

3D PRINTING



THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

3D printing is revolutionizing the way we do business — impacting the production process, workforce and supply chains.

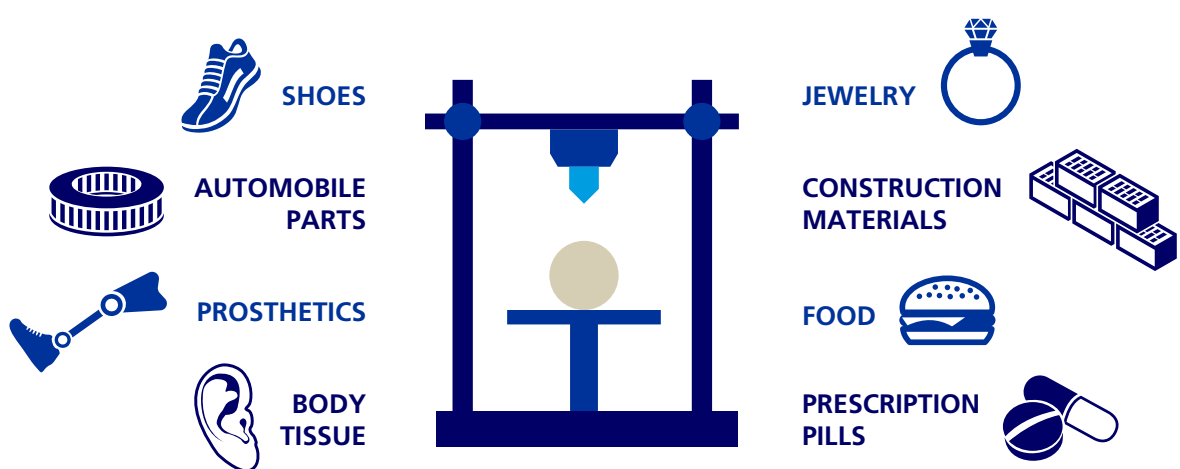
Anticipate and mitigate the risks before implementing 3D printing into your production process.



HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Computer Aided Design (CAD) system software creates a 3D design of product
- 2** Final design is converted to an electronic format readable by the 3D printer
- 3** Materials that will become the 3D object are manually or automatically loaded into the 3D printer
- 4** Printer receives electronic file of the object
- 5** Object is automatically dispensed or removed by hand
- 6** Product is refined into precise shape
- 7** 3D-printed object may be further refined using traditional secondary operations

OBJECTS CURRENTLY BEING 3D PRINTED FOR ACTUAL USE



USING 3D PRINTING AS A PROTOTYPING TOOL HAS ITS ADVANTAGES

- INNOVATE FASTER** (Lightbulb icon)
- REALIZE DESIGN ERRORS SOONER** (3D printer icon)
- CUSTOMIZE PRODUCTS FOR THE MASSES** (Video game controller icon)

ASSESS THE RISKS

- PRODUCT LIABILITY RISK**
Who actually owns the product that you are printing? Is it the owner of the printer, the owner of the template or the owner of the material?
- SUPPLY CHAIN RISK**
Have you conducted the appropriate due diligence for your business interruption — does your supply chain risk increase or decrease? Do you have other suppliers for the materials you are printing from?
- OPERATIONS RISK**
Do you have trained employees to run the 3D printers? Do you have the proper power supply requirements? Is there a business interruption plan should the printer breakdown or the supplies aren't delivered?
- ENVIRONMENTAL RISK**
Have you thought about the 3D printer emits? Have you thought about the housing issues, or the heat it generates? How will you dispose of the waste materials?
- CYBER SECURITY RISK**
Have you thought about the implications of having your software stolen? What if someone counterfeits inferior goods? How will you protect your designs and formulas?
- TECHNOLOGY RISK**
Do you own the software to the product that you are printing? Do you own the design template?
- CONTRACTUAL RISK**
With so many companies involved in the process (producer of printer materials, manufacturer, retailer, etc.), do you have adequate contractual risk transfer controls in place?
- PEOPLE RISK**
Are properties being properly trained in handling of new equipment and materials, especially if toxic?

TIMELINE OF 3D PRINTING

- 1984** 3D printing is invented by Charles "Chuck" Hall
- 1992** First 3D printer is built
- 1999** First 3D organ is created
- 2006** Selective Laser Sintering allows mass customization in manufacturing
- 2009** DIY kits for 3D printers enter the marketplace
- 2011** 14K gold and sterling silver used as printable materials
- 2012** First 3D printed robotic aircraft
- 2012** First 3D printed car
- 2012** Lawsuit over patent infringement
- 2013** A printer capable of using multiple materials is released
- 2014** First carbon fiber 3D printer is available
- 2015** First exoskeleton robotic suit is 3D printed
- 2015** FDA first approval of a 3D printed prescription pill