DESIGN FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING CHALLENGE 2015



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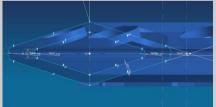
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SELF SEALING VACUUM SEAL

 Use vacuum force to realize vacuum tight connection rather then large amounts of bolts in pre described mounting sequence.









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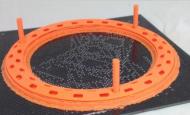
REASON WHY WE SELECTED OR PART

Desired is a vacuum seal with the following specifications:

- Vacuum tight / bake-able
- Low out gassing rate (CxHy)
- Limited mounting volume and mounting bolts (reduce installation time / errors)
- EMC Compatible
- Re-usable
- Accurate positioning









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DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGN

Sealing ring will be positioned and mounted by three nuts on flange



- Flange is place and mounted (three bolts)
- Vacuum applied
- The pressure introduced by the sealing will be compressed the sealing ring







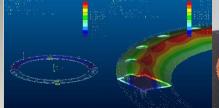
TOOLS WE USED IN THIS CHALLENGE

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- ProE Wildfire 4 3Dmodeling
- Pro Mechanica
- Up pp3dp 3-D printer to create a prototype









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MOTIVATION WHY WE SHOULD WIN

- Optimal usage additive Manufacturing
 - Thin walls
 - Wall thickness differences
 - Hollow inner channel
 - Integrated functions (mounting, sealing, force transfer)
 - Further development will contain a integrated rubber part









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ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

 Applying a rubber inlay necessary to create vacuum or vulcanization of rubber on inner and outer diameter.



Extra Mechanical calculations on material stresses needed and allowable



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