

# Desoldering Braid

How do I remove solder from an old circuit to replace a malfunctioning component?

De-soldering is required when electronic components need to be removed from a circuit, usually because they are faulty. It may sometimes be necessary during testing or assembly, if a wrong part has been fitted or a modification has to be made.

To professionally remove solder from a circuit, you will need the following materials:

1. MG Chemicals Super Wick de-soldering braid
2. Soldering iron

## What you need for removing solder from a circuit:

Soldering Iron



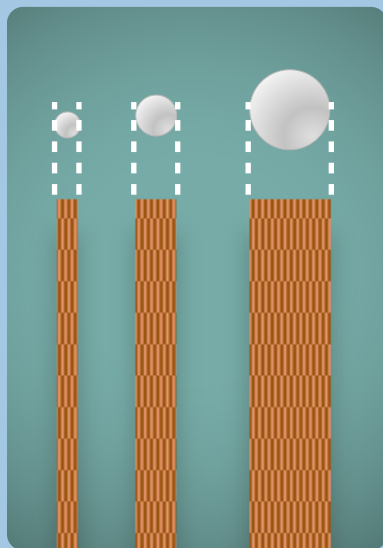
MG Super Wick



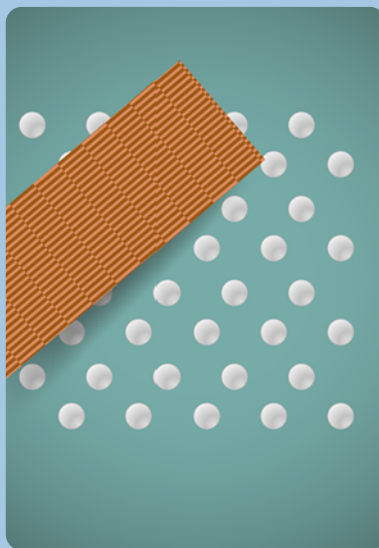
## PROCEDURE

### Step 1 Choosing the right braid

Match the bead to the braid.



One wide braid suitable for many small beads.



- Choose a braid width that matches the size of the solder bead to be removed.
- If there are many small beads, choosing a wider braid will also speed up the Desoldering process.

#### AVAILABLE BRAID PRODUCTS (BY CAT. NO)

| LENGTHS                    | WIDTH AND COLOUR CODE* |                 |                 |              |                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                            | 0.025"<br>White        | 0.05"<br>Yellow | 0.075"<br>Green | 0.1"<br>Blue | 0.125"<br>Brown |
| <b>Super Wick</b>          |                        |                 |                 |              |                 |
| 5 ft                       | 423                    | 424             | 425             | 426          | 427             |
| 25 ft                      | -                      | 442             | 443             | 444          | -               |
| 50 ft                      | 451                    | 452             | 453             | 454          | -               |
| 100 ft                     | 461                    | 462             | 463             | 464          | -               |
| 500 ft                     | 471                    | 472             | 473             | 474          | -               |
| <b>No Clean Super Wick</b> |                        |                 |                 |              |                 |
| 5 ft                       | -                      | 424-NS          | 425-NS          | 426-NS       | -               |
| 50 ft                      | -                      | 453-NS          | -               | 454-NS       | -               |

\*Colours are industry standard. They represent the width of a desoldering braid.

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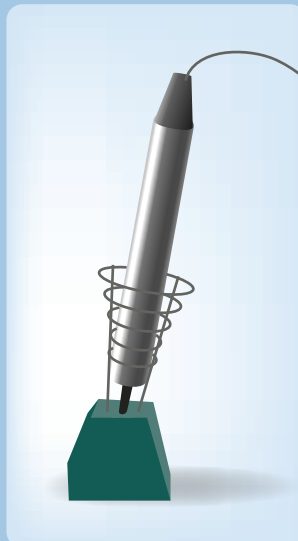
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## Step 2 Using the braid

- Heat up soldering iron
- Place Super Wick on to solder bead
- Place heated solder iron on to braid

Molten solder is drawn up by capillary action into the braid. Careful not to overheat, or 'drag whiskers' of solder over the board, nor let the braid solidify on the joint! Always remove braid and solder iron together in a vertical motion.

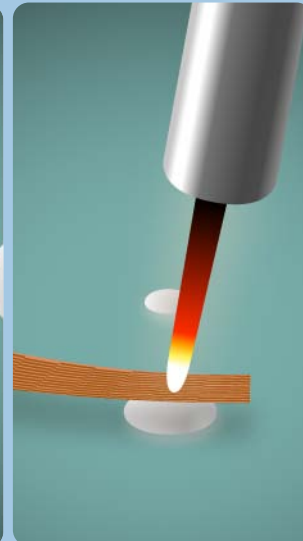
### a Heat up soldering iron



### b Place Super Wick on to solder bead



### c Place heated solder iron on to braid



## Fine Braid Super Wick

### Clean, Fast, Reliable



- ▶ Oxide-free clean copper
- ▶ More strands of copper (more surface area) per square inch
- ▶ Designed to leave a residue which is environmentally safe
- ▶ Uses pure type 'R' resin flux conforming to all the requirements of MIL-F-14256F, Type 'RMA' and ANSI/J-STD-004
- ▶ Static free dissipative spools in compliance with the ESD
- ▶ Association Standard (Mil. Standard 2000 and DOD Standard 1686)
- ▶ Manufactured under SPC guidelines
- ▶ Cleaned and manufactured utilizing the latest technology in environmentally friendly chemicals and processes
- ▶ Packaged in 5, 10, 25, 100 and 500 foot lengths

## No Clean Super Wick

### Cleaner, Faster, More Consistent



- ▶ Oxide-free clean copper
- ▶ More strands of copper (more surface area) per square inch
- ▶ Flux residue remaining on board does not need to be cleaned
- ▶ To be used in conjunction with processes using RMA type no-clean fluxes; conforms to the requirements of ANSI/J-STD-004, Type LO
- ▶ High SIR-conforming to Bellcore specification GR-78-CORE (TR-TSY- 000078), and IPC Test Method III
- ▶ Static free dissipative spools in compliance with the ESD Association Standard (Mil. Standard 2000 and DOD Standard 1686)
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