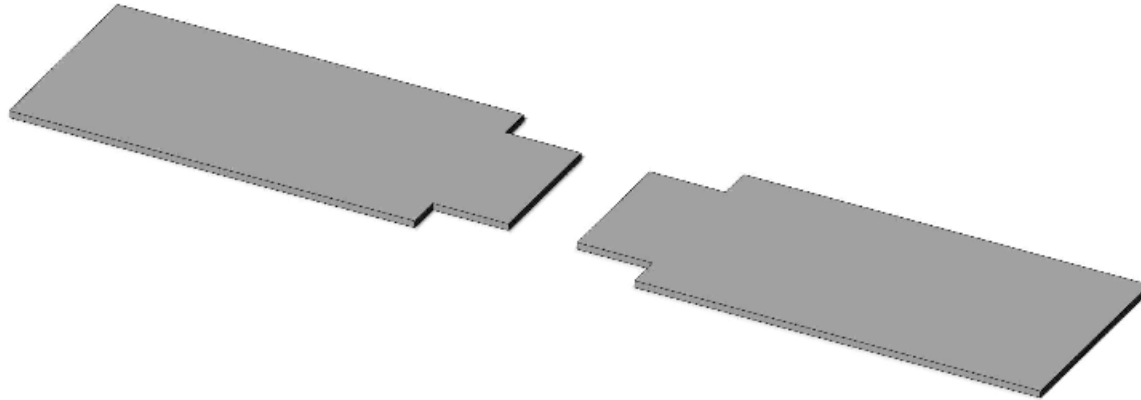
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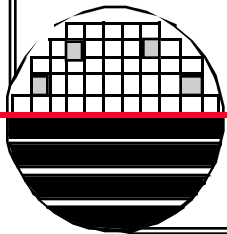
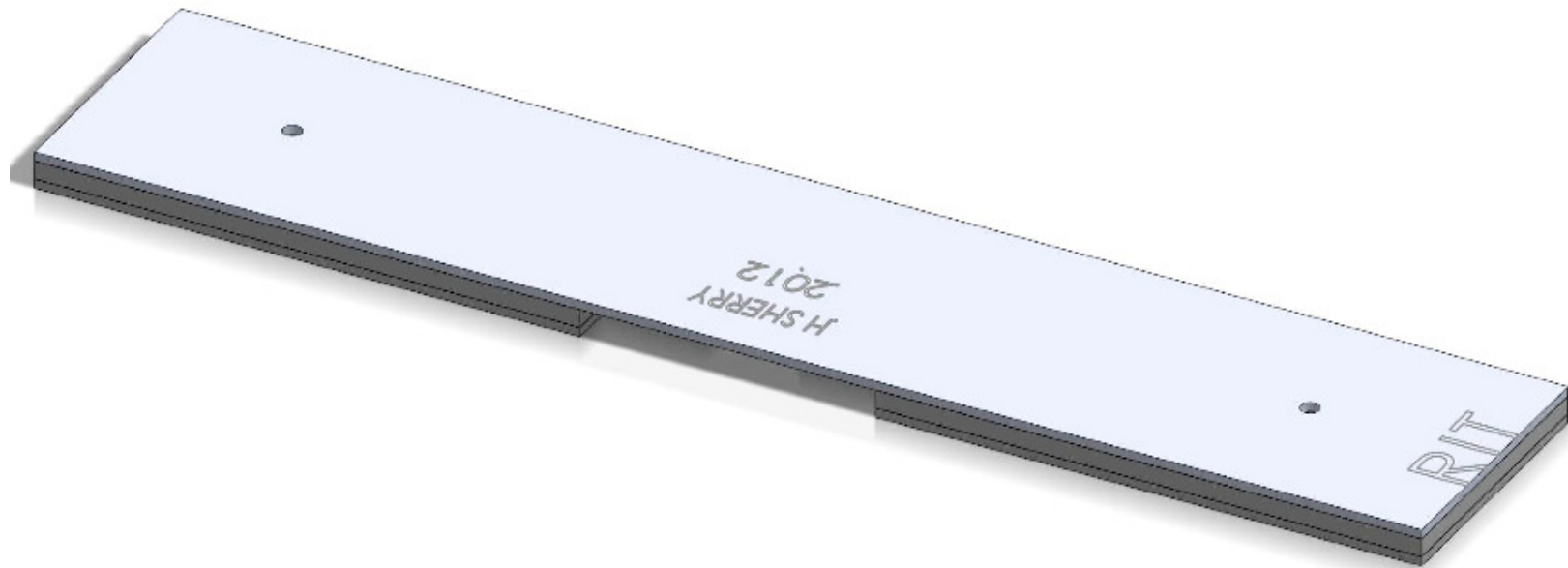
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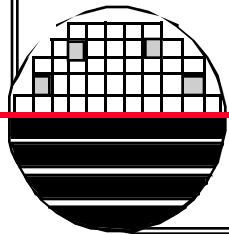
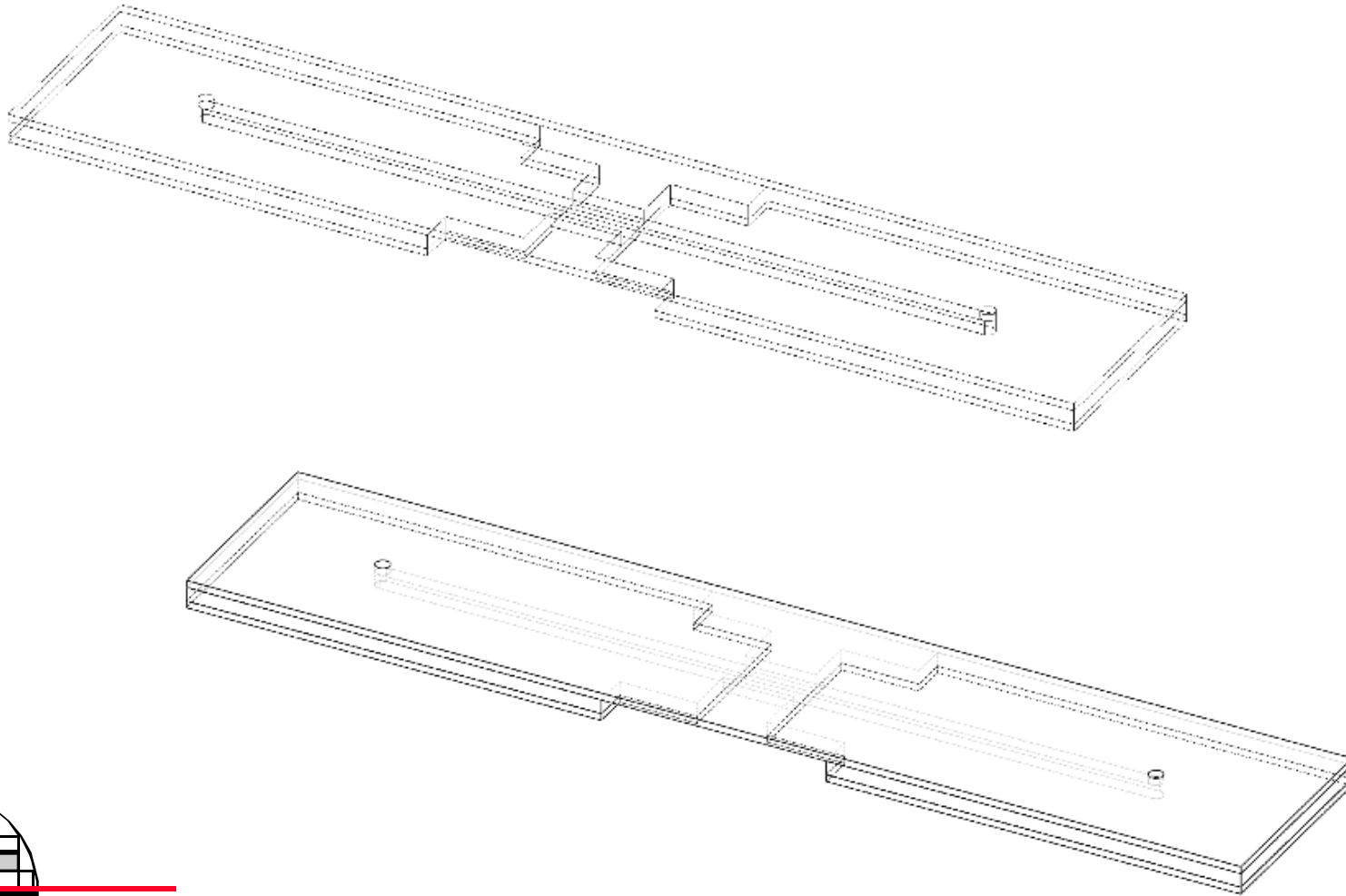
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COMPOSITE



COMPOSITE



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- ☐ [How does the Dimension process work?](#)

Based on the patented Stratasys FDM® process, Dimension builds functional 3D models from the bottom up, one layer at a time with tough, durable acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastic.

STL files are imported into Catalyst® EX Software which automatically slices and orients the parts and creates any necessary support structures. The software automatically plots a precise deposition path for Dimension to follow. ABS plastic (in filament form within auto-loading cartridges) is fed into an extrusion head, heated to a semi-liquid state and accurately deposited in layers as fine as 0.007-inch (0.178 mm) thick. After completion of the build, support structures are simply removed.

ABS plastic is heated to a semi-liquid state and deposited in thin layers by a patented extrusion head.

Catalyst software automatically determines when and where to deposit ABS or support material throughout the build process.

- ☐ [How does 3D Printing fit into the design process?](#)
- ☐ [How durable is ABS?](#)
- ☐ [Is post-processing required?](#)
- ☐ [Are there any special facility requirements necessary to install a Dimension system?](#)
- ☐ [Can more than one user process files and print parts on Dimension?](#)
- ☐ [Where can I see a Dimension system?](#)
- ☐ [What workstation operating system is required to run the system?](#)



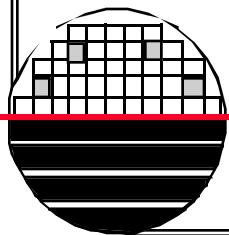
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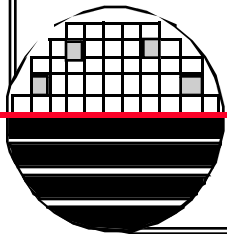
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RESULTS

A technique for creating flow channels has been developed.

MEMS fluid flow sensors, pumps and pressure sensors were successfully packaged.



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