Material	The Loss Factor, Tan δ			
	90°C	60°C	25°C	-70°C
ECA1	0.025	0.018	0.013	0.02
ECA2	0.1	0.03	0.017	0.016
ECA3	0.067	0.155	0.035	0.017

 Table 5. 1
 The equivalent loss factor of the ECAs under impact test conditions

Material	Drop test performance	Falling wedge test performance, J/m ²
ECA1	5 samples failed at 1 drop	185
ECA2	4 samples failed at 1 drop, one failed at 2 drops	173
ECA3	2 samples failed at 3 drops, 3 samples failed at 4 drops	232

Table 5. 2 Impact performance results of conductive adhesives



Figure 5.1 Schematic of Teflon spacer fabrication.



Figure 5. 2 Sample fabrication configuration.



Figure 5.3 Falling wedge test apparatus showing the drop tower arrangement and the high-speed digital camera from [15].



Figure 5.4 A photographic frame of a falling wedge test



Figure 5. 5 Fitting of experimental data with beam theory



Figure 5. 6 Typical crack velocity versus time trace



Figure 5. 7 Typical fracture energy versus crack length trace.



Figure 5.8 Typical plot showing the fracture energy versus crack velocity for ECA1 tested at room temperature.



Figure 5.9 Summary of the falling wedge test results



(a)



(b)

Figure 5. 10 Micrographs of the fracture surfaces of ECA3 adhesive joints tested at (a) 60°C, and (b) -70°C.



Figure 5. 11 Changes of tan δ of conductive adhesives with temperature.



Figure 5. 12 Correlation of the fracture energy and the loss factor obtained at 1 Hz



Figure 5. 13 Correlation of the fracture energy and the equivalent loss factor.