

A Renishaw solution approach to AM part quality



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About Renishaw

World leading metrology & engineering company

A FTSE 250 company with headquarters in United Kingdom



Advancing operational performance

Transforming manufacturing efficiencies and raising product quality

Maximising research capabilities

Improving medical procedures and patient outcomes

Global overview

£436.6 million

sales in 2016

16%

of revenue spent on engineering,
including R&D in 2016

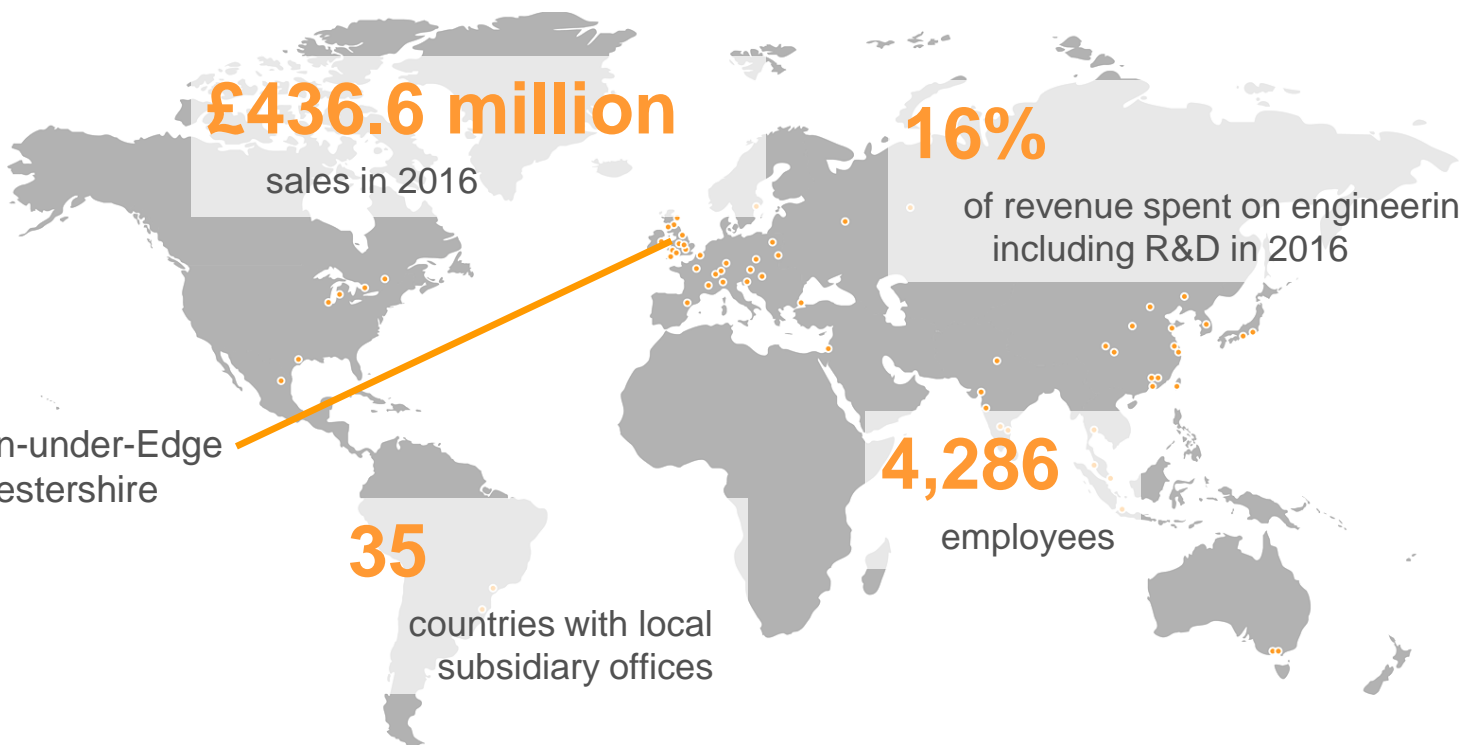
4,286

employees

35

countries with local
subsidiary offices

Wotton-under-Edge
Gloucestershire
UK



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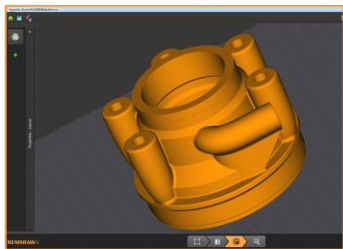
“Additive is not an island”

The key to Renishaw’s approach is to provide not only the equipment needed to build AM parts, but the end to end system required to provide a validated solution to users at each stage of manufacturing.



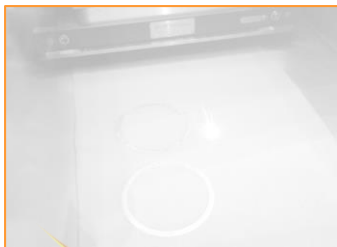
The solution approach

Software



QuantAM

AM build



Gauging



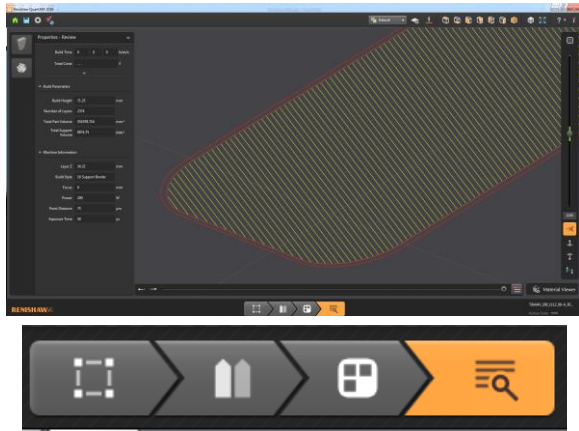
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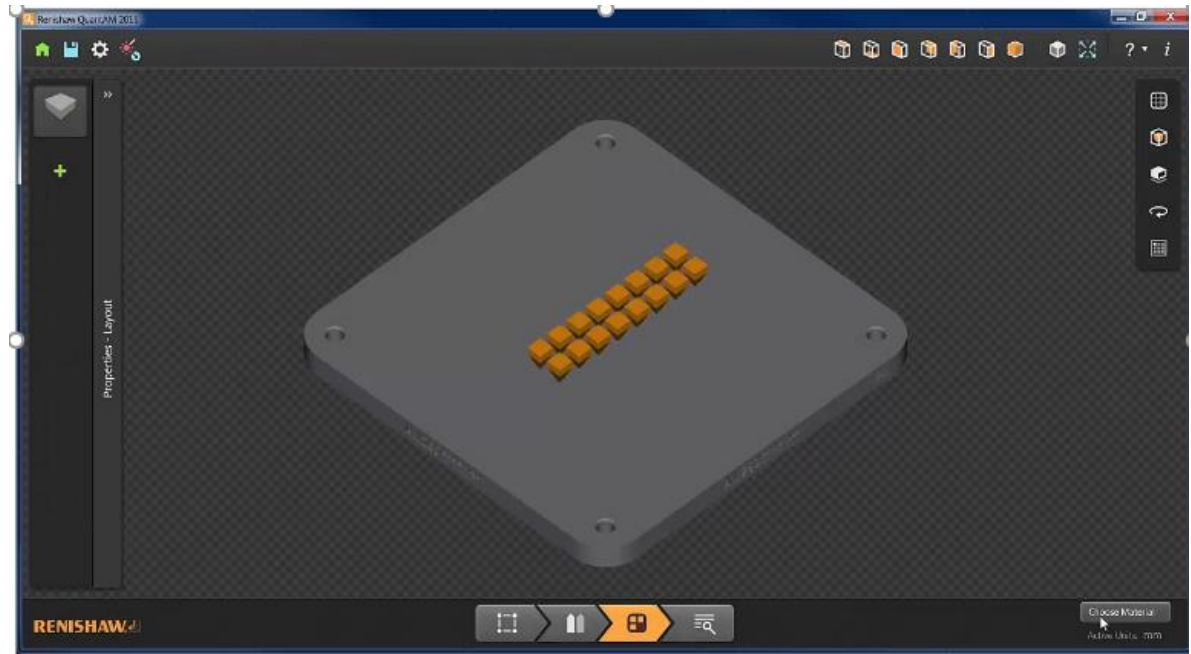
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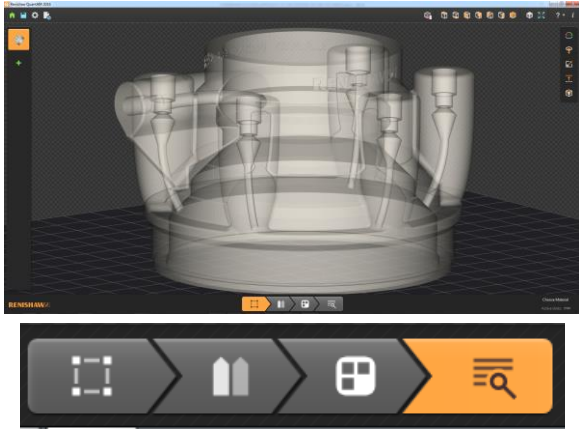
QuantAM – Open Access Platform



- Orientation
- Support
- Build Setup
- Toolpath review
- Material Development

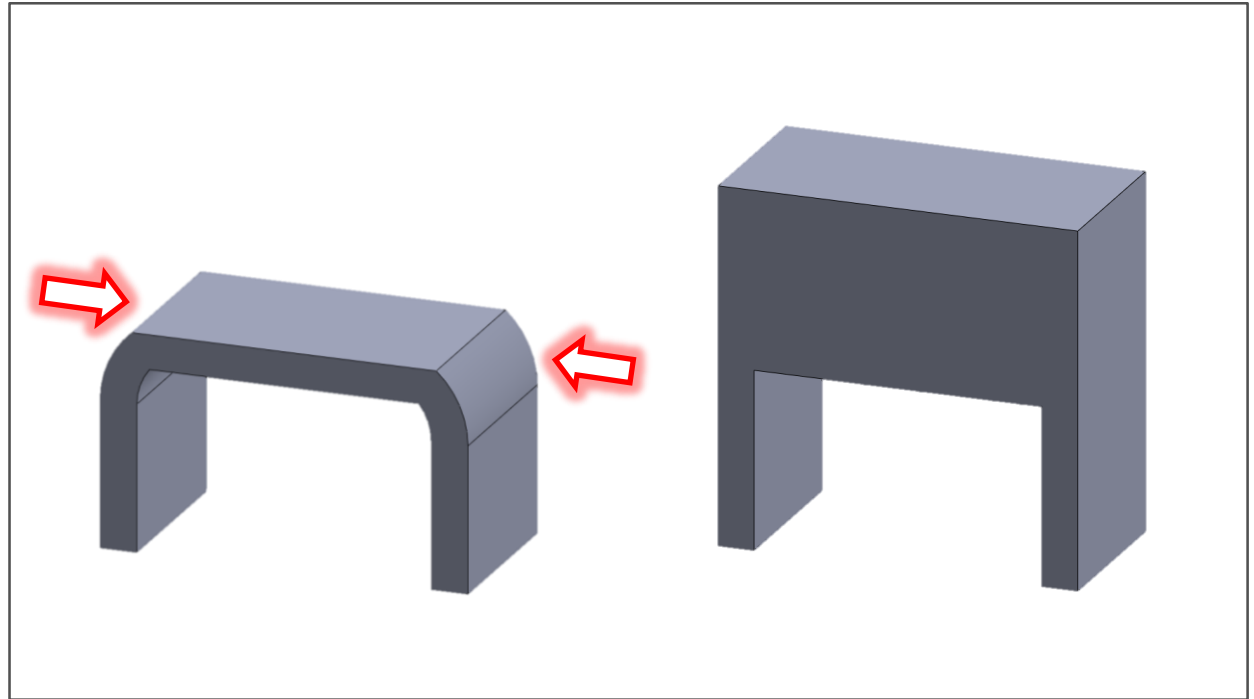


QuantAM – Bridging Distortions

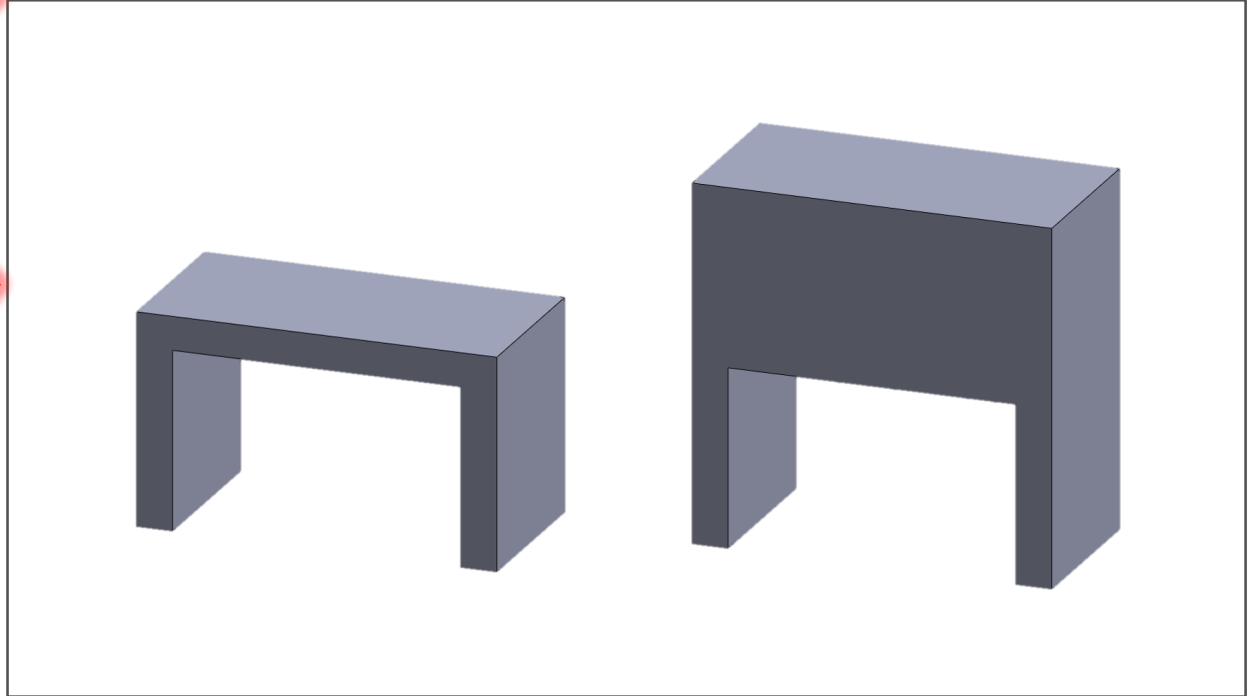
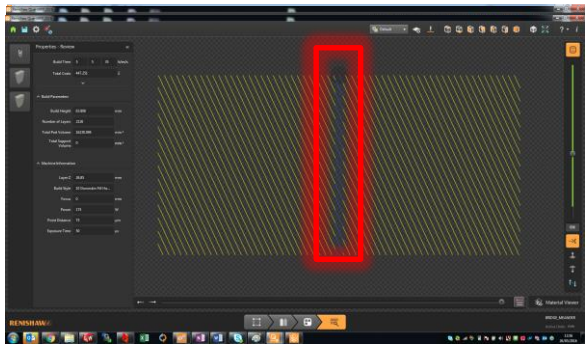
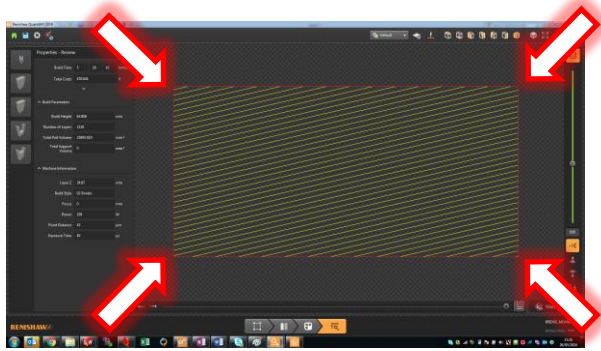


Bridging Distortions

Bridging distortions are caused by the shrinkage of large cross sectional area layers that form the bridge between separate part islands



QuantAM – Bridge Scanning Strategy



CAD optimisation and simulation



Collaboration with simulation experts

Step 3 - Build simulation



CATIA

Generative Design (Topological optimisation)

DELMIA

Toolpath generation powered by QuantAM

SIMULIA

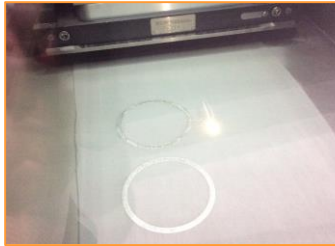
Part and build simulation

The solution approach

Build preparation



AM build



Ren**AM** 500M /
Infini**AM**

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RenAM 500M



- 500 W ytterbium fibre laser
- Build volume 250 mm x 250 mm x 350 mm
- Automated powder sieving and recirculation
- Patented high capacity dual gas filter system
- Open access parameter editing

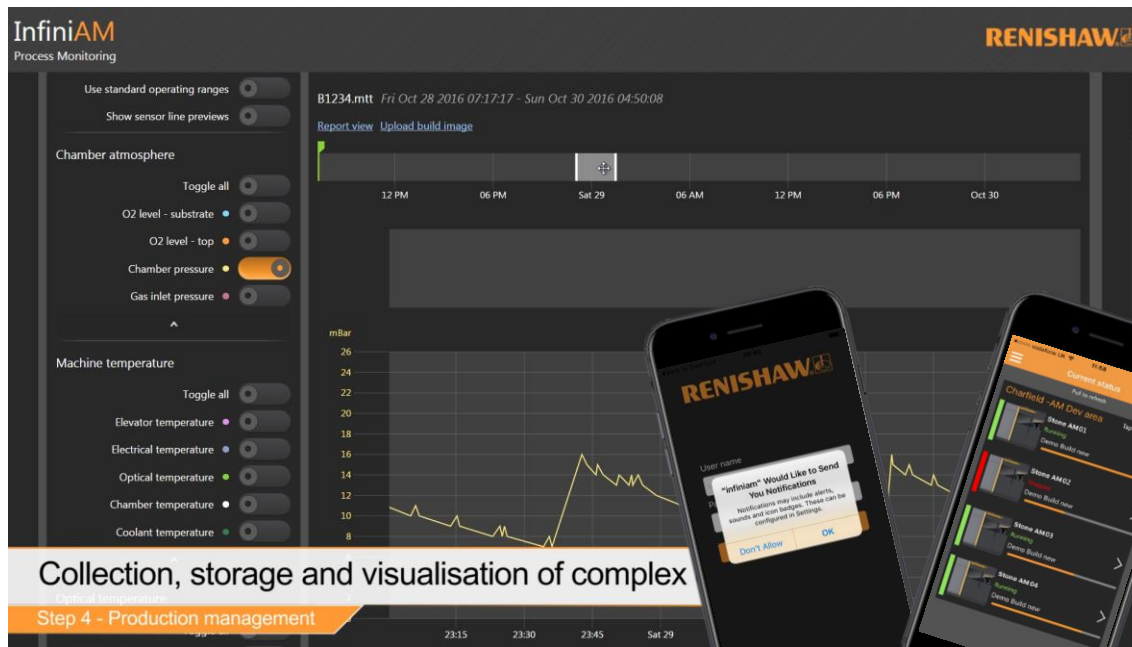


InfiniAM – Process Monitoring

Process monitoring

Data reporting

Mobile apps

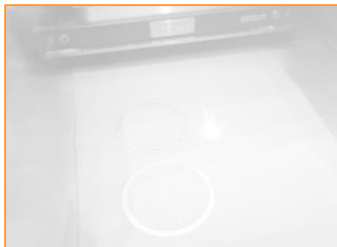


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Equator

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EQUATOR™ versatile gauging system



Equator Features

- Parallel kinematic constraint mechanism
- Controlling tolerances to $\pm 2\mu\text{m}$
- TP20 touch trigger probe
- SP25 3-axis analogue scanning probe

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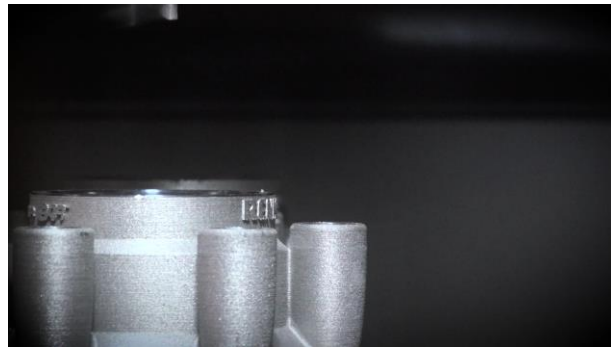
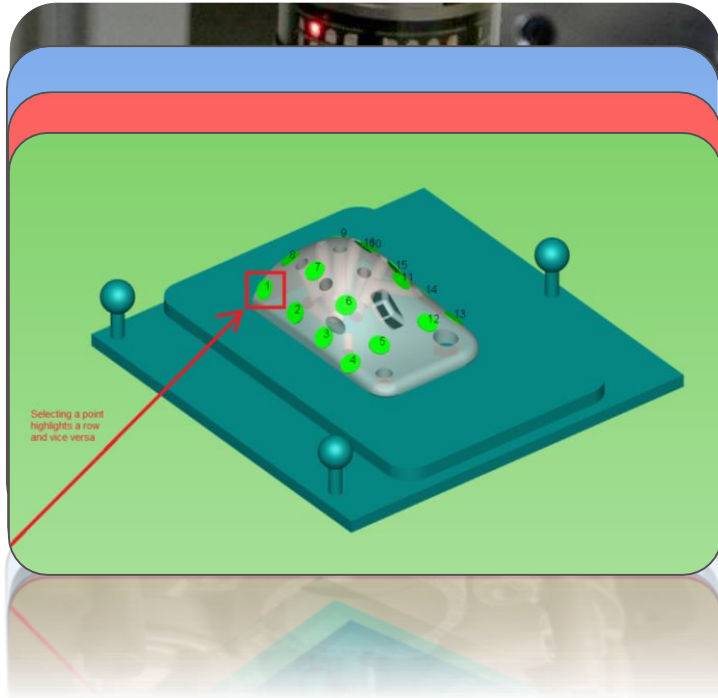


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SPRINT™ and NC-PerfectPart™



SPRINT

- On-machine contact scanning system
- Touch trigger part setup
- 3-axis scanning

NC-PerfectPart

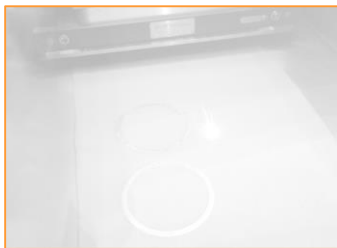
- Complex 5-axis toolpath alignment
- Distortion compensation

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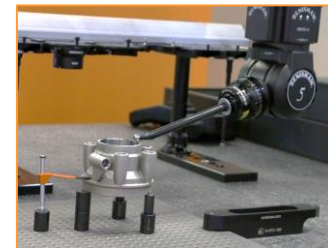
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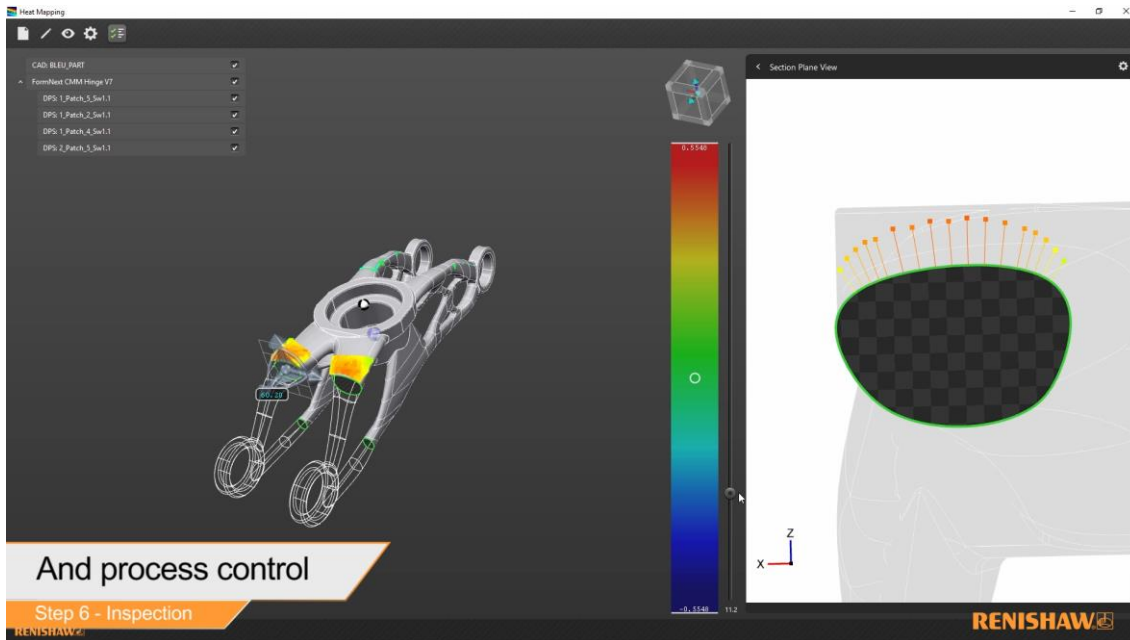


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**Modus 2 /
REVO**

MODUS™ 2 & APEX™



And process control

Step 6 - Inspection

MODUS 2

MODUS software provides a powerful platform to develop and run inspection programs

Measurement path planning for REVO

Applications for visualisation of millions of scanned data points

Inspection planning

Freeform surfaces

Error mapping

REVO™ 5-axis measurement



REVO

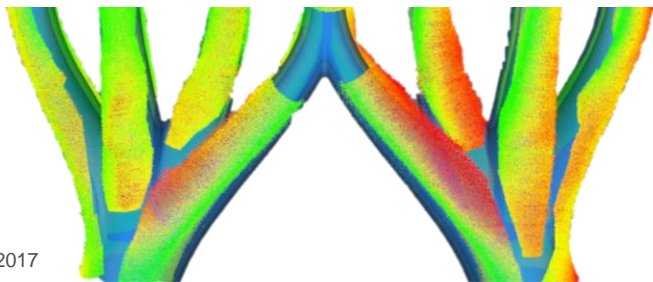
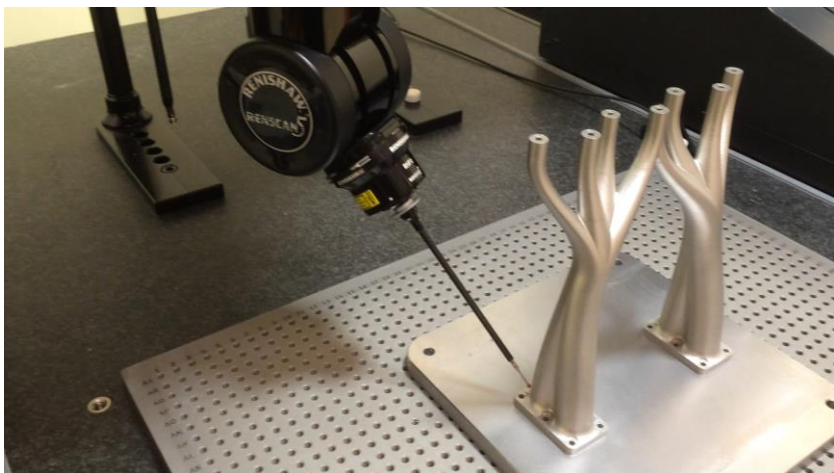
Synchronised motion and 5-axis measurement technology

Minimised dynamic effects of CMM motion at ultra high measurement speeds.

3D touch-trigger measurement and 2D/3D – scanning

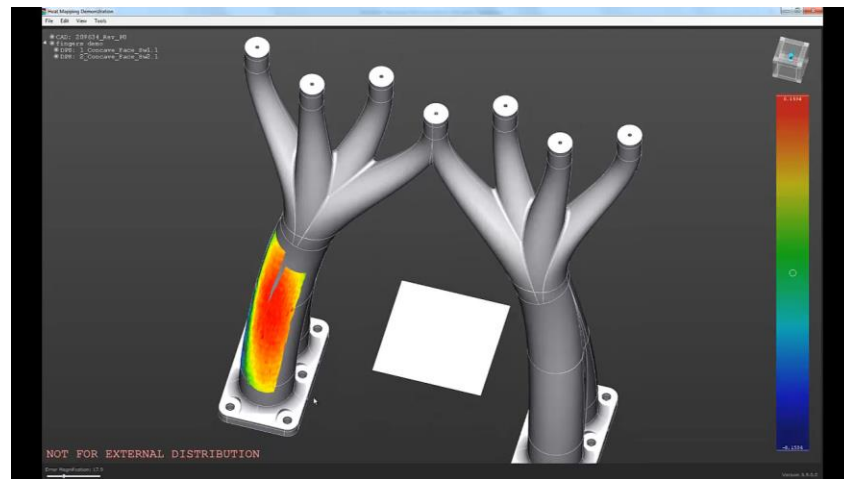
Available styli extensions up to 800mm long

Point mapping

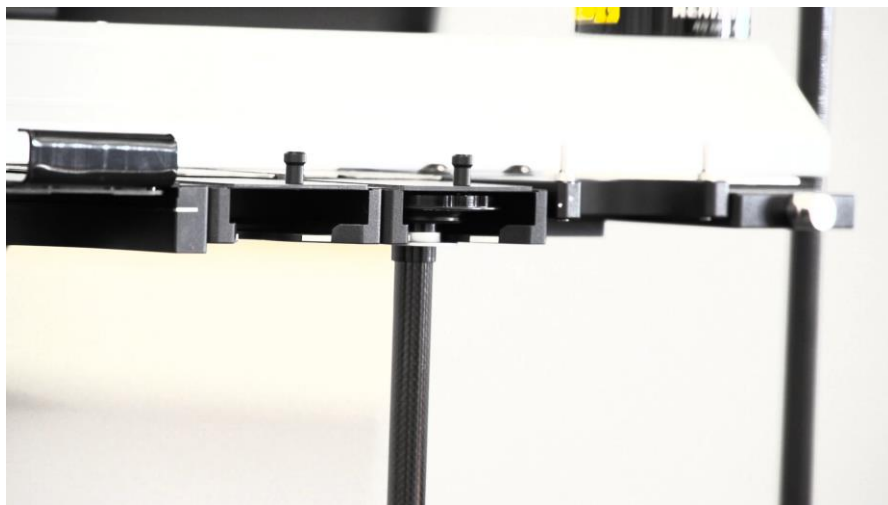


Error mapping allows the user to see layer by layer how distortion occurs and propagates

Defects such as bridging distortions can be visualised to better understand the defect cause and develop solutions



REVO – Surface Finish Probe (SFP)



REVO – Surface finish probe

Utilises the infinite positioning capability of REVO

Surface measurement capability is from 6.3 μm - 0.05 μm RA
(250 μin to 2 μin) Ra

Achievable accuracy is $\pm 10\%$

Characterisation of both unfinished and machined AM surfaces.

REVO – Vision Probe (RVP)



Module specification	VM10	VM11
		
Measurement range	1 mm diameter hole/feature	0.5 mm diameter hole/feature
Field of view	50 mm x 40 mm	12.5 mm x 10 mm
Stand-off	80 mm	120 mm
Depth of field	5 mm	5 mm
Resolution	40 µm	20 µm
LED illumination	24 LEDs	10 LEDs
Backlight compatibility	Yes	Yes



REVO – Vision Probe

Non contact inspection

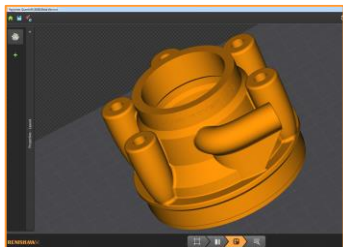
1.3 megapixel global shutter CMOS sensor

For measuring small holes and delicate features

Sub 40µm and 20µm respective resolutions

The solution approach

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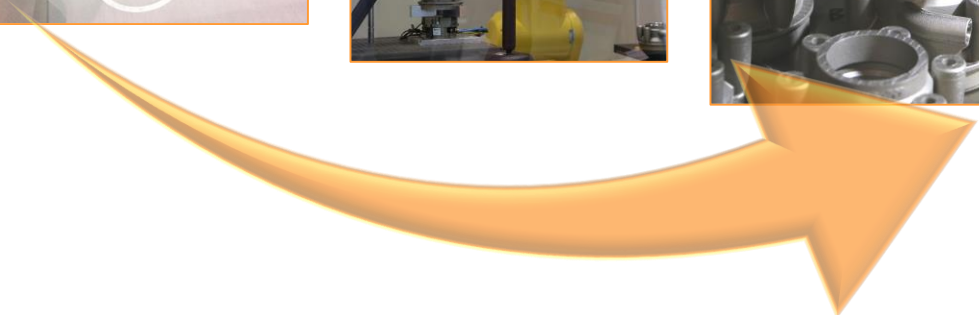
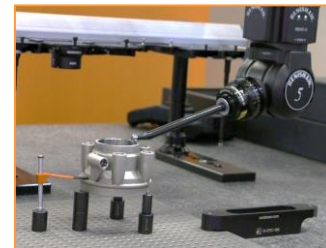
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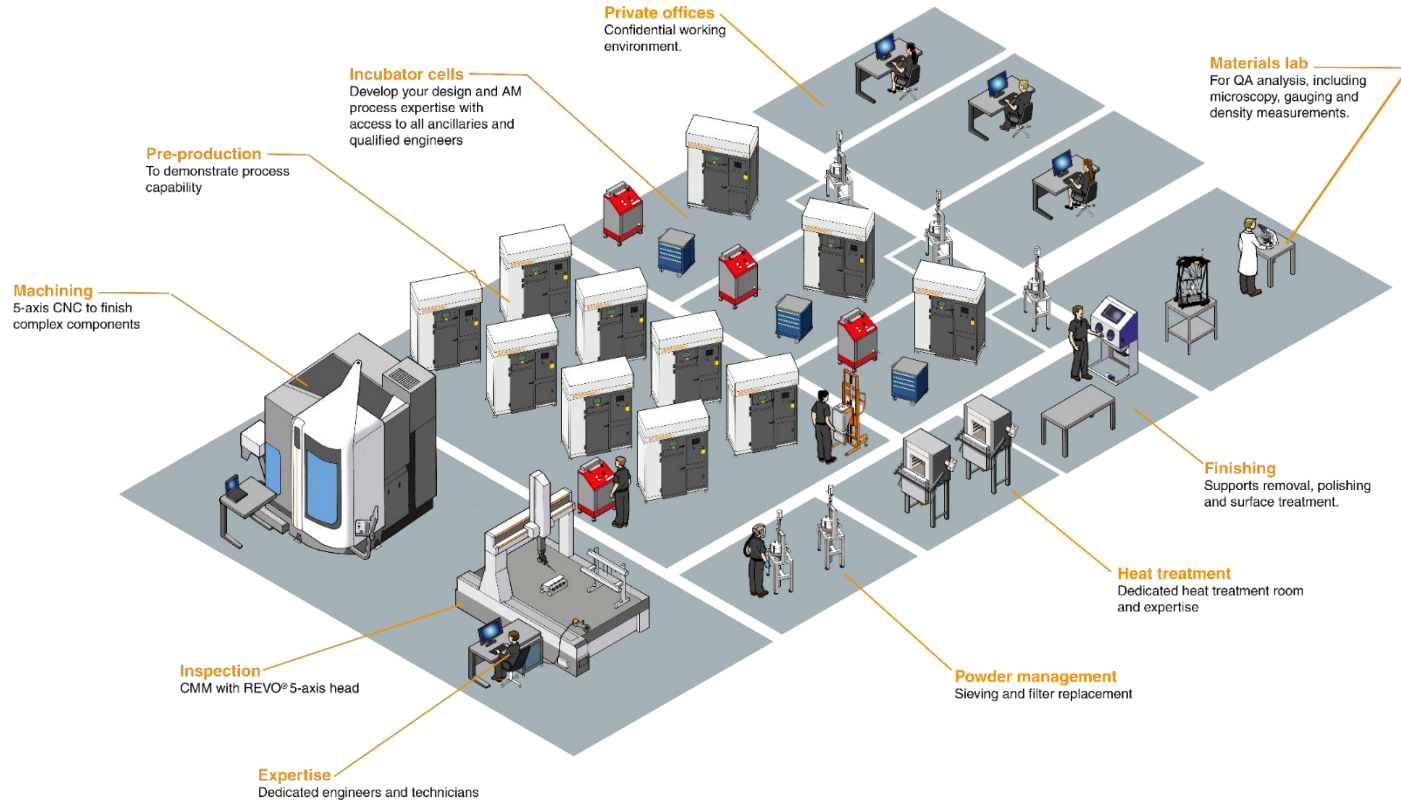
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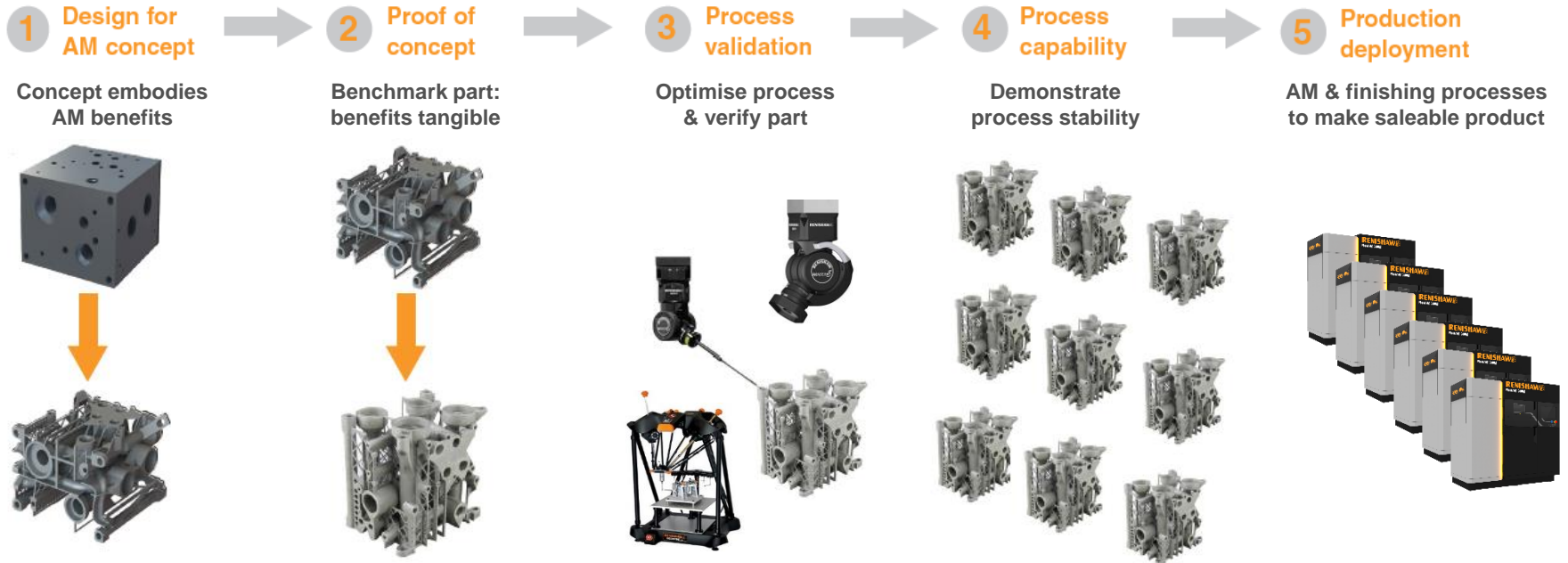
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Solutions Centre facilities



Solution Centre



Application engineering support | Dedicated incubator cell | Pre-production facility | Your supply chain

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Thank You

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