3D PRINTING FUNDAMENTALS COURSE

DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURING (DFM) GUIDE



		FDM	SLA	SLS	MJF	SLM	DMLS
Supported Wall Minimum Thickness		0.8mm	0.5mm	0.6mm	0.7mm	0.4mm	0.4mm
Unsupported Wall Minimum Thickness		1.0mm	1.0mm	0.7mm	1.0mm	0.5mm	0.5mm
Support Requirement		Overhangs >45°	Always Required	Not Required	Not Required	Overhangs >45°	Overhangs >45°
Minimum Surface Details (Embossing & Debossing)		0.6mm (Width) 2.0mm (Height)	0.4mm (Width) 0.4mm (Height)	1.0mm (Width) 1.0mm (Height)	1.0mm (Width) 1.0mm (Height)	0.4mm (Width) 0.4mm (Height)	0.4mm (Width) 0.4mm (Height)
Horizontal Bridge Maximum Span		10mm	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.2mm	2.0mm
Minimum Clearances (Connecting/Moving Parts)	17	0.5mm	0.5mm	0.3mm (Movement) 0.1mm (Connection)	0.3mm (Movement) 0.1mm (Connection)	1.0mm	N/A
Escape Hole Minimum Diameter		N/A	4.0mm	3.5mm	5.0mm	5.0mm	5.0mm
Minimum Feature Size		2.0mm	0.2mm	0.5mm	0.4mm	1.0mm	0.6mm
Minimum Pin Diameter		3.0mm	0.5mm	0.8mm	0.8mm	1.5mm	1.5mm
Tolerance		±0.3%	±0.2%	±0.3%	±0.3%	±0.2%	±0.1%

Values are general recommendations and may vary based on specific machines, materials, and settings | For critical dimensions and features - check with the manufacturer.