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Abstract

Subtractive copper etching is a central process in fabricating advanced printed circuit boards, where ever-shrinking features demand precise control of etch rate and etch factor. Copper etching baths, using cupric chloride, involve complex chemical equilibria that the currently used semi-chemical monitoring tools, including oxidation-reduction potential, conductivity, and specific gravity, can have difficulty controlling precisely. We report a new monitoring tool, thinfilm UV-Vis spectroscopy, to support and enhance the existing monitoring parameters. UV-Vis can distinguish specific chemical contributions to the etch bath performance and to monitoring Download English Version:

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