Aerospace

At Harmony Castings, we can design your castings without draft and reduce unnecessary weight. Our AS 9100 Certification, tight tolerances, thin walls and excellent surface finish make us an ideal partner. With low tooling costs and unlimited pattern life, we’re able to bring your project from model to production in just three weeks.

Key Features and Benefits:

- Zero Degree Draft
- Thin Walls
- 150 RMS Finish
- Tight Tolerances
- Excellent Casting Integrity
- Speed to Market
- Unlimited Pattern Life
- Quick Pattern Revisions
- Corrosion Resistant

MISSION STATEMENT

Harmony Castings exceeds customer expectations by delivering quality products and building long-term relationships based on trust and confidence in our performance. Our dealings with our customers, vendors, employees and our community are rooted in integrity.

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Aluminum Castings: Process Comparisons

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<td>Up to 150 lbs</td>
<td>±.010” for the first 1”, then add ±.002” per inch. Add a maximum .020” across parting line</td>
<td>125-150 RMS</td>
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<td>Ounces to tons</td>
<td>± 1/32” to 6”, then add ±.003” per inch. Add ±.020” to .090” across parting line</td>
<td>200-550 RMS</td>
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<td>±.003” to 1/4” , ±.004” to 1/2” , ±.005” to 3”, then add ±.003” per inch</td>
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<td>±.015” to 1”, then add ±.002” per inch. Add ±.010” to .030” across parting line</td>
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<td>32–63 RMS</td>
<td>1 to 3 degrees</td>
<td>.030” to .060”</td>
<td>Samples: 12 to 22 weeks Production: 8 to 14 weeks after approval</td>
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**V-PROCESS Sequence**

Step 1: The pattern (with vent holes) is placed on a hollow carrier plate.
Step 2: A heater softens the .003” to .008” plastic film. Plastic has good elasticity and a high deformation ratio.
Step 3: Softened film drapes over the pattern with 200 to 400 mm Hg vacuum acting through the pattern vents to draw it tightly around the pattern.
Step 4: The flask is placed on the film-coated pattern. Flask walls are also a vacuum chamber with the outlet shown at right.
Step 5: The flask is filled with dry, unbound sand. A slight vibration compacts sand to maximum bulk density.
Step 6: A sprue cup is formed and the mold surface leveled. The back of the mold is covered with unheated plastic film.
Step 7: Vacuum is applied to the flask. Atmospheric pressure then hardens the sand. The vacuum is released, pressurized air is introduced into the carrier and the mold is stripped.
Step 8: The cope and drag assembly form a plastic-lined cavity. During pouring, molds are kept under vacuum.
Step 9: After cooling, the vacuum is released and free-flowing sand drops away leaving a clean casting, with no sand lumps. The sand is cooled for re-use.

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