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**Nanopatterning steel tooling for
industrial applications**

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SURFACE NANO-PATTERNING

Application Area	Examples of Applications
Optics and Photonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Photonic Crystal fabrication-Anti-reflective coatings-Diffractive elements / security markings
Biosensing and Diagnostics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Bio-functionalized surfaces for biomolecule detection-Surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy-Micro-arrays and lab-on-chip devices
Nanoelectronics and NEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Field-effect transistors-Nano-wire based sensors and photodetectors-NEMS
Surface Engineering and Functionalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Surface wetting property modification-Superhydrophilic/superhydrophobic surfaces-Tribological systems, micro/nanomachines
Energy and Environmental Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Solar energy harvesting-Energy storage devices (batteries, supercapacitors)
Biomedical Engineering and Tissue Eng.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Nanostructured scaffolds for tissue engineering-Surface modification for medical implants-Drug-delivery systems with nano-structured surfaces



NANO-PATTERNING FOR MOLDING

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Initial requirements	Development
Differentiation from Ni shims and laser	-on free-form shapes -on customer steel tooling -long lifetime in production -control of nanostructure lateral size/depth
Wafer size (4inch, potentially scalable)	-start with smaller areas, in time develop for larger ones
Plug & play for the industry	-no change in production: tool temperature/cycle time/special materials -standard tool maintenance
Efficient metrology available	-SEM inspection not an option - binocular/optical/confocal microscopes
Modular and scalable processing	-No single machine dependency -De-risking via modular sub-processes -Easier to transpose in other working environments



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PROBLEM - COUNTERFEITING



China 2021:
\$2.8M Counterfeit Vaccines

↑ liabilities



Latin America 2019
400 tones of counterfeit shampoo

↓ reputation



US 2015
Military-grade Semiconductors

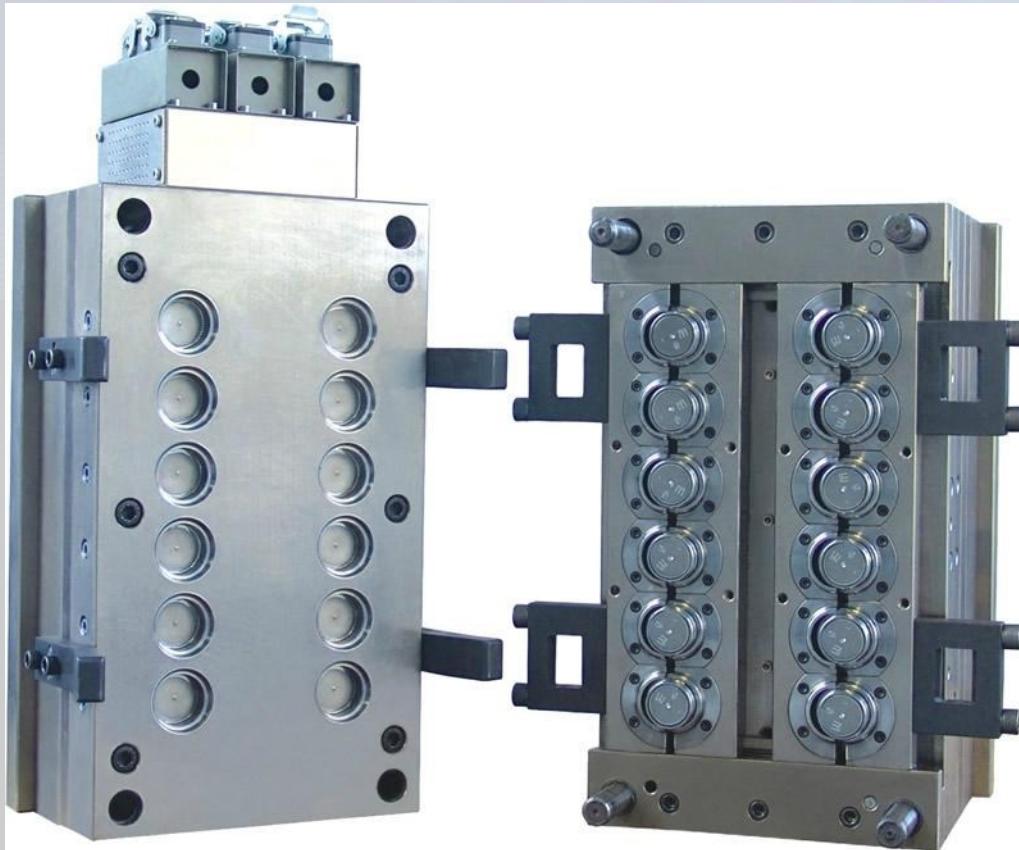
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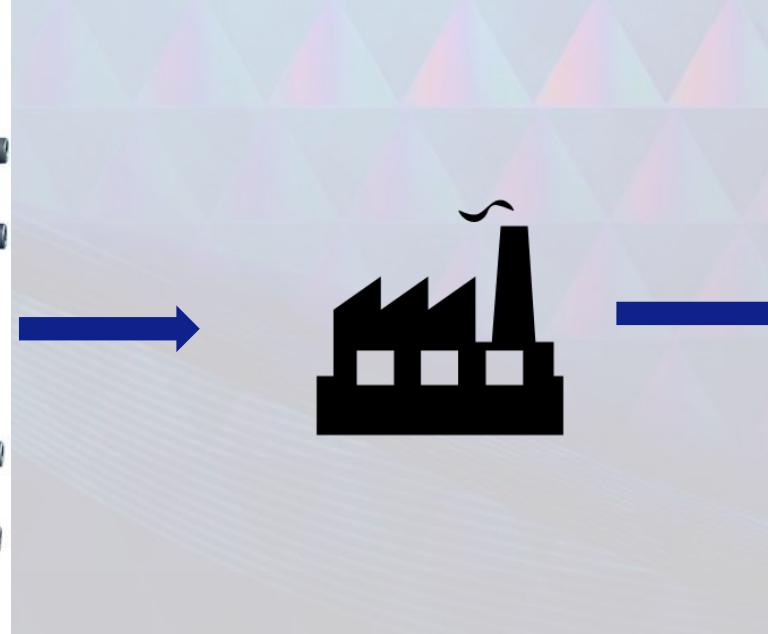


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MOLDING LINE



Mold



Molding line



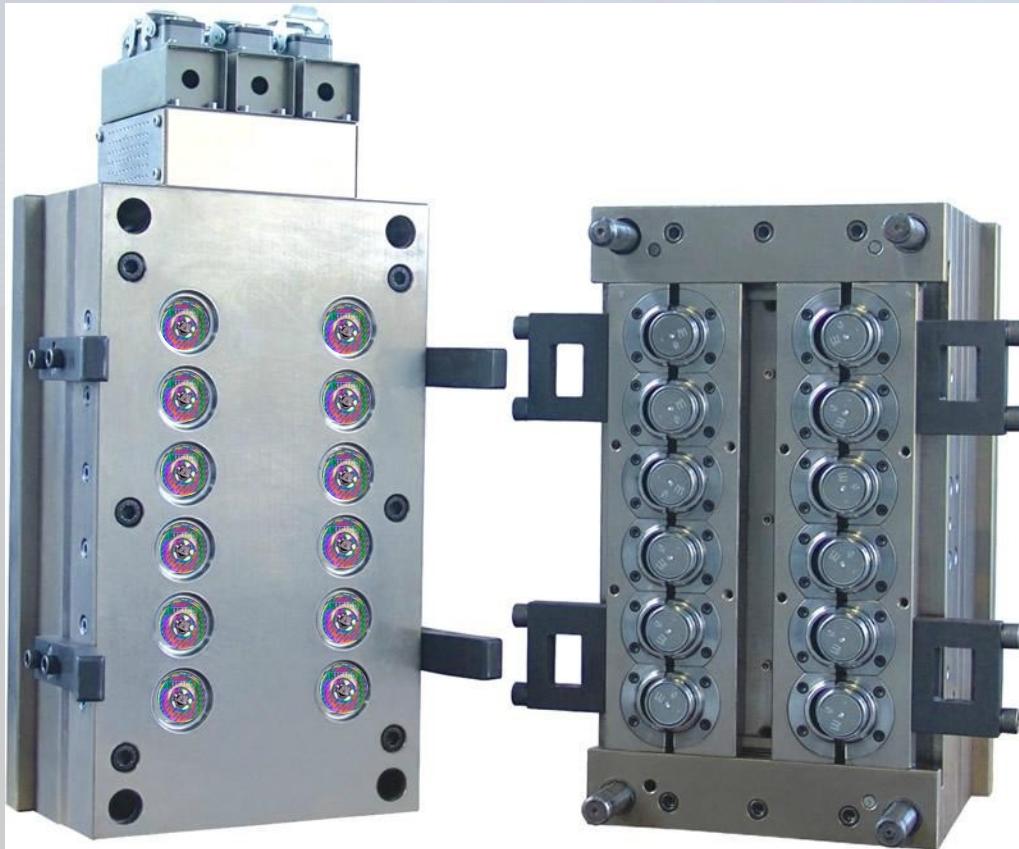
Original or counterfeit?

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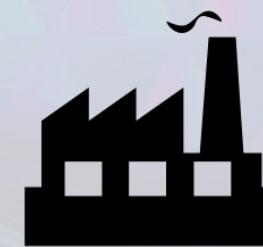


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NANO-MARKED MOLDING LINE



Nano-marked mold



Molding line

Nano-marked original



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NANO-MOLDING EXPERTISE

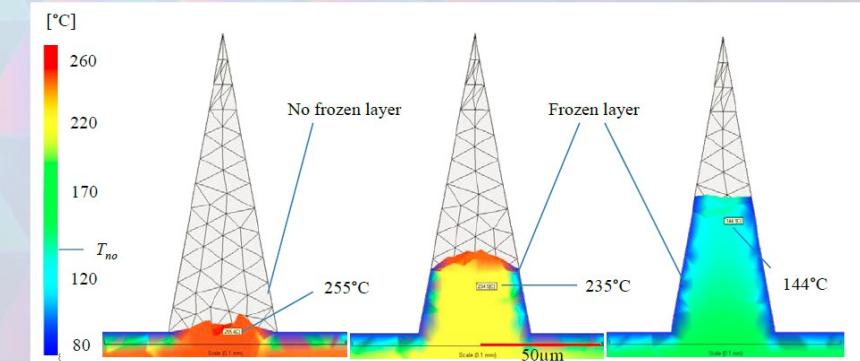
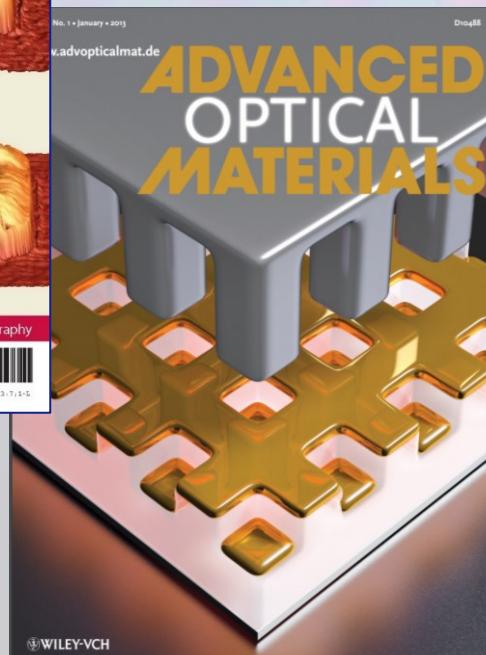
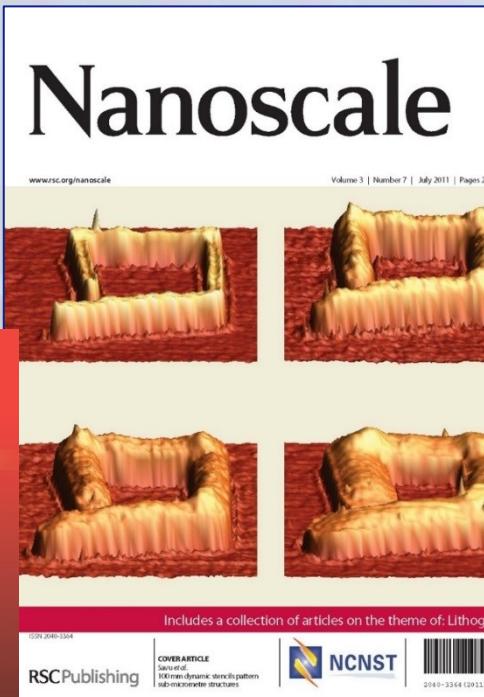
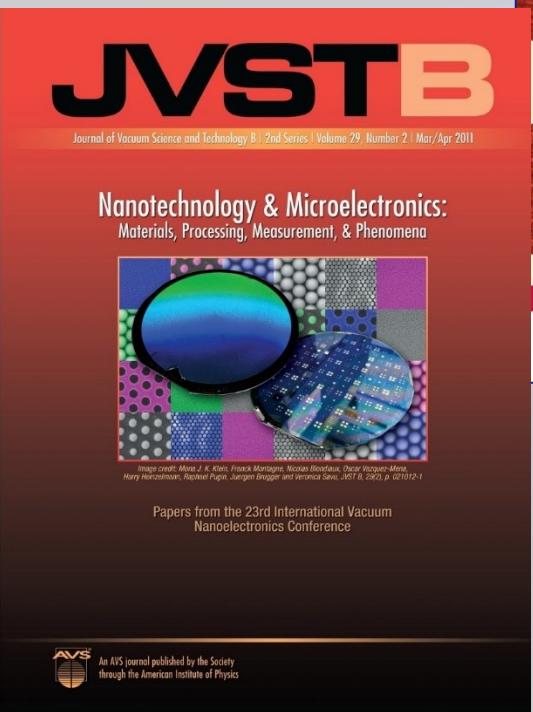


Fig. 4.16: Simulated temperature and frozen layer formation for PMMA applying IIM in the v-micro-groove after 0.37 s, 0.38 s and 0.47 s filling time using Moldflow 2014.

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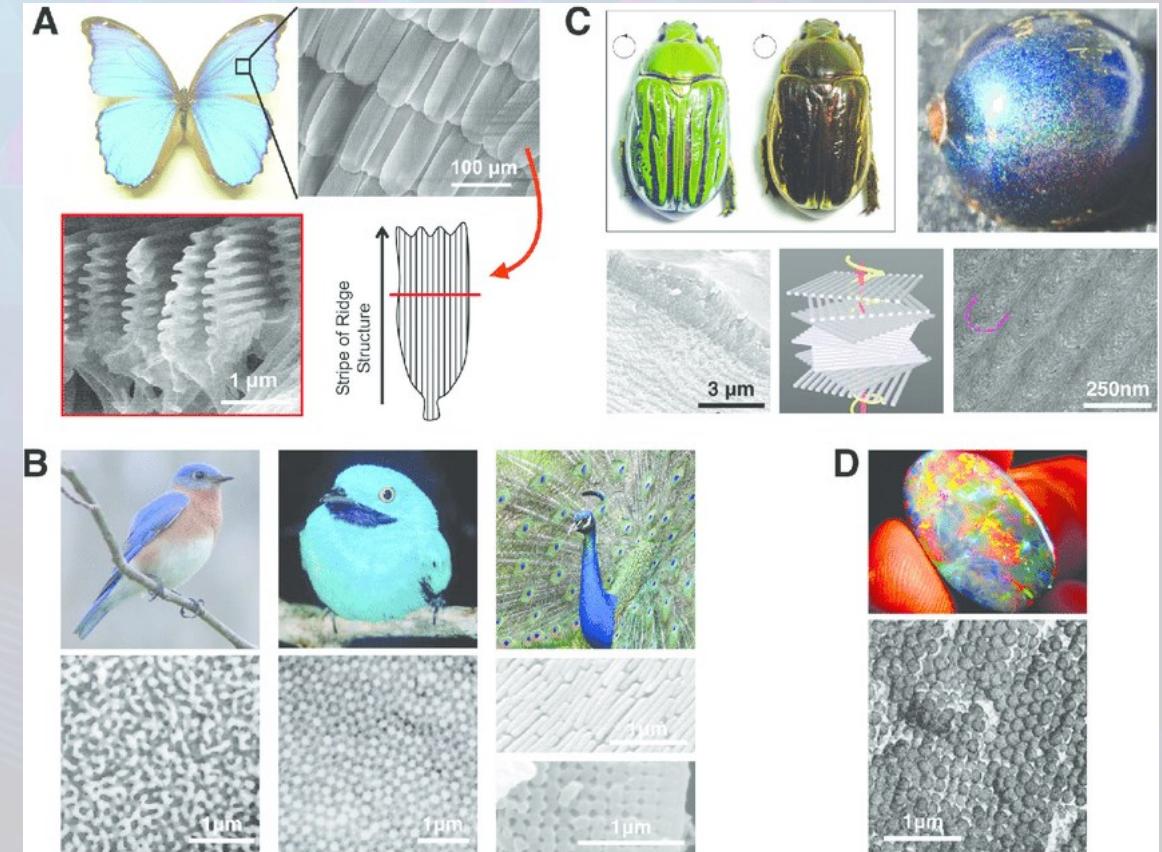
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STRUCTURAL COLOR



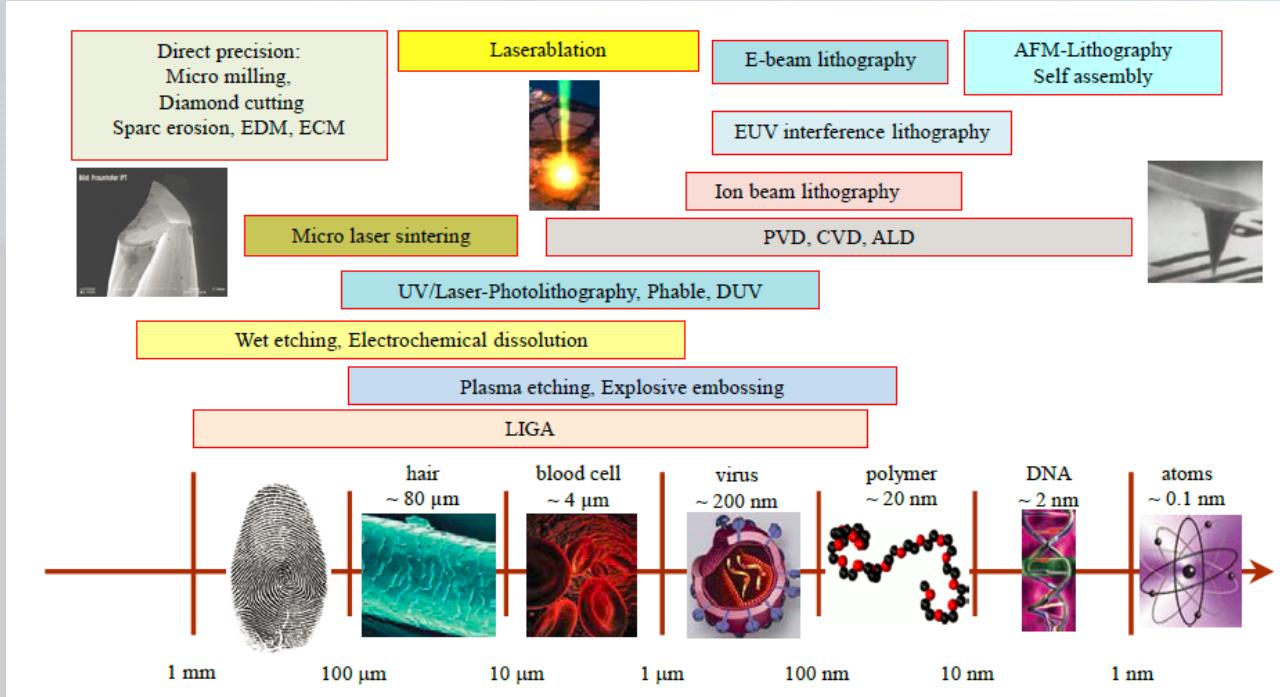
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HIGH-SECURITY



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COMPLEX DESIGNS

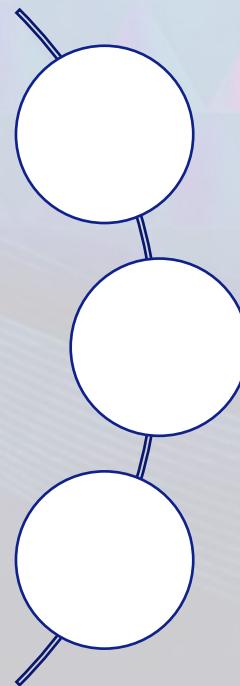


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APPLICATIONS



Medical/pharma

High-tech parts, IT

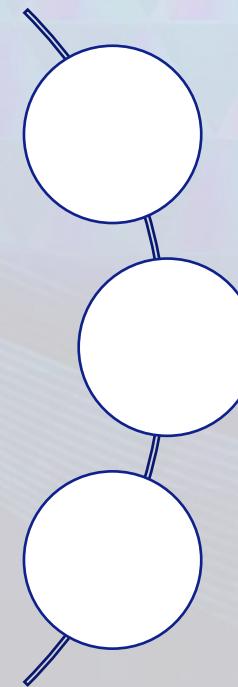
Packaging food/chemicals

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ADVANTAGES



Product-embedded

ZERO additives

Lowest C-footprint

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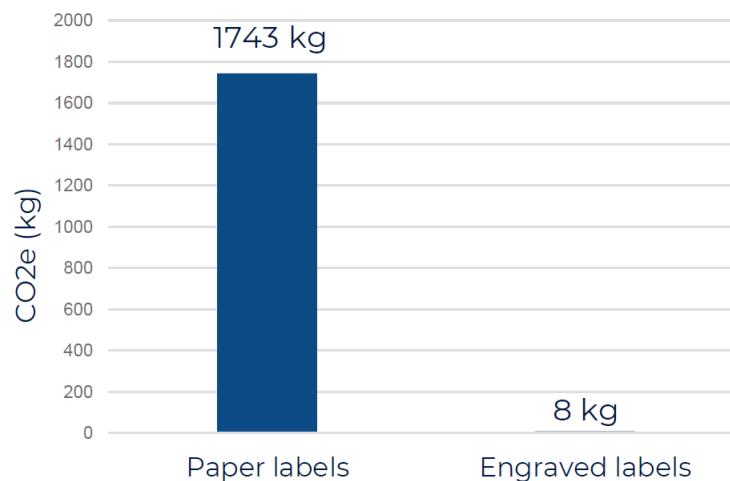


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LOW C-FOOTPRINT PHYSICAL SOLUTION

For 1 million products labelled with a 1cm² label, engraving an existing mold will be associated with 8kg CO₂eq compared to 1743 kg CO₂eq for ordering paper labels and glue.

**GHG emissions associated with
1 million 1cm² labels**

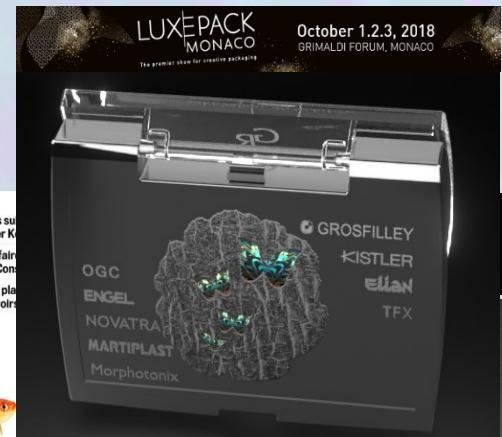


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INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



EASTMAN GROUPE ROCHER



EXCELLENCE IN
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NEW: CERAMICS

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Ceramic Injection Moulding: The impact of variotherm and conformal cooling technology on part quality and process capability

Despite the success of Ceramic Injection Moulding (CIM) in multiple end-user sectors, from luxury watches to automotive interiors and industrial engineering, there remains considerable scope for process optimisation to advance part quality, productivity and overall process capability. As part of the 'CIM++' research project, Ceramaret, Primaform and the iRAP institute investigated the potential of a variotherm control system for the CIM process and, as the results presented here demonstrate, significant improvements were achieved.

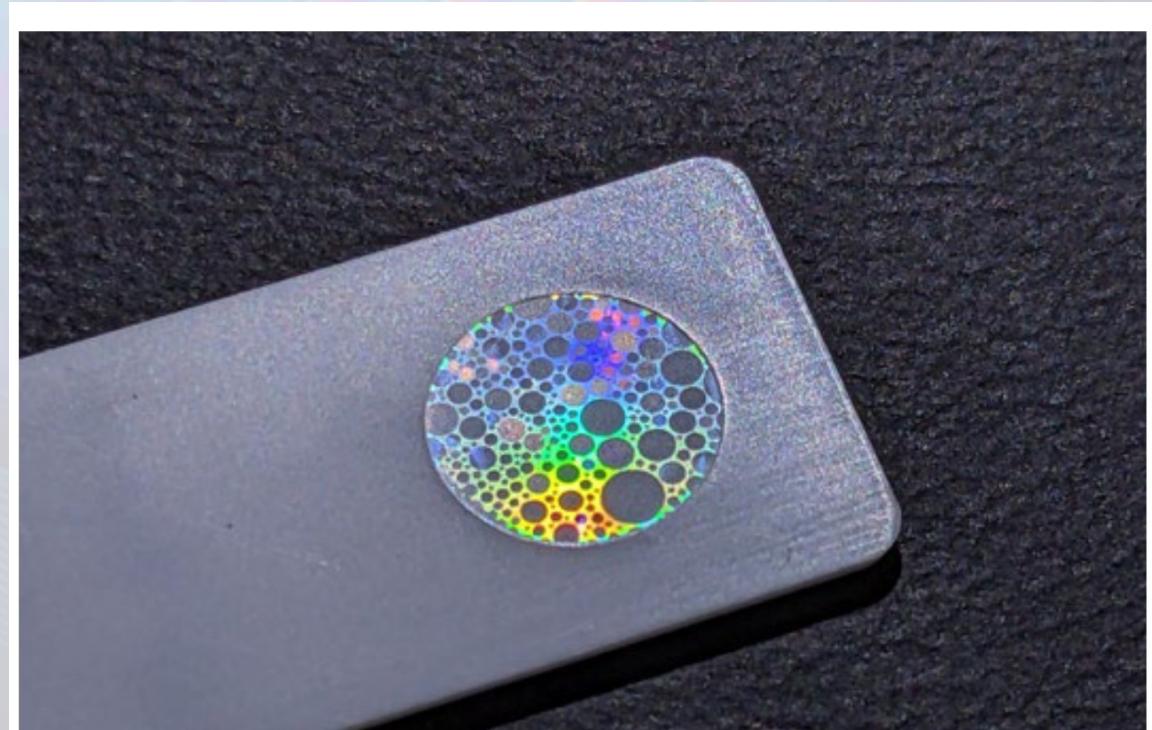


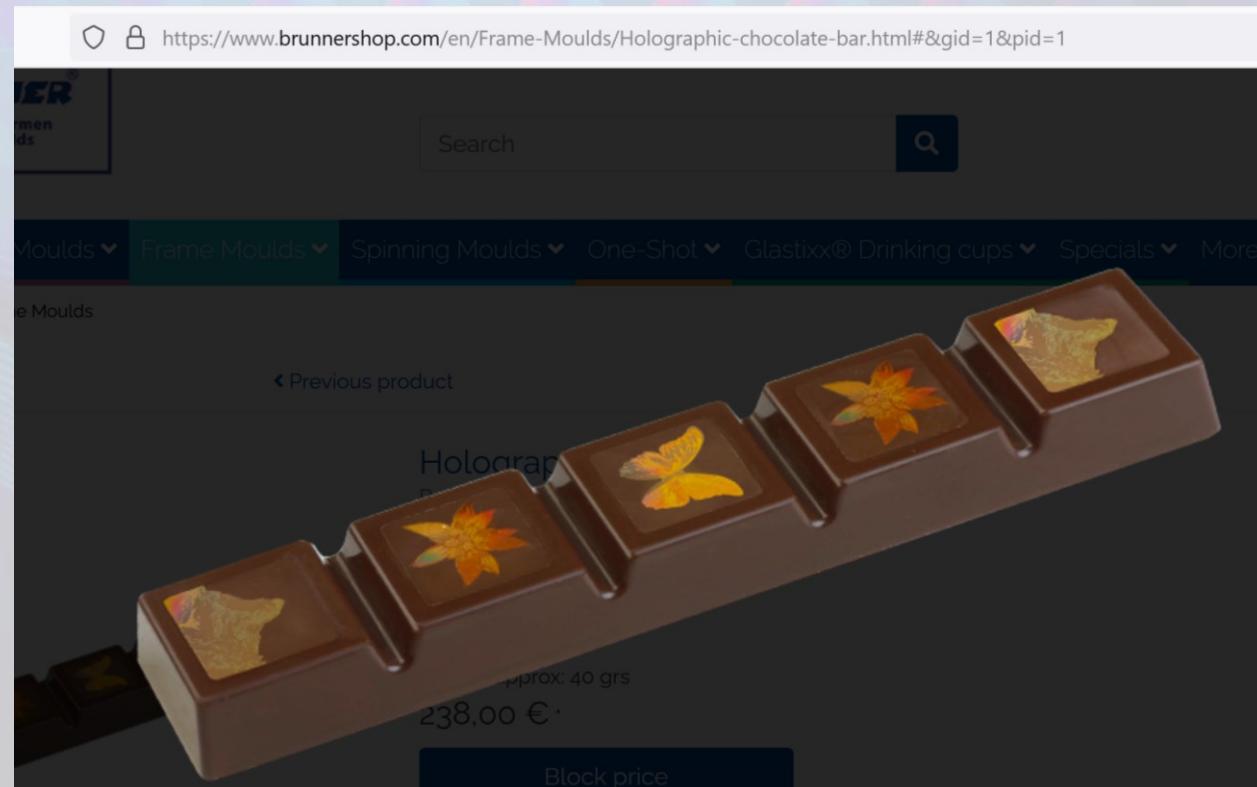
Fig. 1 Optimising the Ceramic Injection Moulding process with variotherm technology delivers improvements in process stability and quality. In relation to the manufacture of holographic structures such as this, significant advances in quality and process capability are achieved (Courtesy iRAP Institute, HEIA-FR/HES-SO, Morphotonix)

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