

# Composite materials made of metal alloys for stereolithography

STEREOLITHOGRAPHY - COMPOSITE MATERIALS - METAL ALLOYS - 3D PROTOTYPING

# **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

- Manufacture costs reduced by 30%;
- Increased mechanical resistance
   (Wear resistance: + 50%, resistance to friction: + 30%).

### **APPLICATIONS/MARKETS**

• Rapid 3D prototyping for industry.

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Patent FR 1254313;
- Collaboration sought: License for industrialization of the material.

#### **LABORATORY**

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### **PRESENTATION**

Stereolithography is a rapid prototyping process, allowing the production of a 3D object, by superposition of liquid resin layers. These new compositions developed by the Institut Jean Lamour made are photosensitive resin and complex metal alloys remarkable mechanical properties: with prototype pieces resistance is increased and production cost reduced, compared to preexisting composite resins.

The prototyping process comprises a step of photo-polymerization layer by layer of the 3D prototype in a liquid medium, which contains the resin mixture and complex metal alloys, while exposing the liquid medium to UV laser radiation.



