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PARAMETRIC STUDY OF FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS **OBTAINED BY FUSED** FILAMENT FABRICATION

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Fused Filament Fabrication (FFF) is a growing additive manufacturing technology for various applications in the engineering field. The mechanical properties of 3D printed materials in FFF technology depends on various parameters. Literature suggests that infill pattern and infill density are parameters that affect the mechanical properties of 3D printed materials and have direct influence on the 3D printing time and amount of 3D printed material. In this work the influence of various printing parameters on the bending properties, 3D printing time and amount of 3D printed material will be investigated and presented. For this purpose, the Taguchi method was used and then the statistical method of ANOVA to calculate the influence of each parameter. Test specimens were printed according to ASTM Standard D790, in Polyethylene terephthalate glycol (PETG), with the same color and without any influence of external parameters to the study. The specimens were printed in the same position on the printing bed to reduce as much as possible the influence of external factors on the material properties. A visual and dimensional inspection of the specimens was carried out for further analysis and a prior study of the bridging phenomenon and the maximum acceptable distance that the printer can print was also carried out. In this study, the best combination between material and stiffness, with 350 Mpa/g, was obtained with 15% infill density. concentric pattern, 45° orientation, with 4 perimeters. layer thickness of 0.1 mm and speed of 45 mm/s. The results obtained would give us a broader picture of how to save as much as possible the 3D printing time and the amount of material consumed in the specimen's production and maintain the required stiffness properties.

Keywords: Additive Manufacturing, FFF/FDM, PETG, ASTM Standard D790

ANALYSIS OF PRINTING PARAMETERS FOR SHEET METAL BENDING WITH FDM PRINTED TOOLS

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The objective of this work is to use PLA plastic matrices printed using the FDM additive manufacturing technique as an alternative to conventional sheet metal bending. In this way, the demand of the industry to obtain highly customised short series bent parts at a reduced price is covered. To demonstrate this hypothesis, first, the maximum compressive strength of FDM printed specimens with different manufacturing parameters was characterised by performing a parametric analysis using a factorial design of experiments (DoE) model and based on the ISO 604 standard. Once the results were analysed, an articulated bending tool was designed and printed with the best configuration previously obtained. Then, 50 S280GD galvanised steel sheets of 1 mm thickness were bent. Finally, the bending angles of the sheets were examined, checking that the bending was performed correctly, obtaining the desired shape in the sheet. As for the analysis of the economic impact, reduction of a 97.75% was obtained in the manufacturing price of the tooling with respect to conventional tooling was observed, demonstrating the viability of these dies in an industrial environment.

Keywords: FDM, Bending Tools, DoE, Customisation

DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF A NEW FILAMENT, PLA WITH PTFE AS FILLERS. FOR WATER REPELLENT SURFACES

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Mold manufacturing is the major contributor to the The use of additive manufacturing by fused depositotal injection molding cost. This work explores sevtion is a versatile, cost-effective and simple prototyperal rapid tooling strategies to develop molds based ing and manufacturing technique that is generating on Additive Manufacturing (AM) that has the potenan accelerating revolution in equipment and filatial to reduce this cost. Among the techniques studments. However, materials are limited to a small numied are; Room-Temperature vulcanizing (RTV) on an ber of polymers. It is a scientific challenge to bring AM model, Acetal Clear. Epoxy Solid (ACES) injection new characteristics and properties to the parts obmolding through stereolithography, sprayed-metal tained. In this work, a new filament is designed with tooling on an AM model, and Keltool process using the combination of PLA (polu lactic acid) as matrix Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM). It is explained and PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) as filler. This filhow to use these approaches to produce a functional ament will improve the water repellency of the parts mold for a thermoforming educational center. Develobtained. Cleaning, demoulding, anti-adherence, anopment time, cost, and dimensions are compared. ti-frost, anti-humidity and anti-bacterial applications can be deployed with this new filament. Extruded Keywords: Keltool Process, RTV Mold, ACES Mold, filaments have been obtained with PLA beads and Spraued Metal Tooling PTFE micropowder. Flat test tubes have been produced with this filament. The experiments included PTFE fillers (1% to 40% by weight). The surfaces were characterised by sliding angle (SA) and static contact angle (CA) tests, surface roughness (Sa and Sz), flatness error and % water adsorption. The results indicate, as expected, that the higher the fluoropolymer content, the higher the hydrophobicity, reaching values of 125° for CA and 9° for SA, and the % adsorption decreases. In terms of roughness, the surfaces are less rough when the PTFE load increases. On the other hand, the flatness is a property strongly affected by the % PTFE load and at values higher than 15% it produces intense warping and deformation of the specimens. Finally, the PTFE loading thresholds in the PLA matrix under which the wettability and dimensional reproduction properties are balanced and optimal have been obtained.

Keywords: Additive Manufacturing, Repellent Surfaces, Hudrophobicity

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RAPID TOOLING TECHNIOUES APPLIED TO INJECTION MOLDING OF POLYMERS

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