

# **STEP<sup>™</sup> Technology**

## Selective Thermoplastic Electrophotographic Process //

STEP technology enables the production of thermoplastic parts within hours or days without compromising on quality, throughput, scalability or cost, a significant time advantage over the typical multi-month lead time for traditional injection molding tools and parts.



### Quality

Repeatability without compromising throughput or flexibility



## Agility

Eliminates tooling, mold storage, mold modifications and reduces logistics



### Speed

Throughput that is faster than any other industrial additive technology



## Scalability

Seamless solution architecture to get your production parts quickly

## How It Works //

The Evolve<sup>™</sup> SVP<sup>™</sup> (Scalable Volume Production) platform features a closed-loop process with sensor technology; each layer of the build is precisely aligned on top of the next incoming layer and the correct amount of material is deposited. If an error is detected, a correction is made. This means a higher part quality with both repeatability and scalability.



#### Transfusing

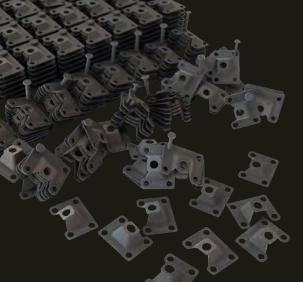
Heat, pressure, and cooling mimicking injection molding process

#### Electrophotographic Imaging

Five print engines. ABS part in 1<sup>st</sup> engine and support in 2<sup>nd</sup> engine

#### Alignment

Closed Loop Control System with belt position, temperature, pressure, and layer-to-layer alignment



Prototype to

Production //

#### **Design Freedom**

- Multiple iterations in one build
- Assemblies printed fully assembled
- Fine features to complex parts

#### **Cosmetic Features**

- High resolution surface finish
- Fine features; seven extreme, unmoldable textures
- Rich black color without post-processing (no need to paint/dye)
- Good surface quality (especially upward/downward-facing surfaces) without post-processing
- Customizable and plateable

#### **True ABS Thermoplastic**

- High mechanical strength/durability, impact resistant
- Good chemical resistance to acids, bases and alcohols
- Water and air-tight (for fluid/irrigation applications)
- Dimensional stability for hot, humid environments
- UL rating at 1.5mm (HB rating)

FEATURE	STEP	DLS (CLIP)	MJF	IM*
Wall Thickness Range	0.25 - >> 10	1.0 – 2.5	0.5 - 3	1.0-3.5
Min Hole Diameter	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.0
Min Pin Diameter	< 0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0
Clearance Between Mating Parts	0.25	0.5	0.7	N/A
Engraving Depth / Embossing Height	0.2 (top/bottom) 0.5 (sides)	0.3	1	0.13
Text Size (engraved/embossed) (pt.)	4 (top/bottom) 6 (sides)	8.5	6	1.5
Build Envelope Size (X/Y/Z)	290 x 590 x 75	189 x 118 x 326	380 x 284 x 380	480 x 750 x 200
Dimensional Accuracy	0.20 mm or 0.003 mm/mm	0.125 mm + 0.002 mm/mm	0.3 mm or 0.003 mm/mm	0.003 mm/mm

Units measured in mm. Capabilities typically material-dependent; values cited are for ABS or most similar option. \* Injection molding capabilities vary dramatically; typical small-mid size part capabilities shown

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