



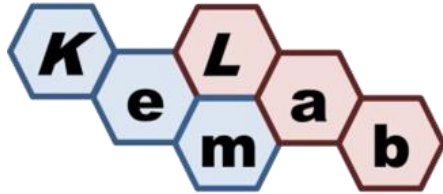
H.A.R.E SQ Negative Tone Photoresist

*High Aspect Ratio Epoxy | Superior Quality*

# **HARE SQ™ Negative Epoxy**

*For MEMS and Microfluidics Applications*



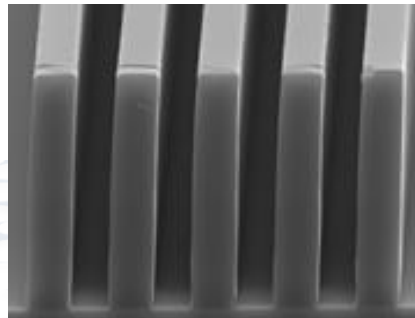
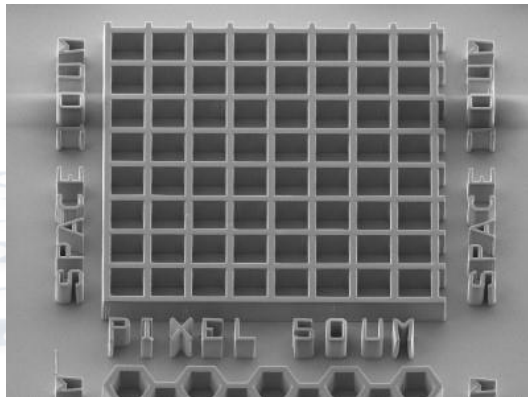


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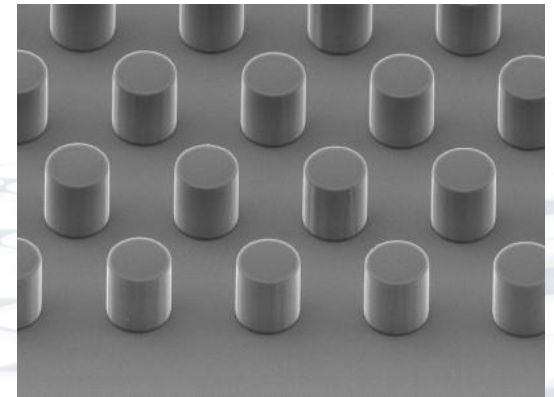
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HARE SQ™ is a negative epoxy photoresist designed for polymeric MEMS, microfluidics, micromachining, and other microelectronic applications. This resist has excellent chemical, mechanical and thermal resistance, making it suitable for permanent applications. HARE SQ™ is sensitive to NUV, i-line and broadband wavelengths.

- Tone:** Negative
- FT:** 2 – 100+  $\mu\text{m}$
- Sensitivity:** NUV, broadband, i-line
- Substrates:** Adheres to a variety of substrates; including gold, glass, aluminum, chromium and copper.
- Develop:** Designed for use with HARE SQ™ developer. It can be developed using immersion, puddle or spray puddle.



5  $\mu\text{m}$  dense line/space in 25  $\mu\text{m}$  film





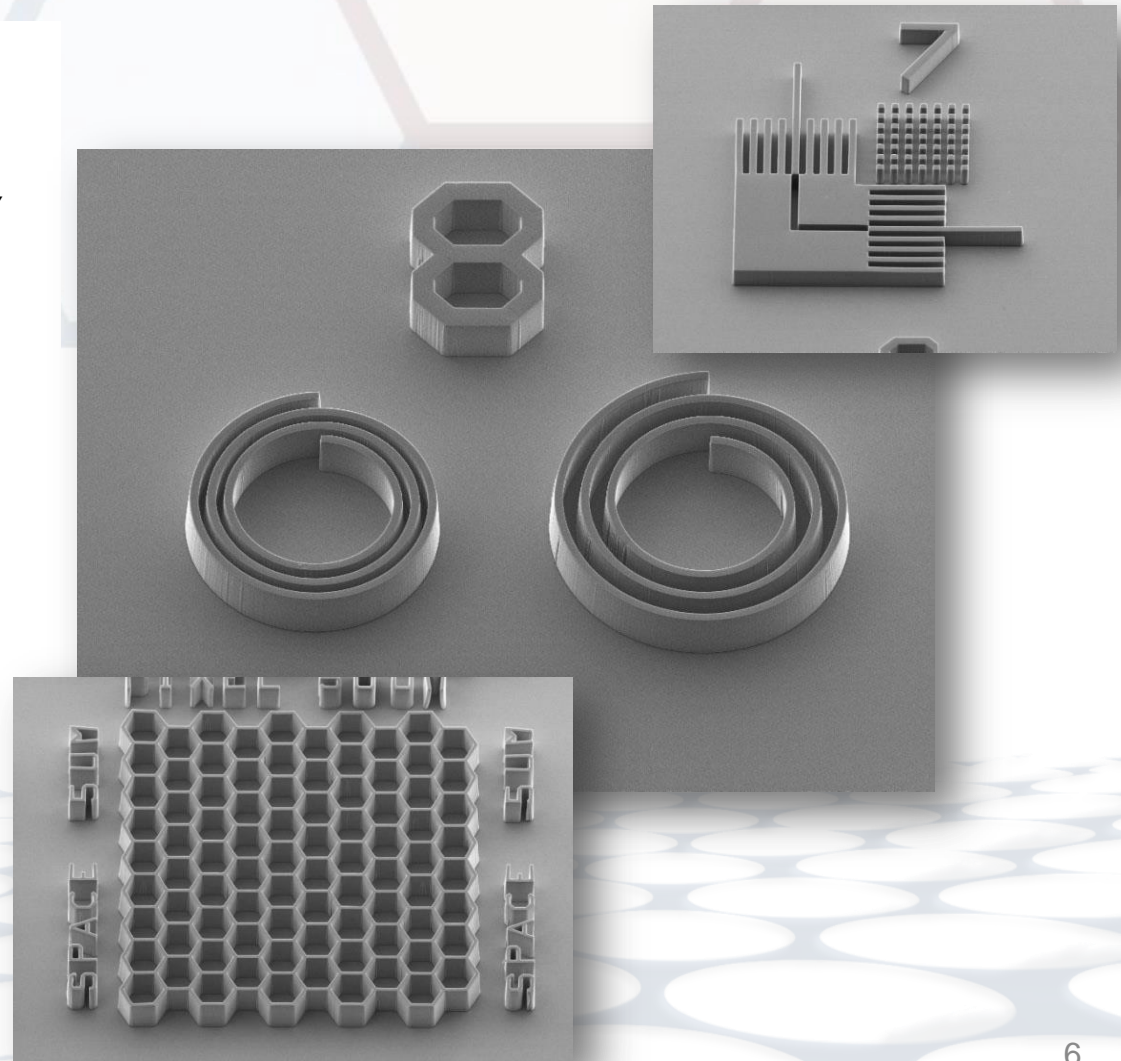
# HARE SQ™ is a negative epoxy resist *designed* for Microelectronics

*Start with better materials, make a better product.*

**1.** SUPERIOR  
CLEANLINESS  
AND OPTICAL CLARITY

**2.** ADDED QUALITY  
TESTING

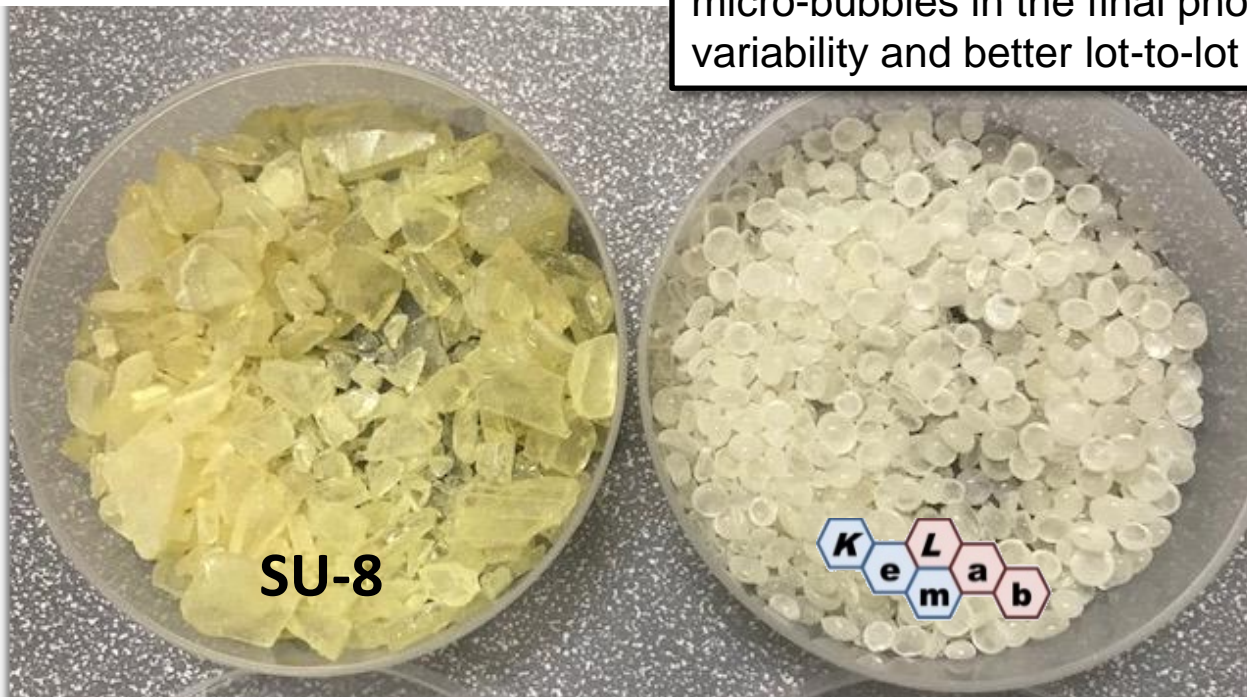
**3.** BETTER LOT-TO-LOT  
CONSISTENCY



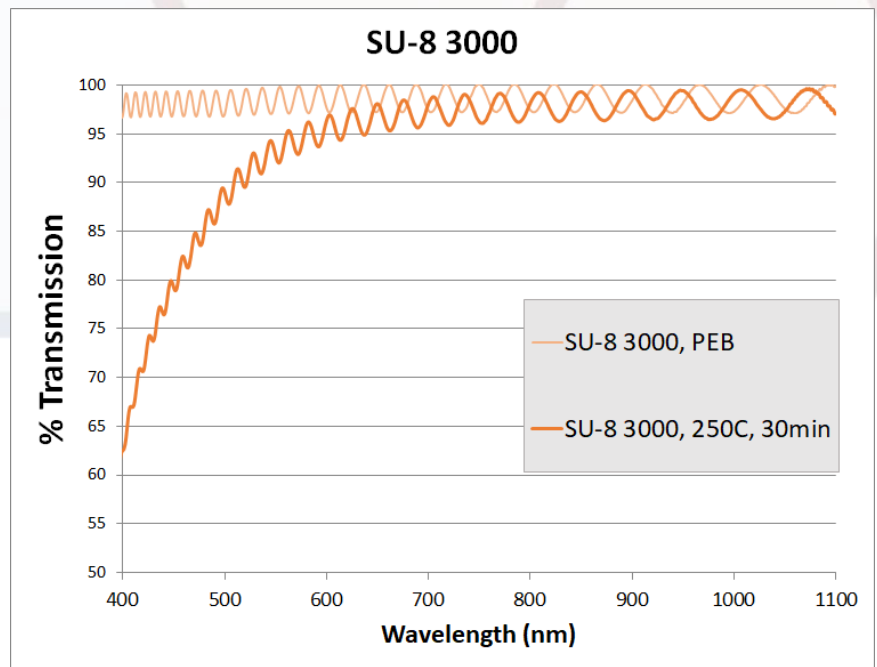
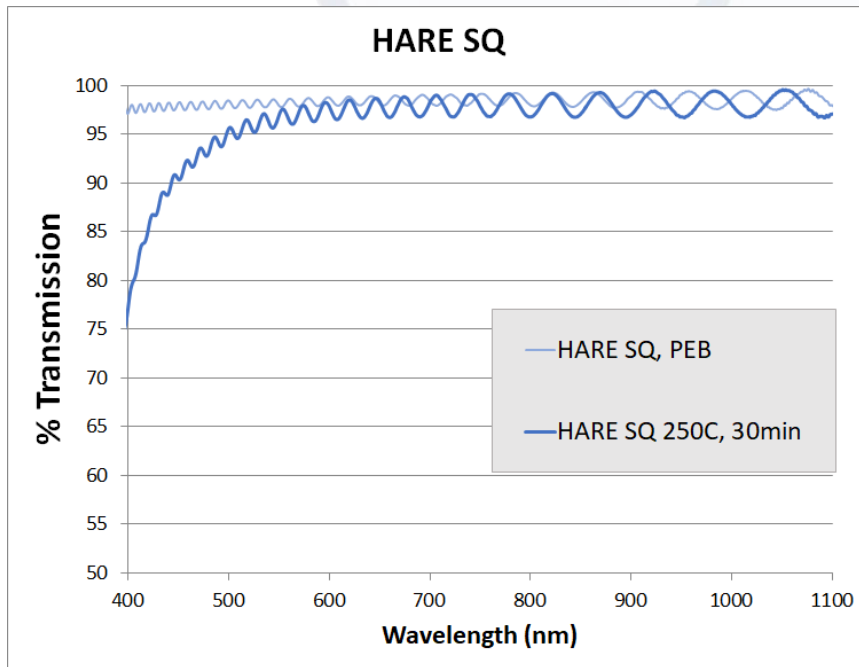


# HARE SQ™ HAS SUPERIOR CLEANLINESS AND OPTICAL CLARITY

KemLab HARE SQ™ resin is cleaner and less yellow. This leads to fewer particles, more opacity, and fewer micro-bubbles in the final photoresist. Resulting in less variability and better lot-to-lot consistency.



# Optical Properties Comparison - 5 $\mu$ m thickness



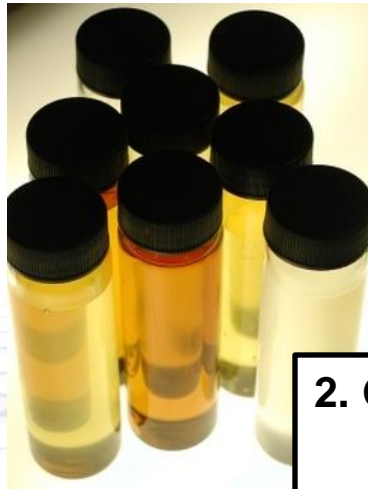
**KemLab HARE SQ has improved transparency versus SU-8**

# HARE SQ™ HAS ADDED QUALITY TESTING



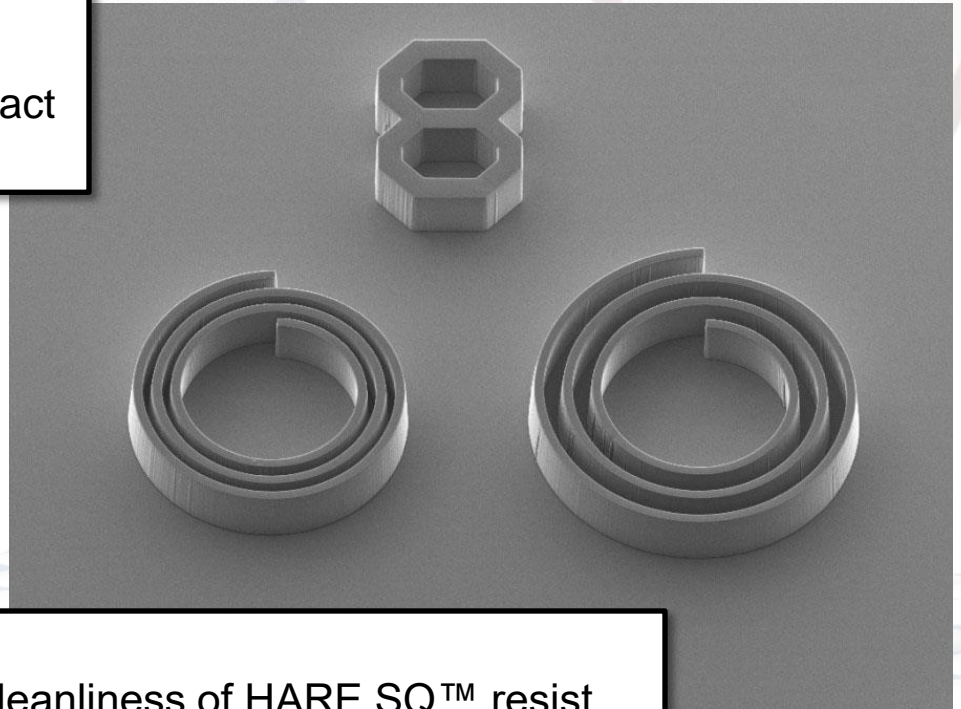
## 1. Surface Energy

- Indicates cross-link consistency and crosslink density
- Demonstrates adhesion consistency
- Especially relevant to microfluidic applications where fluids come in contact with the polymeric MEMS structure

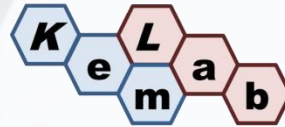


## 2. Gardner Color

- Demonstrates cleanliness of HARE SQ™ resist
- Ensures lot-to-lot consistency



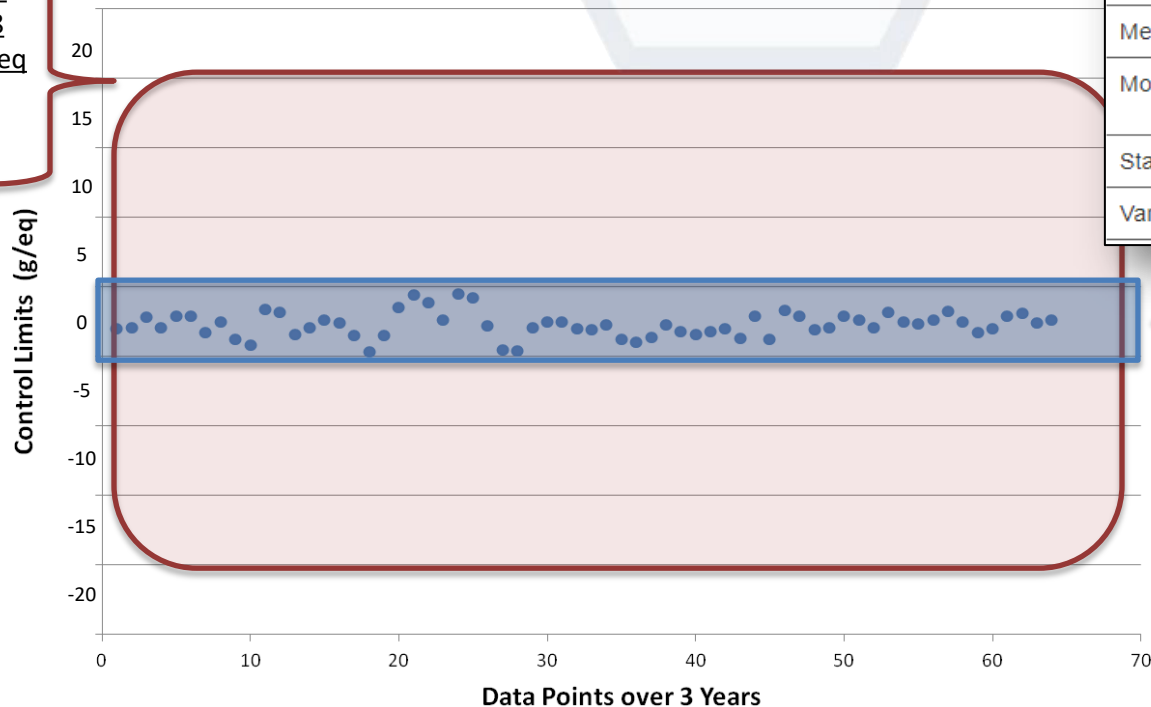
# 3 Years of Resin Lot-to-Lot Data Shows High Consistency and Resin Quality



Minimum	min = 195.3
Maximum	max = 199.5
Range	R = 4.2
Size	n = 64
Sum	sum = 12626.54
Mean	$\bar{x}$ = 197.289688
Median	$\tilde{x}$ = 197.3
Mode	mode = 197.1
Standard Deviation	s = 0.890630183
Variance	s <sup>2</sup> = 0.793222123

Spec range of EEW for SU-8 resin is 35 g/eq resulting in variability across lots

KemLab HARE SQ Epoxy Equivalent Weight Over 3 YEARS (g/eq)

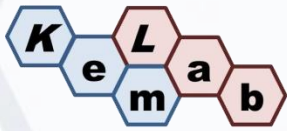


KemLab resin data over 3 years shows minimal variability resulting in better consistency lot-to-lot\*

\* Improved Lot-to-lot reproducibility leads to consistent lithographic performance and crosslinking density.







# HARE SQ™ Certificate of Analysis

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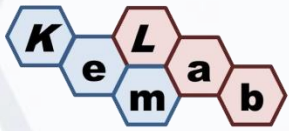
Superior Quality  
High Aspect Ratio Epoxy

## Certificate of Analysis

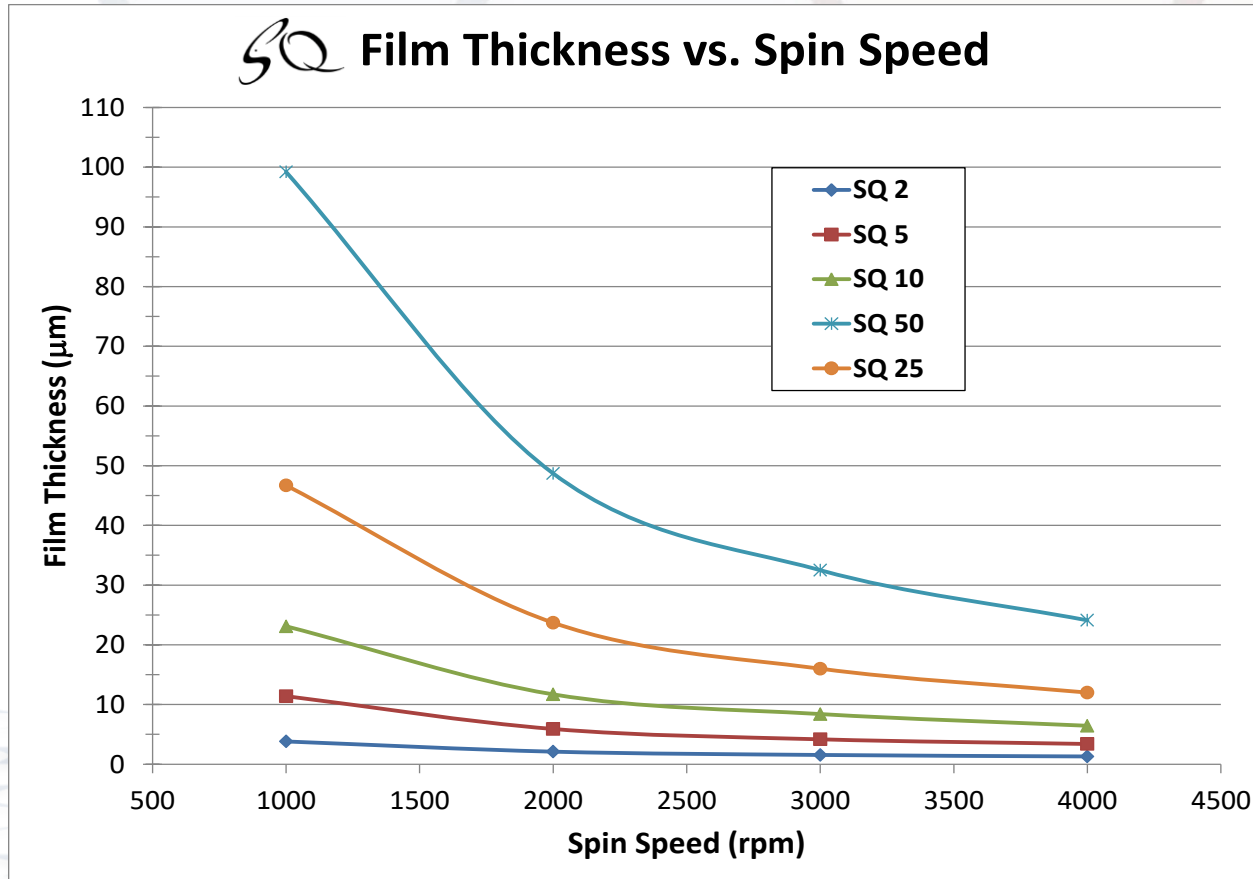
Batch Number	P2-064	Manufacture Date	May-2018
Certified	5/11/2018	Expiration Date	May-2019

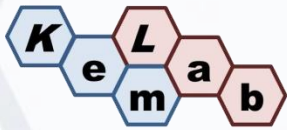
Procedure	Unit	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Result
Viscosity (25°C) Procedure: QC-002	cst	2350	2550	2446
Film Thickness vs Target Procedure: QC-003	%	-5.0	+5.0	-3%
Surface Energy (crosslinked) Procedure: QC-008	dynes	26	30	27.5
Appearance: Gardner Color Scale Procedure: QC-009	color unit	n/a	3	Pass
Filtration Level Procedure: QC-006	microns	1.0	1.0	1.0





# HARE SQ™ Spin Curve





# HARE SQ™ Properties

## Product Details

Property	KemLab HARE SQ™
Tone	Negative
Max Single Coat Thickness, $\mu\text{m}$	100
Aspect Ratio	10:1
Storage Condition / Shelf Life	15-30°C / 1 yr

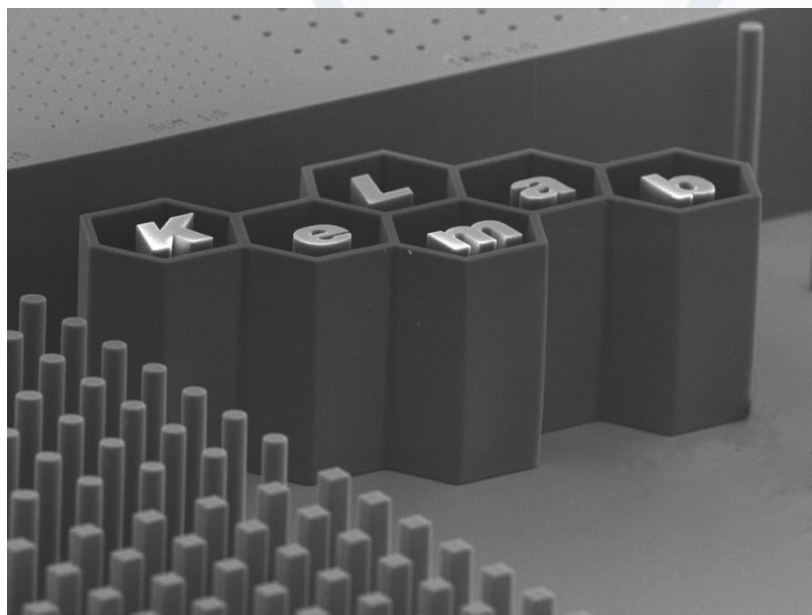
## Mechanical Properties

Property	KemLab HARE SQ™
Softening Point / Tg	210°C
Young's Modulus	2.0 GPa
Coeff. of Thermal Expansion, CTE	52 ppm/°C
Tensile Strength	60 MPa
Thermal Conductivity	0.2 – 0.3 W/m·°K
Thermal Stability	315°C

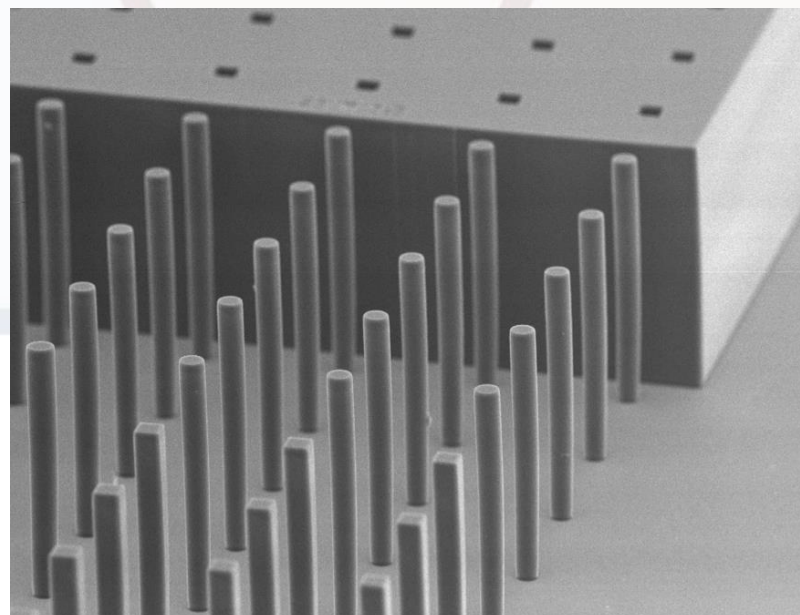
## Electrical Properties

Property	KemLab HARE SQ™
Dielectric Constant (relative), 1 GHz, 50% RH	4.0
Dielectric Loss, 1 GHz	~0.02
Dielectric Strength (V/ $\mu\text{m}$ )	112
Volume Resistivity ( $\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ )	~ $2.5 \times 10^{16}$

# Double Coat Process for Thick Films $>100 \mu\text{m}$



HARE SQ 50, 70d, 150x, 200  $\mu\text{m}$  FT



HARE SQ 50, 65d, 130x, 200  $\mu\text{m}$  FT



# HARE SQ 50 – Double Coat Process for Thick Films

## Double Coat Process of HARE SQ 50 for 200 micron film thickness

Coat: 800 rpm, 30 sec, 5 sec spread

Soft Bake: Coat 1: Hotplate 1: 65°C / 5 minutes (put directly on hotplate 2, do not let cool)

Hotplate 2: 95°C / 15 minutes

Coat 2: Hotplate 1: 65°C / 10 minutes (put directly on hotplate 2, do not let cool)

Hotplate 2: 95°C / 30 minutes

Exposure Dose (broadband): 225 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> (Use optical cut-off filter at 360 nm for best results)

Post Exposure bake: Hotplate 1: 65°C / 2 minutes (put directly on hotplate 2, do not let cool)

Hotplate 2: 95°C / 15 minutes

Film Relax Time: 60 minutes minimum

Develop: SQ Developer. For best results, use 2 immersion baths

Bath 1: 40 minutes immersion

Bath 2: 10 minute immersion

Rinse: IPA (Isopropyl alcohol). If there is any scum (white precipitate), then immerse in developer again for another 5 -10 minutes