# Surface Mount Assembly with a Toaster Oven

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## The Problem

- 1 New/interesting parts are getting smaller
- 2 Some no longer have leads that are easy to solder
- 3 They now have pads on the underside of the package
- 4 And can have a ground pad on the underside as well

Pad can be tied to the die for Thermal management

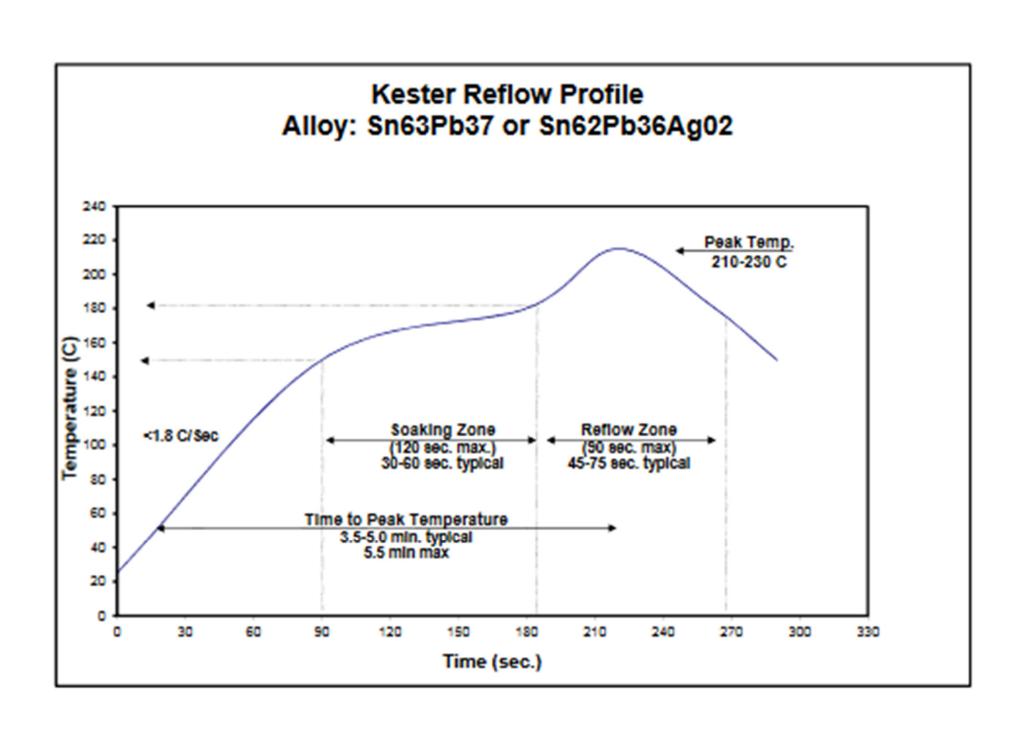
## **Enter the Toaster Oven!**

But how to make it work?

# Kester EP256 Lead Solder Paste 63/37 Syringe Dispenser



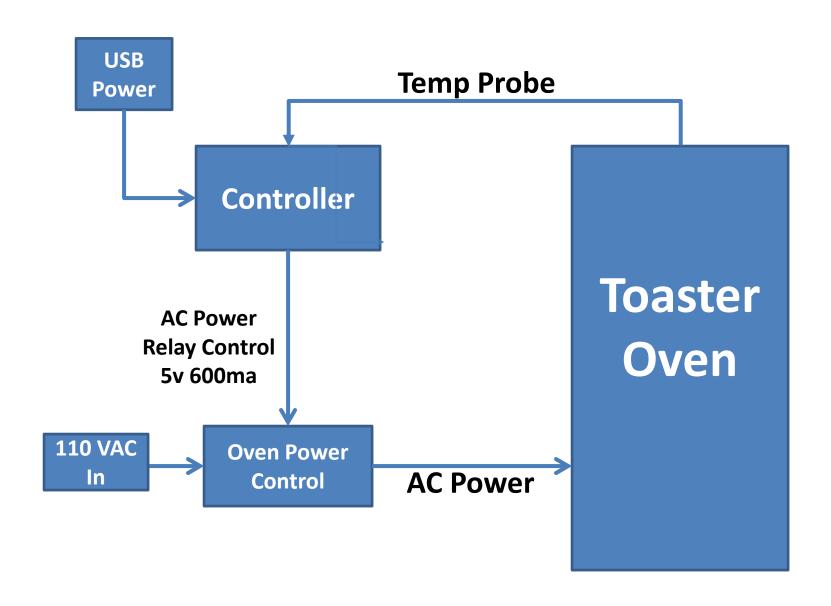
Refrigerate when not in use

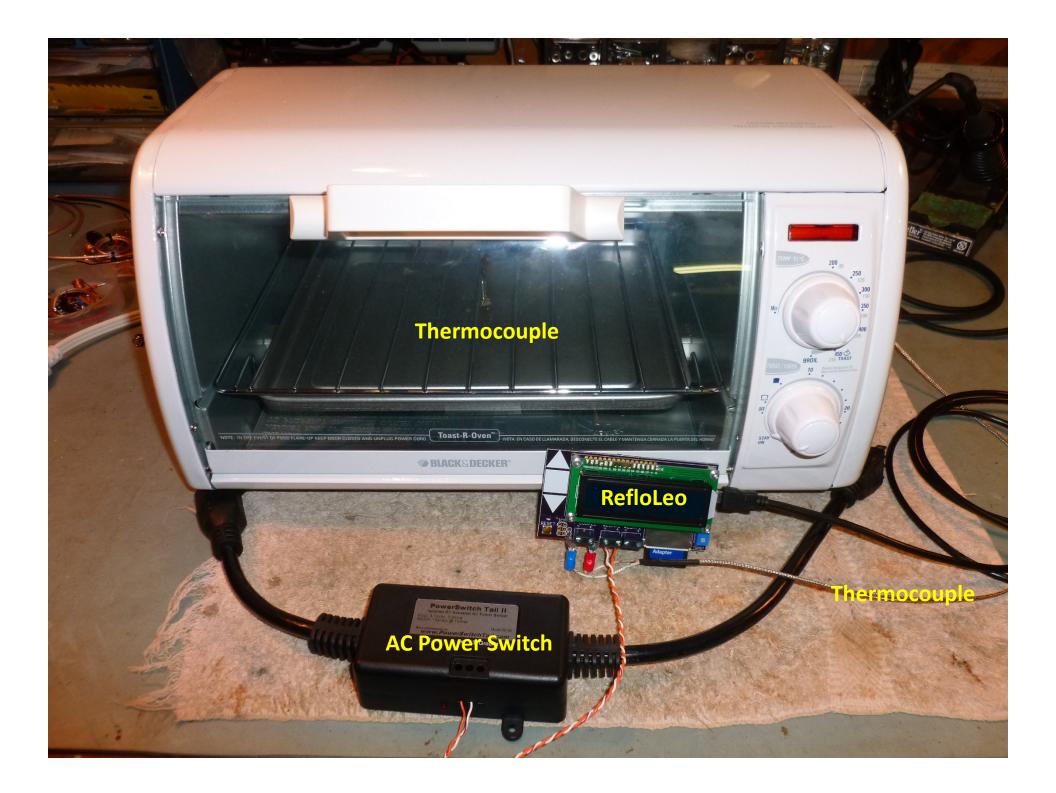


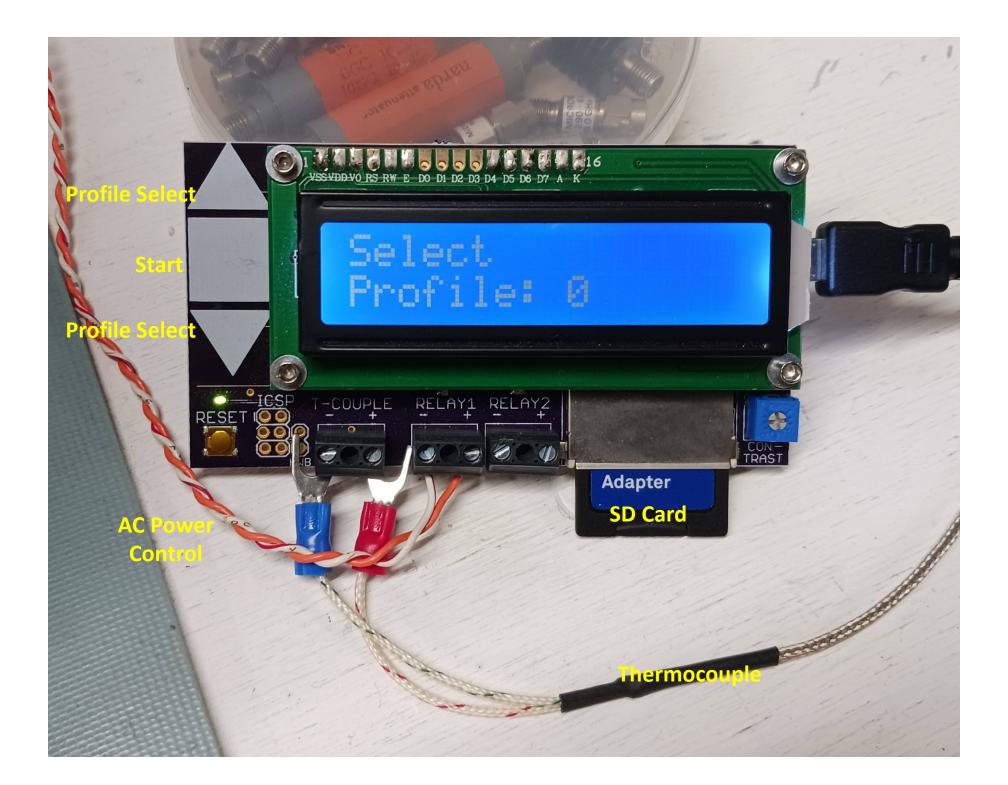


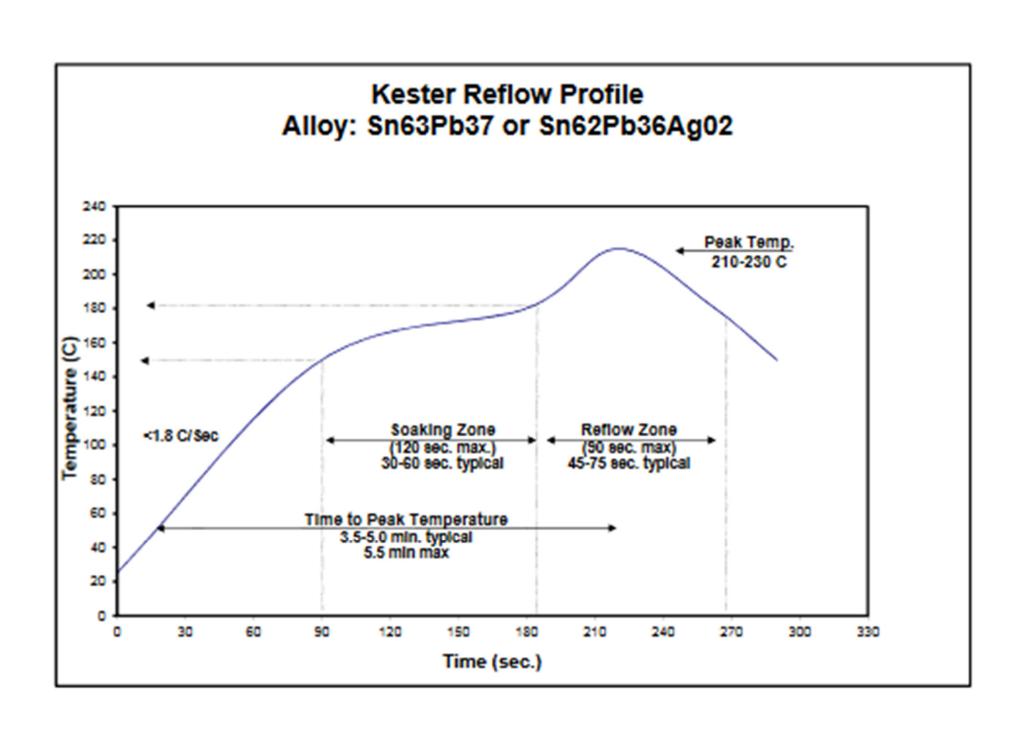
- RefloLeo is a KickStarter project
- Arduino Leonardo compatible
- K-type thermocouple
- USB powered

- \$5V, 600mA external relay control capability
- SD Card for Profile storage
- Simple setup and operation
- Open hardware design









## **Reflow Profile Command Examples**

```
T130,000 Goto 130 degrees
W000,015 Wait 15 seconds (and turn off heat)
H150,120 Hold at 150 degrees for 120 seconds
T212,000 Goto 212 degrees
W000,020 Wait 20 seconds (and turn off heat)
X000,000 Exit program and turn off relay
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## Multiple Profiles Stored on the SD Card

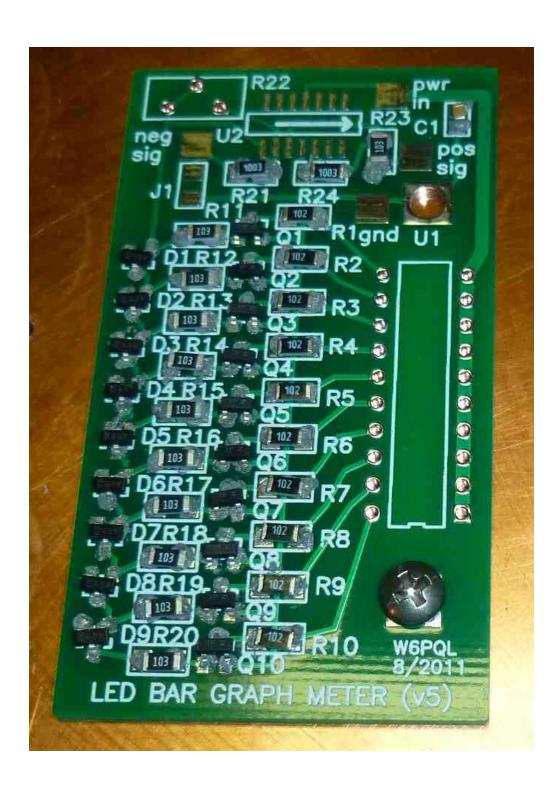
**Profile 0 = Kester EP256 Solder Paste** 

**Profile 1 = Hot Pocket Reheat** 

**Profile 2 = Tuna Melt Sandwich** 

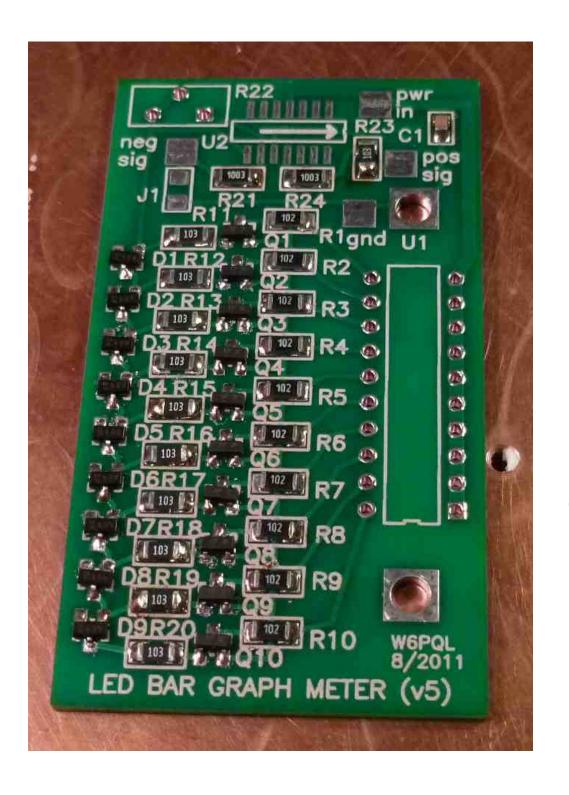
**Profile 3 = Mini Pepperoni Pizza** 





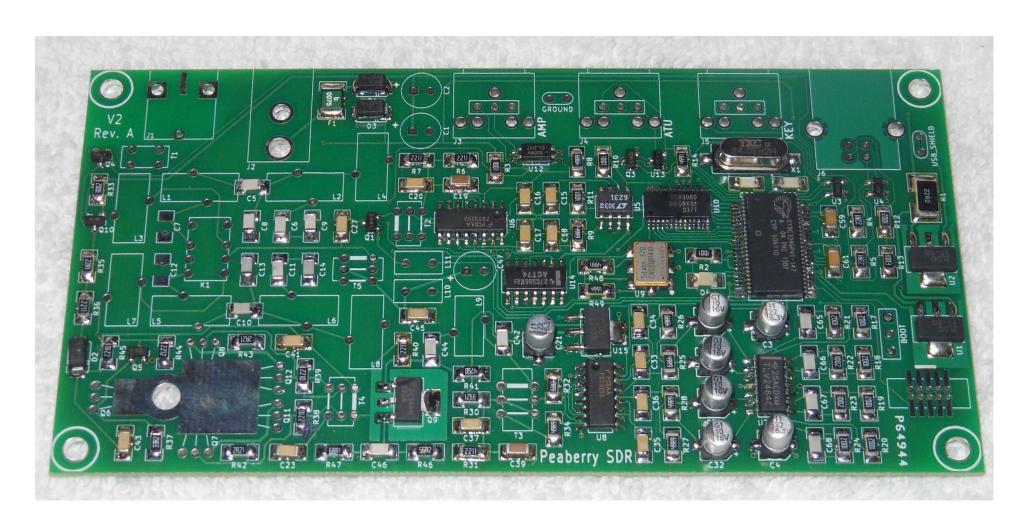
## W6PQL LED Meter Set for oven

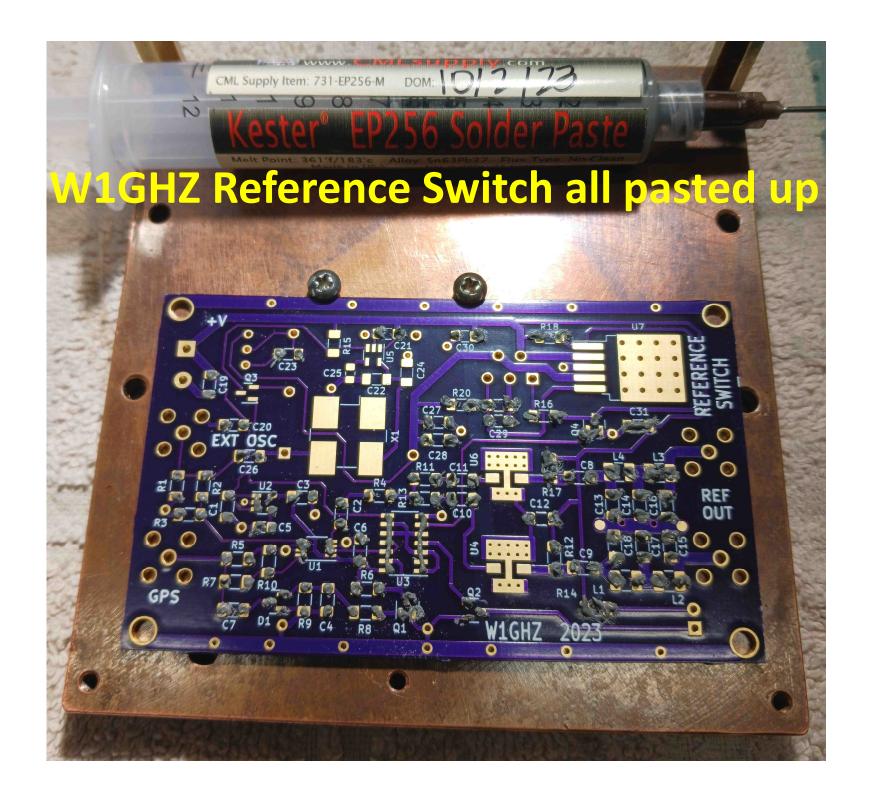




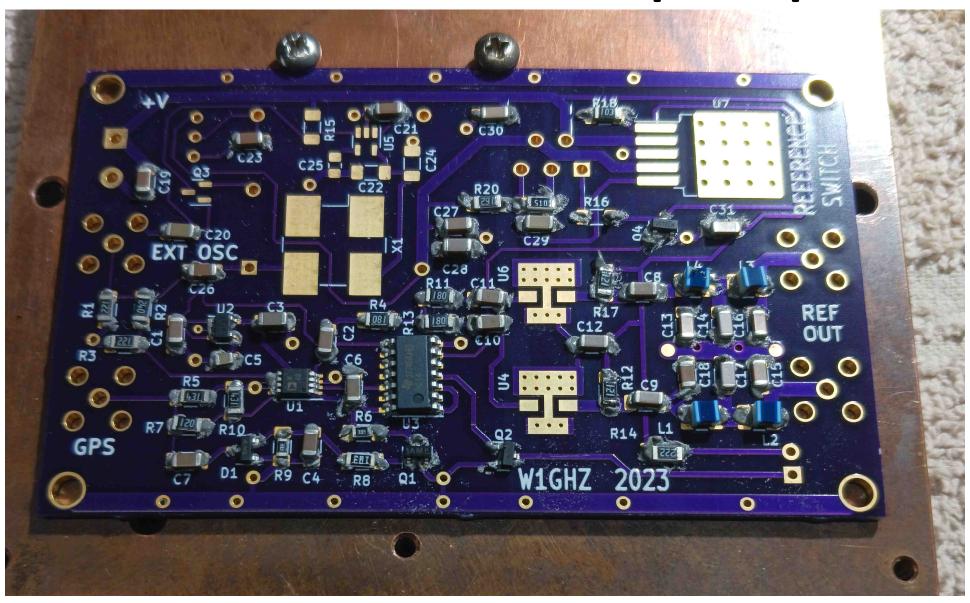
W6PQL
LED Meter
Fresh out
of the oven

## **KT1VT Peaberry SDR**

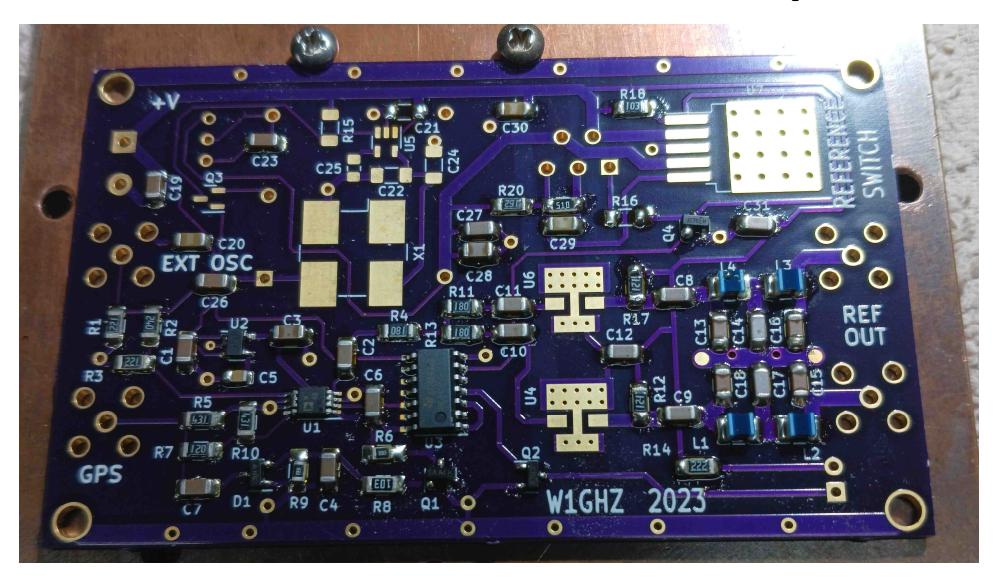




## W1GHZ Reference Switch parts placed



## W1GHZ Reference Switch completed

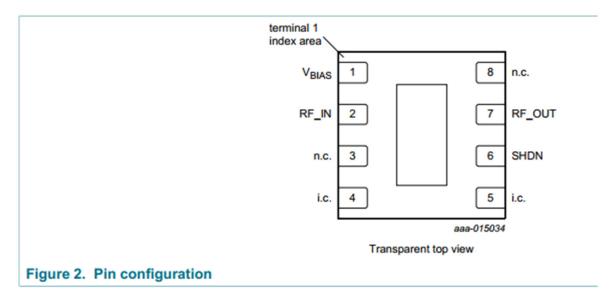


Product data sheet COMPANY PUBLIC

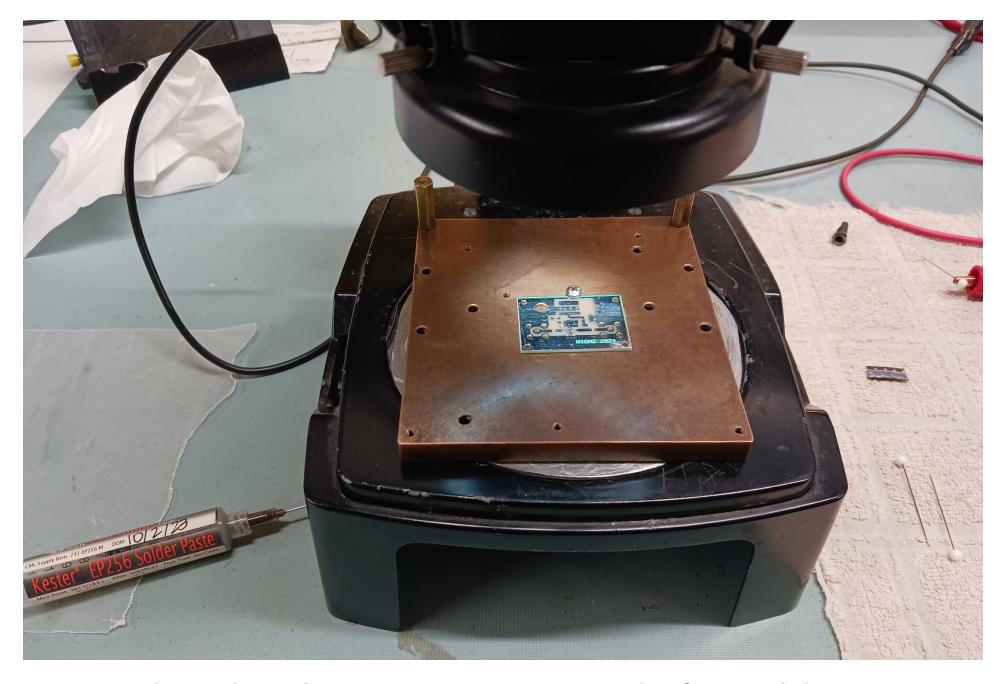
Small 8-terminal leadless package 2 mm × 2 mm × 0.75 mm

#### 7 Pinning information

#### 7.1 Pinning



## The Shop



Board under the microscope ready for solder paste

#### 7.1 Pinning

Yellow lines are where solder paste was placed

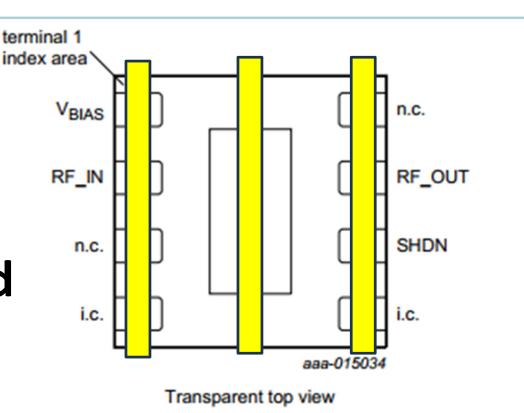
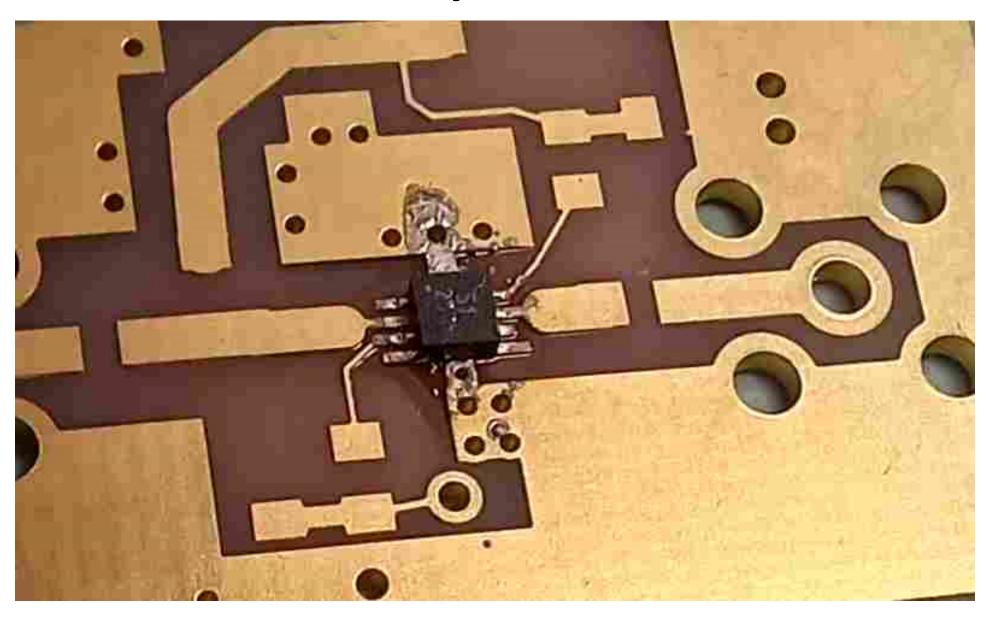
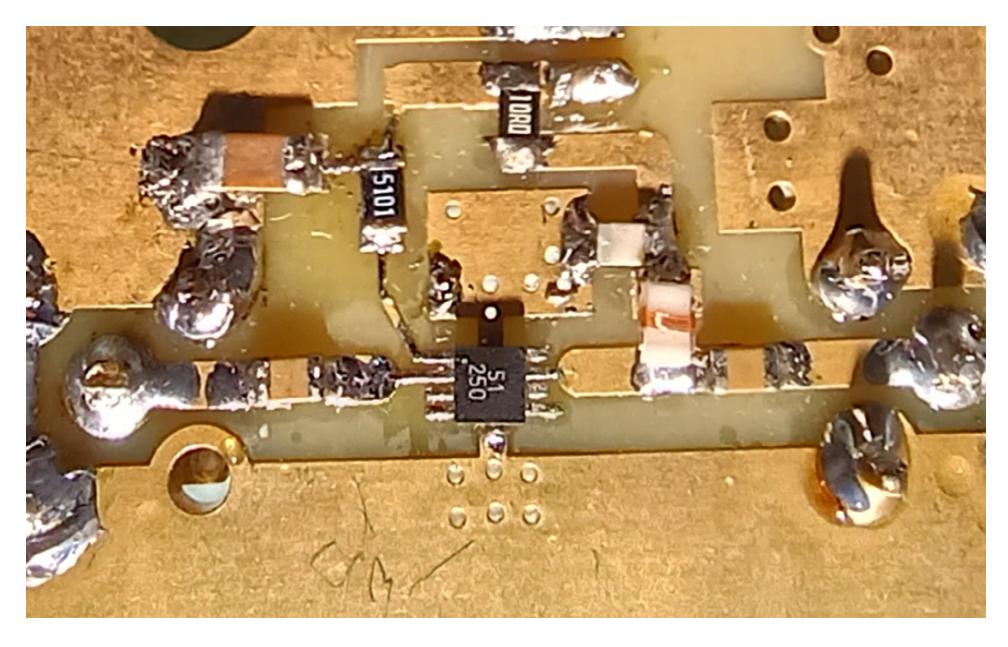


Figure 2. Pin configuration

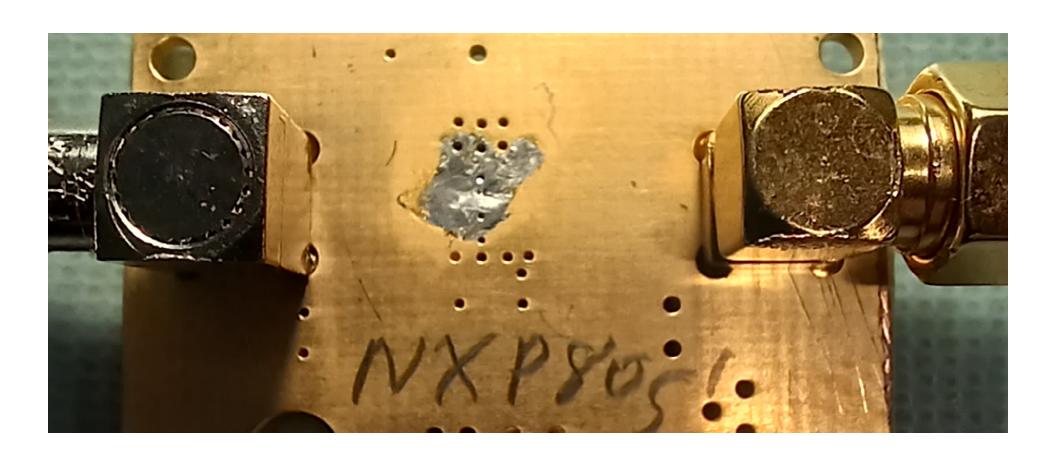
## First Attempt – Test Board



## **Working Board**



## Working Board Rear View



Wait for Solder Paste to come to room temp before use

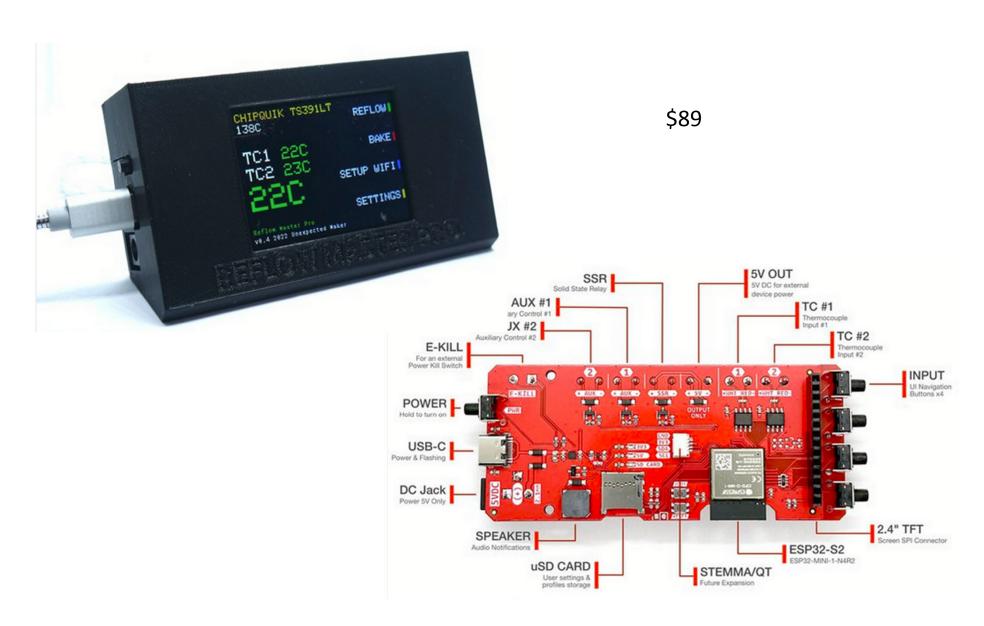
There is a finite time for solder paste to sit before Reflo If you start a board, plan on finishing it in one sitting

Preheat Oven at least once before use

For clean up and rework
TechSpray #2 size No Clean braid
Kester .015 No Clean 23-6337-8806 SN63PB37

For a toaster oven, get the smallest with the max heat Mine is 1200 watt

## **Reflow Master Pro on Tindie**



## **QUESTIONS?**

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