

White paper on design rule for Rheocasting

Things to think about:

1. Is the component of suitable size for casting using the standard RheoMetal Process?
2. Looking at the geometry of the casting, what areas of the casting are difficult to make and that will drive rejection and cost based on the part design?
 - a. Consider overall shape
 - b. Aesthetic requirements on part and part surface
 - c. Consider fillet radius on features
 - d. Consider thick and thin sections
 - e. Is there an obvious side of the part that belongs to the moving side of the casting machine?

Element of design	Design rules												
Draft	<p>Common 0,5 to 3,0 degrees Normal is 1,0 degrees 0 degrees are possible if ejector force is high enough (and potential drag marks can be accepted)</p> <p>Note: Remember that slight lower draft angles on the moving side will support part removal</p>												
Design or Pattern Shrink	<p>Used in the diecasting design Shrinkage is normally isotropic Add +0,5% and optimize based on experience</p>												
Ribs	<p>Use ribs for strengthening and stiffening sections Ribs should be 0,5 up to 1,0 times the adjoining wall thickness</p>												
Fillet and Radius	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">T-junction:</td> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> <td style="width: 40%;">R=1,0xWall Thickness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X-junction:</td> <td>45° angle</td> <td>R-inside=0,7xWall Thickness R-onside=1,5xWall Thickness</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>30° angle</td> <td>R-inside=0,5xWall Thickness R-onside=2,5xWall Thickness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L-junction</td> <td></td> <td>R-inside=1,0xWall Thickness R-onside=2,0xWall Thickness</td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: Too large radius will drive porosity</p>	T-junction:		R=1,0xWall Thickness	X-junction:	45° angle	R-inside=0,7xWall Thickness R-onside=1,5xWall Thickness		30° angle	R-inside=0,5xWall Thickness R-onside=2,5xWall Thickness	L-junction		R-inside=1,0xWall Thickness R-onside=2,0xWall Thickness
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Cross sections	<p>Strive for same thickness everywhere Avoid rapid changes</p>												
Ejector Pin marks	<p>Always discuss ejector pins location with part owner. Think about that ejector pins clearance may support venting</p>												