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ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING SURFACE FINISHING STUDY

BENCHMARK OF SURFACE FINISHING PROCESSES FOR METAL AM COMPONENTS



SURFACE FINISHING STUDY

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Current Situation

- Which processes are suitable for our components?
- What are strengths and weaknesses of the processes?
- Which component properties are achievable?
- Which surface finishing is achievable?
- What are costs of the processes?

Solution

A study of the relevant surface finishing processes

- Objective comparison of different processes
- No expertise needed
- Quick decision on the most appropriate surface finishing processes for your component

STUDY CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

| Materials investigated |
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| Titanium (Ti-6Al-4V) |
| Aluminium (AlSi10Mg) |
| Stainless Steel (1.4404) |

Benchmark criteriaSurface roughnessSurface hardnessErosion rateEdge roundingPenetration depth



Processes to be investigated Machining with undefined cutting edge

- Abrasive Blasting
- Vibratory Finishing

Finishing with chemical additives

- Isotropic Superfinishing
- Micro Machining Process (MMP)
- Chemical Polishing

Finishing with electric power

- Electro Polishing
- Metal DryLyte

Solidification with undefined cutting edge

••• • Shot Peening

More processes to be added in the future.



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