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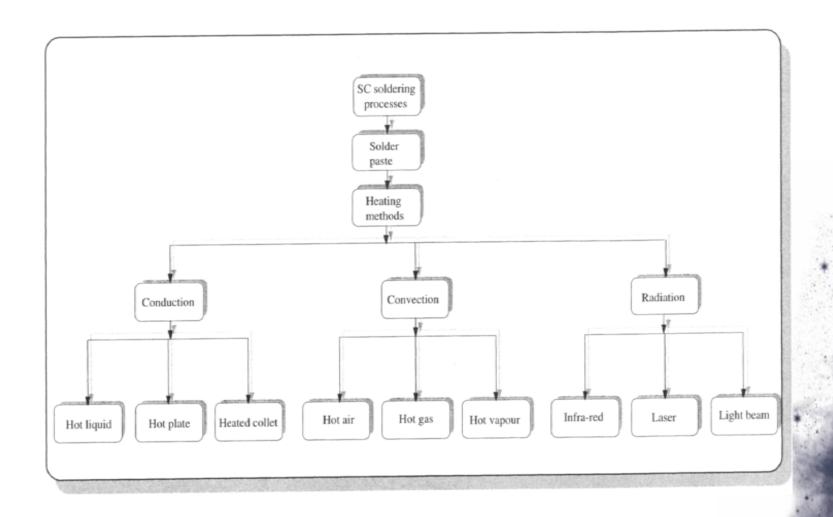


conduction - hot liquid, hot belt, heated collet

convection - hot air, hot gas, hot vapour radiation w infra-red, laser, light beam.

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#### Manual soldering



Manual soldering has almost become an obsolete technique since more precise and robust processes have been created. While once a good technology, manual soldering has for good reason outlived its usefulness and has been for the most part been replaced by selective soldering.

#### Wave soldering



Wave soldering, also known as flow soldering, is normally performed in a protective gas atmosphere

since the use of nitrogen offers an opportunity to reduce solder defects. While the wave soldering process can be designed to be more secure, it has distinct technological limitations. Selective soldering

is also a form of flow soldering and offers the only possible soldering method where through-hole components must be soldered on both sides of a two-sided printed circuit board assembly.

#### Wave soldering. Disadvantages.



Wave soldering can be used successfully for large unit volume production, since it is a form of mass soldering it has several disadvantages including: Higher consumption of solder Higher consumption of flux Higher consumption of electricity Higher consumption of nitrogen Additional masking of sensitive points on PCBs Increased need for post-wave solder rework Additional cleaning of wave solder aperture pallets or masks

Additional need for cleaning of the soldered assemblies

### Selective soldering





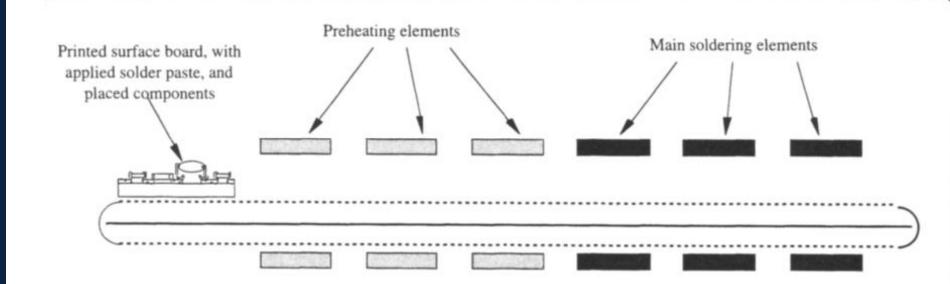
### Wave soldering soldering vs Selective soldering





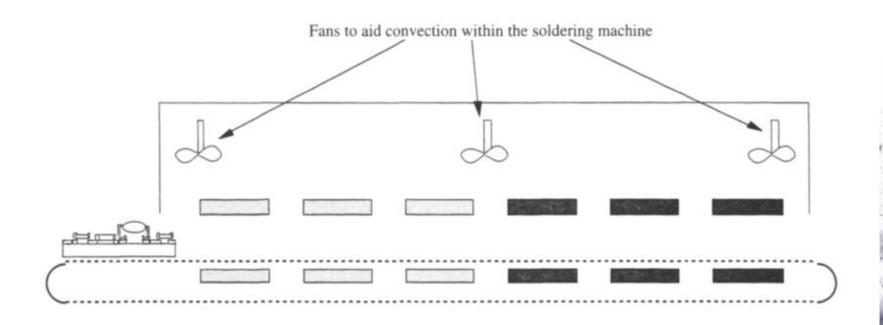
## Heating elements in infra-red soldering machines are positioned above and below assemblies





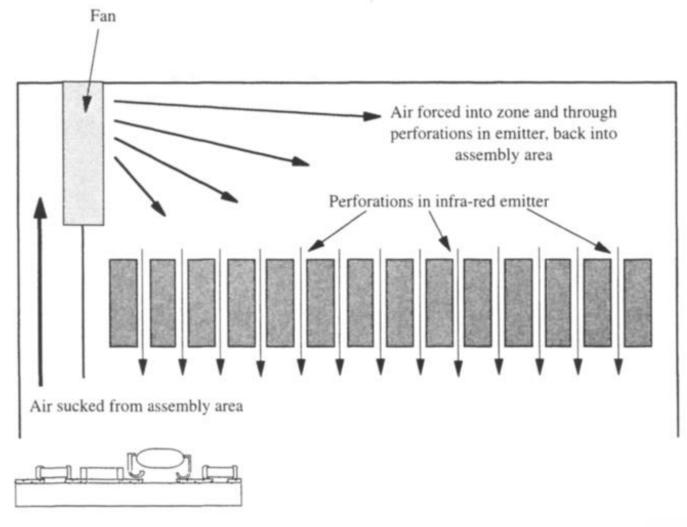
#### Forced convection infra-red soldering





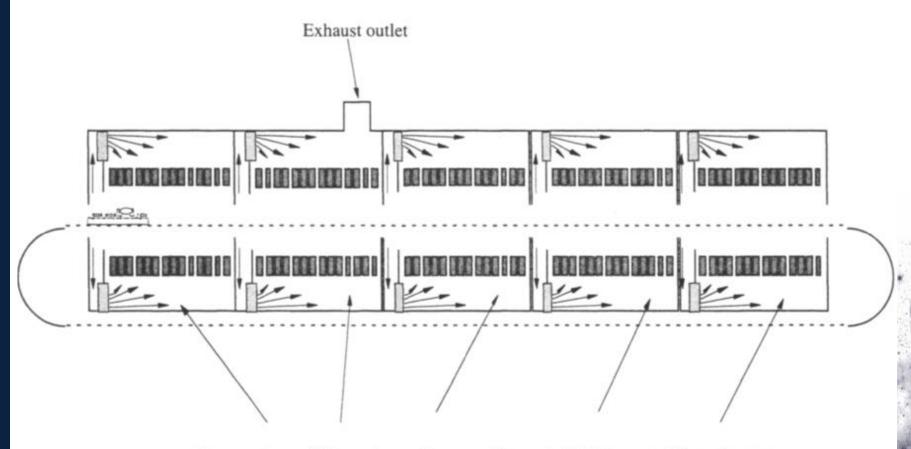
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## Principle of a typical zoned, forced convection heating element



#### Infra-red soldering using zoned, forced convection

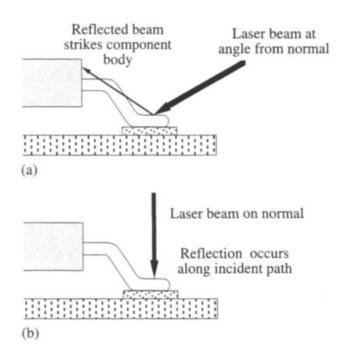


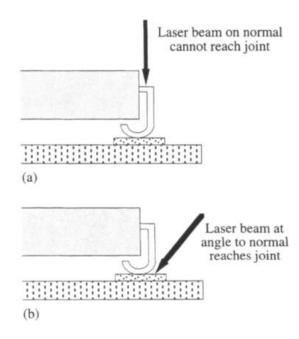


Temperature within each zone is accurately controlled, so assembly undergoes a progressive heating as it passes through machine

#### Laser soldering

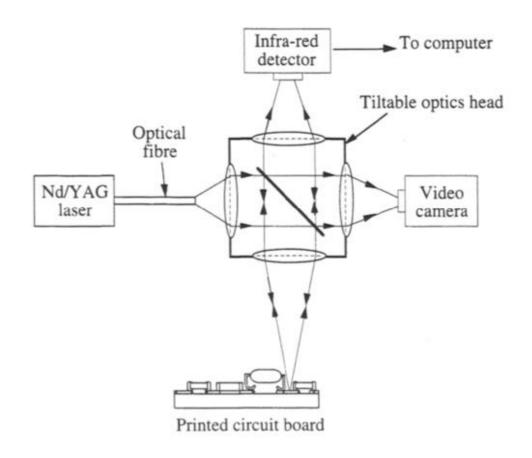






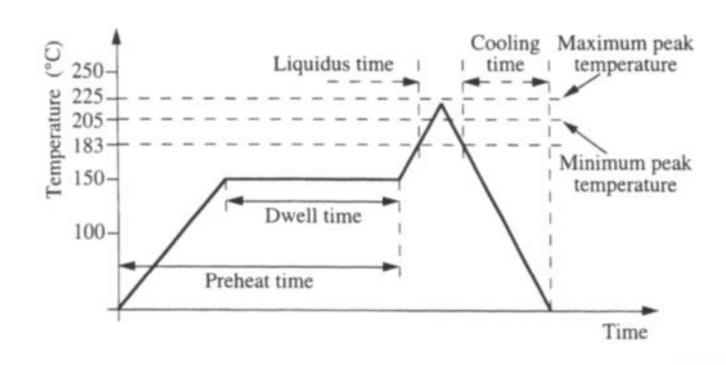
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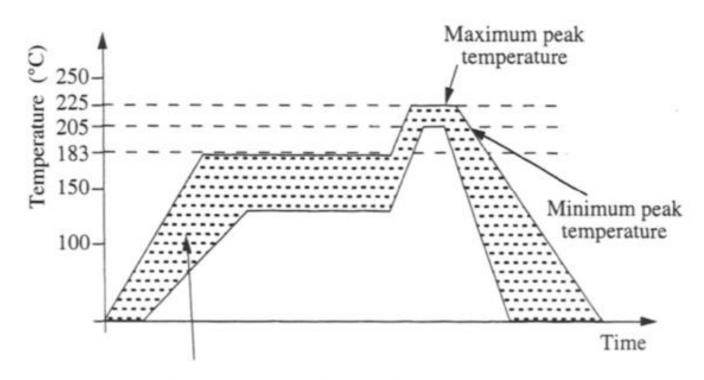
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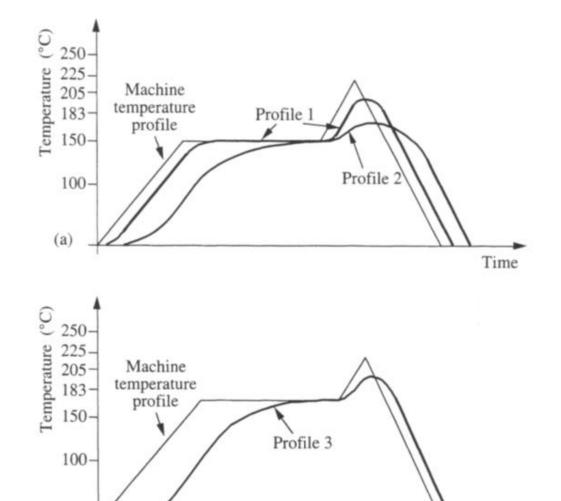


Profile band, rather than profile ideal

#### Basic machine temperature profile

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Time

#### Vapor phase profile



