



The challenges of the Qualified Additive Manufacturing supply chain

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To assure that a global supply chain works, we need standards



Overview of the responsible roles within a supply chain



AM Expert roles

Risk Managers Engineering QualityManagement ProductManagement Materials Manager

Finance Marketing Business Development Sustainability Coornidator

R&D Design Engineers

Supply Chain Management Roles

Demand Planner Inventory Manager Customer Service Managers Production Planner Operations Manager Buyer Procurement Manager **Materials Manager**





The overview of standardised AM processes based on ISO/ASTM 52920:2023





The qualified AM customer groups so far...



Experiences from more than 100 manufacturing sites

Component-specific projects -> Experience with quality-critical component information



How to implement qualified AM?



3. Produce + Collect Data + Quantify on demand



2. Proof of conformity







ISO/ASTM 52920, 52901, 52904, 52907, 52928, etc..



1. Assessment of Additive Manufacturing System Reproducibility

AM Design / Primary shaping has a significant innovation factor









Exemplary examples and challenges

- Material properties develop during the process
- New machine often come without an established IQ procedure
- Complex workflows on the equipment, in the early stage of standardization

- Training standards for machine operators and coordinators
- Equipment validation, IQ/OQ/PQ
- Qualification procedures



2. Quality Assurance requirements for component design

Geometric tolerance



Exemplary examples and challenges

- Min. and max. functional part detail accuracy
- Hole diameter and reproducibility
- Min. and max. wall thickness
- Up and -down skin regarding roughness/overexposure
- Long-term behavior (new lattice structure)

- Geometries are specified for process validation
- CT scan transfer to simulation data is still often in the research and development stage



3. Quality Assurance requirements for the manufacturing process

Overhang angle-related surface and material properties



Exemplary examples and challenges

- Up and down skin roughness
- Overexposure
- Junction points
- Freeform shapes
- Positioning (x, y, z) -> Mutual influence
- Nesting
- Support structure geometries

- Design for AM standards
- Risk Assessment standards

4. Evaluation of material properties



Mechanical properties



Exemplary examples and challenges

- Orientation/positioning fluctuates
- Direction-dependent material properties
- Anisotropic material properties
- Build process monitoring

- ASTM material data sheets
- Additive Manufacturing process standardization
- Rule-setting: makes the difference in transitioning from prototype construction
- Initiative for standardized data sheets

The R&D areas will lead to an AM supported supply chain solutions



1. The definition of part specific QA of the AM process

→Novel: Structured & standardized methodology to define part specific QA demands

- AM system & material qualification
 →Novel: Pre-qualified process parameters & materials for a dedicated part group demand
- 3. Validation of the entire system
 →Novel: Structured process validation methodology
- 4. The significant portion of digital Quality Assurance factors
 →Novel: Build process monitoring methods

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