# Make What Matters<sup>TM</sup>

"RX-AM™ Platform to print industrial grade elastomeric parts"

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### **Chromatic 3D Materials**

### Making the strongest materials printable

Chromatic 3D Materials is a 3D printing technology company using chemical reactions to make manufacturing more flexible, cost-effective, and sustainable.

### What makes us different

We take a materials-first approach to printing. Commercial applications demand certain materials like thermoset elastomers.

#### **Our Locations**

**US Headquarters** 

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German Facility

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# **Chromatics' Offering**



- Support R&D for new concepts
- Provide test specimen and lab-results
- Production of standard & customized parts
- SOP of small series size

#### **3D-Printer**



- Low cost printers for
  - R & D
  - Low volume production
- We support part & process dvlpt.
- for all available resins (C3DM)
- Multi-material printing

#### Resins



- Industrial grade materials
- Thermosets elastomers for a variety of different applications
- Access to newest developments (EPDM...)

Our team has deep experience in manufacturing, materials science, and scaling new innovations globally.

# Principle



Next-gen printing with chemical reactions

We make industrial-grade materials printable

- Printing Liquid in Liquid
- Very smooth surfaces in all three directions
- No support structures
- No post-processing
- Isotropy
- Multi material print
- Durable for end-use applications







### Hardware, Software, Materials

- ✓ Low-cost versatile printer
- ✓ Hybrid multi-component printing
- ✓ Supported by ChromaWare Software for build-preparation and process control
- ✓ Prints thermosets: adaptable, industrial-strength materials





- Robust & Fast
- Made in Germany
- o RX-Flow™ 3500: 479mm x 743mm x 194mm
- o RX-Flow™ 7000: 680mm x 1040mm x 194mm



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# Materials



# Thermosets for durable 3D printing

You touch thermosets everyday

Seals and gaskets Medical devices Vehicles Footwear Apparel





WHAT ARE THERMOSETS?

Polymers are either thermoplastic or thermosets.

Thermoplastics melt to form.

Thermosets react to form.

Thermosets are critical for durable goods.

Thermosets are industrially trusted.



### **Versatile Print Resins**





- ChromaFlow –
   Basic printing resin

   High adhesion to
   fabric
   Washable
- <u>ChromaLast</u> Low
   Compression set
- ChromaMotive –

  HNBR like tensile

  properties

  Medium

  compression set

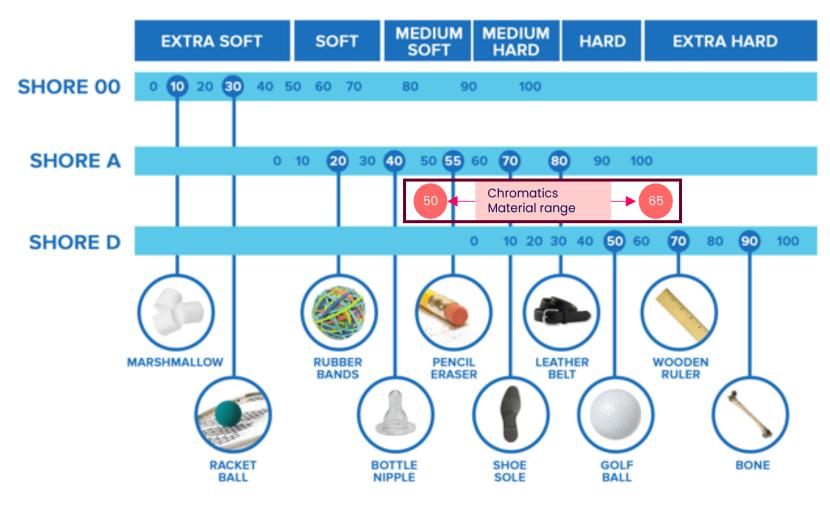
- ChromaResist –

  Resistant to alkaline environments like Lisoap greases.
- <u>Tailored Resins -</u>
   Material Properties
   Color
   Additives
- In Pipeline –
  EPDM
  SBR
  Others....



https://c3dmaterials.com/materials

### **Shore Hardness Scale**



### **ChromaFlow 70**

- Harder resin, Shoe Sole like
- Uses
  - Shoe Sole
  - Dampeners
  - Bellows
  - Covers
  - Grommets
  - bladders



Property	
Shore A hardness	70
Elongation at break	358%
Modulus @ 100% strain	2.99 MPa
Peak stress	9.06 MPa
Compression set (room temp 24 hour)	Above 75%



### ChromaLast 65

- Seals and Gaskets that are in a compressed environment
- Uses
  - Seals
  - Gaskets
  - Membranes

Property	fresh	aged	
Shore A hardness	60	64	
Elongation at break	618%	664%	
Modulus @ 100% strain	318	278	
Peak stress	18.4 MPa	17.9 MPa	
Compression set 24hr 22°C	15 %		
Compression set 24hr 100°C	35 %		



# Target markets



### Our initial market: elastomers

#### INDUSTRIAL PARTS



Parts and equipment like seals and gaskets, tooling, and material handling

#### APPAREL & TEXTILES



Functional and aesthetic features for sportswear, footwear, apparel, and technical textiles

#### TRANSPORTATION



Applications in sunroofs, fabric interiors, and integrated electronics

#### MEDICAL



Parts for everything from tiny personalized devices to large diagnostic equipment

#### AEROSPACE & DEFENSE



Applications in drones and rockets



# **Example Parts:**









MULTI-MATERIAL BELLOWS

BLADDERS

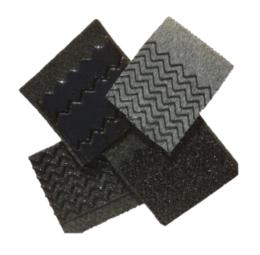
SEALS & GASKETS

NEAR NET SHAPES



# Print on textiles, metal, and plastics

### Eliminates complex manufacturing steps









ELIMINATE SEAMS

ELIMINATE ADHESIVE

BUILD ON METAL

INCORPORATE SENSORS



## A solution to keep Daimler moving

A 50-year-old grommet threatened to shut down Daimler Truck production (the sole supplier went out of business).

- In 2 days, we 3D printed a grommet that met Daimler's material performance standards.
- Thanks to the part, they avoided shutdown.
- Chromatic won the bid for 5,000 parts delivered for the remainder of 2022.

0	3	5000
DOWNTIME	MONTHS	PARTS
FOR DAIMLER	OF SUPPLY	JUST IN TIME

After this initial project, Daimler and their supplier ordered four more part types from Chromatic.







## A solution for unique parts

Chromatic 3D Materials printed polyurethane track pads directly onto aluminum plates for a vintage John Deere tractor. The tractor pads offer exceptional strength and durability, outperforming all other considered materials.

MADE WITH CHROMASCAN!

Our software let's manufacturers print directly on 3D surfaces like metal.







## Print In Place O-Rings

**Print In Place O-Rings** 





### A solution for consumer devices



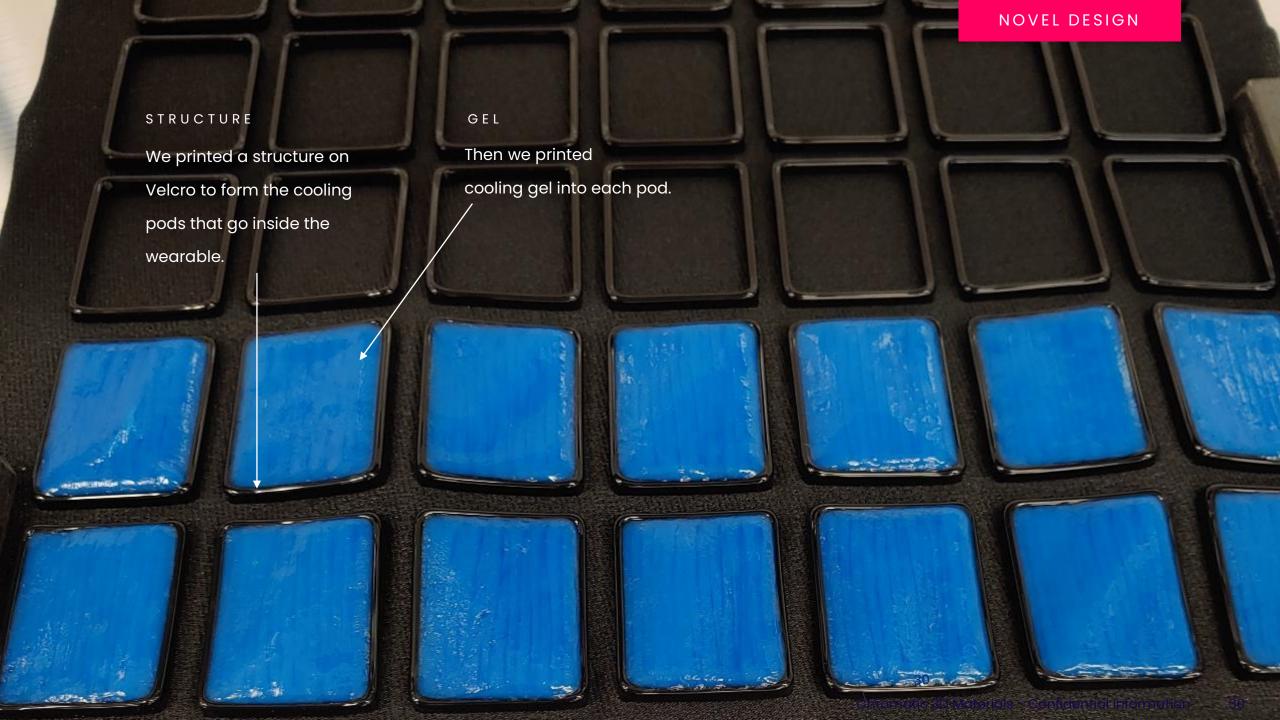
Chromatic offered more flexibility than other technologies, such as injection molding, which are more expensive and lock us into one product design due to sunk costs on molds."

#### Aquilo-Tech

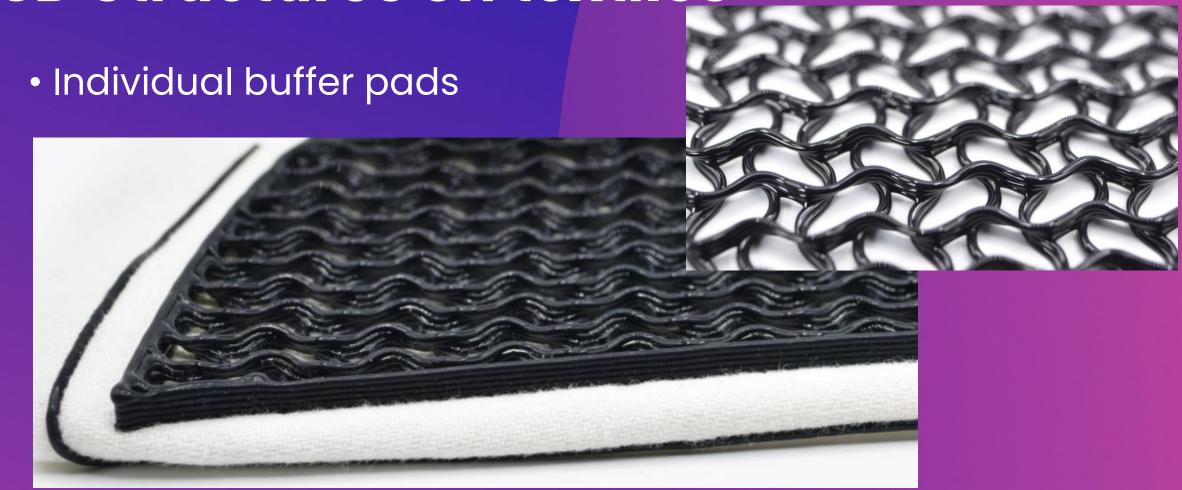
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## 3D Structures on textiles





# Thank you

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