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VALENCIA - 3D Systems Corp. of Valencia is partnering with the Renault Formula 1 Team to establish a manufacturing center to design parts for race cars.

The Advanced Digital Manufacturing Center will be established in Enstone, England. Under the terms of the partnership agreement, 3D Systems and the Renault F1 Team will design production parts for the Renault F1 Team car.

3D manufactures systems that develop three-dimensional models from computer images.

"We have had a partnership with the Renault F1 Team since 2000 and have been impressed with the integration of our solid imaging systems into their design and manufacturing processes," said Mike Kelly, 3D's European director of sales and marketing.

The work will involve testing in wind tunnels as well as the development of parts used directly on the car during testing or races, Kelly said.

"The ADM Center will allow the Renault F1 Team to fully utilize our expertise in new car design, testing and production," said Mike Gascoyne, the Renault team's technical director.

The new center will allow the two to develop and surpass any design concepts and parts production previously envisioned, Gascoyne said.

"This is a step forward for the Formula 1 industry," he said.

Founded in 1986, 3D Systems provides solid imaging products and solutions to reduce the time and cost of designing products and to facilitate direct and indirect manufacturing. Its systems utilize patented technologies to create physical objects from digital input used for design communication, prototyping and functional end-use parts.

July 2002 marked the 25th anniversary of Renault competing in the modern era of motor sports.

Through the 1990s, Renault boasted the most successful manufacturing in Formula 1, achieving six world championship titles as a partner with both the Williams and Benetton racing teams.

The Renault F1 Team is a wholly owned division of Renault, headquartered in Paris.

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