3D Printing

In the Chemistry Instrument Shop

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3D Printing

- can be cheap
- slow (wall time)
- fast (human time)

Types of 3D Printing

- stereolithography (SLA)
- selective laser sintering (SLS)
- fused deposition modeling (FDM)

Our Printer

UPrint SE Plus

- only one material: ABS
- soluble support (proprietary)
- build plates
- temperature controlled environment
- layer thickness 10 thousandths of an inch
- minimum wall thickness 36 thousandths of an inch
- build volume 8”x8”x6”

ABS

Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene

- glass transition 105 C
- poor chemical compatibility with organic solvents
- $3 per cubic inch

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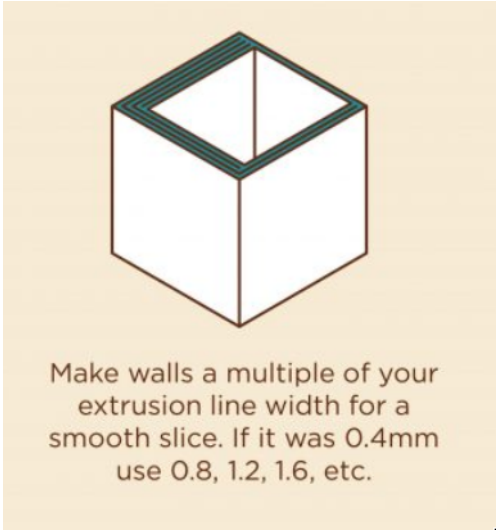
Make walls a multiple of your extrusion line width for a smooth slice. If it was 0.4mm use 0.8, 1.2, 1.6, etc.

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Filament must be laid upon existing material, so avoid steep overhangs to reduce the need for support.

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Vertical holes are fine, but horizontal ones should be tear-drop shaped to mitigate steep overhangs.

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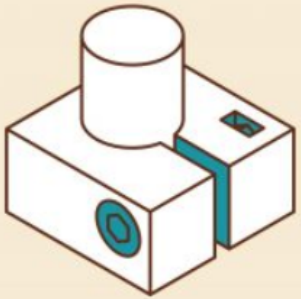

A slit, bolt and trapped nut can be added to holes to allow them to be tightened around another part.

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Adding a fillet or chamfer between a wall and base strengthens the join by adding more interface.

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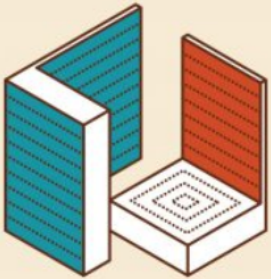

Due to the planar layering of most 3D printers, print orientation has a significant impact on strength.

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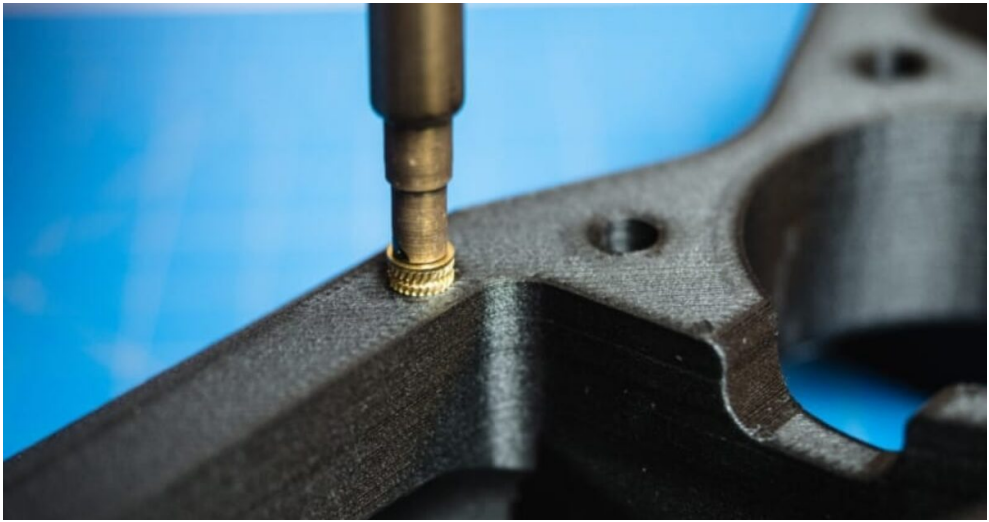

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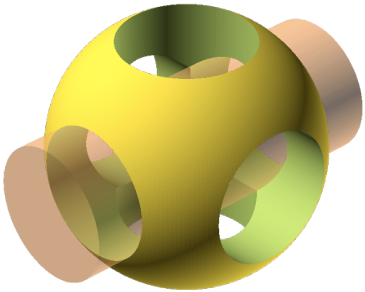

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Conclusion

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