



# Lessons Learned from Commercial Aviation Certification

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# The a-CT7 engine mid frame – an example of additive



**~300 → 1**

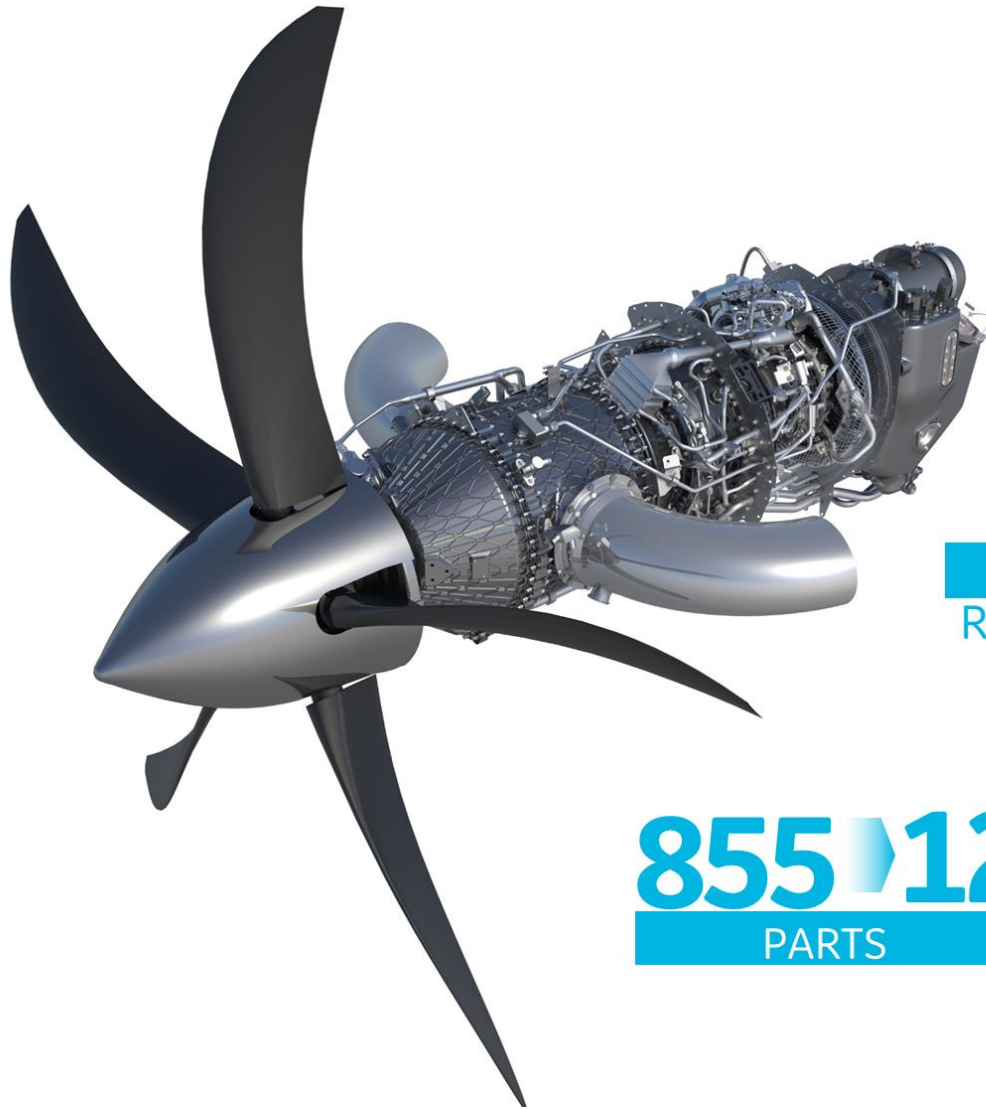
Mid-Frame  
Super Structure

7 assemblies to 1  
~300 parts to 1  
>10 lbm weight reduction

# The GE Catalyst engine

Combustor test  
schedule reduced from  
**12 months** to **6 months**

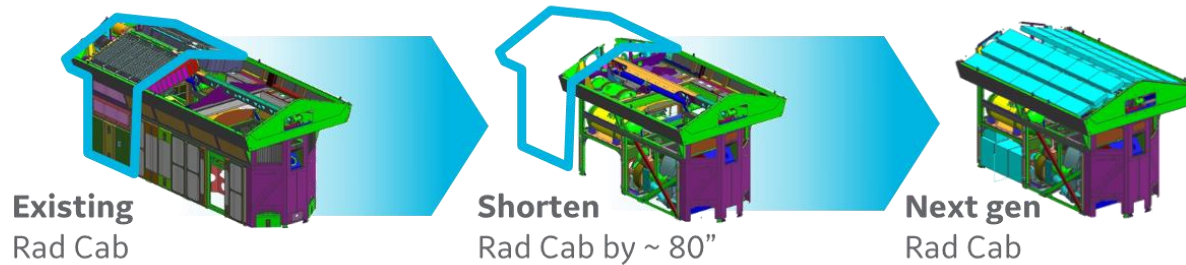
**20%**  
LOWER  
FUEL BURN



**5%**  
WEIGHT  
REDUCTION

**855** → **12**  
PARTS

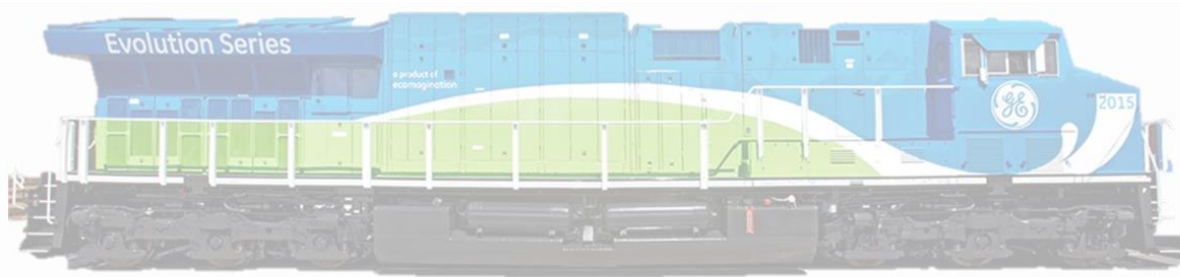
# GE locomotive heat exchanger



**2000** → **1**  
PARTS

**70%**  
SMALLER

**TIER IV EGR**  
COOLER



*streamlined and new opportunities*

# GE Additive Ecosystem

## Machine modalities

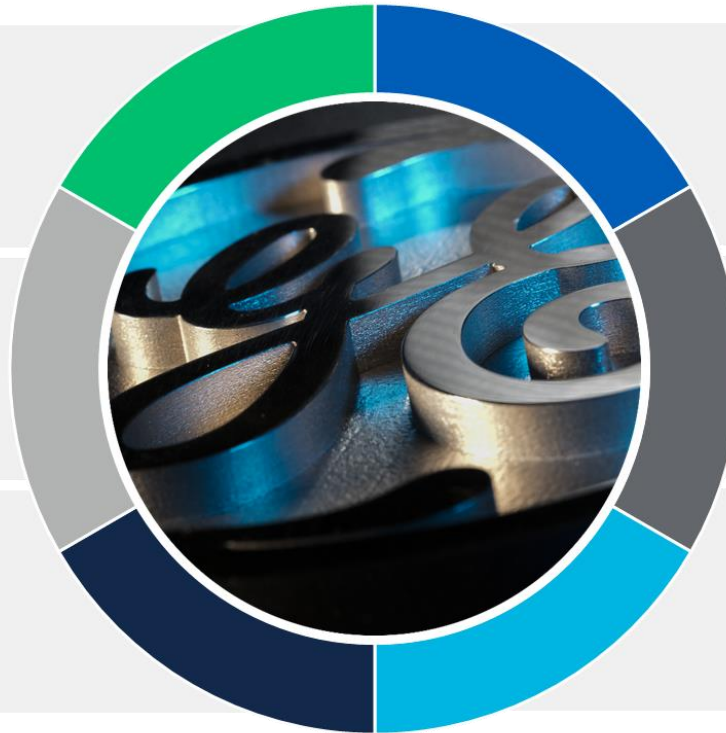
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## AP&C Materials

- Advanced materials
- Powder supply
- Tested and validated

## Consultancy solutions

- AddWorks Materials Solutions
- AddWorks Disruptive Design Solutions
- AddWorks Industrialization



## Software

- Predix
- GeonX

## Customer Experience Centers

- Pittsburgh, PA
- Munich Germany

## GE partner companies

- GE Capital, Financing solutions
- GE Global Research
- GE Power, Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)

# Machines

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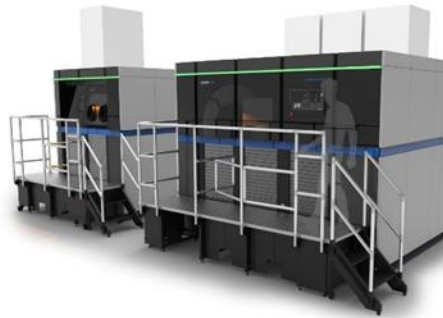
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## Concept Laser – Direct Metal Laser Melting BEST DETAIL AND TOLERANCES

- ✓ Novel geometry - internal passages & thinner walls
- ✓ Covers a range of operating conditions
- ✓ Broad range of materials



## Arcam EBM – Electron Beam Melting (EBM) PRODUCE HARD TO WELD ALLOYS

- ✓ Bulkier and denser parts
- ✓ Very high heat tolerances
- ✓ Unique materials including TiAl



## GE Additive – Binder Jet Technology HIGH OUTPUT AND LOWER OVERALL COST

- ✓ Casting to Casting cost VERY competitive
- ✓ Near net shape
- ✓ Improved surface finish

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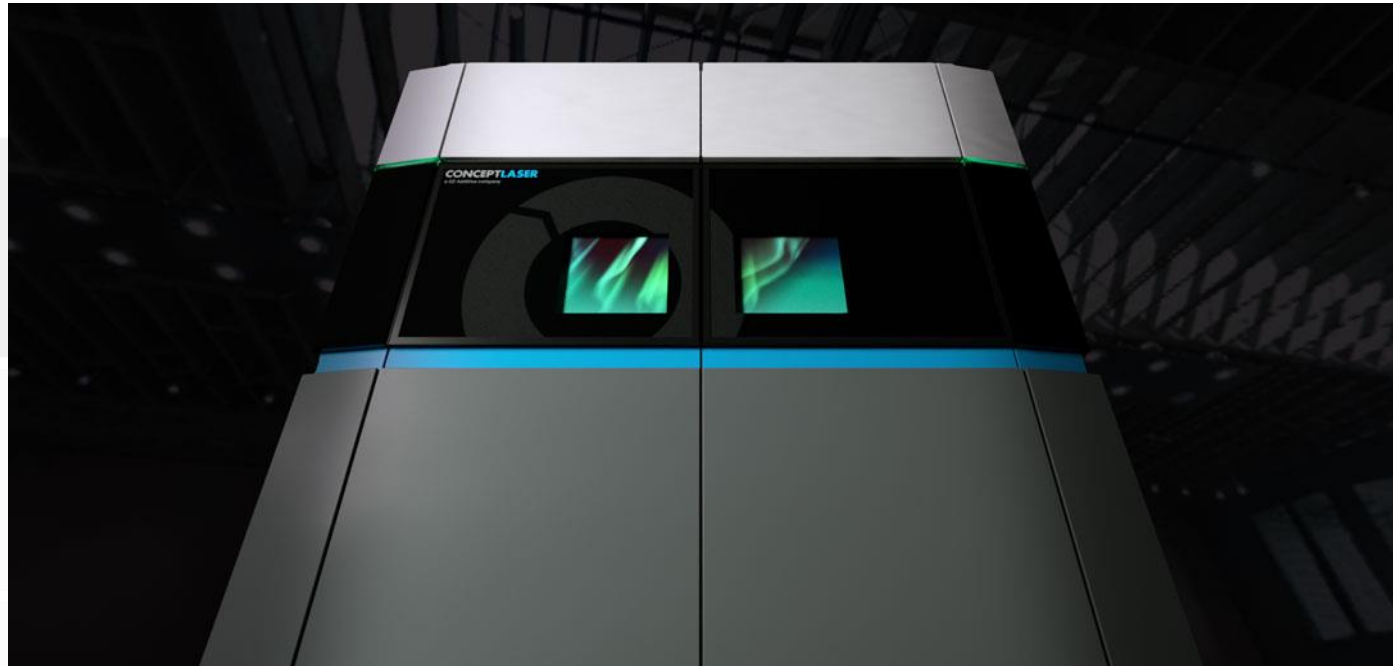
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## Project A.T.L.A.S (Additive Technology Large Area System)

Bringing scalable, customizable innovation to additive manufacturing

- Scalable, **meter-class**, laser powder-bed fusion BETA machine represents significant innovation breakthrough for metal powder additive manufacturing sector
- Built to allow manufacturers of large parts and components configure and customize to their own unique requirements

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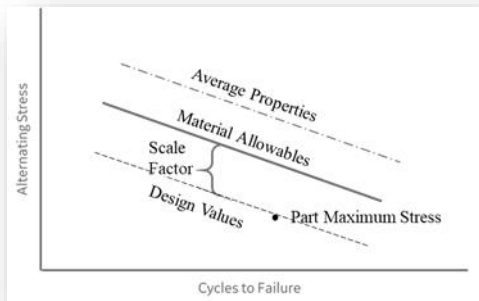
## GE Additive - Powders

GE Additive offer total solutions for selections of standard materials. For these materials, metal powder, process settings and support are provided.



## GE Additive - Material Development

- ✓ Materials selection consulting
- ✓ Parameters development
- ✓ Develop desired material properties
- ✓ Reduced material development cycle time



## GE Additive - Material Data

- ✓ Specifications
- ✓ Allowables
- ✓ Design Values

# AddWorks Engineering

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## GE Additive – Design Engineering

- ✓ Additive design assistance
- ✓ Design files to print
- ✓ Design of experiments (DOE) for risk areas
- ✓ Finite element analysis (FEA), thermal design
- ✓ distortion modeling and testing
- ✓ •Additive roadmap



## GE Additive – Industrialization Engineering

- ✓ Factory design
- ✓ Health and safety design
- ✓ Machine operation qualification
- ✓ Process performance qualification

# GE Additive Parts



## GE Additive – Print Services

- ✓ Prototype printing
- ✓ Production process development
- ✓ Qualified production parts

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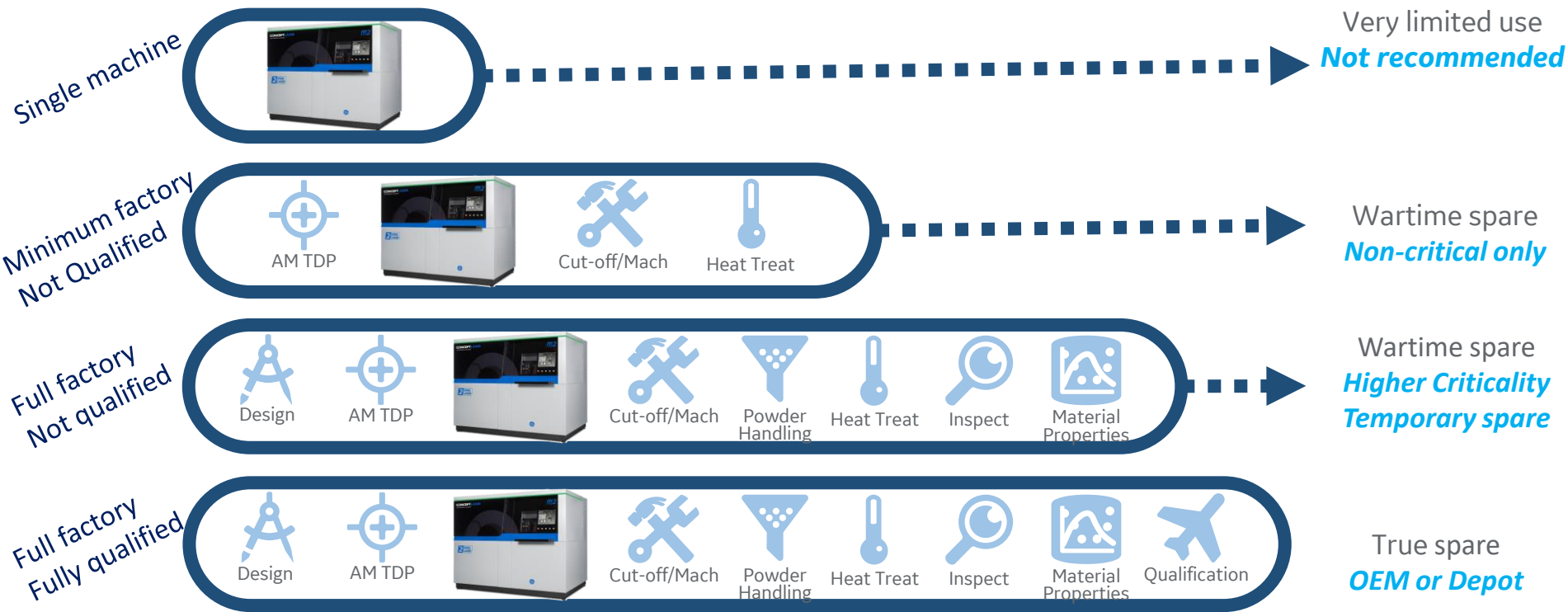
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# Metal additive application options for DoD sustainment

*USN applications*



# Global Business Brief

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*...Roper's looking into other ideas as well. General Electric has offered the Air Force a licensing agreement allowing the military to 3D-print engine parts.*

***"If we put it into our printer queue, then we pay the fee to print that part. I think that's a great idea," Roper said. "It's something that we probably don't want to do for lots or hundreds of thousands [of parts], but if we need a few things that are currently not available, I think that's great to up our readiness and lower cost."***

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