## DESIGN RULES FOR 3D PRINTING



	Supported walls  Walls that are connected to the rest of the print on at least two sides.	Unsupported walls  Unsupported walls  are connected to the rest of the print on less than two sides.	Support & overhangs  The maximum angle a wall can be printed at without requiring support.	Embossed & engraved details  Features on the model that are raised or recessed below the model surface.	Horizontal bridges  The span a technology can print without the need for support.	The minimum diameter a technology can successfully print a hole.	Connecting /moving parts  The recommended clearance between two moving or connecting parts.	Escape holes  The minimum diameter of escape holes to allow for the removal of build material.	Minimum features  The recommended minimum size of a feature to ensure it will not fail to print.	Pin diameter  The minimum diameter a pin can be printed at.	Tolerance  The expected tole- rance (dimensional accuracy) of a speci- fic technology.
Fused deposition modeling	0.8 mm	0.8 mm	45°	0.6 mm wide & 2 mm high	10 mm	Ø2 mm	0.5 mm		2 mm	3 mm	±0.5% (lower limit ±0.5 mm)
Stereo- lithography	0.5 mm	1 mm	support always required	0.4 mm wide & high		Ø0.5 mm	0.5 mm	4 mm	0.2 mm	0.5 mm	±0.5% (lower limit ±0.15 mm)
Selective laser sintering	0.7 mm			1 mm wide & high		Ø1.5 mm	0.3 mm for moving parts & 0.1 mm for connections	5 mm	0.8 mm	0.8 mm	±0.3% (lower limit ±0.3 mm)
Material jetting	1 mm	1 mm	support always required	0.5 mm wide & high		Ø0.5 mm	0.2 mm		0.5 mm	0.5 mm	±0.1 mm
Binder jetting	2 mm	3 mm		0.5 mm wide & high		Ø1.5 mm		5 mm	2 mm	2 mm	±0.2 mm for metal & ±0.3 mm for sand
Direct metal Laser sintering	0.4 mm	0.5 mm	support always required	0.1 mm wide & high	2 mm	Ø1.5 mm		5 mm	0.6 mm	1 mm	±0.1 mm