

three-dimensional printing

3D printing is also referred to as rapid prototyping. It is an automatic process of layering a material, usually polyamide or nylon to create a 3D form from a digital technical drawing. So far, 3D printing has been used across industries for various purposes, such as, making confectionary dishes, prosthetic limbs, jewellery, furniture, architecture and animation models. {March 2012}

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