microPEM® TackSert®: Exceeds Retention Force Requirements and Cuts Installation Time in Half



Switching from a thread forming screw to a TackSert[®] fastening solution not only met the customer's stringent requirements for a new camera system but delivered improved performance.



CHALLENGE

Stringent Requirements for New Camera System

- Thread forming screw used in current generation of cameras
- New camera size significantly smaller
- New clamp force and cleanliness requirements
- Increased production volume required customer to reduce cost and assembly time
- Concern over PCB damage during installation



SOLUTION

microPEM[®] TackSert

- Alternative to micro screws, eliminating cost of threaded hardware
- Simple, clean press-in installation – no heat or ultrasonics
- Top sheet can be any material
- Low profile head fits where screws can't
- Non-removal ensures Tamper evident applications



RESULTS

Replacing M2 screw with TackSert[®] far exceeded retention force requirement By 40%

- 50% reduction installation time (1.5s vs. 3s)
- 30% reduction of keep-out space on PCB (2.8mm vs. 4mm)
- 60% reduction of head height (0.6mm vs. 1.5mm)
- Non-removal of PCB through permanent TackSert[®] fixation
- Exceeded Retention Force Requirements By
- Met cleanliness requirements by eliminating lubricant coating (needed for old M2 screw)

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