

ITALY, FOOD, SOLDER MASK AND FOOD

Italian food, ah the food! Food is great all over the world but there's something about homemade pasta in Italy that just makes everything right with the world. When dinnertime arrived I would simply look at Steve and say "Pasta with any kind of seafood would be great". Lo and behold 15-20 minutes later a very friendly Italian would put a plate of heaven down in front of me and I didn't know whether to eat it or take a picture. Sometimes I did both.

Every day at whichever shop we were visiting we would process our solder mask using a variety of equipment. We processed two different Taiyo masks through two different application methods (screen print and spray). We would then dry the masks through two different tack dry ovens (vertical tunnel oven and horizontal). Then just for good measure we would expose these panels using two different exposing technologies (conventional flood light and direct imaging (DI)).

Our goal was to demonstrate the wide processing capabilities of our products, which satisfied the customer because it gave him options. What we also demonstrated was that all masks are not going to expose the same using conventional and DI exposure units. Steve and I were quite sure of the outcome using different exposure systems, but it was very important for our customer to see and understand the results. In the end, it was a successful visit and we met many very friendly people.

June of this year the EIPC summer conference is being held in Edinburgh, Scotland. I am anxious to attend the conference and see Scotland; the birthplace of golf. For those of you who don't know, I really like golf! Any free time I have in Scotland will be spent visiting some of the courses that were built hundreds of years ago. Which reminds me, as we were leaving the Venice airport I looked out the window and what did I see staring back at me? A golf course!

Ciao