

Additive Manufacturing for Semiconductor Capital Equipment

Improve Performance, Productivity, and Reliability



For over two decades, 3D Systems has perfected proprietary metal 3D printing solutions and semiconductor capital equipment expertise. Our direct metal printing (DMP) family of 3D printers, extensive metal materials and 3DXpert® software enable unprecedented design flexibility, economics, and reliability.

3D Systems helps semiconductor OEMs and tier 1 suppliers establish their own metal additive manufacturing capabilities, while eliminating hidden costs and accelerating ramp times through the hands-on training and consultation of our technology transfer program.

Addressing Semiconductor Capital Equipment Manufacturing Challenges with Additive Manufacturing

As the speed and capability of smart devices expand exponentially, so does the complexity of the microchips that enable them. Rising demand for microchips has made it necessary for semiconductor capital equipment manufacturers to expand production. Commissioning new manufacturing lines capable of meeting modern precision requirements is technically challenging, time consuming, and expensive.

Semiconductor OEMs and tier 1 suppliers are under pressure to deliver higher performance and reliability to the capital equipment that manufactures and inspects these devices.

Manufacturers are looking to advance the performance of high-value lithography and wafer handling systems by improving imaging performance, accuracy, productivity, and reliability within the highest standards of a clean room environment.

Increase Your Machine Accuracy, Speed, and Uptime with Expert Additive Manufacturing Solutions



Design Flexibility

Optimally design, rapidly iterate, and manufacture components with complex features, including wafer tables with conformal cooling channels, part-consolidated end effectors, and advanced kinematic couplings and flexures for optical components.



Performance and Productivity

Produce more wafers by improving semiconductor equipment accuracy, speed, reliability, and throughput. Realize performance benefits in critical parts and subsystems, including thermal management, optimal fluid flow, lightweighting, and part consolidation.



High Quality and Accuracy for Clean Room Environments

Our metal additive solutions ensure high material quality and part accuracy, producing parts in an inert atmosphere with a steady, ultra-low oxygen level — coupled with proprietary processes for optimal particle cleanliness. This results in metal parts that meet clean room requirements and are fit for use in high vacuum environments.



Metal Additive Manufacturing Expertise and Capability

Establish your own metal additive manufacturing capabilities and quickly scale to production volumes while partnering with us to develop new concepts prototypes.



Scalability and Risk Reduction

Our manufacturing facilities offer increased capacity, flexibility, and reduced inventory. We can help eliminate supply chain risks for OEMs through technology transfer by replicating our manufacturing processes and qualifying your suppliers.

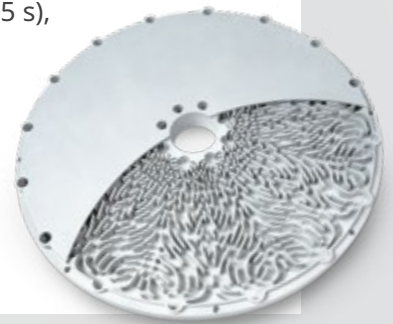
Enhancing Semiconductor Equipment Performance and Economics

3D Systems' metal additive manufacturing solutions allow manufacturers and suppliers to cost-effectively optimize metal component designs, and produce them in a fraction of the time required using traditional methods to maximize performance, yield, and reliability of semiconductor capital equipment.

Wafer Table Thermal Management

Maximize heat transfer efficiency and improve semiconductor capital equipment throughput and accuracy. Optimized cooling channels and surface patterns dramatically improve surface temperatures and thermal gradients (<4 mK) while reducing time constants (<1.5 s), while part count reduction increases the reliability of the assembly.

- 5x faster to stable temperature
- 6x reduction in surface temperature gradient (14mk \rightarrow 2.3mk)
- 1-2 nm process accuracy improvement



Linear Stage Cooling

Improve the temperature stability of fast-moving linear stages by optimizing cooling channels and the wall thickness of cooling jackets. Combined with leak-proof consolidated components, long-term system reliability and precision increase.

- 8:1 part count reduction
- 0.6 mm wall thickness achieved
- 75% reduction in component production time



Flexure and Structural Optimization

Semiconductor lithography, wafer processing, and test equipment rely on structural parts that move fast while maintaining positional accuracy. Improve kinematic and static performance with structural optimization, lightweighting, and part consolidation of flexures and mechanisms.

- 50% weight reduction in assemblies
- 23% higher resonant frequency
- 14:1 part count reduction



Part Courtesy of VDL



Manifold and Tubing Flow Optimization

Design and manufacture superior-performing manifolds with reduced spatial requirements and optimized flow to reduce pressure drop, mechanical disturbances, and vibration.

- 90% reduction in disturbance forces
- 1-2 nm process accuracy improvement
- 10:1 part count reduction



Gas Conveyance and Mixing

Reduce flow turbulence and reliably convey caustic gases by designing and producing smaller, more complex, leak-proof gas mixers and feeders with reduced part counts.

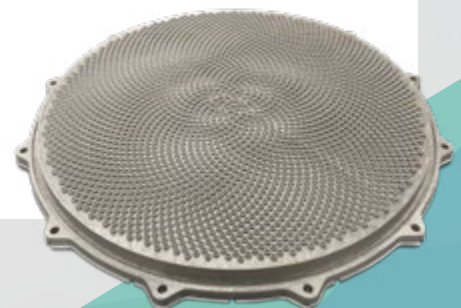
- 20:1 component reduction
- 100% leak-proof
- 3x more efficient



Showerhead Optimization

Ensure even material deposition and increase showerhead reliability by leveraging part consolidation techniques to prevent leakages, novel cooling strategies to extract heat, and intricate nozzle shapes for deposition control – all in 25% of the time it takes for traditional showerhead production.

- 75% reduction in component production time
- 0.6mm diameter holes
- 4:1 part count reduction



Our Metal 3D Printers, Materials, and Software

DMP Factory 350, DMP Factory 500 and DMP Flex 350

3D Systems' DMP Flex 350, DMP Flex 350 Dual, DMP Flex 350 Triple, DMP Factory 350, DMP Factory 350 Dual, and DMP Factory 500, together with Oqton 3DXpert® software, is an integrated metal additive manufacturing solution that delivers superior digital production with optimal throughput, efficiency, capacity, and flexibility.

3D Systems provides a suite of advanced metal materials for every application, including aluminum, titanium, copper, steel, and nickel alloys.

3DXpert is an all-in-one integrated software that streamlines the additive manufacturing workflow, from design to post-processing. It has features for importing, positioning, modifying, optimizing, designing, simulating, analyzing, and programming post-processing operations. 3DXpert is ideal for delivering complex components, including assemblies that reduce part counts, as well as innovative designs that provide greater strength and efficiency, including optimized structures that lower total weight.



Expertise in Metal Additive Parts for Clean Room Environments

3D Systems' DMP printers feature unique vacuum chamber technology to reduce argon gas consumption and deliver best-in-class oxygen purity.

The high material quality and part accuracy produced in the inert atmosphere with steady, ultra-low oxygen levels, coupled with proprietary processes for optimal particle cleanliness, result in metal parts that meet semiconductor clean room requirements and are fit for use in lithography equipment.

An End-to-End Partnership

With the combination of our Application Innovation Group (AIG) expert teams, manufacturing facilities, equipment, software, and materials, 3D Systems helps the world's premier semiconductor capital equipment manufacturers and suppliers establish their own metal additive capabilities that reduce costs and ramp times.

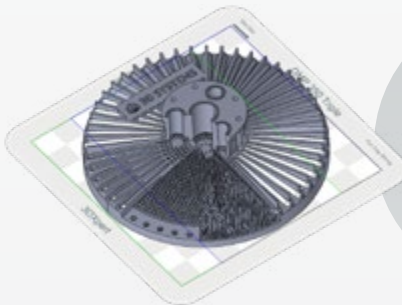
Through training, consultation, and the transfer of prequalified manufacturing processes to your site, our dedicated team works with you across every step, from part design to post-processing.

The Wafer Table Thermal Management Workflow Case

5x faster temperature stabilization
83% reduction in thermal gradients

Design & Validation

Joint applications development and design for additive manufacturing (DfAM), and validation.

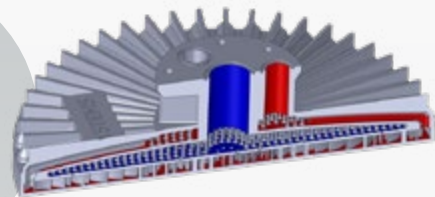


Explore

Strategic consulting to identify customer needs.



3 DAYS



Build Preparation & Simulation

3DXpert software to prepare, optimize, simulate process, and 3D print.



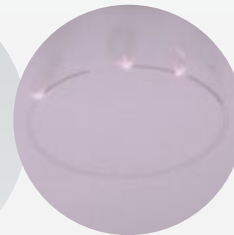
1 DAY

Production

Printed seamless with the DMP Flex 350 Triple in AL 6061-RAM2 alloy.



38 HOURS



Post-Processing

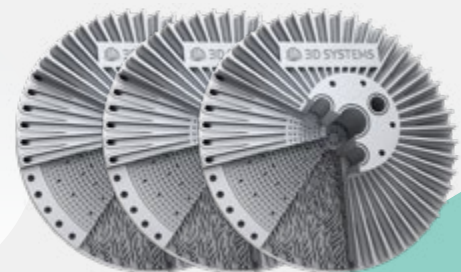
Wire EDM, bead blast, chemical clean (optional).



0.5 DAY

Scale

Scale up and technology transfer.



Advance Equipment Performance with 3D Systems' Additive Manufacturing Solutions

Metal additive manufacturing can give semiconductor capital equipment manufacturers and suppliers the capabilities they need to improve performance, productivity, and reliability. Our technology transfer and consulting services enable you to achieve your goals faster.

Learn how 3D Systems can help you today.

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