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# **Built on a solid foundation**

## 1993

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TENURED MANAGEMENT TEAM

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PRODUCTION SITES TOP TIER

ELECTRONICS SERVICES PROVIDER

> 150+ DEDICATED EMPLOYEES

70M+ DEVICES RECOVERED FOR RE- USE 150M+ DEVICES REBALLED/RETINNED

400+ CUSTOMERS ACROSS DIVERSE MARKETS

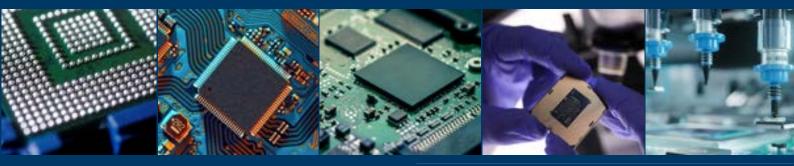
2M+ DEVICES TESTED FOR AUTHENTICITY

# Highest standards of quality & expertise

17 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED & CERTIFIED IN J-STD-001

6 MEMBERS TRAINED & CERTIFIED IN 7711/7721 Z EXPERTS TRAINED AND CERTIFIED IN IPC A-610

- AS9100 REVISION D
- IPC-A-610
- IPC-7711/7721
- CONFORM TO GEIA 0006 STANDARD



# **SERVICE OFFERINGS**

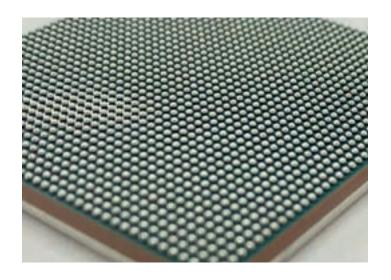


# **Reballing Service**

Reballing involves the removal and replacement of solder spheres on a Ball Grid Array (BGA) component, ensuring secure electrical connections and preventing failures. Retronix provides a unique Laser Reballing service, which mitigates the need for an additional reflow, thus protecting the device.

## Why Reball

- Components have been removed from existing printed circuit boards for internal re-use
- Components have missing solder spheres due to handling, packaging or transit damage
- Components have been reclaimed from existing printed circuit boards for liquidation purposes
- Customer cannot source original components with required alloy due to obsolescence or component shortages
- Customer has a requirement to convert new parts to a specific alloy – in line with the regulation



### DEVICE TYPES FOR REBALL | BGAs, GPUs, CPUs, MEMORY DEVICES

#### **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS**



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#### **RETRONIX VALUE**

## 200+ customers

3 REBALLING PROCESSES: LASER REBALLING, REFLOW REBALL & PROJECT SPECIFIC 50M+

\$150M+ ECONOMIC VALUE RECOVERED



# **Circular Economy Solutions**

Component recovery in electronics refers to the process of extracting high value and hard to find components from electronic devices and circuit boards for re-use. It promotes sustainability by reducing e-waste and recovering value, thereby contributing to a circular economy in the electronics industry.

# Why recover components?

- Reduce total scrap costs.
- Provides a source for hard to find obsolete parts
- Re-use components in production.
- Creates a channel for spare parts for repairs.
- Provides an opportunity to generate a revenue stream through component liquidation.
- Introduces sustainability in design & production.
- Obsolescence solutions.



#### DEVICE TYPES FOR RECOVERY | ALMOST ALL DEVICE TYPES CAN BE RECLAIMED FOR RE-USE

#### **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS**



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#### **RETRONIX VALUE**

## 200+ Customers

COMPONENT RECOVERY OFFERINGS: AUTOMATED NO REFLOW PROCESS & MASS HARVEST PROCESS 70M+

\$250M+ ECONOMIC VALUE RECOVERED THROUGH RE-USE

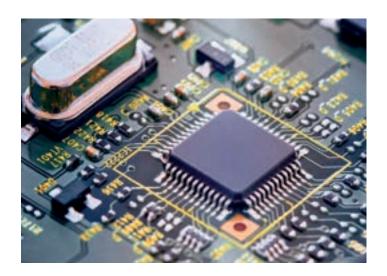


# **Retinning Services**

Retinning is the process of removing old, oxidized solder and applying a fresh layer of solder to component leads. It is also used to convert alloy on devices.

# Why Retin

- Components have oxidised leads due to storage and aging of parts (old Date Codes)
- Components have damaged leads due to handling, packaging or transit damage.
- Components have been removed from existing printed circuit boards for internal re-use.
- Customer cannot source original components in the required alloy due to obsolescence or component shortages
- Customer has a requirement to convert new parts to a specific alloy tin whisker mitigation



#### DEVICE TYPES FOR RETIN | QFPs, TSOPs, TSSOPs, CHIP CAPACITORS, CONNECTORS, ANY DEVICE WITH LEADS (LEGS)

#### **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS**



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#### **RETRONIX VALUE**

## 200+ Customers

RETINNING PROCESSES: AUTOMATED PROCESS, COBOT TECHNOLOGY & MANUAL PROCESS 80M+

S150M+ ECONOMIC VALUE RECOVERED THROUGH RE-USE

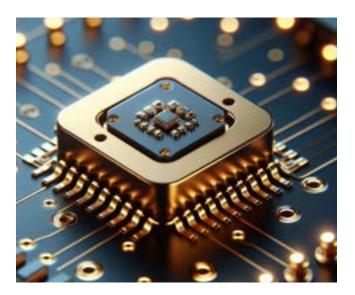


# **De-gold Electronic Components**

Mitigate Gold Embrittlement Issues

## Why de-gold?

Gold is commonly used in electronics manufacturing due to its good electrical conductivity and high resistance to oxidation and corrosion. However, gold can weaken the integrity of solder joints during the soldering process. The gold reacts with the solder, forming brittle intermetallics. This can lead to gold embrittlement, a well-known failure mechanism. To eliminate this risk, the safest option is to remove the gold before assembly.



### WHY RETRONIX |



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AUTOMATED ALLOY CONVERSION

COMPONENT LIQUIDATION

- Mitigates Gold Embrittlement: Eliminates brittle connections in solder joints.
- Enhances Longevity & Reliability: Extends the life of electronic components.

Versatility in Alloy Conversion: Accommodates a wide range of device types.

• Tin Whisker Mitigation: Reduces risks in electronic assemblies.

#### **RETRONIX BENEFITS**

- **Quality Assurance:** Ensures high-reliability outcomes.
- Cost Efficiency: Extends component life, reducing replacement costs.
- Sustainability: Promotes reuse of components, minimizing e-waste.

## **RETRONIX VALUE**

6M+ DEVICES PROCESSED LAST YEAR \$50M+

ECONOMIC VALUE RECOVERED THROUGH RETRONIX SERVICES 50+ DEVICE TYPES PROCESSED AND GROWING



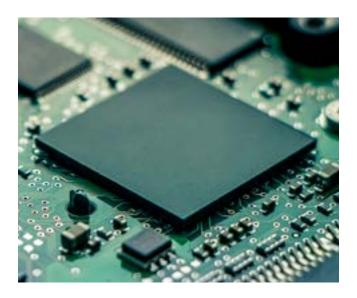
# **Coefficient of Thermal Expansion Failure Mitigation**

QFN, LGA Devices

## What are the issues?

QFN type packages are susceptible to Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) mismatch issues. The QFN package typically contains a relatively large volume fraction of silicon, which creates a significant CTE mismatch between the QFN and the board.

This mismatch can lead to solder joint failures due to thermal cycling. The solder joint height in QFN packages is minimal, resulting in increased stiffness of the solder joints. This can lead to substantial stress in the solder joints which can result in fractures.



## WHY RETRONIX |





AUTOMATED ALLOY CONVERSION

COMPONENT LIQUIDATION

- **Mitigating CTE Mismatch:** Balling QFN packages helps reduce issues caused by differences in thermal expansion of materials used in PCB and packages.
- Improving Thermal Cycling Behavior: Balling enhances the thermal cycling behavior of QFNs by improving the mechanical properties of the solder joint.

### RETRONIX BENEFITS |

- Enhancing Reliability: The reliability of QFNs can be further enhanced by adding spheres or "balling".
- **Reducing Solder Joint Strain:** Balling contributes to methods like underfilling, edge bonds, and corner staking, and voids helping to reduce solder joint strain.

## **RETRONIX VALUE**

6M+ DEVICES PROCESSED LAST YEAR \$8M+

ECONOMIC VALUE RECOVERED THROUGH RETRONIX SERVICES DEVICE TYPES PROCESSED AND GROWING

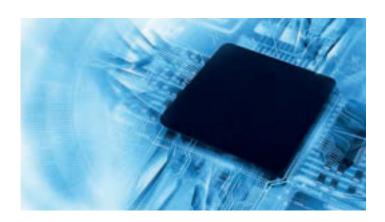


# **Component Authenticity Testing & Services**

Electronic component testing offers numerous benefits that are integral to maintaining the quality, efficiency, and reliability of electronic components. It aids in identifying defects, and reducing potential failures and risks.

# Why Test

- · Validation & Certification of parts from unknown sources
- Risk mitigation
- Quality assurance: tests ensure that components meet the relevant quality standards
- Failure Analysis
- Device upscreening (Temperature Testing)



#### DEVICE TYPES FOR TESTING | ALMOST ALL DEVICE TYPES CAN BE TESTED

#### **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS**



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#### **RETRONIX VALUE**







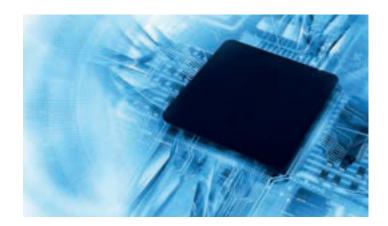


# **PCB Services**

Printed circuit board (PCB) repair is the process of fixing a damaged or malfunctioning board. PCBs can be damaged by a variety of factors, including physical damage, electrical damage, and corrosion. Retronix offers component-level rework on PCBs.

## Why PCB Services

- Scrap or inventory bone-pile issue inside the factory/ warehouse
- Manufacturing fallout solution: reduce financial write offs and increase yield values
- Specialist turnkey rework solutions carried out to IPC and JEDEC standards
- Customized solutions such as adding wire mods and intricate rework



### **BOARD-LEVEL SERVICES**

PCB SERVICES ARE NOT DEVICE-SPECIFIC. EACH REPAIR IS ASSESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

### **INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS**



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#### **RETRONIX VALUE**

30 YEARS ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE 500K+

25+ countries where we've provided value

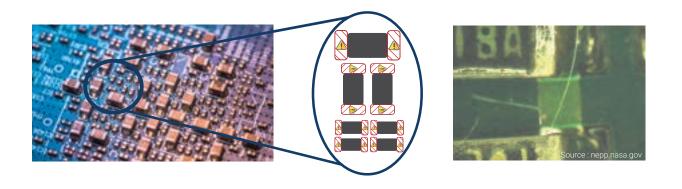


## Retronix Unveils Comprehensive Tinning Service: Full BoM Conversion to GEIA Standards

Retronix announces a significant expansion of their tinning service - now offering **Full BoM Conversion to GEIA standards, covering chip components and SOT's**. This development comes as an answer to the industry's ongoing concerns about tin whisker growth.

It is known that a whisker grows from its base and that the tin around the base does not thin as the whisker grows, they can easily short two connections damaging the chip and causing the PCB to fail.

Failure is not an option in the high reliability sectors of space, avionics and defence.



INFLUENCING FACTORS	<ul> <li>Extreme temperatures, humidity, pressure, vibration, G forces, radiation exposure etc</li> <li>Material factors like composition, thickness, crystal structure of the tin etc.</li> </ul>
RETRONIX SOLUTION	<ul> <li>An automated process for all component types, offering a unique opportunity for full BoM (bill-of-material) tinning.</li> <li>A specialised robotic arm can hold multiple devices at a time.</li> <li>Automated system ensures the tinning is precise and consistent to the GEIA 0006 Standard.</li> </ul>

### **CONFORMAL COATING DOES NOT PREVENT TIN WHISKERS**

NASA Study<sup>(1)</sup>: NASA found that conformal coating does not prevent tin whisker formation. They observed that a tin whisker grew through an area of conformal coating that was approximately 0.25 mil thick.

### **GEIA STANDARD TINNING PROCESS**

Unlike conformal coating, which merely provides a protective layer, the Retronix auto tinning process to the GEIA standard fundamentally fixes the tin whisker problem, thus offering a more robust solution against tin whiskers and a guaranteed mitigation approach.

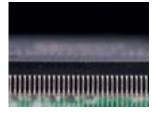


### RETRONIX BENEFITS

The Retronix auto tinning process has achieved a significant breakthrough in the electronics industry, particularly in chip component tinning to GEIA standards. Previously, due to their small size, components like capacitors and resistors were not suitable for auto tinning as they were too challenging to process.

This puts Retronix in a unique position where they can process all components from lead-free to tin/lead in compliance with the GEIA standard, offering a comprehensive solution to their customers.

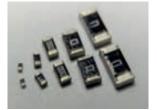
## **QFP / TSOP & OTHER LEADED DEVICES**



- Automatic tinning, wash and coplanarity checks
- Convert from Pb Free to Pb and vice versa
- Combination of Alloys SAC, Ag, Tin, Pb

The fully automated system ensures that the devices are not exposed to excessive heat or abrasion. This meets the stringent high reliability standards of the GEIA-STD-0006.

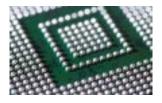
## CHIP CAPACITORS, RESISTORS AND MICRO DEVICES



- Fully automated process that covers the side and top of the device terminations.
- Convert from Pb Free to Pb and vice versa.
- Combination of Alloys SAC, Ag, Tin, Pb

A unique offering by Retronix to tin micro components such as 0402's. 0603's, SOT's to GEIA standards. The industry now has a comprehensive all-inclusive solution.

### **BGA TYPE DEVICES**



Retronix offers a sophisticated BGA (Ball Grid Array) laser reballing service that utilizes a laser to reball BGA's without a reflow cycle, and without the laser touching the component.

✓ Unique laser reballing

Automated process



10M+

**DEVICES PROCESSED** 

40+

COUNTRIES SERVED

50+ DEVICE TYPES PROCESSED AND GROWING

Reference : (1) The Continuing Dangers of Tin Whiskers and Attempts to Control Them with Conformal Coating - Jong S. Kadesch, Jay Brusse (Link: https://nepp.nasa.gov/whisker/reference/tech\_papers/kadesch2001-article-dangers-of-tin-whiskers-and-conformal-coat-study.pdf)



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