

## Appendix A: Acronyms

### Electronic Devices

ASIC = application-specific integrated circuit  
 CCD = charge-control device  
 CMOS = complimentary MOS  
 CPU = central processing unit  
 DRAM = dynamic RAM  
 DSP = digital signal processing  
 ECL = emitter-coupled logic  
 EEPROM (or E<sup>2</sup>PROM) = electrically erasable and programmable  
 EPROM = erasable and programmable ROM  
 ESD = electrostatic discharge  
 FET = field effect transistor  
 FTR = functional throughput rate  
 GBW = gain-bandwidth  
 HIC = hybrid integrated circuit  
 IC = integrated circuit  
 I/O = input/output  
 IRED = infrared emitting diode  
 LCD = liquid crystal display  
 LD = laser diode  
 LED = light-emitting diode  
 LSI = large-scale integration  
 MLC - multilayer ceramic, multilayer capacitor  
 MOS = metal-oxide semiconductor  
 MOSFET = MOS FET  
 MS = microstrip  
 MSI = medium-scale integration  
 MSM = metal-semiconductor-metal  
 NMOS = n-channel MOS  
 NVRAM = nonvolatile RAM  
 PEL = pixel  
 PIN diode = p-intrinsic-diode  
 PMOS = p-channel MOS  
 PROM = programmable read-only memory  
 RAM = random-access memory  
 RISC = reduced-instruction set computer  
 ROM = read-only memory  
 SRAM = static RAM  
 SSC = spread-stacked capacitor  
 SSI = small-scale integration

STL = Schottky transistor logic  
 TTL = transistor-transistor logic  
 ULSI = ultra-large-scale integration  
 VHSIC = very high speed IC  
 VLSI = very large scale integration  
 WSCL = water-soluble conductive layer  
 XMOS = high-speed MOS  
 ZMR = zone-melting recrystallization

### Materials Processing (Semiconductors)

CMP = chemical-mechanical polishing  
 CVD = chemical-vapor deposition  
 LPE = liquid-phase epitaxy  
 LTE = low-temperature epitaxial [growth]  
 MBE = molecular beam epitaxy  
 RTF = rapid thermal processing  
 SCC = stress-corrosion cracking

### Testing

AQL = acceptable quality level  
 ATE = automatic test equipment  
 CTE = coefficient of thermal expansion  
 DPA = destructive physical analysis  
 DTA = differential thermal analysis  
 ENR = excess noise ratio  
 FA = failure analysis  
 FACI = first article configuration inspection  
 FMEA = failure mode and effects analysis  
 FR = failure rate  
 HAST = highly accelerated stress testing  
 IRS = infrared scan  
 MTBF = mean time between failures  
 MTTF = mean time to failure  
 NDT = nondestructive test  
 NTL = low-level noise tolerance  
 PDA = percent defect allowable  
 PPM = parts per million  
 RGA = residual gas analysis  
 RI = receiving inspection

## Testing (Continued)

RTD = resistance-temperature detector [probe]  
 SAM = scanning acoustic microscope  
 SEM = scanning electron microscopy  
 SLAM = scanning laser acoustic microscope  
 SRP = spreading resistance profiling [technique]  
 STM = scanning tunneling microscopy  
 TCC = temperature coefficient of capacitance  
 TCR = temperature coefficient of resistance  
 TEM = transmission electron microscopy  
 Tg = glass transition temperature  
 TGA = thermal gravimetric analysis  
 TLC = thin-layer chromatography  
 TMA = thermo-mechanical analysis  
 TSM = top side metallurgy  
 TTF = time to failure

## Packaging

ATAB = area-array tape-automated bonding  
 BCW = bare-chip-and-wire [hybrid]  
 BLM = ball-limiting metallurgy  
 BSM = backside metallurgy  
 BTAB = bumped tape-automated bonding  
 C and W = chip and wire  
 CC = chip carrier  
 CCC = ceramic CC  
 CEEE = common electronics equipment enclosure  
 CERDIP = ceramic DIP  
 C4 = controlled-collapse chip connector  
 COB = chip-on-board  
 CSI = compliant solderless interface  
 DCA = direct chip attach  
 DIP = dual in-line [package]  
 DWF = dice-in-wafer form  
 FPC = fine-pitch CC  
 FRU = field replaceable unit  
 HCC = hermetic chip carrier  
 HDCM = high-density ceramic module  
 HDI = high-density interconnect  
 ILB = inner lead board  
 LCC = leadless CC  
 LCCC = leadless ceramic CC  
 LMCH = leadless multiple-chip hybrids  
 LID = leadless inverted device  
 LMCH = leadless multiple-chip hybrid  
 LRU = line replacement unit or lowest repairable unit

MC = metallized ceramic  
 MCC = miniature CC  
 MCM = multichip module  
 MLB = multilayer board  
 MLC = multilayer ceramic  
 OLE = outer lead bond  
 PAA = pad area array  
 PCB = printed circuit board  
 PCC = same as PLCC  
 PCI = pressure contact interconnection  
 PCR = plastic CC, rectangular  
 PDIP = plastic DIP  
 PES = porcelain-enamel-steel  
 PET = porcelain-enamel technology  
 PGA = pin grid array [package]  
 PIP = pin insertion [package]  
 PLCC = plastic-leaded CC  
 PRN = priority ranking number  
 POS = porcelain-on-steel  
 PQFP = plastic quad flat package  
 PTF = polymer thick film  
 PTH = plated-through hole  
 PWB = printed wiring board  
 QFB = quad flat butt-leaded package  
 QUIP = quad in-line package  
 SCM = single-chip module  
 SIP = single in-line package  
 SLC = single-layer ceramic  
 SMA = surface-mounted assembly  
 SMD = surface-mounted device  
 SOB = small-outline butt leaded package  
 SMT = surface mount technology  
 SOIC = small-outline  
 SOJ = small-outline J-lead package  
 SOP = small-outline package  
 SOI = silicon-on-insulator  
 TAB = tape-automated-bonding  
 TC = thermo-compression bond  
 TCM = thermal conduction module  
 TS = thermosonic bond  
 TSOP = thin small outline package  
 TO = transistor outline package  
 US = ultrasonic bond  
 VSO = very small outline package  
 WSI = wafer-scale integration  
 ZIP = zero insertion force  
 ZIP = zigzag in-line package



**Materials**

AlGaAs = aluminum gallium arsenide  
 AlInAs = aluminum indium arsenide  
 AlN = aluminum nitride  
 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = aluminum oxide (alumina)  
 AlSb = aluminum antimonide  
 As = arsenic  
 Au = gold  
 AuGe = gold-germanium  
 AuSi = gold-silicon  
 AuSn = gold-tin  
 B = boron  
 BN = boron nitride  
 Ba = barium  
 BaTiO<sub>3</sub> — barium titanate  
 Be = beryllium  
 BeO = beryllium oxide (beryllia)  
 C = carbon; graphite; diamond  
 CDA = clean dry air  
 CFC = chlorinated fluorocarbon  
 DI = deionized water  
 FR4 = epoxy resin glass laminate  
 Ga = gallium  
 GaAs = gallium arsenide  
 GaAsP = gallium arsenide phosphide  
 GalnAs = gallium indium arsenide  
 GaP = gallium phosphide  
 GaSb = gallium antimonide  
 Ge = germanium  
 H<sup>+</sup> = atomic hydrogen  
 H<sub>2</sub> = hydrogen molecule  
 H<sub>2</sub>O = water  
 H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> = hydrogen peroxide  
 In = indium  
 MnO<sub>2</sub> = manganese dioxide  
 N<sub>2</sub> = nitrogen molecule  
 NO<sub>2</sub> = nitrogen peroxide  
 N<sub>2</sub>O = nitrous oxide  
 O<sub>2</sub> = oxygen molecule  
 O<sub>3</sub> = ozone molecule  
 OH<sup>-</sup> = hydroxyl ion  
 P = phosphorus  
 PLZT = lead-lanthanum-zirconate-titanate  
 PMMA = polymethyl methacrylate  
 PSG = phosphosilicate glass  
 PVC = polyvinyl chloride

PX = paraxylene  
 PZT = lead-zirconate-titanate  
 Sb = antimony  
 Si = silicon  
 SiC = silicon carbide  
 SiN = silicon nitride  
 SiO = silicon monoxide  
 SiO<sub>2</sub> = silicon dioxide (silica)  
     = quartz (crystalline silica)  
     = fused silica (silica glass)  
 Sn = tin  
 Ta = tantalum  
 Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> = tantalum pentoxide  
 TEOS = tetraethoxysilane  
 Ti = titanium  
 TiN = titanium nitride  
 TiO<sub>2</sub> = titanium dioxide (titania)  
 TiSi<sub>2</sub> = titanium silicide  
 Y = yttrium  
 YAG = yttrium aluminum garnet  
 YIG = yttrium iron garnet  
 Zn = zinc  
 ZnO = zinc oxide  
 ZnS = zinc sulfide

**Miscellaneous**

ASME = American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers  
 BIU = bus interface unit  
 CAD = computer-aided design  
 CAE = computer-aided engineering  
 CIM = computer-integrated manufacturing  
 CRT = cathode ray tube  
 DoD = Department of Defense  
 HDTV = high-definition television  
 IR = infrared  
 IEEE = Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
 IEPS = Intm.; Electronics Packaging Society  
 ISHM = Intl. Soc. Hybrid Microelectronics  
 JEDEC = Joint Electronics Device Engr. Council  
 MIL-STD = military standard  
 RADC = Rome Air Development Center  
 SMTA = Surface Mount Technology Association