APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TOOL MARK FREE STITCH BONDING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/130,376 filed December 23, 2020, entitled APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR TOOL MARK FREE STITCH BONDING, the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein in its respective entirety.

BACKGROUND

Field

[0002] The present disclosure relates to wire bonding on semiconductor devices.

Description of the Related Art

[0003] Wire bonding is an electrical interconnection technique that uses thin wire and a combination of heat, pressure and/or ultrasonic energy. Wire bonding is a solid phase welding process, where two metallic materials (e.g., wire and pad surface, or wire and PCB lead surface) are brought into intimate contact. Once the materials are in intimate contact, electron sharing or inter diffusion of atoms takes place, resulting in the formation of a wire bond.

SUMMARY

[0004] In an aspect, the present disclosure relates to a method for wire bonding. The method includes feeding a wire through a capillary tip and attaching a first end of the wire to a first location, thereby forming a ball bond. The method further includes moving the capillary tip towards a second location while the wire feeds out of the capillary tip. The method further includes attaching a second end of the wire to the second location while preventing contact between the capillary tip and the second location, thereby forming a stitch bond without a tool mark at the second location.

[0005] In some examples, the method can further include, after forming the stitch bond, contacting the second end of the wire with the capillary tip.

[0006] In some examples, the method can further include, before forming the stitch bond, determining effective bonding parameters, with the bonding parameters

including one or more of: impact force, bonding force, ultrasonic energy levels, pressure, and temperature.

[0007] In some examples, the first location can be a bond pad on a semiconductor die, and the second location can be a lead finger on a printed circuit board. The lead finger on the printed circuit board can be a thin-plated lead finger. The thin-plated lead finger can be formed of nickel, gold, and palladium.

[0008] In accordance with another aspect, the present disclosure relates to a wire bonding system that includes a handling apparatus configured to position a semiconductor die on a circuit board. The wire bonding system further includes a wire bonding apparatus configured to feed a wire through a capillary tip and attach a first end of the wire to a first location thereby forming a ball bond. The wire bonding apparatus is further configured to move the capillary tip towards a second location while the wire feeds out of the capillary tip. The wire bonding apparatus is further configured to attach a second end of the wire to the second location while preventing contact between the capillary tip and the second location, thereby forming a stitch bond without a tool mark at the second location.

[0009] In some examples, the wire bonding apparatus can be further configured to contact the second end of the wire with the capillary tip after forming the stitch bond.

[0010] In some examples, the wire bonding apparatus can be further configured to determine effective bonding parameters, with the bonding parameters including one or more of: impact force, bonding force, ultrasonic energy levels, pressure, and temperature, before forming the stitch bond.

[0011] In some examples, the first location can be a bond pad on a semiconductor die, and the second location can be a lead finger on a printed circuit board. The lead finger on the printed circuit board can be a thin-plated lead finger. The thin-plated lead finger can be formed of nickel, gold, and palladium.

[0012] In another aspect, the present disclosure relates to a method for wire bonding. The method includes using a capillary tool to form a ball bond on a surface of a first location and a stitch bond on a surface of a second location by feeding a wire out of a distal end of the capillary tool. The method further includes preventing contact between the distal end of the capillary tool and the surface of the second location during formation of the stitch bond.

[0013] In some examples, the method can further include strengthening the stitch bond by contacting the stitch bond with the distal end of the capillary tool.

[0014] In some examples, using the capillary tool to form the ball bond can include exposing a first end of the wire out of the distal end of the capillary tool, and attaching the first end of the wire to the surface of the first location. The first location can be a bond pad on a semiconductor die.

[0015] In some examples, using the capillary tool to form the stitch bond can include moving the distal end of the capillary tool towards the second location while the wire feeds out of the distal end of the capillary tool, and attaching a second end of the wire to the second location while preventing a tool mark at the second location by preventing contact between the distal end of the capillary tool and the second location. The second location can be a lead finger of a printed circuit board.

[0016] According to another aspect, the present disclosure relates to a wire bonding system that includes a handling apparatus configured to position a semiconductor die on a circuit board. The wire bonding system further includes a wire bonding apparatus that includes a capillary tool configured to form a ball bond on a surface of a first location and a stitch bond on a surface of a second location by feeding a wire out of a distal end of the capillary tool. The wire bonding apparatus is configured prevent contact between the distal end of the capillary tool and the surface of the second location during formation of the stitch bond.

[0017] In some examples, the wire bonding apparatus can be further configured to strengthen the stitch bond by contacting the stitch bond with the distal end of the capillary tool.

[0018] In some examples, the wire bonding apparatus can be configured to form the ball bond by exposing a first end of the wire out of the distal end of the capillary tool, and to attach the first end of the wire to the surface of the first location. The first location can be a bond pad on the semiconductor die.

[0019] In some examples, the wire bonding apparatus can be configured to form the stitch bond by moving the distal end of the capillary tool towards the second location while the wire feeds out of the distal end of the capillary tool, and to attach a second end of the wire to the second location while preventing a tool mark at the second location by preventing contact between the distal end of the capillary tool and the second location. The second location can be a lead finger of the printed circuit board.

[0020] For purposes of summarizing the disclosure, certain aspects, advantages and novel features of the inventions have been described herein. It is to be understood that not necessarily all such advantages may be achieved in accordance with any