

COMPLEMENTARY TECHNOLOGIES

It's impossible to assume that one technology will solve all of your prototyping, design and production needs. This is challenging for those who wish to purchase equipment and bring the capability in-house. Therefore, it's important to consider partnering with technology-agnostic organizations that have access to complementary machinery, such as service bureaus or universities. It's cost effective and safe. According to a recent study, the number of companies using AM service providers has tripled since 2016. Of those, 81% cite a reluctance to invest in their own systems, and another 71% of companies say that a lack of knowledge is the greatest factor on project-by-project choices to use 3D printing or traditional methods.¹ Simply put, they rely on the experts.

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¹ "40+ 3D Printing Industry Stats You Should Know [2020]," AMFG, July 13, 2020, <https://amfg.ai/2020/01/14/40-3d-printing-industry-stats-you-should-know-2020/>. ©Forecast 3D, 2020

