TWO MAKE LTD: 3D PRINTING SERVICE DATA SHEET

Comparison of the Two Main 3D Printing Processes We Offer (Summary Table)

| 3D Print Process | Selective Laser Sintering SLS | Fused Deposition Modelling FDM |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Material | Nylon/PA-12 | ABS+ |
| Raw Colour Colouring Options | White or Grey In-house dyeing and painting offered | White/Off-white In-house painting offered |
| Printed Layer Height | 0.10 mm | 0.15 mm |
| Print Quality / Definition | Excellent | Very Good |
| Print Strength in Raw State | Very High | Strong in XY axis. Weaker in Z axis. |
| Suitable Applications | Models, prototypes and structural components. | Models, prototypes and thicker parts. |
| Printing Cost | ££ | £ |

LEAD TIMES (dependant on model size)

FDM – 2-3 working days SLS – 5-7 working days

Rush & Weekend Service Available On Request at Additional Cost

Surface Finishing Options (smoothing/polishing/colouring)

- Automated Polishing (Vibro Tumbling)
- Sand/Bead Blasting
- Hand Finishing
- Dyeing
- Various Paint Finishes
- Other bespoke and experimental options. Contact us to discuss your requirements.

SELECTIVE LASER SINTERING (SLS)

Material

Nylon 12 (PA 12) Colour – GREY

3D Print Powder Specification

Granulation of 20-100 microns 25% Virgin Powder Used Per Build

Print Layer Thickness

Standard – 0.100 mm (100 microns)
Custom – 0.075 mm (75 microns) available on request at additional cost

3D Digital Model Requirements for SLS

Minimum wall thickness - 0.8 mmRecommended Minimum Wire Thickness - 1.0-1.2 mm (depending on geometry) Maximum Build Volume (bounding box) - $105 \times 160 \times 145 \text{ mm}$

Advice for Joining Prints Together

Use a high quality Cyanoacrylate (Super Glue) and/or fixtures like screws. Larger parts are better printed using the FDM process and solvent welded together.

Tolerances

 \pm 0.20 mm *THEN* \pm 0.20% of longest axis

Note

We can help you achieve these requirements with consultancy or our in house CAD service. *Contact us for more information.*

FUSED DEPOSITION MODELLING (FDM)

Material

Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) Colour – NATURAL (off-white)

Print Layer Thickness

0.150mm (150 microns)

3D Digital Model Requirements for FDM

Minimum Wall Thickness – 1.2 mm Recommended Minimum Wire Thickness – 1.5-2.0 mm (depending on geometry) Maximum Build Volume (bounding box)

- Standard 130 x 130 x 130 mm
- Large, Flat Parts (prone to warping) 100 x 100 x 120mm

Advice for Joining Prints Together

An excellent joint between prints can be formed with a solvent like acetone. Contact us for advice.

Tolerances

 $\pm 0.50 \, \text{mm}$

Maximum Deviation 1-2% for parts with a large surface area on the X-Y Plane (prone to warping)

Note

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Comparison of 3D Printed Material Properties Approx. Values - For Guidance Only

| | SLS PA12 | MJF PA12 | FDM ABS+ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Tensile Strength Tensile Modulus | XY: 48 MPa Z: 42 MPa XY: 1650 MPa Z: 1650 MPa | XY: 48 MPa Z: 48 MPa XY: 1700 MPa Z: 1800 MPa | 40 MPa 2443 MPa |
| Elongation at break | XY: 18% Z: 4% | XY: 20% Z: 15% | XY: 30% Z: Less - varies depending on part orientation / geometry |
| Dimensional accuracy | ± 0.3% (lower limit of ± 0.3 mm) | ± 0.3% (with lower limit on ± 0.2 mm) | ± 0.5 mm |
| Density | 0.95 g/cm3 | 0.95 g/cm3 | 1.05 g/cm3 |

Comparison with injection moulded part

| | ABS |
|----------------------|------------|
| Tensile Strength | 40 Mpa |
| Tensile Modulus | 2300 Mpa |
| Elongation at break | 30.0% |
| | |
| Dimensional accuracy | - |
| Density | 1.05 g/cm3 |