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How additive manufacturing can help



Component Performance	Supply Chain	Innovation
Reduce Weight	Reduce Lead Times	Shorten Time to Market
Improve Air or Liquid Flow	Reduce Costs	Meet Handling Requirements
Increase Product Quality	Reduce Stock	Facilitate New Product Introduction

Production Tool Applications









Jigs & Fixtures

- Custom design
- Precise
- Integrated functionality
- Lightweight



Volvo Gluing Fixture

Improve accuracy

- Reduce weight
- Decrease cost and lead time



Volvo Gluing Fixture

- 0.2mm accuracy
- ▶ 64% weight reduction
- ✓ 48% cost reduction
- 67% lead time reduction



Product Efficiency & Quality Productivity

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Component Performance Health and Safety





Nozzles

- Optimise flow of air, gas or liquid
- Complex or intricate designs
- Cost efficient small series
- End-product innovation



Food Extrusion Nozzles

Optimize liquid flow

- Reduce leakage risks
- Manufacture on demand







Food Extrusion Nozzles

Fit for purpose channel design

- Manufactured as one part
- Small series production



New Product Development Component Performance





Flexible Grippers

- Improved gripping
- Flexible material
- Delicate products
- Different shapes
- Customizable





Vacuum Grippers

- Complex shapes
- Lighter and faster
- Integrated channels
- Customizable
- Less assembly



Suction Gripper

Reduce costs

- Save weight
- Increase part lifetime



materialise

Suction Gripper A design evolution







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Suction Gripper

- ▶ 75% weight reduction
- 70% cost reduction
- Reduced material volume
- Integrated functionality
- Increased wear resistance
- No assembly







Intrion – Vacuum gripper

Robot efficiency

- Risk of air leakage
- Limited space for optimal design



Intrion

- 70% weight reduction
- Lightweight design
- Integrated channels
- Electronics integration









Brackets

- Complex geometries
- Product specific components



Philips Bracket

- Assembly of components
- Needed to be replaced regularly
- Frequent downtime





Philips Bracket

- Redesign for 3D printing
- Manufactured in 1 piece
- Shortened lead time
- Affordable small series











Casting Patterns: TetraShell

- Complex geometries
- Rapid production
- High dimensional accuracy
- High-level surface finish
- Large parts (up to 2m in length)



Finding your applications



Could another design and technology solve this?



3DP Scan

A tailored programme to detect the opportunities for 3D printed components in your production facility.

- Identify the applications where 3D printing can add value
- Discover how to assess the suitability for 3D printing
- Benefit from Design for Additive Manufacturing
- Introduce 3D printed parts that can reduce costs and improve efficiency



