## Democratising DED in the Supply Chain

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What are Autodesk doing?



#### Introduction To DED







#### ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES





#### Process EBM + Wire





















#### Laser + Powder







#### **Comparing Metal AM Technologies**



Multi axis deposition overcomes the needs for support structures

Ability to use multiple materials

Feature addition to existing stock

## **DED Today**

Who – industries involved

Why – business case

What – products being made

How – specific machines

Barriers





### Why DED?











Marine

Aerospace

Automotive

Oil and Gas

Heavy Industry







Shorter production lead times



Reduced material waste and spare parts



Improved part performance



De-centralised manufacturing







































#### **Barriers**

Incomplete and fragmented software workflows

Process requires expert knowledge

Limited materials know-how

Qualification of parts

Expensive hardware

Lack of turnkey solutions

Few real life examples

Lack of standards

Failure to scale















## **Driving Adoption**

How might industry gain access to DED...?

To achieve scale we must drive its adoption down the supply chain

To enable adoption we must overcome the current barriers





Hardware Work with and enable low-cost machines



Software Accessible integrated workflows



People Tools that reduce specialist knowledge



Ability to achieve a first-time right build

### Hardware

Work with and enable low-cost machines

- Accessible
- Repeatable
- Reliable
- Standards













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### Software

Accessible integrated workflows

- Accessible
- Ease of use
- Integrated
- Connected













**Machine Simulation** 

NC Creation

**Machine Connection** 

Manufacture



### People

Tools that reduce specialist knowledge

- Ability to upskill yourself
- Accessible content and courses
- Community of users
- Access to experts













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#### Process

Ability to achieve a first-time right build

- Where do I start?
- Will it work?
- How did it go?
- Standards
- Repeatable
- Reliable













# How did it go? Store and learn from experience



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How could this group help?

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### How is Your Work Contributing?

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## **Summary**

Sustainability









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Software

Accessible

integrated

workflows

Processes Ability to achieve a first-time right build

Realise the benefits of DED by driving adoption down the supply chain

Four key pillars identified to scale the technology

Collaboration is key and no one can scale this technology on their own

Please reach out!



