Sapphire[®] XC Printer

The VELO^{3D} Sapphire[®] XC is a production-scale metal laser powder bed fusion printer that gives users up to 5X productivity improvement and 75% cost reduction per part when compared to the existing Sapphire[®] system. Sapphire[®] XC uses the same advanced functionality featured in the standard Sapphire[®] but expands the build volume to 600 mm Ø by 550 mm z-height and increases overall throughput.

Sapphire[®] XC is an end-to-end metal additive manufacturing solution that is fully integrated with Flow[™] pre-print software and Assure[™] layer by layer quality monitoring and control software. The VELO^{3D} manufacturing solution uses the same software, processes, and materials across the entire portfolio of Sapphire printers. It also utilizes the same optical-train design, recoater technology, gasflow technology, and metrology as the current Sapphire[®].





Production-Level Metal Additive Manufacturing

Enabling VELO^{3D} SupportFree™ Geometries

Print low angles down to zero degrees (vs 45 degrees with conventional AM) enables impossible geometries and significantly less post-processing.

Large inner diameters of up to 100 mm (vs 10 mm with conventional AM) enables manifolds, volutes and crossovers.

High aspect ratios of up to 3000:1 (vs 8:1 with conventional AM) enables high performance heat exchangers and turbomachinery parts.

Made for Production

In-situ metrology sensors reduce variances between builds, parts, and machines.

Proprietary non-contact recoater eliminates risk of part collision protecting both the build and the recoater.

Complete documentation and traceability of system calibration and build performance.

Independent calibration per tool – one print file per part on any Sapphire – worldwide.

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▼ELO^{3D} Sapphire[®] XC Printer

Laser and Optics Fidelity

Run-time and one-click optical calibrations Self-cleaning laser windows

Powder Bed Uniformity

Non-contact recoater Per-layer 3D powder bed height mapping Full-height printing without interruption for powder addition or filter changes

Environmental Control

Low ppm O₂ during normal operation Active humidity monitoring Ambient temperature and pressure operation

Highly regulated chamber gas flows

High efficiency spatter removal

VELO^{3D} SupportFree™ Metal 3D Printing

VELO^{3D} separates itself from existing powder bed fusion solutions with its unique ability to print low angles and over- hangs down to zero degrees, as well as large diameters and inner tubes up to 100 mm without the need for supports.

This not only reduces the need for post-processing, but it overcomes the "45-degree rule" for conventional AM, which recommends supports for any surface less than 45 degrees. VELO^{3D} frees designers to build the impossible – unlocking a wealth of designs that can now be produced without design or quality compromise.



Zero degree overhangs

System Features

Build volume: Lasers: Materials: 600 mm diameter by 550 mm height Eight 1 kW lasers Inconel 718 & 625, Hastelloy® X, Hastelloy C22, Aluminum F357, Titanium Ti-6Al-4V

Typ. throughput: Typ. surface finish: Size (L x W x H):

Weight:

Up to 400 cc/hr 5-15 µm Sa 8.53m x 3.35m x 4.75m (H)(336in x 132in x 186in (H) ~ 16.400 lbs.



Print up to 4 units on a standard Sapphire build plate Print up to 12+ units on the Sapphire XC

Unlock VELO^{3D} SupportFree[™] Capabilities For The Parts You Need Without Design or Quality Compromise

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