# **HLH Design Guide - SLA 3D Printing**

# Build Volume: 800x800x390mm Tip

# **Advantages**

Accurate to CAD Fast build times No tooling costs Complex geometries possible Good surface finish

# **Drawbacks**

Brittle materials Need support material

# Tips & Tricks

Reduce weight to save costs Add escape holes for resin in closed sections Fillet walls and pins for extra strength

### Surface Finishes

Polishing Sand blasting Painting Plating & more

# Materials

ABS like materials High temperature "tough" materials Transparent materials



**Overhangs** - not a problem for SLA due to the supports. Unsupported overhangs will warp.

*Walls* - SLA can manage very thin walls but HLH do not recommend anything under 0.8 – 1mm.



**Holes & Slots** - we recommend a minimum of 0.5mm but the larger the better especially as wall thickness or depth increases.

**Tolerances** - layer thickness is 0.1 – 0.2mm. SLA is very accurate in the x and y directions, meaning models are very accurate to CAD. General tolerance is +/- 0.1mm.





**Text & Engraved Details** - are at risk of closing up if not designed with 0.5mm > minimum height.

Mating Parts - minimum 0.5mm gap between axel and bore or other moving parts.



### **Pins & Embossed Features**

> 0.8 - 1 mm -

Pins  $\geq$  0.8mm but even then risk breaking. Embossed features  $\geq$  0.3mm.



Minimum Clearance = 0.5mm