# 15 x 15 mm PBGA Daisy-Chain Application Report

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This application report describes the 15 x 15 mm PBGA daisy-chain package and its use in developing PBGA surface-mount techniques.



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# 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Glob-top plastic ball grid array (PBGA) mechanical sample packages are available from Motorola for use in surface mount assembly process development. They are physically similar to the devices they represent, being manufactured to the same general material and physical specifications. Features of the sample packages include the following:

- Supported devices include die size from 7.874 mm $^2$  ~ 15.748 mm $^2$  (200 ~ 400 mils $^2$ )
- Package is low in cost
- Physically similar to the devices represented
- 14 x 14 ball grid array, with full complement of 196 solder balls
- Adjacent pairs of solder balls are linked in the substrate for solder joint electrical quality test with complementary circuit board
- May be used in surface mount process development, equipment evaluation, and board-level solder joint electrical and mechanical evaluation.

Although the sample packages are similar to the devices represented, there are several differences that should not be significant in this application.

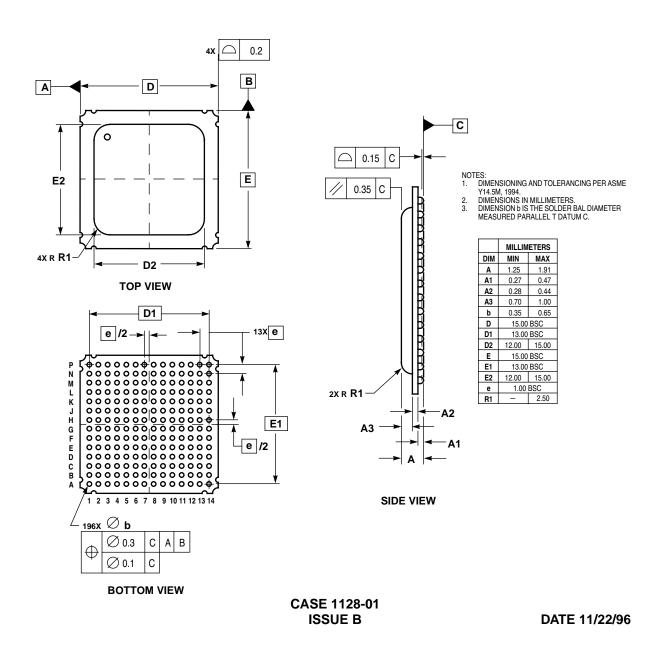
- Live die is not typically used in the sample packages.
- The number of layers in the substrate may differ from the actual package.
- Power and ground planes may not be present in sample packages.

# 2 PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

The three configurations covered in this application report are the three die sizes in the  $15 \times 15$  mm body, 196-ball PBGA packages. **Table 2-1** lists the Motorola part numbers and case outline numbers for these package types, with the main package parameters. The case outline drawings are shown in **Figure 2-1**.

<b>Table 2-1</b> 15 × 15 mm PBGA Daisy-Chain Package Configuration							
Motorola Part	Case	Body Size	Die Size	Ball			

Motorola Part Number	Case Number	Body Size (mm)	Die Size (mils)	Ball Array	Ball Count
XC68338GC00	128-01	15 × 15	~(200 mil) 7.874 mm	$14 \times 14$	196
XC56303GC00	128-01	15 × 15	~(250 mil) 9.842 mm	$14 \times 14$	196
XC56307GC00	128-01	15×15	~(400 mil) 15.748 mm	$14 \times 14$	196



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**Figure 2-1** 15 × 15 mm PBGA Case Outline Drawing

Figure 2-2 shows the Motorola-recommended solder-pad geometry for PBGA for etch-defined or non-solder-mask-defined (NSMD) and solder-mask-defined (SMD) configurations. The 196PBGA package has SMD joints with a nominal 0.508 mm solder-mask diameter. For adequate solder-joint reliability, it is critical to maintain the solder-pad diameter on the motherboard within the range specified. The mother board solder pad is specified at 0.479 mm diameter to accommodate an interstitial via pad diameter of 0.635 mm between four solder pads. The via and via pad diameters as well as solder mask clearance around the via pads can be adjusted as necessary to meet individual design rules and PCB fabricator capabilities. Solder-mask clearance around the non-solder-mask-defined solder pad should be specified so that it does not encroach on the pad in the printed circuit board fabricator's worst-case solder-mask-to-artwork registration tolerance. The solderable surface may be produced with a hot air solder leveled (HASL) process, an organic solderability protective coating, or other surface finish as required.

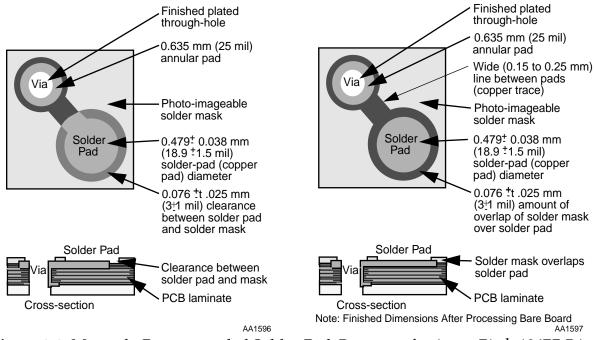


Figure 2-2 Motorola-Recommended Solder-Pad Geometry for 1 mm Pitch 196PBGA

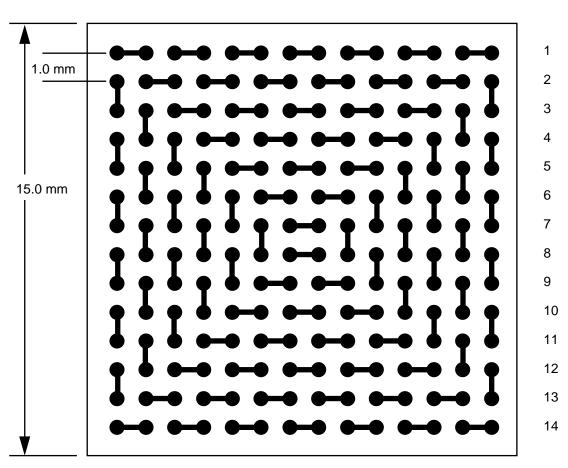
### 3 PBGA DAISY-CHAIN SUBSTRATE ROUTING

**Figure 3-1** shows a schematic of the daisy-chain routing for the 196PBGA package. This figure provides the layout as viewed through the top of the package. Note that the daisy-chain routing traces may not be visible on the actual packages, as they may be obscured by solder-mask material. This schematic may be used to design matching test boards to complement the package routing.

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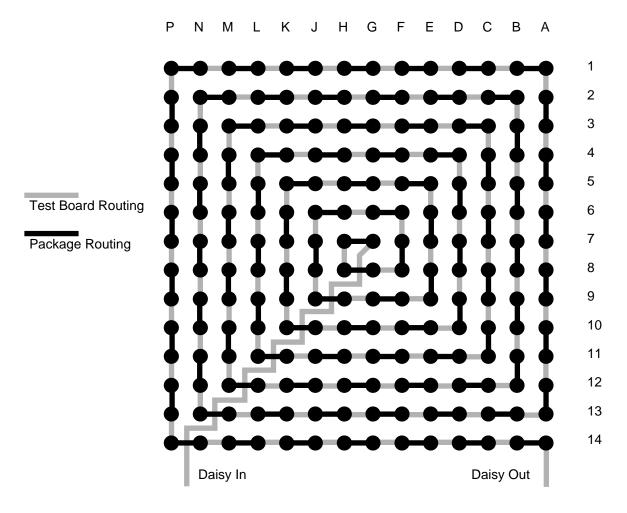
- 1. Package solder pad is 0.508 mm in diameter, and is solder mask defined.
- 2. Solder ball is 0.508 mm in diameter.
- 3. Viewed through top of package

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Figure 3-1 Motorola 1.0 mm-Pitch 196 Pin PBGA Daisy-Chain Package

# 4 MOTHERBOARD ROUTING

A daisy chain is formed by connecting solder pads on the motherboard to complement those on the package, resulting in a continuous net or nets containing most or all of the PBGA solder joints. One net can be configured to encompass all the joints on the package, or one package can be broken into several nets. An example of connecting the package into one net in accelerated thermal cycling in shown in **Figure 4-1**.



Note:

- 1. Package solder pad is 0.508 mm in diameter and is solder mask defined.
- 2. Solder ball is 0.508 mm in diameter.
- Note correct alignment of PBGA package. Continuous circuit will not be achieved if package is rotated. Viewed through top of package.

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Figure 4-1 PBGA Daisy-Chain Package on Daisy-Chain Circuit Board

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