

## Robotic End Of Arm Tooling

Genesis Systems Group designs, builds and implements robotic tooling for work cells. Genesis found that outsourcing custom end of arm tooling (EOAT) to be CNC machined cost nearly \$8,000 and took 20 days. Genesis turned to FDM® technology for less expensive, lighter EOATs and a faster turn time.

System	Fortus 400mc	
Material	ULTEM™ 9085 resin Black	
Build Time	19h 55m	
Material Amount Used	461.13 cm³ (28.14 in³)	
Support Material Amount Used	41.13 cm³ (2.51 in³)	

## HOW DOES FDM COMPARE TO ALTERNATIVE METHODS?

Method	Time	Cost
CNC Machining*	20 days	\$8,000
FDM**	3 days	\$500
SAVINGS	17 days 85%	\$7,500 94%

<sup>\*</sup> CNC machining outsourced locally.

The FDM process simplified the assembly, allowing the incorporation of internal vacuum tubes to eliminate external hoses that would be damaged during operational use. The EOAT's weight also dropped from 35 to three pounds making it possible to use smaller, less expensive robots. By switching to FDM technology, Genesis dramatically reduced the cost and production time to build EOATs.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> FDM parts produced on in-house equipment.