

A large spool of Ultrafuse Metal Filament is the central focus, with a 3D printed metal part to its right. The spool is black with a blue and white label. The label features the BASF logo and the text 'Ultrafuse Metal Filament - 1.75mm - 3kg'. The 3D printed part is a complex, multi-faceted metal component with a textured surface.

Introducing Metal 3D Printing with Ultrafuse[®] Filaments

BASF's high-strength and cost-competitive
metal filaments



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What is Metal FFF?

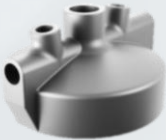
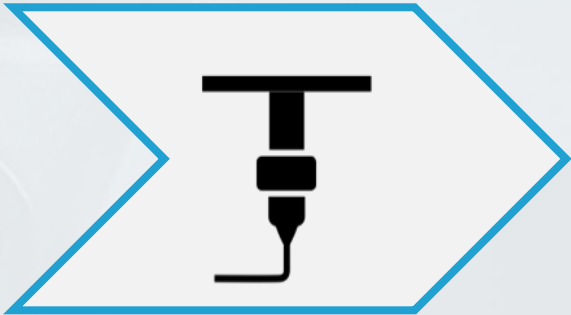


Metal powder combined with a binder system to create a filament suitable for FFF 3D printers.



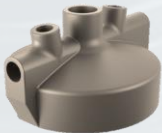
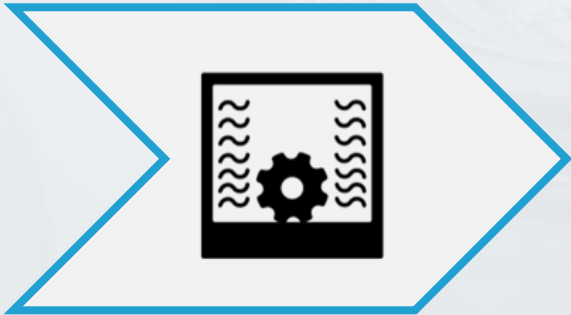
Full metal part reached in 3 step process: printing, debinding and sintering.

Step 1: Printing



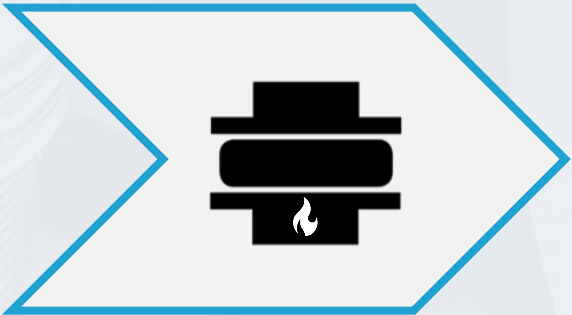
Green Part

Step 2: Debinding



Brown Part

Step 3: Sintering

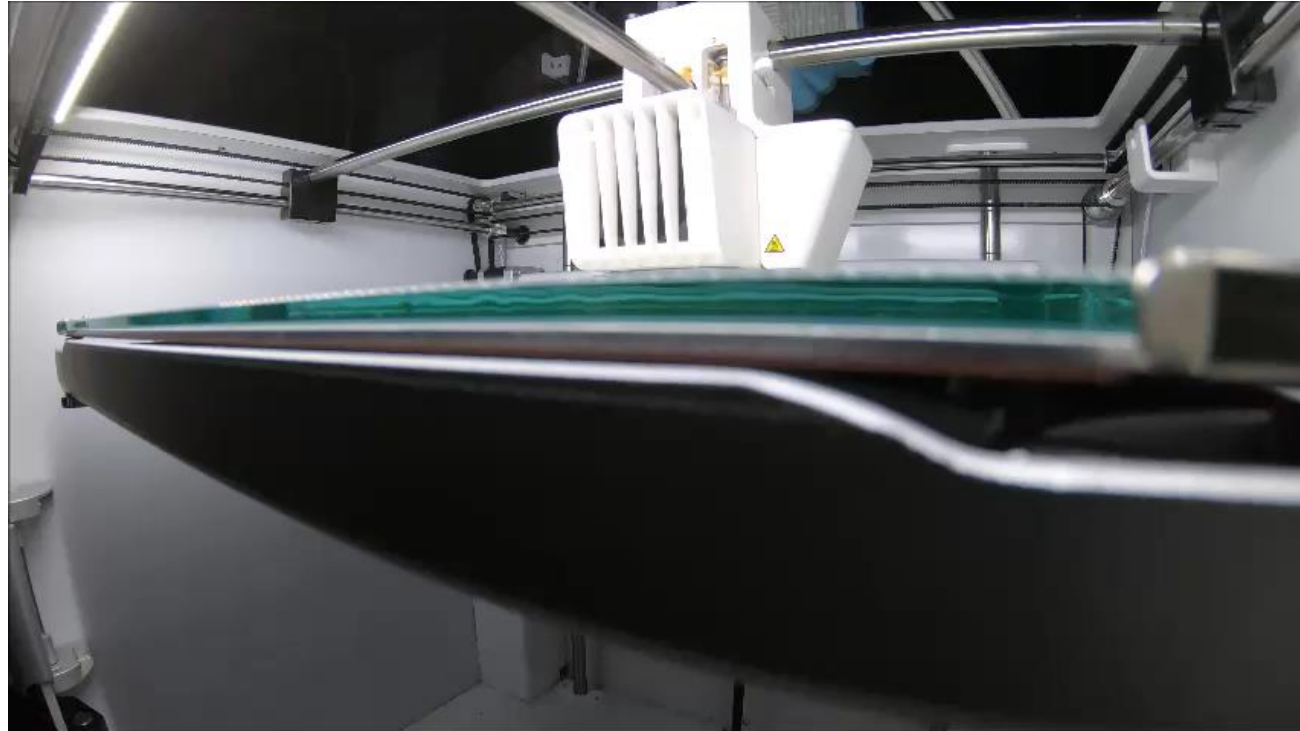


Final Part

Very well-known MIM Industry standard!

What is Metal FFF?

Printing of the “Green Part”:



Forward AM's Ultrafuse® Metal Filaments Portfolio



Enables one of the most competitive metal printing.



Compatible with all open source FFF printers.



Very easy to handle.



Debinding and sintering service offered via D&S network.



Easy to use support material under development.



Strong R&D pipeline: More than 10 metals like Titanium and Inconel have been tested in 2020.

Ultrafuse® 316L



Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH



Ultrafuse® 316L at a Glance



Ultrafuse® 316L...

- is of 316L grade stainless steel.
- is used in food and chemicals industries esp. for the applications that work in high temperature humid environments.
- offers very good corrosion resistance and good mechanical properties.
- is available in 3 kg spools.



Potential applications are...

- pipe connectors
- spare parts ie. for packaging lines
- tools, jigs and fixtures



Customised
tools, jigs and
fixtures



Functional
prototyping



Spare parts



Small series
production



Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH at a Glance



Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH...

- is of 17-4 PH grade stainless steel – one of the most used stainless steels in various industries.
- offers better mechanical properties and hardness than Ultrafuse® 316L.
- can achieve better mechanical properties through hardening.
- has good corrosion resistance (although lower than 316L) which makes it a general-purpose stainless steel.
- is available in 3 kg and 1 kg spools.



Potential applications are...

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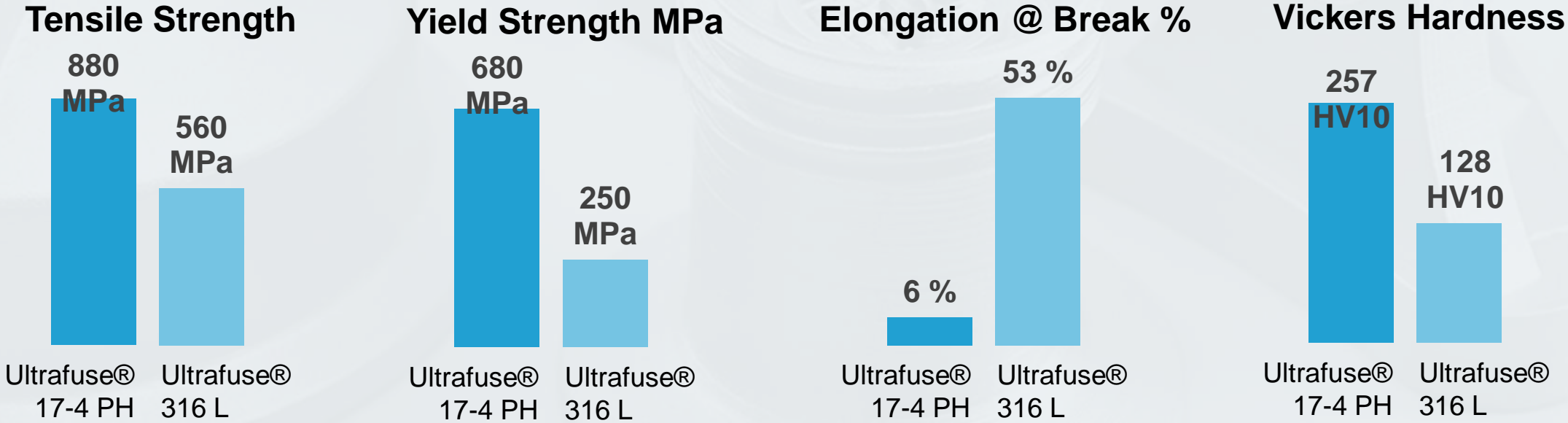
Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH vs Ultrafuse® 316L



Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH has higher mechanical properties and hardness. This makes it more suitable for general use. Higher hardness could be achieved with heat treatment.



Ultrafuse® 316L has higher corrosion resistance which makes it a material of choice for applications in humid and salty environments.





SPAROX 3D Use Case with Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH

1

SPAROX is an online marketplace for spare parts mainly used in energy sector. SPAROX also prints and delivers spare parts.

2

SPAROX already had multiple FFF printers inhouse printing thermoplastics.

3

Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH enabled SPAROX to print metal parts without being forced to invest multiple 100K Eurs to a metal printer.

4

Both printed parts, the solar panel clamp and the gate lock, are available at www.sparox.eu and end customers can order finished parts.

Solar Panel Clamp



- Discontinued serial product
- UV, heat, corrosion res. required
- Upgraded to 17-4 PH from Al to increase product life

40,1 x 20,2 x 45,5 mm
98 gr

Gate Lock



- Small-series spare part
- High mechanical strength required

20,1 x 34,5 x 12,2 mm
31 gr



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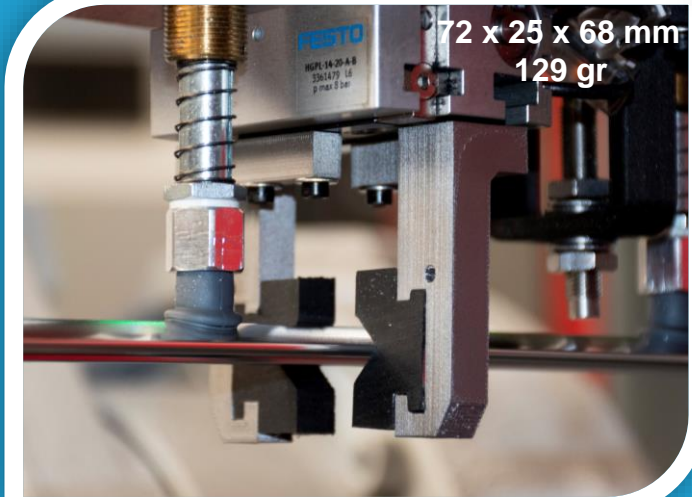
1 WKW.automotive produces high-quality trim and functional parts made of aluminum, stainless steel and plastic for premium-class passenger cars are

2 WKW has a high expertise in FFF printing and has several different printers inhouse

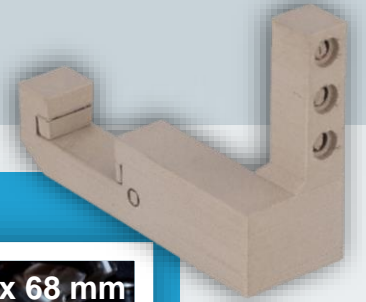
3 Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH enabled WKW to produce on demand designs for their highly automated robotics product lines with reduced costs and lead time

4 The printed robot grippers are tested and mounted in the production

Welding fixture



- Fast design adjustments
- Customized solutions for production
- High durability
- Cost-effective design customization



hoedtke 3d additive Use Case with Ultrafuse® 316 L

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Hoedtke's expertise lies in various production technologies, including metal processing and metal part production.

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Hoedtke was looking for an alternative to a 3D printed part in a welding fixture that breaks occasionally.

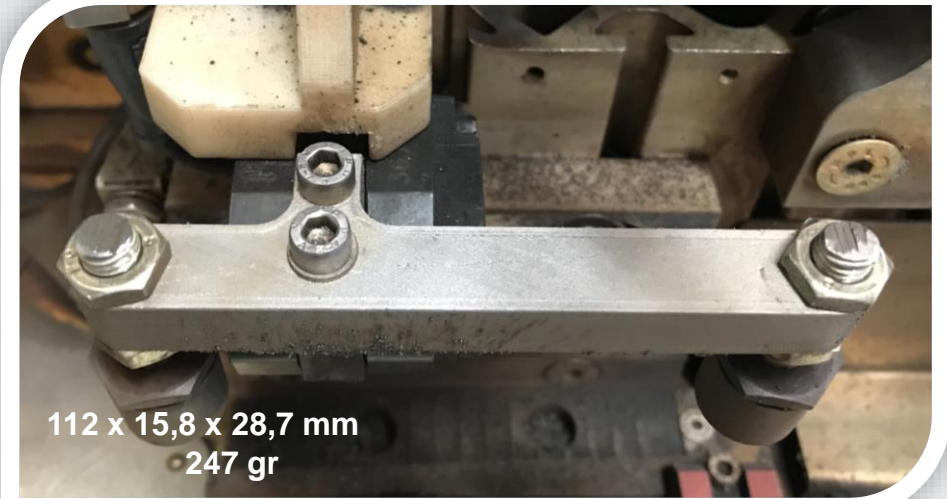
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Ultrafuse® 316 L helped Hoedtke to replace it with a very durable 316L part at a very low cost.

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Part was assembled and tested, after hundreds of cycles, still being used w/out problem.

Welding fixture



- Original part was ABS
- Redesigned for additive manufacturing
- Durability under high temp. and loads required

SCHORISCH Elektronik Use Case with Ultrafuse® 316 L

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SCHORISCH Elektronik is an electronics manufacturing service provider and is specialized in the niche of ATEX

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SCHORISCH Elektronik uses a wave soldering processes for electronic boards with components of the Through Hole Technology (THT)

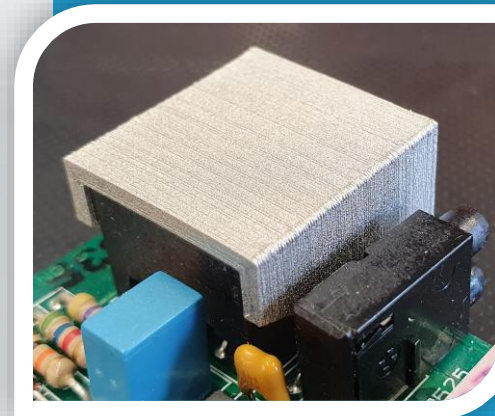
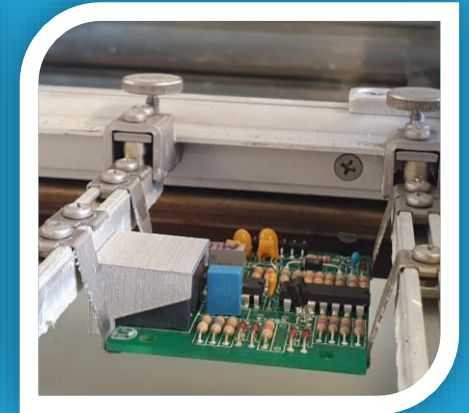
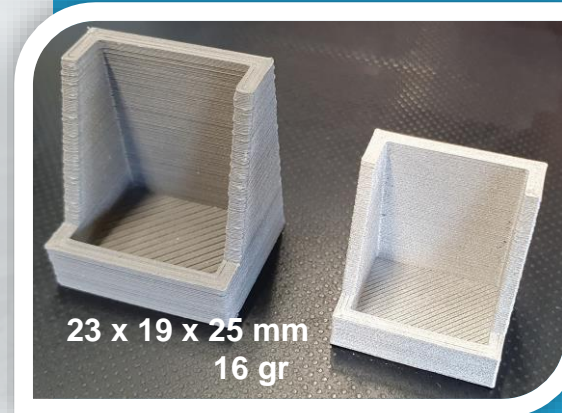
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Ultrafuse® 316 L was the optimal candidate for a temperature-resistant small series for product optimization

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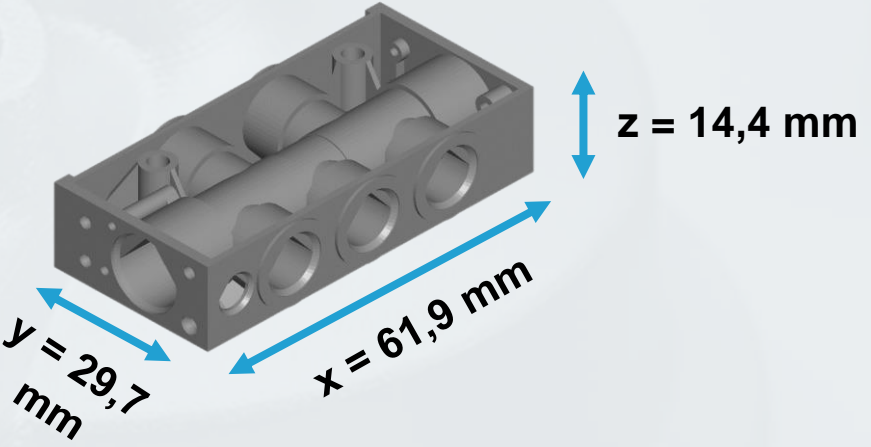
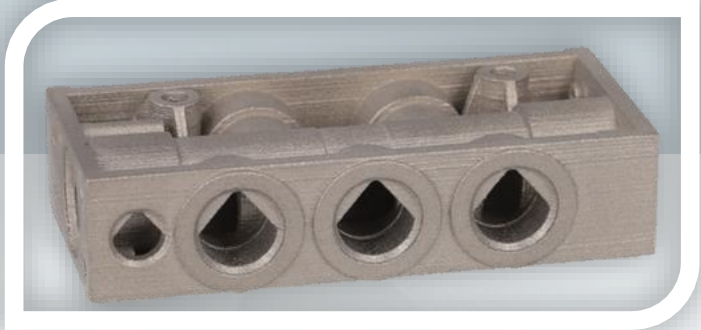
The component was developed in a very short time and successfully tested in production and is now in use

Production aid



- Original solution with Capton tape
- Sustainable
- Labor reduction
- Scalable
- Durability under high temp. and loads required

Cost Analysis with Ultrafuse® 17-4 PH



Green part dimensions:	61,9 mm x 29,7 mm x 14,4 mm
Green part weight:	124 gr/part
Printer used:	BCN3D in dual mode
Print time:	23 hours / 8 parts @ once



Material cost:	12,28 Eur/part (99 Euro/KG)
Process cost:	3,80 Eur/part
D&S cost:	5,00 Eur/part (40 Euro/KG)
Logistics cost:	Excluded
Total cost:	21,08 Eur/part

How it Works for You

1 Do It Yourself



1. Order filament and D&S coupons from distributors



2. Print yourself at home or office



3. Send green parts to D&S network acc. to schedule

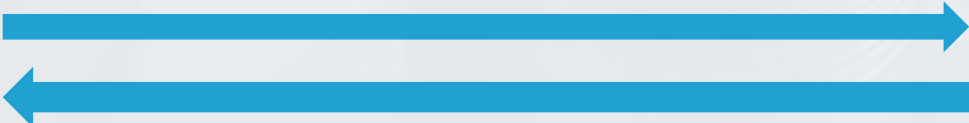


4. Receive finished parts and start using

2 Sculpteo



1. Order parts online @Sculpteo.com

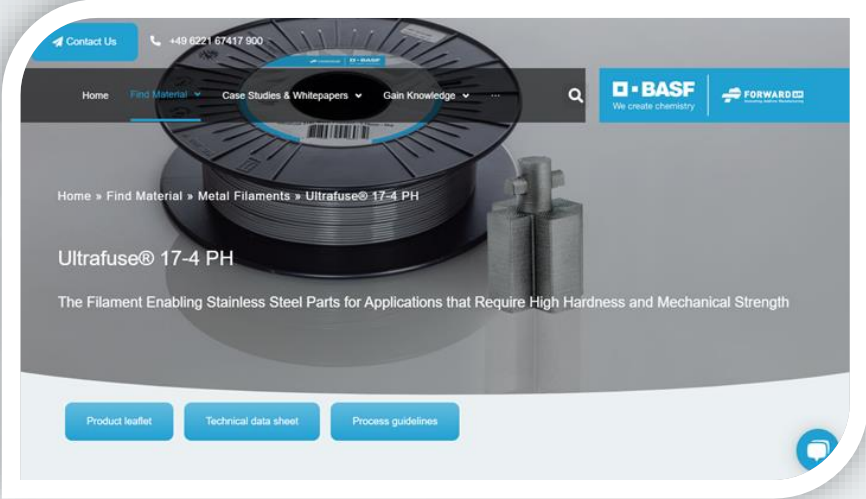


2. Receive finished parts in 2-3 weeks



More Information on Metal FFF and Ultrafuse® Metal Filaments

Technical Documents on Website



Tutorial on Youtube



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