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Additive Manufacturing

3D printing together with welding technology involves arc-based manufacturing by building up layers which enables the production of complex structures and geometries, thereby increasing flexibility in component geometry. They are individual layers, each one building upon the last. The process is attractive financially and resource-efficient, especially for prototyping, repairing, and rebuilding damaged components, as well as for small-batch production. Alongside flexibility, one of the advantages of wire-based additive manufacturing is the high deposition rate. For steel materials, it is possible to achieve a rate of up to 4 kilograms per hour in industrial production environments.

Manufactured via Additive Manufacturing Technology

Propeller Technical Data

Welding process	CMT Additive Pro
Welding system	iWave AC/DC 500i
Material	1.2 mm G3Si1 steel wire
Total weight	86.5 kg
Weld time	26h 18min 56s
Number of welds	2,607
Deposition rate	3.3 kg/h

CMT Additive Pro

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Individual components Layer by layer

Wire and arc-based manufacturing by building up layers allows for individual geometries of moderate to high complexity to be produced. This makes the manufacture or modification of components more flexible, economical, and resource-efficient.

Additive manufacturing of metal components is associated with a set of rather specific challenges, including:

- Achieving the target geometry
- Adequate material properties
- Heat dissipation and distortion
- Process stability and feedback

All consolidated in a single welding characteristic

The new additive features help to overcome the challenges posed by additive manufacturing:

- Deposition rate stabilizer
- Power correction
- CTWD measurement
- Pulsed HotStart

The new additive features are available on the iWave AC/DC with Multiprocess Pro, the CMT welding package, and the new AM interface.

