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Specialities in the prototype castings production: optical measurement and patternless mold manufacturing (sand casting)

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Company overview (short)

Production processes (short):

- Patternless mold manufacturing
- Geometric-optical measurement

Examples (optional)

About me

Born:	09.09.1970 (48 years) in Freiberg (Saxony)
Residence:	Marienberg (Saxony)
Family:	Married, 2 children (m 10 years, f 16 years)
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Company | Overview

Foundation: 1995

- Personnel: approx. 375
- Production area: 8,500 m² (92,000 sq ft)
- Capacity: approx. 10,000 prototypes per year
- Turnover 2017: 35 Mio. Euro

QM and EM certifications according to:

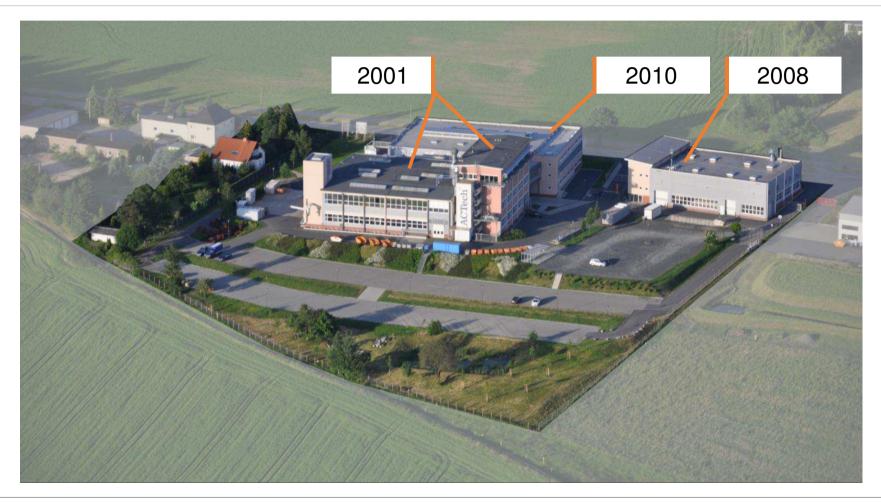
ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 (valid until 17.12.2018)











Company | Plant

Sand casting foundry

- Management, administration
- Mold manufacturing
- Mold assembly
- Foundry shop
- Heat treatment
- Quality control

4,500 m² (48,000 sq ft) shop floor



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Company | Plant





CNC shop

• State of the art and extremely flexible

2,000 m² (21,500 sq ft) shop floor

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Investment casting foundry

- Pattern manufacturing with rapid prototyping
- Mold manufacturing plaster and ceramic

2,000 m² (21,500) sq ft shop floor



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Company | Locations





Company | Member of the Materialise company

Since October 2017 (from financial investor to strategic investor)

No changes in ACTech's business model!!!

Materialise with 27 years of experience in 3D metal/plastics printing and belonging software solutions

More information: see press releases on www.materialise.com and www.actech.de



Company | Member of the Materialise company

Cctober 04, 2017

Materialise Acquires ACTech, Full-Service Manufacturer of Complex Metal Parts

Acquisition will enhance Materialise's ability to offer complete manufacturing solutions for unique 3Dprinted metal parts.

Leuven, Belgium – October 4, 2017. Materialise (NASDAQ:MTLS), has today announced the acquisition of ACTech, a Germany-based leader in producing limited runs of highly complex cast metal parts. The transaction brings together the metal competencies of Materialise, a leading provider of additive manufacturing solutions and software, with those of ACTech into a comprehensive metal manufacturing offering.

ACTech has over 20 years of deep knowledge and experience in the production, treatment and quality control of complex metal parts. The acquisition of ACTech's expertise and in-house infrastructure will enable Materialise to accelerate the development of its existing metal competence center and take a strong position in the market for the production and delivery of unique, complex 3D-printed metal parts.

"ACTech knows metal and how to shape it to production standard, and we know Metal 3D Printing. Bringing those two competencies together is vital to the delivery of high added-value metal 3D-printed parts for specialized applications."

—Wilfried Vancraen, founder and CEO of Materialise

Source:

www.materialise.com

Press release from October 4th, 2017



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Actual challenge:

Find out synergy effects in both business modelsMaterialise:Metal printing in BremenACTech:Metal casting in Freiberg



Scope of Business

Manufacturing of prototype castings

- Extremely fast lead time
- Complex parts
- Low quantities
- Close-to-production characteristics
- CNC machining of parts ready to be installed



Your advantage

Shortest lead time

- Time optimized planning
- State of the art production technologies

Dependability

• Complete manufacturing processes under one roof

Quality standard

• Experience of approx. 25,000 projects

Planning security

• LIVE project status available online 24/7



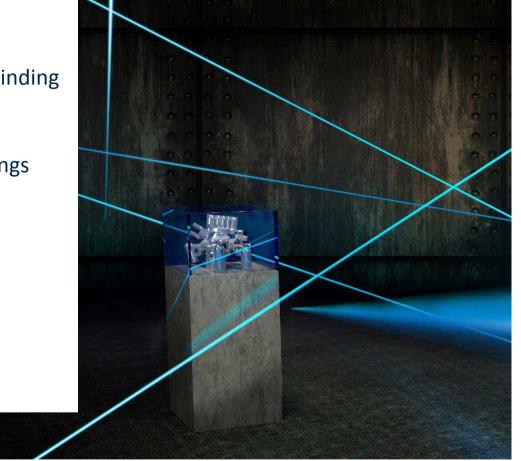
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No risk strategy

- Response to enquiries within 24 hours including a binding quote and the shortest possible delivery time
- In-house project management, mold design, mold production, foundry, CNC machining and testings
- Data security audited by our customers
- Certified in-house quality assurance and inspection
- Punctual delivery of ready-to-install prototypes





Facts and Figures

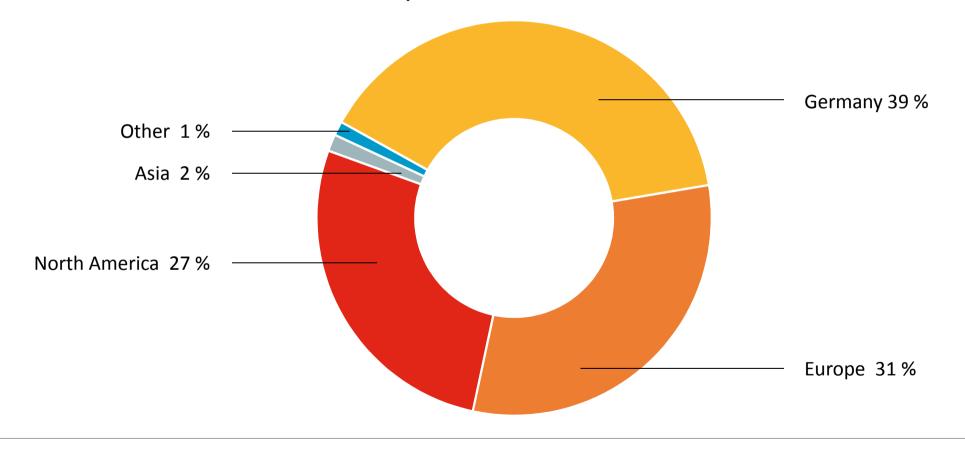


More than 25,000 different casting designs. More than 190,000 castings total. More than 1,200 customers in 36 countries. Annual capacity: more than 10,000 prototype castings.



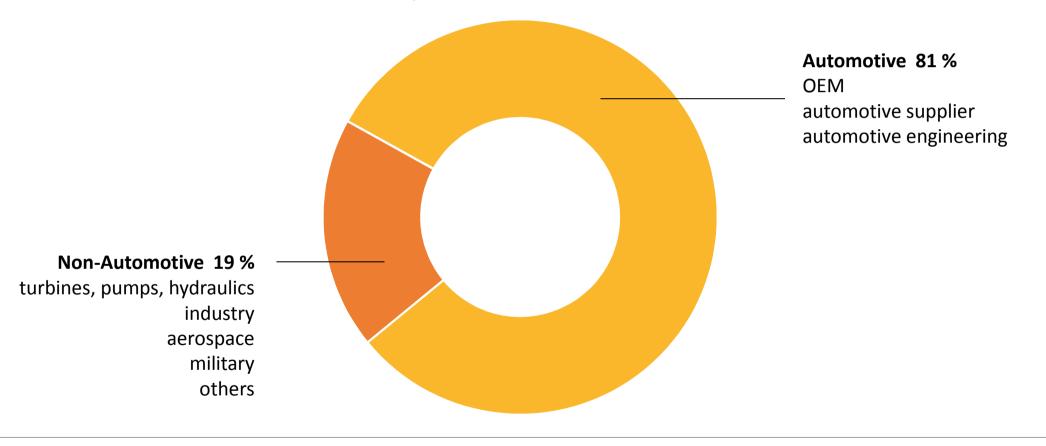


Structure of sales volume | location of our customers



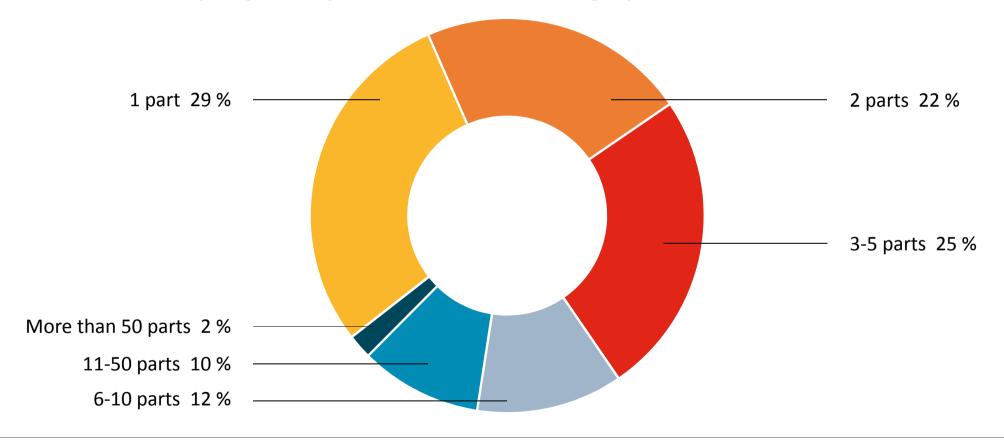


Structure of sales volume | business area of our customers



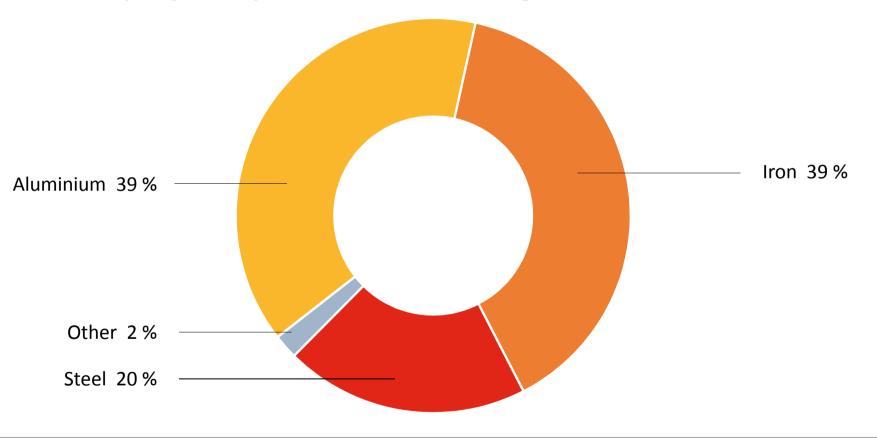


Structure of projects | number of castings per order





Structure of projects | material of castings







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High speed workflow

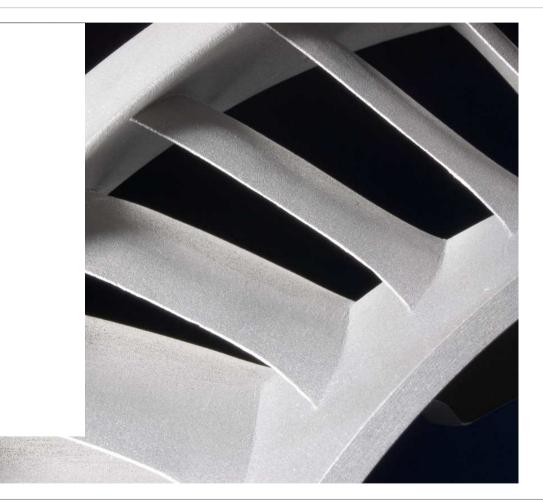




To choose the right casting technology we need the following information:

- Quantity of parts
- Material specifications
- Necessary tests
- CNC machining requirements
- Desired delivery schedule

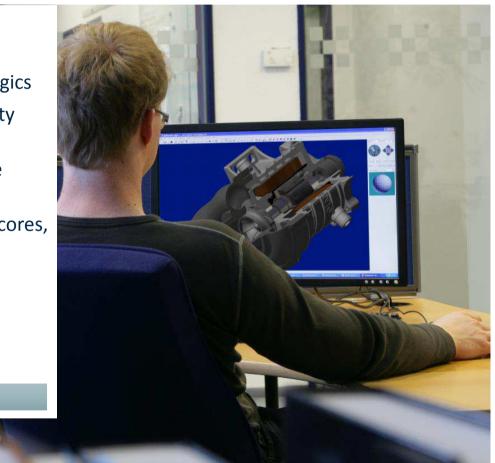






Mold design | Simulation

- CATIA, ProE, Siemens NX, GeoMagic, 3Devolution, Creo, Magics
- Mold design depending on customers requirements, quantity and used rapid prototyping technologies
- Raw part design, adding machining allowance, design of the prepared feeding and gating system
- Define the split lines for mold segmentation and necessary cores, cores fitted with core prints for mold assembly
- Mold segments and cores are fitted with interlocks
- Mold filling and solidification simulation (PROCast)
- Prediction of possible casting defects
- Optimization of casting technology





Mold manufacturing

SAND CASTING

- Laser sintering
- Direct Mold Milling[®]
- 3D furan-resin printing
- 3D phenolic-resin printing

INVESTMENT CASTING

- Ceramic Shell Process
- Plaster Mold Process







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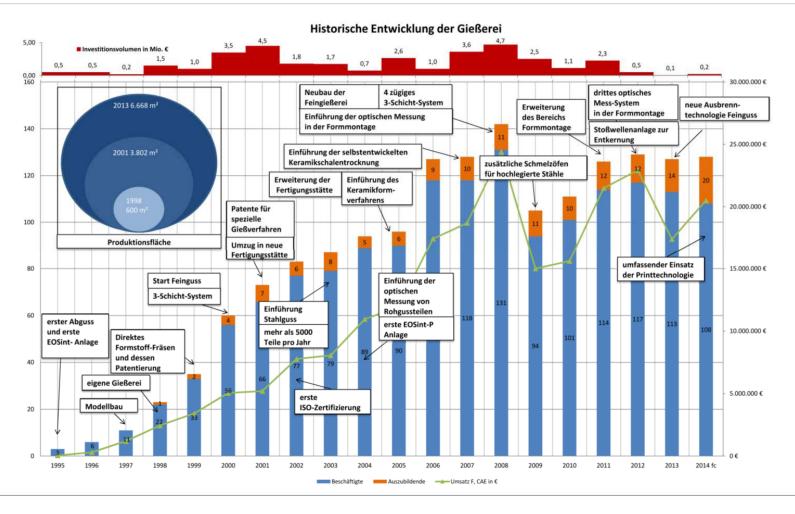
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RP in use

1995 Start of laser sintering -1st machine

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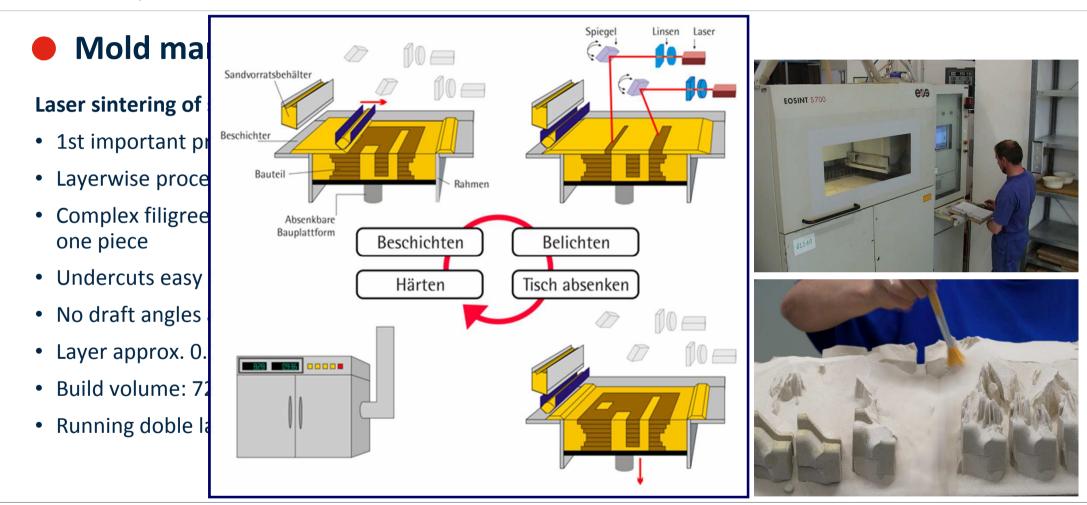
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Laser sintering of sand cores and molds [1 of 2]

- 1st important process for tool-free casting production
- Layerwise process of cores and mold segments
- Complex filigree core packages with least tolerances in one piece
- Undercuts easy to produce
- No draft angles and fillets are necessary
- Layer approx. 0.2 mm
- Build volume: 720 x 360 x 360 mm
- Running doble laser systems





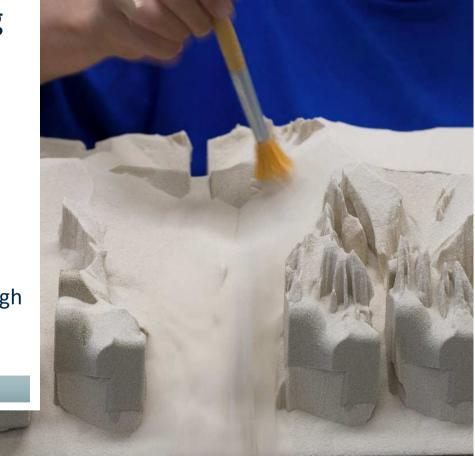


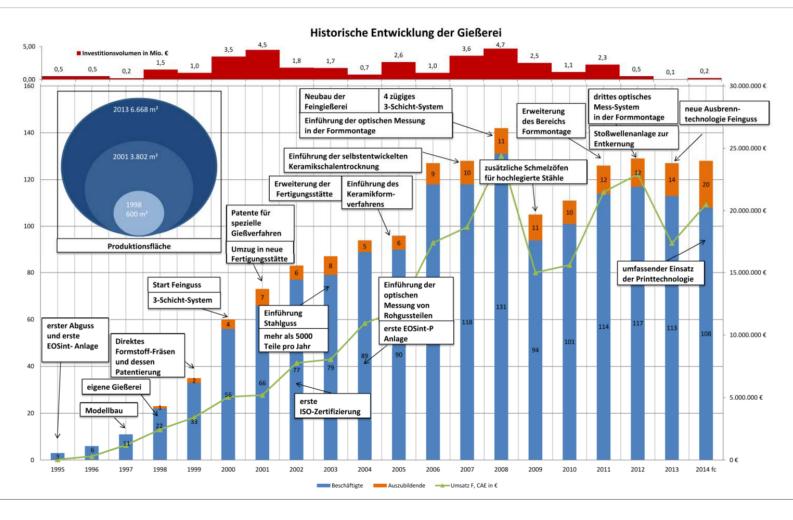


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Laser sintering of sand cores and molds [2 of 2]

- All standard sand casting alloys can be poured
- Core-in-core solutions are possible
- Low productivity because of point-based laser power
- Manual finish and post-processing necessary
- High binder content (approx. 5.5 %)
- 20 % of final strength during laser sintering process high strength jump after post-hardening process (special knowhow in support technology and post-processing)
- High strengths with more than 1,000 N/cm²







RP in use

1995 Start of laser sintering -1st machine

1999

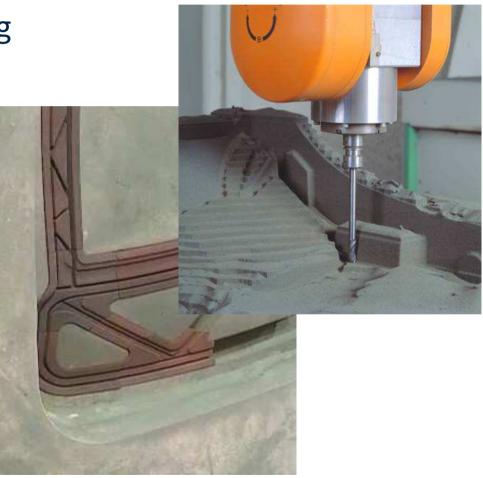
Start of Direct Mold Milling[®] - 1st machine

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DIRECT MOLD MILLING[®] [1 of 2]

- Mold segments up to 2,400 x 1,400 x 800 mm
- Larger molds are possible by segementation
- No draft angles and fillets are necessary
- All standard sand casting alloys can be poured
- Production of undercuts is limited but no problem in combination with cores and mold segments produced with other RP technologies
- Processibility of all usual molding material systems
- Very large molds are available within a few hours



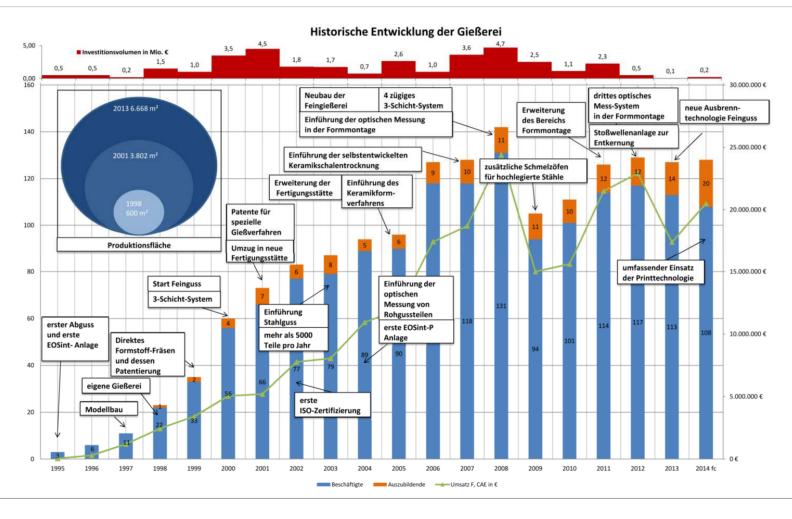


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DIRECT MOLD MILLING[®] [2 of 2]

- Highest variance in the molding material systems
- No directionality (anisotropy) of the characteristics in the molding material
- No expensive finish of adherent sand deposits
- Surface quality primary depends on grain size of the mold base material this will not be cut but teared out of bond
- Simple application of usual foundry handling systems (molding boxes, reinforcements etc.)







RP in use

1995 Start of laser sintering -1st machine

1999

Start of Direct Mold Milling[®] - 1st machine

2016

Start of 3D sand printing -1st machine

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3D PRINTING

- Highest flexibility similar to the laser sintering process but much larger build volumes
- Layer approx. 0.25 to 0.30 mm usually
- Higher productivity because of line-based printheads and wider printheads (ready for small series)
- 80 % of final strength during printing process simple post-processing
- For fragile cores and mold segments furan-resin based system is not sufficient phenolic-resin process necessary
- Available molding material systems for printing increase (furan-resin based, phenolic-resin based, inorganics in combination with different mold base materials)





Source: ExOne



Source: Voxeljet

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3D FURAN-RESIN PRINTING

- Build volume: 1,800 x 1,000 x 700 mm
- 2-job-box-system for continuous manufacturing process
- Undercuts easy to produce
- Application: complex mold segments and voluminous cores for aluminum, iron and steel castings
- Use of inexpensive quartz sand as mold base material





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3D PHENOLIC-RESIN PRINTING (CHP)

- New development by company ExOne in 2015 ACTech is first user
- In the past: post-processing with microwaves necessary today: no more post-processing (Cold Hardening Process)
- Build volume: 800 x 500 x 400 mm
- Undercuts easy to produce
- Application: complex cores with higher strenght, core-incore solutions for aluminum, iron and steel castings
- Today: material costs for synthetic mullite mold base material approx. 25 times higher than quartz sand

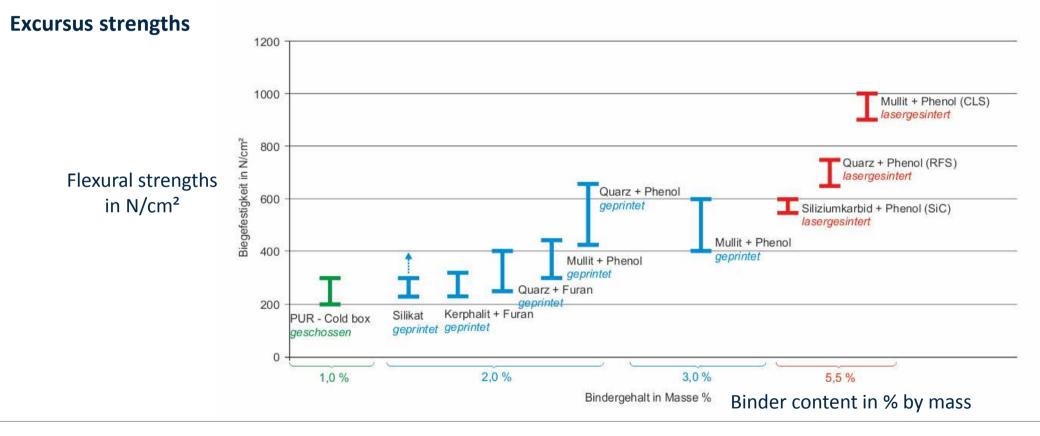




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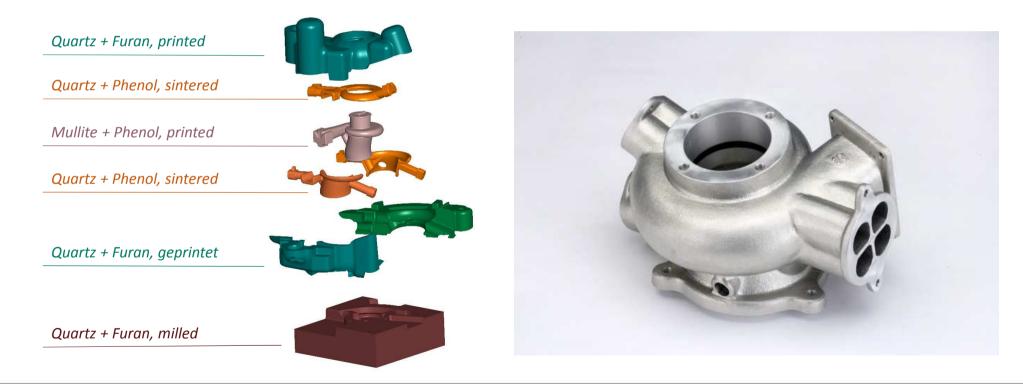
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Mold assembly for a water-cooled aluminum exhaust turbine housing – an example



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Quality assurance | Checking molding material

- Bindergehalte wird über Glühverlust charakterisiert
- Grünfestigkeit am Biegeriegel bzw.
 Scheibenbiegefestigkeit "gebauter" Prüfkörper unter Berücksichtigung der Baulage pro Baujob
- Granulometrische Kennwerte, Überkorn muss vermieden werden → Schichtfehler

ACHTUNG: neue Folie 09.01.2018 Muss noch übersetzt werden!!!







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Patternless mold manufacturing – Summary [1 of 3]

The selection of patternless core manufacturing technology is based on casting technology criteria and the quality requirements of the casting:

Geometry Dimensions, complexity Mass-volume ratio Core intensity
 Alloy Aluminum Steel, iron
 Casting properties Mechanical properties Wall thicknesses Lightweight designs



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Patternless mold manufacturing – Summary [2 of 3]

Within the rapid prototyping core manufacturing technologies the following factors can be influenced conditionally:

- Strength
- Gas permeability/volume/shock
- Surface

Molding material system Position inside building volume

Binder content Mold base material Gas discharge

Mold base material Position inside building volume Finishing/coating activities



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Patternless mold manufacturing – Summary [3 of 3]

- For the production of individual prototype castings is one additive-generative molding process not enough. Just the combination of the different RP processes allows the diversity
- For industrialization, various technical and organizational tools are necessary, which take into account the process specifics of additivegenerative manufacturing in order to achieve a stable, process-reliable production.
- Mono production allows the qualification of a single additive-generative process for mass production.







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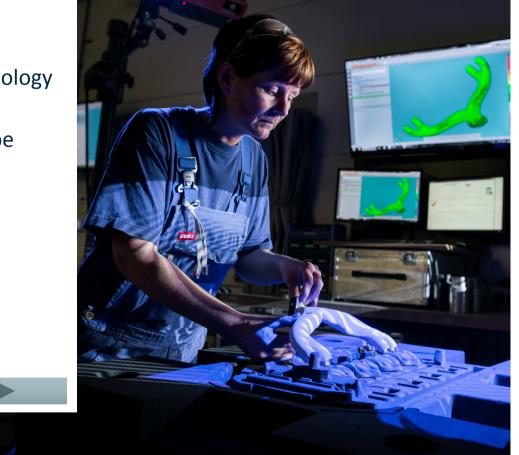
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Examples (optional)



Mold Assembly

- Exact mold assembly with modern measuring technology for lowest tolerances
- Mold segments from the various technologies can be combined
- Coating of mold segments and cores
- Completion with foundry-specific accessories (filter, chill iron, thermal feeder)







- Aluminum, grey iron, ductile iron, compacted graphite iron, alloyed and high alloyed steel, alloys following customers specification
- Directional solidification for better mechanical properties
- Vacuum supported pouring technology for thin wall thicknesses
- 850 kg melting capacity for aluminum
- 500 kg melting capacity for iron and steel alloys
- Core removal with shock wave technology







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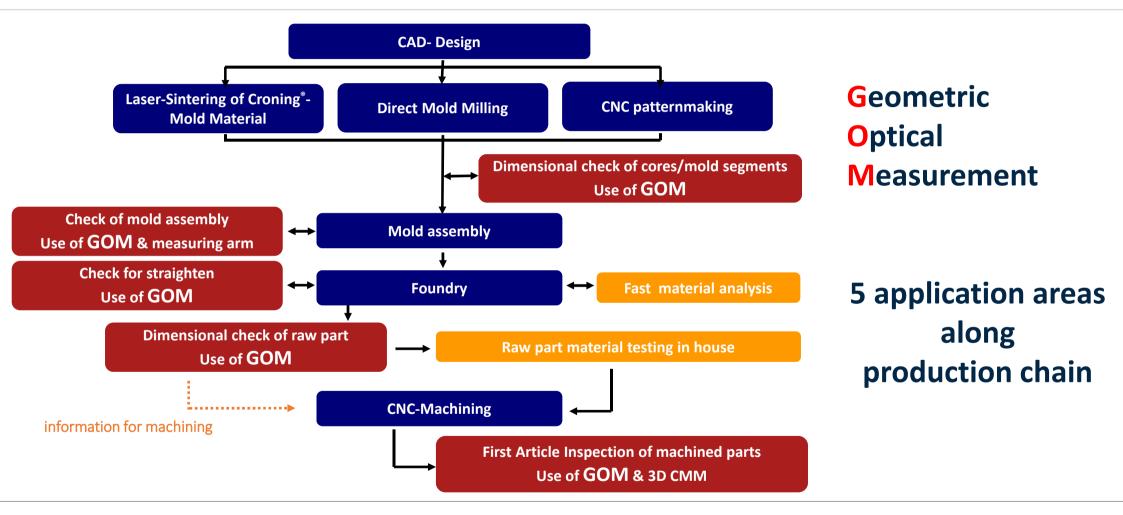
Raw part treatment and testing

- Geometric-optical measurement vs CAD data set
- Various heat treatment processes
- Tightness testing, crack detection, Fluoroscopy
- X-ray inspection (160 kV device, radioscopy)
- Visual inspection and endoscopy up to 2 mm diameter
- Ultrasonic thickness gauge
- Surface treatment requested by customer













Optical measurement systems used for:

Dimensional check of cores/mold segments Use of **GOM**

> Check of mold assembly Use of **GOM** & measuring arm

Check for straighten processes Use of **GOM**

Dimensional check of raw part Use of **GOM**

First Article Inspection of machined parts Use of **GOM** & 3D CMM Measuring of cores and mold segments as inspection in process

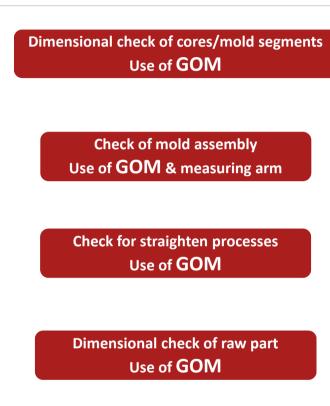
Measuring assemblies for double-checking the actual assembly with nominal CAD assembly as well as detection of assembly distortions

Measuring of the raw castings used as:

- Check of distortion and shrinkage allowance for internal quality inspection
- Raw casting inspection, including customer report
- Detection of optimal machining alignment

Inspection of the machined parts only in lower accuracy compared to tactile CMM





First Article Inspection of machined parts Use of GOM & 3D CMM

GOM in use

Hardware: 8 ATOS systems, 1 TRITOP system & 3 offline stations Software: ATOS Professional & GOM Inspect Professional

 ATOS Triple Scan Generation II (5 million pixels) measuring volumes 1,000 x 750 x 750 mm 560 x 420 x 420 mm

distance meassuring points 0.413 mm 0.226 mm



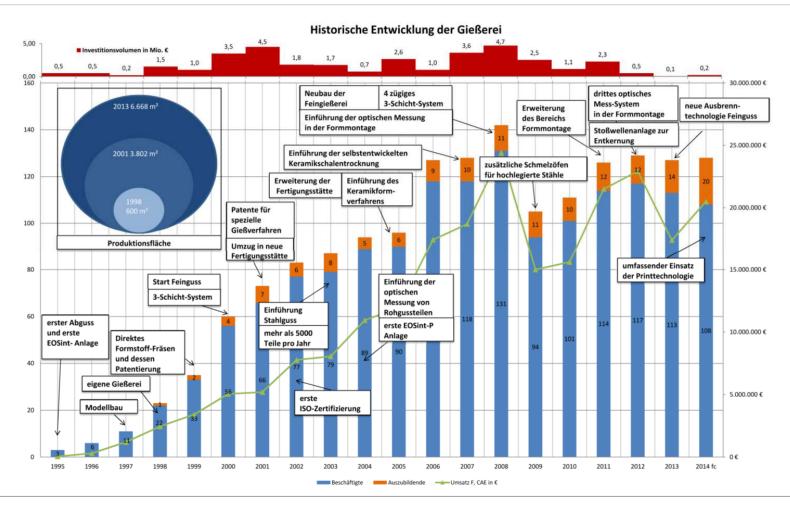
Source: www.gom.com

ATOS Triple Scan Generation III (8 million pixels)

measuring volumes 1,000 x 750 x 750 mm 750 x 530 x 520 mm 560 x 420 x 420 mm distance meassuring points 0.329 mm 0.213 mm 0.176 mm

- ATOS TRITOP for big parts > 1,500 mm
- **Offline stations** for evaluations of the scans







GOM in use

2004 Start of dimensional checks of raw parts

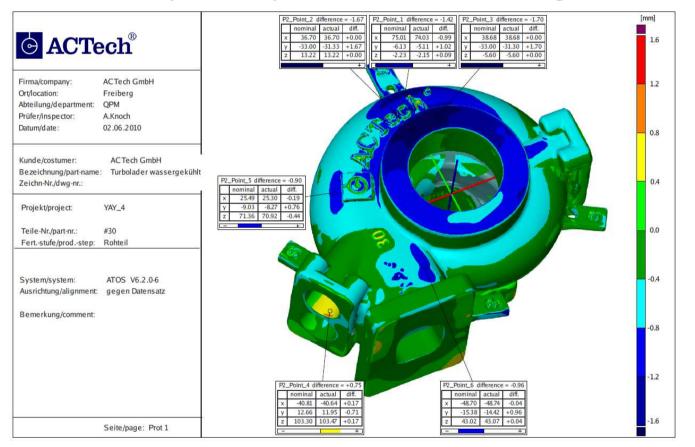
2012

3rd GOM system in the mold assembly installed

2017

now 9 optical systems running in 5 departments

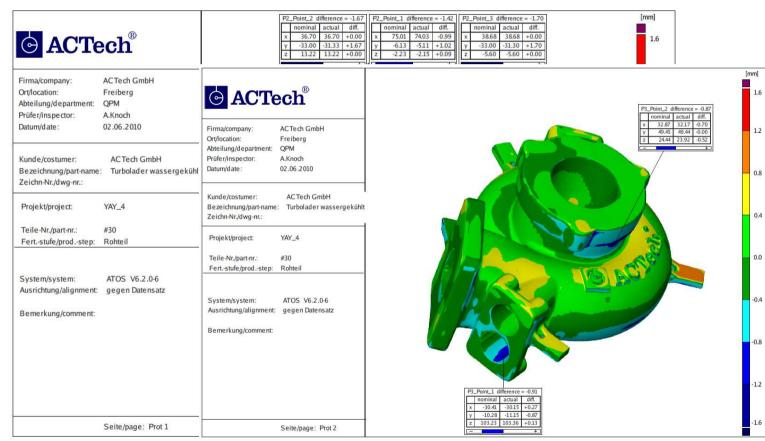
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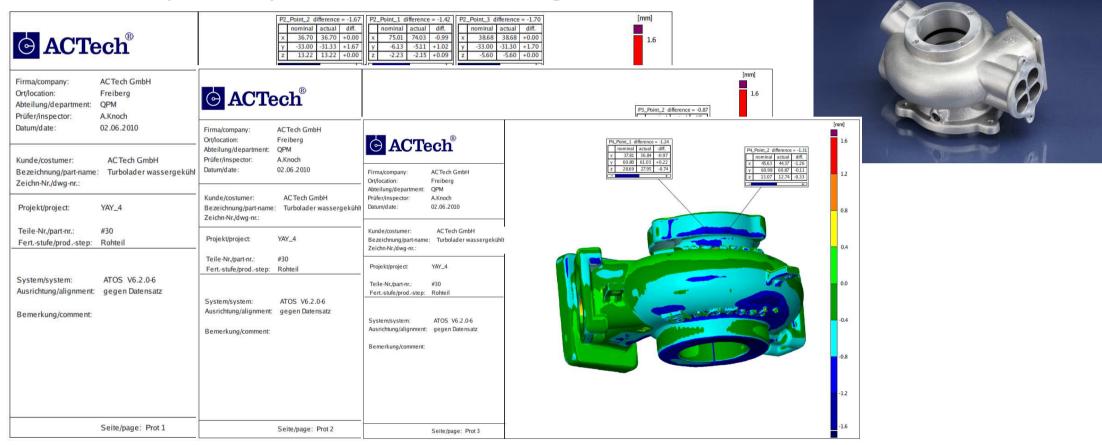
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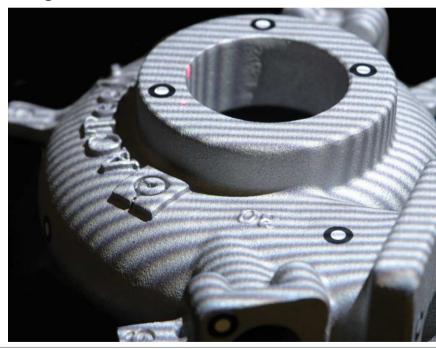




Optical measuring systems in the rapid prototyping casting process

Using optical measuring systems for measuring and analysis throughout the steps of the Rapid Prototyping process of castings has some quantifiable advantages:

- Time and cost reduction
- Ensure short lead times
- Reduced scrap
- · Improved process stability
- Increased dimensional accuracy
- Reduced machine set-up time







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CNC Machining

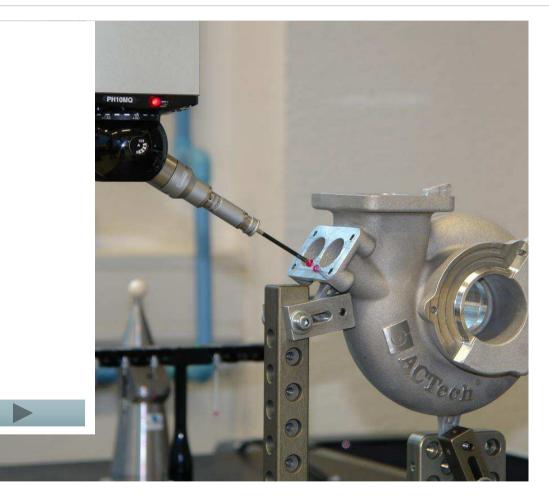
- CAM programming with Tebis and TopSolid
- VERICUT machining simulation
- Alignment with live optical measurement (GOM) raw part data vs 3D CAD data
- Complete external machining setup
 - Tool presetter with online data transfer
 - Shuttle table systems
- CNC machining
 - 5 axis simultaneous technology
 - mill/turn and turn/mill technology
 - up to 1,500 mm table size available



Finished part inspection

- In-process measurement technology
- Quality testing with 3D coordinate measurement, contour and roughness measurement
- Tightness testing and assembly
- Final quality check and report







Project Management

Lead Project Manager

- responsible for all internal and external communication
- coordinate work of the foundry project managers and the machining project manager
- provide technical customer service for key accounts and special projects

Foundry Project Manager

- specialized in casting techniques, applications and materials
- responsible for raw part production details
- Machining Project Manager
 - specialized in product groups, independent of markets or technology
 - responsible for manufacturing details of machining
- LIVE project tracking for customers
 - updated 4 times a day

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Examples (optional)

Cylinder head with integrated exhaust collector

- Material: EN AC-AlSi7Mg0.3
- Dimensions: 510 x 360 x 340 mm
- Delivery: 6 weeks including assembly machining
- Quantity: 2





Cylinder block

- Material: EN-GJL-250
- Dimensions: 355 x 341 x 269 mm
- Delivery: first component after 7 weeks including assembly machining and honing
- Quantity: 5







Integral turbine housing

- Material: EN-GJSA-X NiSiCr 35 5 2
- Dimensions: 110 x 103 x 65 mm
- Delivery: 3.5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 2



Compressor housing

- Material: EN AC-AlSi8Cu3
- Dimensions: 154 x 132 x 73 mm
- Delivery: 3 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 2







Rear axle transmission

- Material: EN AC-AlSi7Mg0.3 T6
- Dimensions: 332 x 318 x 237 mm
- Delivery: 4 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 3



Intake module

- Material: EN AC-AlSi8Cu3
- Dimensions: 384 x 372 x 150 mm
- Delivery: 4.5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 2



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Coolant distribution

- Material: EN AC-AlSi7Mg0.3 T6
- Dimensions: 504 x 397 x 132 mm
- Delivery: first batch after 5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 70



Inlet case (turbines)

- Material: EN AC-AlSi7Mg0.6
- Dimensions: 520 x 520 x 350 mm
- Delivery: 5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 1







Turbine inlet housing

- Material: EN-GJS-400
- Dimensions: 1,200 x 1,200 x 550 mm
- Delivery: 6 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 1



Compressor wheel

- Material: EN AC-AlSi8Cu3
- Dimensions: 475 x 475 x 250 mm
- Delivery: 3.5 weeks
- Quantity: 1



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Main gear housing (helicopter)

- Material: EN AC-AlSi7Mg0.6 T6
- Dimensions: 1,347 x 1,065 x 544 mm
- Delivery: 7.5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 1





Turbine housing

- Material: GX 40 CrNiSi 25 20
- Dimensions: 110 x 103 x 65 mm
- Delivery: 3.5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 3



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Turbine housing

- Material: GX 40 CrNiSi 25 20
- Dimensions: 146 x 146 x 103 mm
- Delivery: 3.5 weeks including machining
- Quantity: 1







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HIGH SPEED WORKFLOW

NO RISK STRATEGY

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