

Training: SOLIDWORKS Plastics (3 days)

Prerequisites: SOLIDWORKS Essentials and a fundamental knowledge of plastic materials, plastic part design, and/or injection mold design

Description: The SOLIDWORKS Plastics course teaches you how to use specialized simulation software tools to predict how melted plastic flows during the injection molding process. Predicting how the plastic will flow enables you to predict manufacturing defects such as weld lines, air traps, short shots, and sink marks. By predicting these defects, you can change the part or mold geometry, the processing conditions, or the plastic material itself to eliminate or minimize them, saving energy, material, time, and money. The SOLIDWORKS Plastics course covers all the features and functions of both SOLIDWORKS Plastics Professional (for part designers) and SOLIDWORKS Plastics Premium (for mold designers).

Introduction

- About This Course
- Injection Molding
- SOLIDWORKS Plastics Standard, Professional, Premium

Lesson 1: Basic Fill Analysis

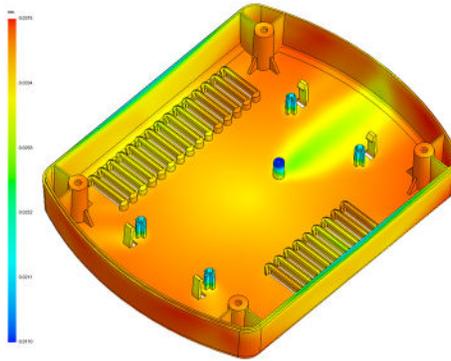
- Basic Fill Analysis
- New Study
- Injection Process
- Element Types
- Units
- Injection Units
- Plastic Material Database
- Boundary Conditions
- Injection Location
- Create Mesh
- Simulation Type (Cool, Fill, Pack, Warp)
- Run
- Fill Results (Fill Time, Weld Lines, Results Adviser)

Lesson 2: Detecting a Short Shot

- Fill Properties
- Flow Front Central Temperature
- Configurations

Lesson 3: Automation Tools

- Automation Tools
- Duplicate Study
- Plastics File Management
- Batch Manager
- Summary and Report

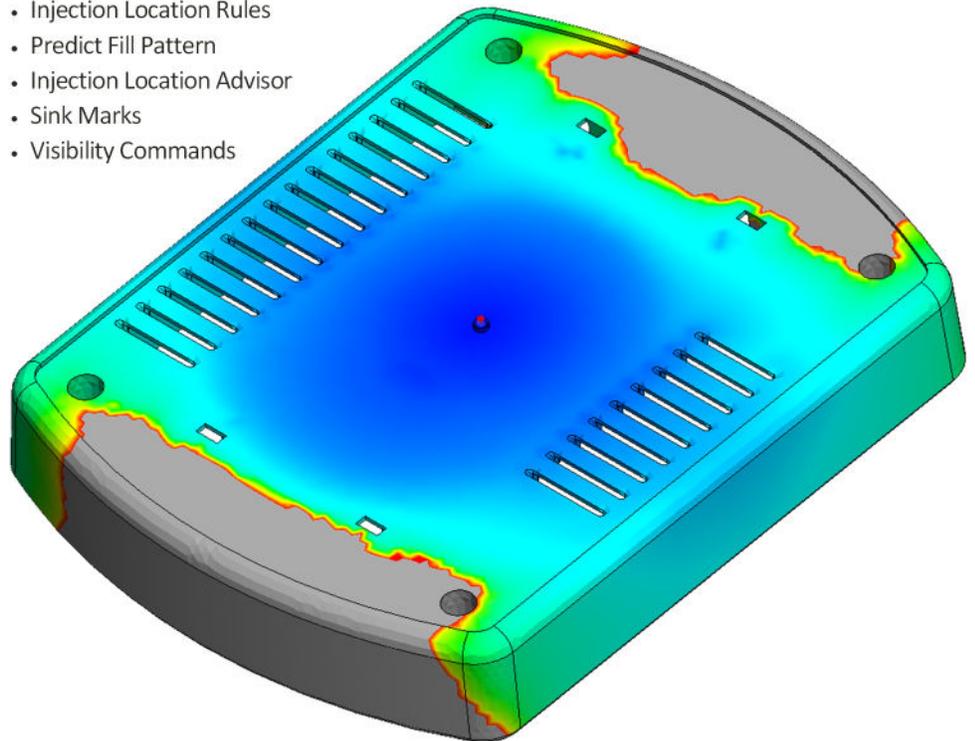


Lesson 5: Materials

- Material Properties
- User-defined Database
- Resin Properties
- Temperature Properties
- Heat Transfer Properties
- Viscosity
- PVT Data
- Mechanical Properties

Lesson 4: Injection Locations and Sink Marks

- Injection Locations and Sink Marks
- Injection Location Rules
- Predict Fill Pattern
- Injection Location Advisor
- Sink Marks
- Visibility Commands



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Lesson 6: Mesh Manipulation

- Local Mesh Refinement
- Edit/Review
- Element Issues
- Leader Lines
- Edit Study
- Solid Mesh
- Solid mesh size

Lesson 7: Detecting Air Traps

- Air Traps (Dieseling Effect, Plot Ranges, Thickness Analysis)
- Venting
- Solver Settings

Lesson 8: Gate Blush

- Runner Elements
- Gate Blush (Shear Stress)
- Reducing Gate Blush

Lesson 9: Packing and Cooling Times

- Flow/Pack Switch
- Pack Stage
- Pack Analysis
- Pack Results
- X-Y Plot (Volumetric Shrinkage at End of Packing)
- Clipping Plane Mode
- Isosurface Mode
- Cooling Times

Lesson 10: Multiple Cavity Molds

- Multiple Cavity Molds
- Stages in the Process
- Mold Layouts
- Runner System
- Runner Channel Design
- Runner Types
- Searching for Polymers
- Clamping Force
- Clamp Force Limit
- Family Mold Layout
- Using Runner-Balancing

Lesson 11: Symmetry Analysis

- Symmetry
- Cyclic Symmetry
- Cyclic

Lesson 12: Valve Gates and Hot Runners

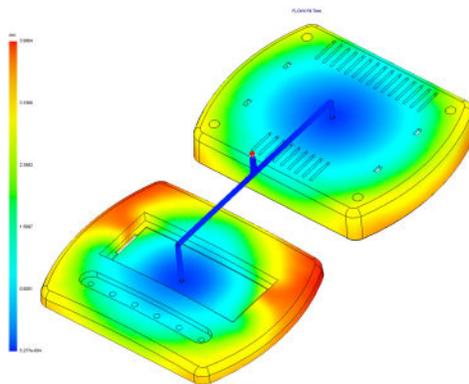
- Valve Gates and Hot Runners
- Stages in the Process
- Hot Runners
- Valve Gates
- Control Valve

Lesson 13: Reaction Injection Molding

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Lesson 14: Using Inserts

- Inserts
- Metal Material Database
- Insert Settings
- Hiding Cavities and Inserts



Lesson 15: Multi Material Overmolding

- Multi Material Overmolding
- Assigning Injection Units

Lesson 16: Co-Injection Molding

- Co-Injection Molding
- Thick Parts
- Co-Injection
- Gas-Assist
- Water-Assist

Lesson 17: Bi-Injection Molding

- Copy and Paste
- Bi-Injection
- Injection Start Value

Lesson 18: Cooling Analysis

- Cooling
- Cool Simulation
- Cooling Channels and Mold Bodies
- Baffle
- Bubbler
- Cooling Simulations
- Coolant Input
- Mold Wall Temperature
- Coolant
- Mold
- Cool Parameters
- Cool Analysis
- Cool Results

Lesson 19: Warpage Analysis

- Shrinkage
- Reducing Shrinkage
- Warpage
- Warp Parameters
- Warp Results
- Reducing and Fixing Warped Parts
- Thermal Contributions to Warping
- Typical Warp Shapes
- Residual Stress

