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.	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 tolerance (dimensional accuracy) of a specific 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