

PiM “Like”

Same process than PiM

PiM is a manufacturing process based on powder injection moulding and powder metallurgy and covers the entire process from the conception and the production of the part to the final assembly following the same mode as the traditional process. PiM, or feedstock PiM, is a mixture of metal powder, binder, and carrier, which is then pelletised.



3 STEPS PROCESS:

1 - Part production: The PiM feedstock is injected into a mold or 3D printed, a part is obtained and called the “green part”;

2 - Debinding: Thermoplastic binder contained into the PiM feedstock has to be removed from the “green part”. Debinding is processed through solvent dissolution of the organic binder. The resulted part is metallic but porous and fragile;

3 - Sintering: The part is densified at elevated temperature and a dimensional shrinkage of the parts is observed (between 16%-20% depending of the feedstock grade).