



Beneficial use of 3D high performance plastic parts in automotive

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“create infinite possibilities to customize our future”

- World leading high-tech company providing high performance 3D printing polymers, additive manufacturing solutions and software
- Established in 2013
- Headquartered in Shanghai, China
- Worldwide sales and support operations with EMEA office based in Stuttgart Germany
- INTAMSYS solutions are targeted to aerospace, automotive, electronics, medical, R&D, other high-tech industries



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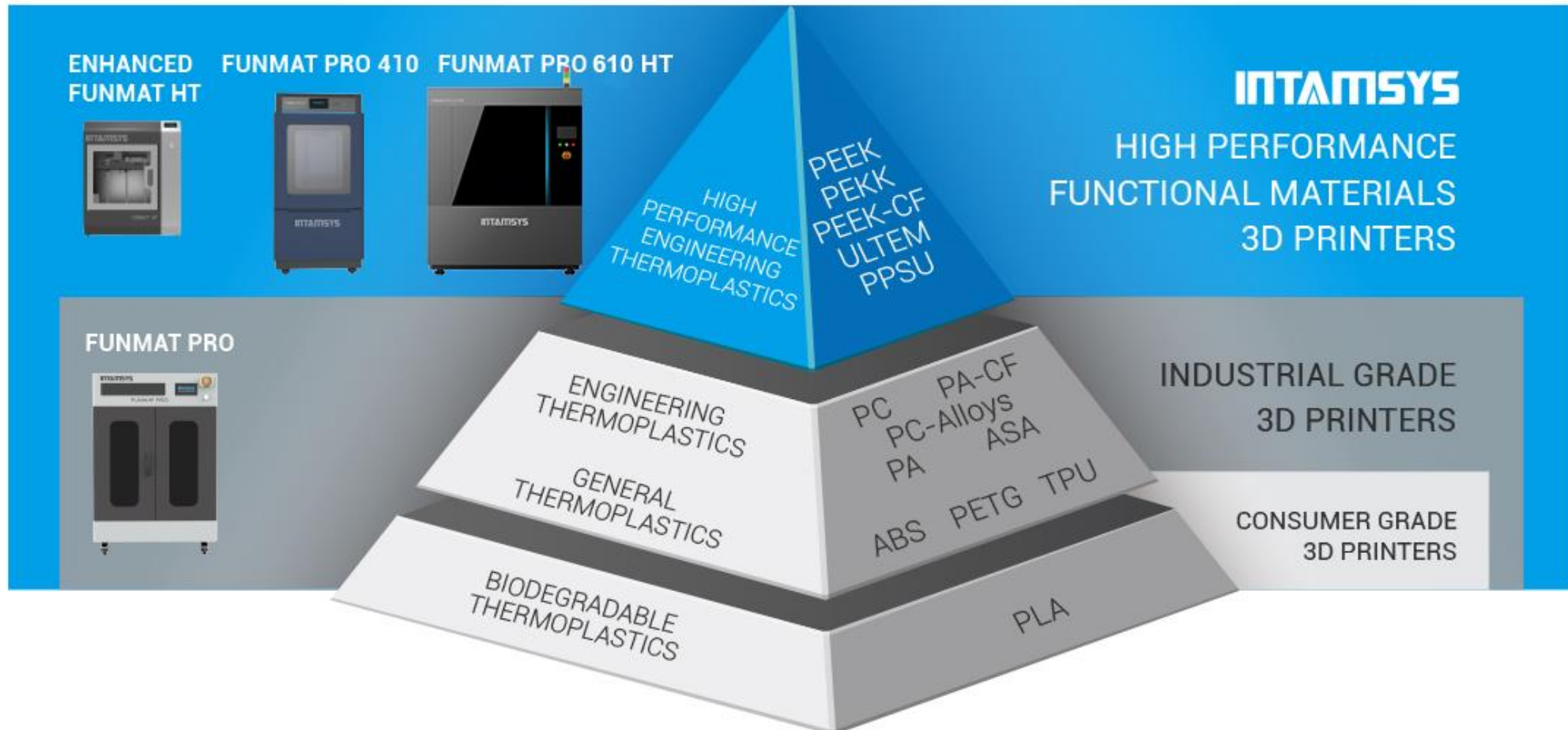
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Automotive applications

Automotive – growing opportunity for 3D printed parts

26.2% CAGR of Global 3D printing in the Automotive market from 2017-2023 (Reuters)



Automotive– key application areas

	Application area	Motorsport	Passenger Vehicles	Specialty Vehicles*
1.	Manufacturing optimization ➤ Jigs & fixtures ➤ tooling	✓	✓	✓
2.	Functional prototyping/ conceptualization	✓	✓	✓
3.	Vehicle performance optimization ➤ Light weighting ➤ 3D design	✓		✓
4.	Spare parts ➤ Maintenance and repair ➤ Spare parts digital manufacturing	✓		✓
5.	Initial or small part series production	✓		✓

*Including, military, special purpose and luxury and limited-edition vehicles

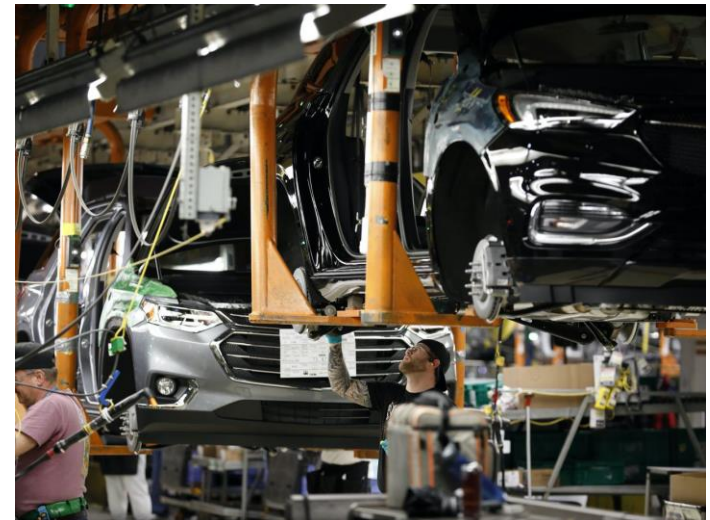
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jigs and fixtures

A closer look at key application area: Jigs & Fixtures

- What are Jigs & Fixtures?
 - Production tools used to accurately produce series manufactured parts with consistent quality
- Why use them?
 - Ensures uniform part quality
 - Simplifies the production process
 - Provides faster transition in production from one stage to the next (improved production throughput)
 - Reduces rework (less errors) which reduces cost and speeds up production time
 - Increases worker safety and ergonomics



Understanding Jigs & Fixtures

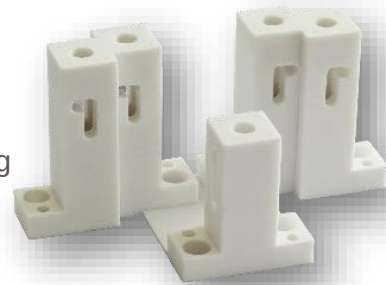
Why 3D Print Jigs & Fixtures?

- Fewer geometrical restrictions
 - No design constraints – designing for manufacturability a thing of the past
- Strong & lightweight
 - **Replacing metal parts with high strength plastic** will lead to much lighter weight parts
- Faster lead time
 - Traditional manufacturing aids often take weeks/months to acquire, utilizing AM brings lead times down to hours/days
- Lower cost
 - Traditional manufacturing of fixtures has high costs due to set up time, material costs and machine/labor time involved. AM can provide cost savings up to 90%
- Health and safety
 - AM allows you to build jigs & fixtures with the end use in mind, allowing for lightweight parts that are ergonomically friendly for the end user



Jigs & Fixtures: Where do you find them on the manufacturing floor?

Quality Control - Tooling to aid in the inspection and QC process, specialty holding devices or measurement aids

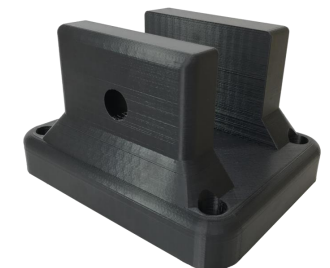


Organization and Transportation - Tooling designed for movement of parts within a facility or during shipment

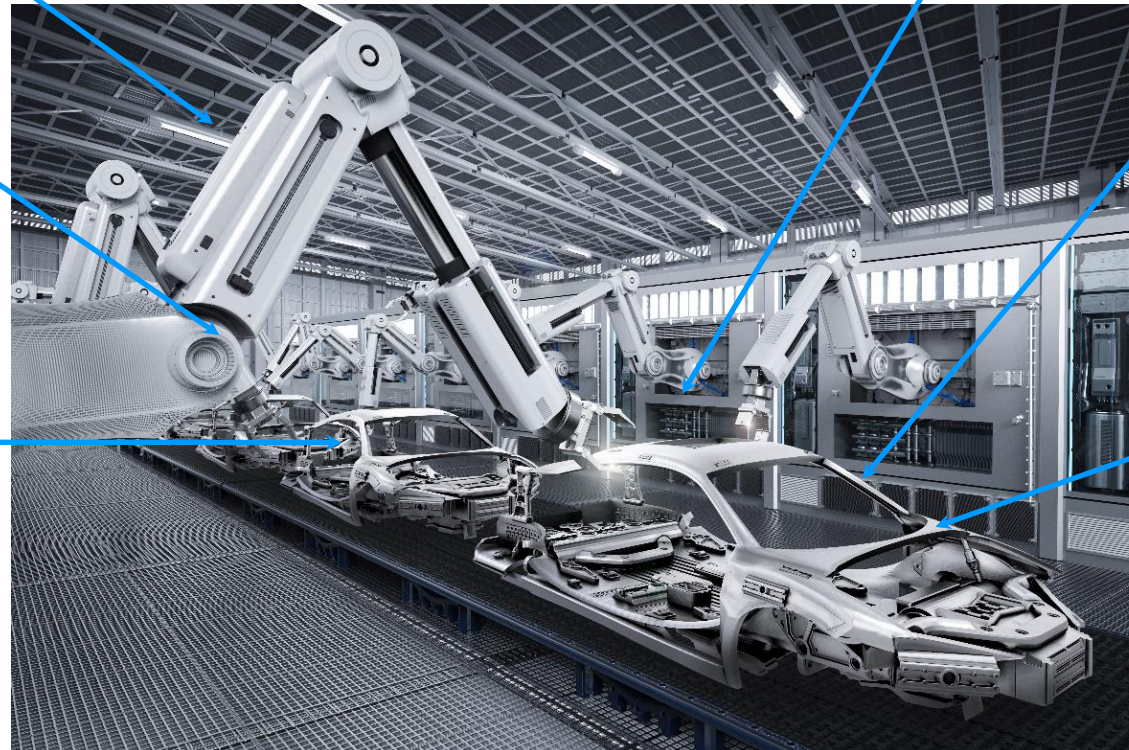
Health & Safety - Specialty tooling designed to aid worker safety and address ergonomic issues in the production environment



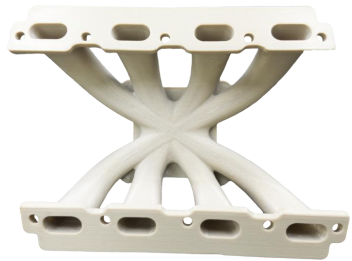
Production - Parts and tools for the equipment used in the fabrication process



General Manufacturing Floor



R&D - Tooling used in the early phases of product development and manufacturing



Assembly - Tooling for the assembly process, aiding workers to align and hold parts during assembly



Examples of AM Fixtures/Tooling



- Assembly fixtures
- Work-holding fixtures
- Welding fixture
- CMM fixture
- Inspection fixture
- Alignment fixture
- Routing fixture
- Drill guide
- Marking templates
- Masking tools
- Soft jaws
- End effectors
- End of arm tooling
- Laser marking fixtures
- Trim guide
- Glue fixture
- Stamp fixture
- Thermoform molds
- Clamping fixture
- Part nesting tray
- Hydroforming tool
- Rubber pad press tool
- Injection mold
- Silicone mold
- Investment casting pattern
- Sand casting pattern
- Placement fixture
- Locating fixture
- Transportation tray
- 5S Organizational aids
- Surrogate parts
- Sacrificial tooling
- Blow mold
- Cast urethane mold
- Check fixture
- Vacuum forming mold
- Composite layup tool
- Go/no go gauges
- Weldment fixture
- RTV mold

Testing Fixture - sample

Quality Control Gauge

Material: PC

Benefits:

1. 76% reduction in cost per part in comparison with traditional CNC production
2. Faster and high-level customization
3. Faster Production Turnaround Time



Jigs & Fixtures - When to consider high Performance 3D Printed parts



Consider 3D printer parts when

- Tool is small to moderately sized – 13mm --500mm
- Small production quantities are 1 – 100+ pieces
- Materials are compatible: confirm material is suitable for:
 - Mechanical and electrical properties (replace metal?)
 - Chemical and thermal resistance
- Easy to implement and deploy
- Replacement or revision rate is frequent (due to wear out or frequent changes)
- New operations or processes are being implemented



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Various applications in automotive

More tools....



End of Arm Tooling



Thermoforming
Hydroforming



Sand Casting

Drive Gear

Material: PEEK

Benefits

1. **Reduce 68% weight** comparing to metal
2. Generally lower part production cost
3. Fatigue resistant and self-lubricating
4. Noise reduction
5. Fast prototyping
6. Easier process

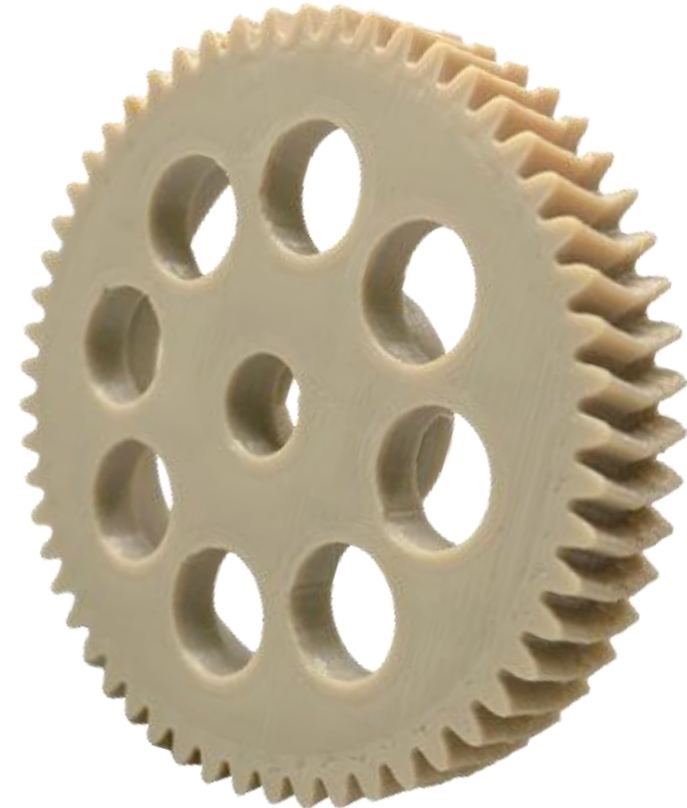


Oil Pump Gear

Material: PEEK

Benefits

1. Chemical inertness, resistance to corrosive gas and liquid
2. Excellent flame retardancy
3. Fatigue resistance and self-lubricating
4. Rust-proof, plastics will never get rusted
5. Abrasive resistance



....and many other automotive parts samples....

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ULTEM 9085 Spare Part



ULTEM 1010 Spare Part for Functional Prototype



ULTEM 1010 Spare Part



PA-CF Spare Part for Functional Prototype



PEEK Manifold for Functional Test

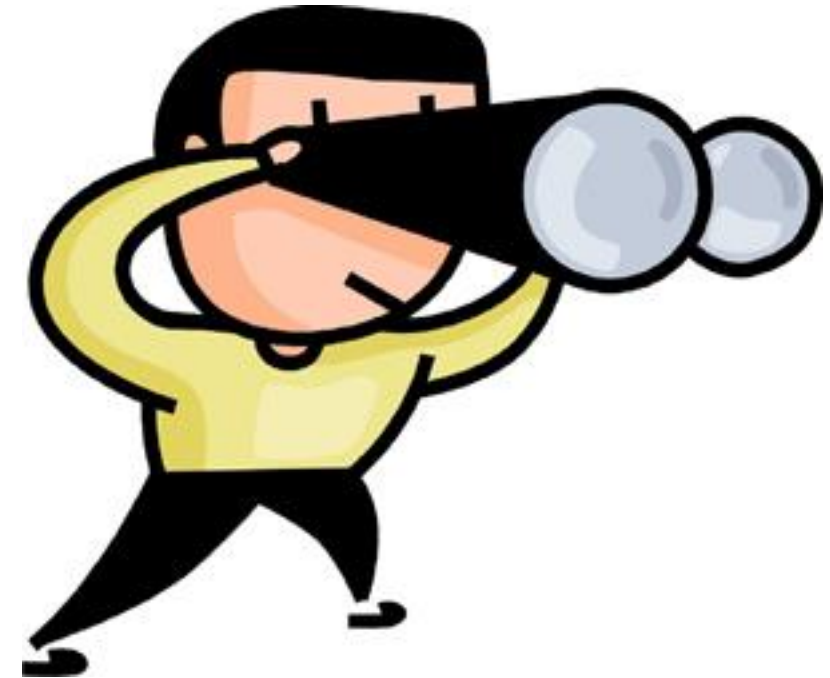


PA-CF for Spare Part for Functional Prototype



Finding the Right Applications at your manufacturing site

- Look for tooling on the factory floor, check how it's made and if it could be improved
- Watch out for low volume, high value, and possibly complex parts
- Check out how your factory automation (robots) their EOAT/end effectors are produced – also see if they've run into issues with their current method – time/cost/performance
- Look for opportunities to replace metal with PEEK, ULTEM, PEKK, PA-CF, PA- GF, to gain benefits of weight and cost reduction and faster lead time
- Find painful applications that you have struggled with in the past



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