# Prosthetic Hand

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#### 2 Materials

#### 2.1 Plastic

PLA and ABS are 2 of the most common FDM (Fused deposition modeling) desktop printing materials. Both materials are thermoplastics, meaning they become pliable or moldable at a certain elevated temperature and solidifies upon cooling. Via the FDM process, both materials are melted and then extruded trough a nozzle to build up the layers that create a final part.

Table 1 below compares the main properties between PLA & ABS:

Properties*	PLA	ABS
Density	$1.3g/cm^3$	$1.0 - 1.4g/cm^3$
Enlongation	6%	3.5  50%
Flexural Modulus	4GPa	2.1- $7.6$ GPa
Melting Point	160°C	N/A (amorphous)
Biodegradable	Yes, under the correct conditions	No
Glass Transition Temperature	60 °C	105 °C

Table 1: Comparing PLA with ABS

<sup>\*</sup> Sourced from (MakeItFrom, 2009)

### References

MakeItFrom. (2009).  $Material\ properties\ database.$  Available at https://www.makeitfrom.com/.