

A Die Casting Design and Production Preplanning Guide



For OEM design engineers considering custom die cast part production:
Use these CWM and industry resources to optimize your designs and reduce your final costs.

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1	Review CWM's "Die Casting Design & Spec Guide" 16p (Go to RC Sec: Design Guides) (No. 0325) Concise introduction to major design & specification guidelines that drive costs, from preplanning & tooling to post-casting finishing. (Download or Request printed copy)	X
2	Consult These Engineering Bulletins & Application/Tech Briefs:	
	No. 020 Evaluating Materials & Processes	X
	No. 021 Designing Optimum Part Shapes	X
	No. 024 Achieving Superior EMI Shielding with Die Cast Housings	X
	No. 031 Die Cast Heat Sinks Can Be the Cost-Effective Choice	X
	No. 033 Preliminary Guide to Overmolding Die Cast Parts	X
	No. 071 Aluminum Alloy Data: Composition, Properties, Characteristics	X
	No. 074 Magnesium Alloy Data: Composition, Properties, Characteristics	X
	No. 075 Zinc & ZA Alloy Data: Composition, Properties, Characteristics	X
	No. 022 Prototyping for Die Casting in All Alloys	X
	NADCA* "Product Design for Die Casting" Manual (No.3101)	X
	Contact Chicago White Metal at sales@cwmtl.com for more information on how to obtain a hard copy.	
3	Reference the NADCA "Die Casting Product Standards Manual" (No. 3103) Authoritative resource for die cast production specifications, with detailed dimensioning & tolerancing data. NADCA "Miniature Die Casting Design & Specification" Manual	X X
4	Review CWM's "Quick Guide to Surface Finishing" (No. 3318) 8-page overview of coatings in common use with die castings, design tips for best finishing results, comparative cost/performance chart. Note: Your CWM Regional Sales Engineer can arrange for you to view CWM's Portfolio of sample coated die cast plates.	X
5	Prepare Checklists for Tooling, Production & Finishing Assure that all of the key requirements for your parts are clearly communicated: No. 065 Tooling Requirements Checklist No. 090 Die Cast Production & Surface Finishing Specifications Checklists	X X
6	Most Important: Consult Die Casting Expertise Before You Lock In None of your homework can equal the value of a critique of your product pre-planning by an experienced die casting engineer. Arrange a preliminary meeting or call with CWM. Email us at sales@cwmtl.com or give us a call at (630) 595-4424. You can also contact a sales engineer in your area on our website, www.cwmdiecast.com .	
7	Evaluate Custom Die Caster Capabilities Credentials Use a die caster's website and profile brochures to help provide an overview of capabilities, experience & reputation. Arrange a thorough plant visit with minimum notice provided. Start with initial evaluations on the Internet. Visit CWM at: www.cwmdiecast.com Download or request printed copies of Capabilities Brochures on a die caster's total services: (All of these documents and more are available in our Die Cast Design Center for free, no subscription needed.)	
	No. 200 Overview of CWM Die Casting & Production Capabilities 4p	X
	No. 3100 CWM Comprehensive Die Casting Capabilities Brochure 16p, color	X
	No. 3400 CWM Miniature Zn & ZA-8 Die Casting Capabilities Profile, Alloy Data 2p, color	X
	No. 3300 CWM CNC Machining Technologies Capabilities Brochure 8p, color	X
	No. 3200 CWM Contract Manufacturing Capabilities Brochure 8p, color	X

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