# Making metal parts with **ADDITIVE CASTING®**



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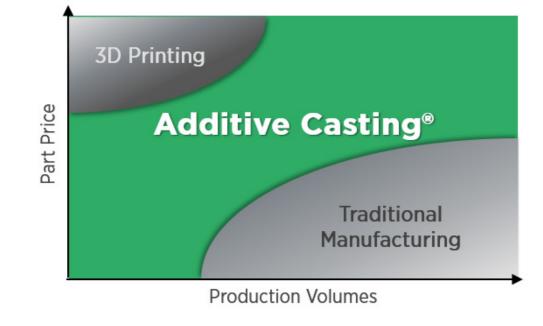
**Complex parts like this can now easily** be scaled at cost whilst offering great quality and a wide choice of materials.

**Steven Goguelin of Gen3D** 

# **ABOUT US**

Enable is a UK business that first started in 2019 with the vision to bring a new, innovative manufacturing process to life, bridging the gap between 3D Metal Printing and traditional Casting – Additive Casting.

The process uses moulds made via additive manufacturing to cast high-quality production parts from over 130 different metals. It bridges the gap between traditional casting and stateof-the-art manufacturing, offering the volume benefits of casting while increasing possible complexity, cutting lead times and eliminating the need for expensive tooling.









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### The process



### CAD file preparation

Along with the CAD file, specify your material, quantity, and any postprocessing required.



### 3D printing

The pattern and moulds are printed by state-of-theart industrial printers in sand, polymer or wax. They are used one time only and perish during the casting phase.



### Metal casting

Metal is poured into the 3D printed mould or pattern and allowed to cool before post-processing. Once cool, the 3D printed shell is broken off and discarded.



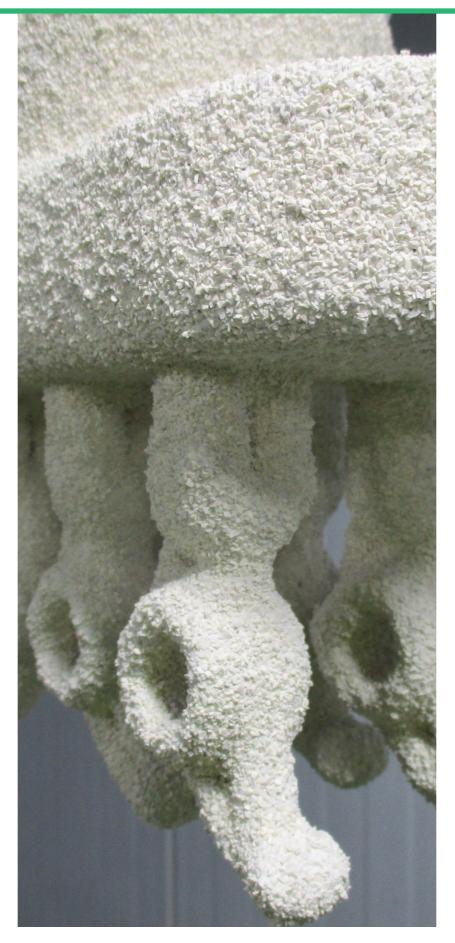
### Quality control

Parts are thoroughly inspected, tested and then released for shipping.



#### Shipping

Parts are carefully packaged and are shipped directly to you, normally within a lead-time of 4-6 weeks from order to invoice.







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### **Benefits**

**Range of sizes** From 10 mm to 60 tonnes

**Short lead-times** Metal parts delivered within 4 weeks

**Design flexibility** Highly complex parts are now castable

**Cost competitive** No investment in tooling and inventory

**High quality** Scale production at high quality

**Choice of metals** Choose from 130+ metals





### **Sand Additive Casting**

In the Sand Additive Casting process, a negative mould for a part is laser printed in a bed of sand. This sand mould is later used in the foundry to cast the metal part and perishes during the casting process, allowing engineers and designers to make changes to the part







#### production volumes of up to 100,000 parts per year.

Scalable for production

Large parts

#### Suitable for prototyping

A cost competitive option to manufacture metal prototypes in single digits or small volumes.

Ideal for very large and heavy parts ranging from

just 100mm in size up to a weight of **60 tonnes**.

This additive casting method is suitable for



Part: Size:

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at any time, as there is no permanent tool. This process is very environmentally friendly as sand is a readily available resource that can be re-used and easily be re-introduced into the eco-system at the end of its use.





**Choice of metals** Choose from 130+ metals

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### **Suspension Arm**

### Aluminium - 3.3kg

Standard manufacturing material with good properties.

### Steel - 8.17kg

Twice as strong as Aluminium and Magnesium thanks to the wide choice of different grades and heat treatment options.

### Magnesium - 2.15kg

Ultra light with a similar strength to Aluminium.

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### **Investment Additive Casting**

In the Investment Additive Casting process, a shell or mould is printed out of polymer or wax. Like all other Additive Casting processes, this mould is used in the foundry to cast the desired metal and perishes in the process. Also in this process, engineers and designers can

make changes to the part at any time, as there is no permanent tool.





Part:

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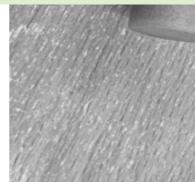
#### Fine detail

Suitable for the production of metal parts from 10mm to 250mm in size.



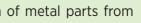
Scalable for production Suitable for small to medium production volumes.

Suitable for prototyping Suitable for rapid prototyping of metal parts.



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### **Vacuum Additive Casting**

In the Vacuum Additive Casting process, a shell or mould is printed out of polymer and a vacuum is created during the casting process, driving liquid metal even in the smallest of cavities. Like in all other Additive Casting processes, this mould perishes in the process and





#### Ultra Fine detail

Ideal for small and highly intricate parts with wall thicknesses as thin as 1.5mm.

#### Scalable for production

This additive casting method is suitable for production volumes of up to 100,000 parts per year.



#### Suitable for prototyping

Suitable for rapid prototyping of metal parts.



Material:

Silicon Brass MB1

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allows engineers and designers to make changes to the part at any time, as there is no permanent tool.



Additive Casting can help manufacturers in the automotive sector manufacture better, lighter and more cost competitive parts.

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Lightweighting of parts

Part consolidation

Cost reduction

Scalable from prototype to production







### Aerospace



Lightweighting of parts



Part consolidation

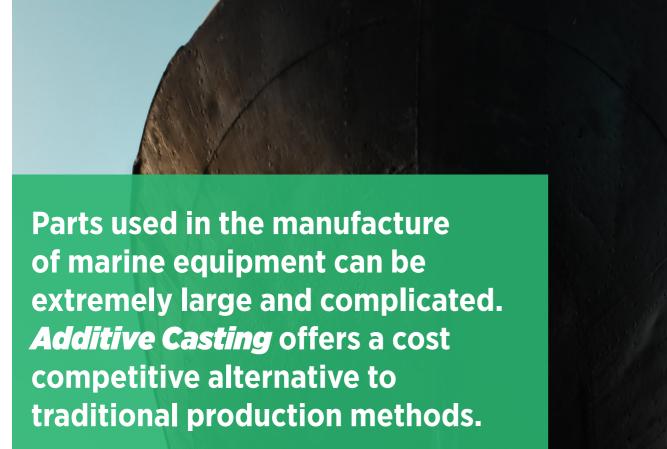
Approved and standardised materials

Thermal optimisation





# **PART 3 - APPLICATIONS**













#### Corrosion resistance

We offer 130+ metals, including corrosion resistant options like Aluminium Bronze AB2 , Stainless Steel 316 and Aluminium LM6.

### Small and large parts

With our Additive Casting process, we can make parts as small as 5mm and as heavy as 60 tonnes.

### Short lead-times

We deliver high quality metal parts within a leadtime of 4-6 weeks, supporting marine maintenance work schedules.

### No tooling or MOQs

Ideal for spare part production or the manufacture of prototypes.



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#### Sustainable

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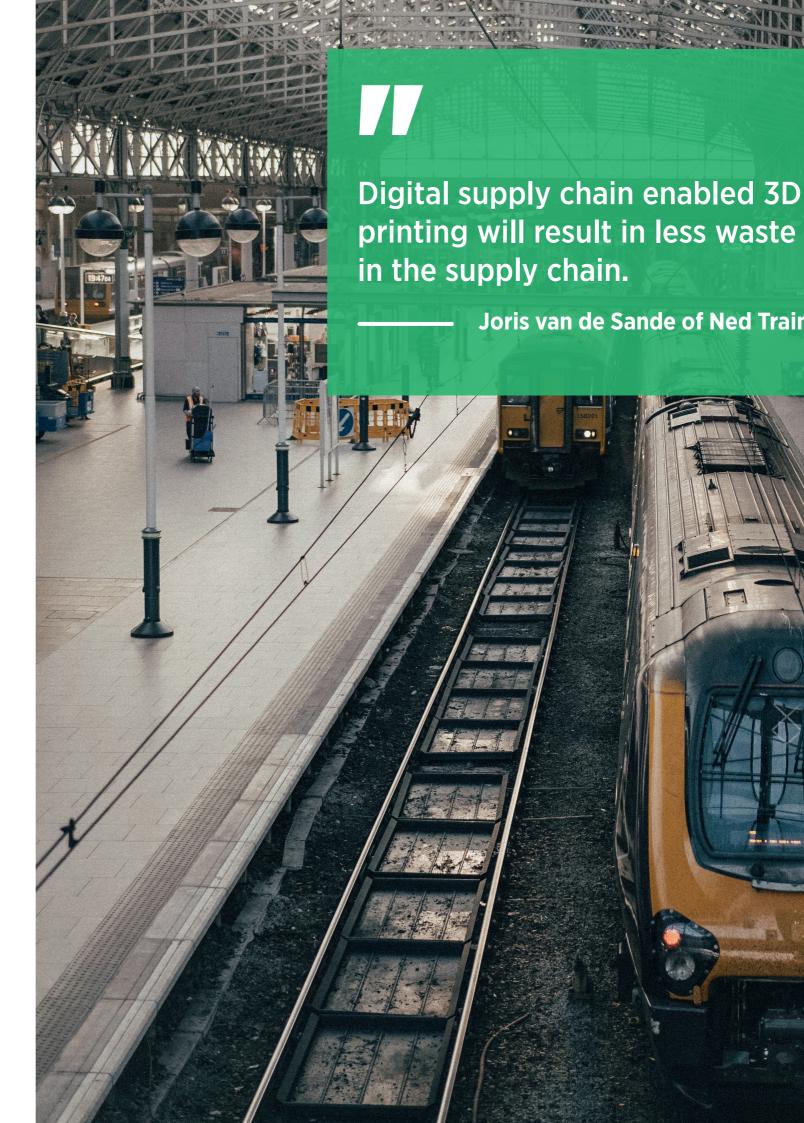
Reduction of waste caused by machining and carbon emissions caused by shipping parts from the Far East.



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Approved and standardised materials





Joris van de Sande of Ned Train

## THE UNBREAKABLE BOX

High temperatures, rapidly expanding toxic gases and extremely strong material properties – a perfect fit for Additive Casting<sup>®</sup>

In summer 2020. Addition was tasked with the design and manufacture of an enclosure developed to contain and analyze the resultant gases from a series of extremely aggressive chemical reactions.

The environment within the enclosure was unknown but likely to be very high temperature with rapidly expanding toxic gases and therefore, material strength and accurate dimensions were of the highest priority for the team to ensure the safety of the equipment and effective monitoring of the reaction.

The client required only a small quantity of these test boxes and at first, the team at Addition attempted to produce the part with a metal binder-jetting process.

However, the material properties were not good enough and the part lacked strength, accuracy and integrity. Tooling the part was not an option either as the required quantities were in the single digits.

So Tom Fripp, Director at Addition, contacted Enable to see if it might be possible to produce the part in the required properties with Enable's Additive Casting process.

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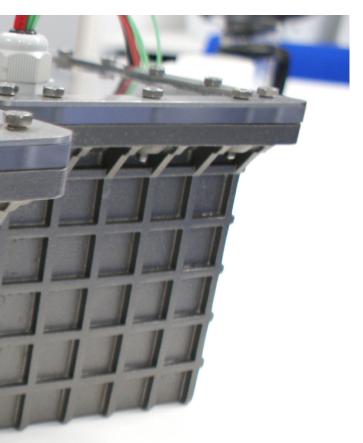
This was the first time we have employed the Additive Casting process, and, in this case, we could not have made this part any other way.

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**Tom Fripp of Addition** 

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# Complex metal parts are castable

# How Additive Casting<sup>®</sup> enables 80% cost saving compared to DMLS\*

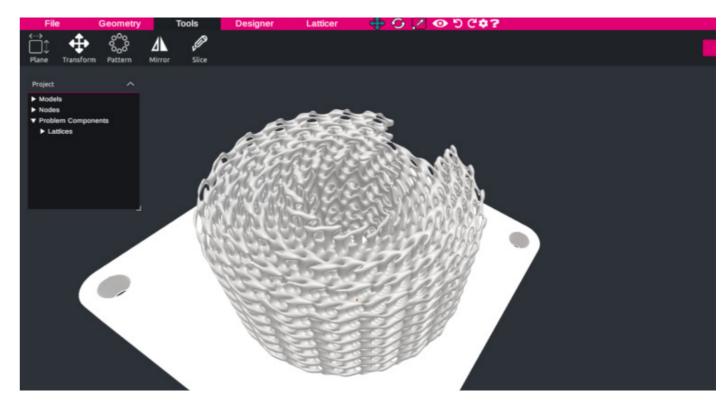
In autumn 2020, Enable collaborated with Gen3D on the production of a highly complex lattice structure for filter, heat exchanger or catalyst converter applications. This part was to be produced using Enable's Additive Casting process, a hybrid process combining the benefits of additive manufacturing and traditional casting, making un-castable parts castable.

UK based Gen3D specialises in the design of lattice structures and fluid flow geometry for additive manufacturing and has developed a proprietary software application, allowing engineers to design and optimise complex fluid flow components.

This software can reduce part cost and material use by adding complex lightweight structures to standard CAD models. The properties of the lattice structures can then be tailored to the application and production method by grading the cell size and density across multiple axes.

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We were pleased that we could reach a wall thickness of 1.5mm for this cast part, allowing for the design of a perfectly functional lattice structure

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\* Direct Metal Laser Sintering



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