



3D PRINTING

OUTSOURCE *or* PURCHASE

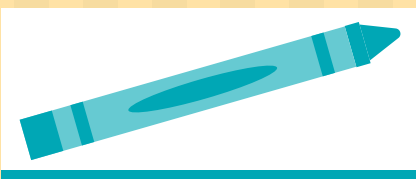
To A Service Provider

Your Own 3D Printer

There are two options for producing your first 3D printed prototypes: you can invest in a 3D printer or order parts through a service provider. Each has its benefits, and often companies will use both for different reasons. The following considerations will help you start to weigh the pros and cons and find the best 3D printing solution for your current business challenges



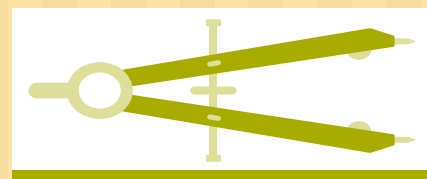
How familiar are you with design for additive manufacturability?
Bringing a 3D printer in-house requires technical design for additive manufacturability expertise or could even require hiring new talent to run the machine.



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I'M PROFICIENT.



I'M AN EXPERT.

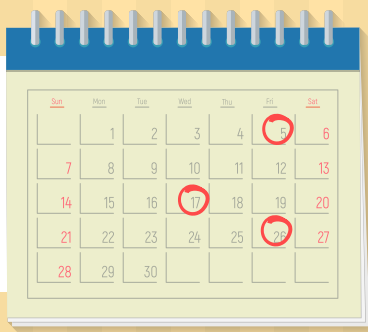


Need high number or mix of prototypes?

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Need a prototype every month or more?
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Do you have budget to buy a 3D printing machine?

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Do you need parts immediately?

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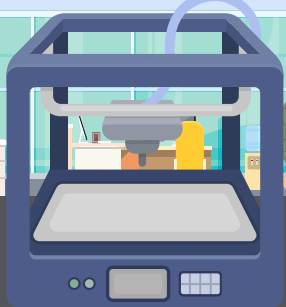


Do you need to test multiple material types?

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BUY A 3D PRINTER FOR RAPID PROTOTYPING



- Produce a prototype within hours with no shipping time
- Fast functional tests and esthetic design reviews
- Outsource when you need additional machines or different materials

OUTSOURCE RAPID PROTOTYPING



- Great first step for rapid prototyping in your business
- Work with experts
- No capital expenditures
- No lead-time delays, infrastructure, or safety concerns