

Re: Parts Storage

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On Wed, 25 Jan 2006 07:00:29 GMT, Robert Baer
<robertbaer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>John Larkin wrote:

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>> On Tue, 24 Jan 2006 03:16:00 GMT, Carl Smith

>> <cdsmith69NOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>>>So I've been looking for an efficient way to store lots of
>>>electronic components in my home lab...

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>>>My sister is into crafting and happened to have a magazine on
>>>beading around (making jewelry and other things from beads) and
>>>I happened to see an ad for storage boxes that contain lots of
>>>little storage boxes. It is meant for beads, but I thought that
>>>they would be good for storage of small parts. The problem is
>>>that, I assume, they are not ESD safe. So it would only be for
>>>things like resistors, caps, etc.

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>>>And they are very inexpensive compared to other similar storage
>>>boxes I've seen.

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>>><http://whimbeads.com/cart.asp?pg=products&grp=571>

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>>>Anyone know of similar storage boxes that are ESD safe?

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>> Coin envelopes.

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>> John

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> Standard coin envelopes are **not** specified as being anti-static.

I knew that! If the parts are especially static sensitive – and most aren't – stuff the plastic antistatic bag that they came in, into the coin envelope.

> And envelopes are rather inconvenient for storage of a fair number of

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>parts, and leave labelling and sorting a bit messy for easy readability
>and access.

Labeling? Just write on them with a nice bold Sharpie. I also cut out the Digikey label or whatever and stuff it inside or tape it to the back if it's interesting. And I make notes on the envelope, like the name of the rep that sampled it to me, or measured junction capacitance, anything interesting. A hundred will stack nicely, upright, in a standard cardboard stockroom bin. For surfmount parts, storage density must be 20x that of plastic drawers, and much cheaper and easier to use.

John

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- ◇ *From:* Michael A. Terrell

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