CR Board Design and Manufacturing

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CR Boards Provide Bias to X and U Wires and Route Signal to CE



CR boards plug into X-layer head boards. Five screws are gradually tightened to mate pins with receptacles.



CR Board "Bottom" Side



CR Board "Top" Side



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CR Board Top Metal Layer



CR Board Bottom Metal Layer



CR Board Signal Layer 1



CR Board Signal Layer 2



ProtoDUNE CR Board Mfg. Process

- Reflow bottom side in IR reflow oven
- Add solder paste to caps and reflow again
- Reflow 20 top-side capacitors in IR reflow oven
- Add solder paste to caps and reflow again
- Hand-solder through-hole output connectors
- Wash boards and bake dry
- Test all coupling caps for leakage at 1.0 kV
- Press in Mill-Max connector pins
- Test all resistors and capacitors warm, cold, warm

ProtoDUNE Soldering Challenges



Proposed DUNE CR Board Manufacturing Using Vapor-Phase Reflow

- Reflow 20 top-side capacitors in V-P reflow oven using lead-free solder (230C reflow temperature)
- Reflow bottom side in V-P oven using tin/lead solder (215C reflow temperature)
- Solder through-hole parts with Selective Solder
- Wash boards and bake dry
- Test all coupling caps for leakage at 1.0 kV
- Press in Mill-Max connector pins
- Test all resistors and capacitors warm, cold, warm

V-P Reflow With Lead-Free Solder





V-P Reflow With Tin/Lead Solder







Selective Soldering Similar to wave but uses a small fountain



Threaded Inserts

- Pressed into holes after soldering and testing
- Used with five screws to mate CR boards with the head-board stack
- About 200 pounds was needed to mate all Mill-Max components in ProtoDUNE boards
- Improved M-M components require much less force to mate, around 50 pounds per CR board
- Inserts are also used in X and G head boards

Threaded Inserts

 The old style used in ProtoDUNE was supposed to expand but often didn't adequately. They sometimes caused screws to bind, produced metal debris, and occasionally worked loose from the board. They were also too easy to break.





• The new style used in DUNE is swaged into place using a press.

Mill-Max Receptacles (With Tails)

- Pressed into holes after soldering and testing
- 132 locations nested in among other parts
- For ProtoDUNE a hand-operated arbor press with a blade attachment could set 4 to 5 receptacles at a time when the insertion force averaged around 20 pounds
- The operation required good aim and strength
- New designs used in DUNE require up to 50 pounds of insertion force

Hand-Operated Arbor Press

- Probably still OK for X and G head boards
- Not for CR boards (risk of damage too high)



CNC Press

- Quickly seats threaded inserts and Mill-Max parts without lots of operator skill and care required
- Constructed by modifying a CNC router table



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