

V-PROCESS ALUMINUM CASTINGS

Lighting

Our castings are used in commercial lighting for a wide range of environments, including hospital operating rooms, large commercial buildings such as the new World Trade Center complex in New York, and even harsh marine applications. Using our V-Process to achieve a superior 150 RMS finish and zero degree draft, Harmony Castings is the ideal partner for your next project.

Key Features and Benefits:

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



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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V-PROCESS Sequence



Aluminum Castings: Process Comparisons

- 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, unbonded 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.

Process	Typical Size Range	Tolerances	Surface Finish	Min. Draft Required	Min. Section Thickness	Nominal Lead Time
V-PROCESS Castings	Up to 150 lbs	\pm .010" for the first 1", then add \pm .002" per inch. Add a maximum .020" across parting line	125-150 RMS	None	.125″	Samples: 2 to 6 weeks Production: 2 to 6 weeks after approval
Sand Castings	Ounces to tons	\pm 1/32" to 6", then add \pm .003" per inch. Add \pm .020" to .090" across parting line	200-550 RMS	1 to 5 degrees	.25"	Samples: 2 to 6 weeks Production: 2 to 6 weeks after approval
Investment (Lost Wax)	Ounces to 20lbs	\pm .003" to 1/4" \pm .004" to 1/2" \pm .005" to 3", then add \pm .003" per inch	63-125 RMS	None	.060″	Samples: 8 to 10 weeks Production: 5 to 12 weeks after approval
Permanent Mold	Ounces to 100lbs	\pm .015" to 1", then add \pm .002" per inch. Add \pm .010" to .030" across parting line	150-300 RMS	2 to 5 degrees	.1875″	Samples: 8 to 20 weeks Production: 10 to 12 weeks after approval
Plaster Mold	Ounces to 50lbs	\pm .005" to 2", then add \pm .002" per inch. Add \pm .010" across parting line	63-125 RMS	1/2 to 2 degrees	.070″	Samples: 2 to 10 weeks Production: 4 to 8 weeks after approval
Die Casting	Ounces to 15 lbs	\pm .002" per inch. Add \pm .015" across parting line	32-63 RMS	1 to 3 degrees	.030″ to .060″	Samples: 12 to 22 weeks Production: 8 to 14 weeks after approval



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