



3D printing fixture company, RapidFit, Inc. begins manufacturing in Michigan

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CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN — *RapidFit, Inc. (part of the Materialise Group), a provider of additive manufactured (3D printed) fixture solutions for the automotive industry, announced today that it has completed the purchase of Advanced Machining Ltd. located in Chesterfield Township, Michigan. This location will now be the North American manufacturing center of RapidFit, Inc., allowing the company to provide its services more efficiently and expand its geographical footprint.*

With a focus on automotive quality and inspection, RapidFit, Inc. will manufacture CMMs and attribute checking fixtures out of the Chesterfield Township location. By exploiting the benefits of additive manufacturing (3D printing), the revolutionary RapidFit+ service provides customized jigs, fixtures and quality control solutions. These patented systems are used to check the dimensional quality of car components and assemblies.

Bryan Crutchfield, President of RapidFit, Inc., commented: *"Our goal is to become a major player in the fixture industry by combining Advanced Machining's capabilities and reputation for quality with our innovative 3D printing expertise and proprietary RapidFit+ fixture solution. We also see this as an opportunity to have a local manufacturing footprint in the center of the automotive industry and foster new jobs in the future."*

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About RapidFit Inc. and RapidFit, NV.

RapidFit, Inc. a division of RapidFit, NV is part of the Materialise Group that has been offering OEMs and Tier 1 automotive suppliers a revolutionary fixture solution through the RapidFit+ brand of products and services.

Thanks to its modular system, RapidFit+ offers a high degree of customization while allowing many of the standard elements to be re-used over and over again. This accurate and sustainable system is unique thanks to the design freedom that only additive manufacturing can bring. By 3D Printing many of the components, advanced functionalities such as snap-fits and clips can be integrated into the fixtures to increase repeatability and create a better representation of the part environment. The risk of production downtime is also minimized by the ability to make modifications in an efficient and straightforward way.

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About Materialise

With its headquarters in Leuven, Belgium, and branches worldwide, Materialise has been playing an active role in the field of Additive Manufacturing since 1990. In addition to having one of the world's largest capacities of Additive Manufacturing equipment, Materialise also enjoys a stellar reputation as a provider of innovative software solutions. The advantages of Additive Manufacturing have been used by Materialise to develop unique solutions that make a world of difference for its many customers with their prototyping, production, and medical needs. These customers range from large companies in the automotive, consumer electronics, and consumables sectors; to famous hospitals, research institutes, and clinicians; to individual consumers interested in bringing their own unique creations to life through i.materialise or who want to purchase a celebrated .MGX design.

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