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# DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF PLASTIC PARTS FOR READ-WRITE DIDACTIC EQUIPMENT USING 3D PRINTER



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FDM is the most widely available 3D printing process, mainly used for low-cost prototyping and design verification with very fast turn around times.

Similar to how toothpaste is squeezed out of a tube, material extrusion technologies extrude a material through a nozzle and onto a build plate. The nozzle follows a predetermined path building layer-by-layer.



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The effect of increasing **overhang** angle (in increments of 5 degrees) on print quality. Max. angle shown is 70 degrees

FDM printed puzzle piece with **support removed** showing surface roughness



Comparison between virtual model and real 3D printed part, **Bridging** influenced by speed and temperature



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Discs with embossed letters: Printing, Cleaning, Painting





Discs with letters: Coating



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Printing parts of the panels







Assembly by gluing the device panels



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Missalignment after assembly the two lateral panels parts



Overhangs causes poor layer adhesion, bulging and curling on the surface



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Structure differences on the lateral panel caused by malfunction of the 3D printer







The advantages of 3D printing for **READ-WRITE DIDACTIC EQUIPMENT** :

- 1. Flexibility of changing details in the production of the final element based on 2D and 3D model.
- 2. Elements with complex geometries are easier to be obtain through 3D printing and didn't need special production stages.
- 3. Mechanical resistance can be improved modifying the filling degree, the design or even the plastic material.

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