

### **M - METAL AM SYSTEMS**

ROBOTIC 3D METAL PRINTING









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Building on extensive experience with >40,000 kg printed metal, the **MX3D M - Metal AM Systems** ensures quality for Robotic Wire Arc Additive Manufacturing (WAAM).

The M-Systems are **built for WAAM**. It offers a turnkey solution to get started with WAAM fast and print **high-quality, medium-to-large-scale industrial metal parts**. The systems are fully integrated with MetalXL, MX3D's dedicated WAAM-workflow for advanced process control/monitoring. The system is created with quality hardware components from renowned manufacturers.

The systems include an 8+-axis industrial robotics system enabling complex prints, a multi-transfer mode GMAW power source for flexible print procedures and a WAAM-dedicated MetalXL Control System for intelligent automation, real-time print monitoring and closed-loop control.

MetalXL, our robotic WAAM workflow, is fully integrated into the M - Metal AM Systems thanks to the **connected control system and sensors.** This enables you to get from design to print in one go.





## **M - BENEFITS**



#### **PRINT QUALITY**

With our integrated metal alloys and printing strategies library and dynamic in-process parameters control, we achieve excellent material properties on a large range of metal alloys even at a high depostion rate.



#### MANUFACTURING SPEED

The M-Metal AM Systems have a deposit rate up to 8kg per hour per power source. With higher speed, you can reduce lead time, manufacturing time and parts cost much more effectively. With MX3D's custom solutions, such as multi-robot or dual wire-feed setups, higher deposit rates can be achieved.



#### **EASY TO USE**

Fast operator adaption due to high workflow automation requiring only basic engineering skills to operate.



#### PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE

MetalXL, our proprietary E2E workflow software, is fully dedicated to WAAM technology to achieve high quality and completely integrated with a sensor system to have real-time control.



#### **MATERIAL LIBRARY**

Our M - Metal AM Systems allows printing with every weldable alloy, including steels, aluminiums, bronze, nickel and copper-based alloys.



#### **LOW COSTS**

With our M - Metal AM Systems, the costs are upto 50% lower CAPEX and >5x cheaper OPEX compared to powder-based and laser-based 3D metal printing.







## **METAL XL**

**MetalXL** is built by MX3D to enable 3D metal printing of medium-to-large-scale metal parts inhouse, using robotic WAAM technology.

Its **streamlined end-to-end workflow** allows our users to easily manage the whole printing process from design to print.

It offers diverse features to both print with pre-set metal alloys and process parameters, or customise the entire process to your own needs.

Connected to the **MetalXL Control System**, it provides advanced print monitoring and control in real-time.



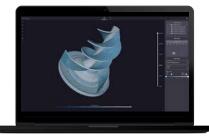
MetalXL CAM

WAAM-dedicated CAM including material library and optimised toolpath and infill strategies.



MetalXL LIVE

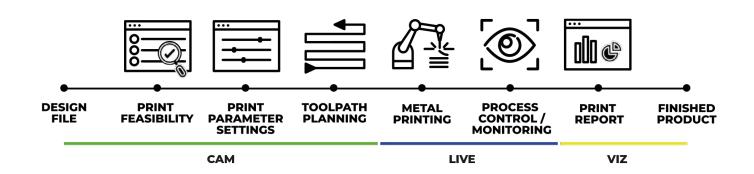
Real-time and high-resolution data collection of key print process parameters.



MetalXL VIZ

3D visualisation of acquired process data for analytics, tracability and certification.

# "DEDICATED WAAM SOLUTION FROM CAD TO PRINT IN ONE GO"





## **METAL XL - CONTROL SYSTEM**

#### **PROCESS CONTROL**

- Advanced sensors to measure key parameters in real-time directly from the torch.
- Dynamic toolpath streaming that pushes the next layer when passing set parameter levels (e.g. interpass temperature).
- · Automated start/stop based on real-time anomaly detection.

#### **PROCESS MONITORING**

- High-resolution logging and visualisation of key parameters.
- · Monitor the printing process live layer-bylayer on the digital twin.
- Live alerts on unexpected print parameter deviations pushed to the operator's preferred device.

#### **PRINT ANALYTICS**

- 3D visualisation of logged key parameters during print.
- Detect, filter and analyse deviations during the printing process.
- Visualise the logged data after printing as a 3D point cloud, and compare it to the printed object to optimise the printing parameters.

#### HIGH-RESOLUTION DATA COLLECTION

- High-resolution welding parameters, including current, voltage, wire feed speed, gas flow, etc.
- Key print process / productivity metrics, including weld time, energy usage, system uptime, etc.
- Advanced dynamic tracking of interpass temperature, layer cooling time and active cooling.







# **CERTIFICATION**

LRQA has qualified MX3D as a certified additive manufacturing facility for robotic wire arc additive manufacturing (Wire-DED). The M - Metal AM System is fundamental to the qualification, including control relating to feedstock, equipment, personnel, process and build control covering multiple metal alloys.

We can support our customers in getting the additive manufacturing facility certification of their own M - Metal AM System, both for the standard M1 Metal AM System and custom MX Metal AM System.

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ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING FACILITY QUALIFICATION

CONTROLLED INDUSTRIAL WAAM



# **BMW - USER STORY**

MX3D is proud to share that BMW Group employed their **M1 Metal AM System** and proprietary software MetalXL to 3D print automotive components.

In their official Press Release, BMW Group mentioned how their components have passed tests to confirm the strength and consistent quality without the requirement of complete post-processing of the surface: "...the BMW Group engineers were able to show that WAAM components can be used for high, including cyclic, loads even without post-treatment of the surface. To ensure durability directly from production, optimized process parameters are crucial: the combination of welding process and robot path planning must be optimally coordinated."

With more than 30 years of experience in additive manufacturing, BMW Group has been a pioneer in the field of additive manufacturing. Since their engineers started working with WAAM processes, they discovered that WAAM technology could lead them to lower emissions in the production process and reduce material usage, while at the same time maintaining a cost-effective and efficient production.

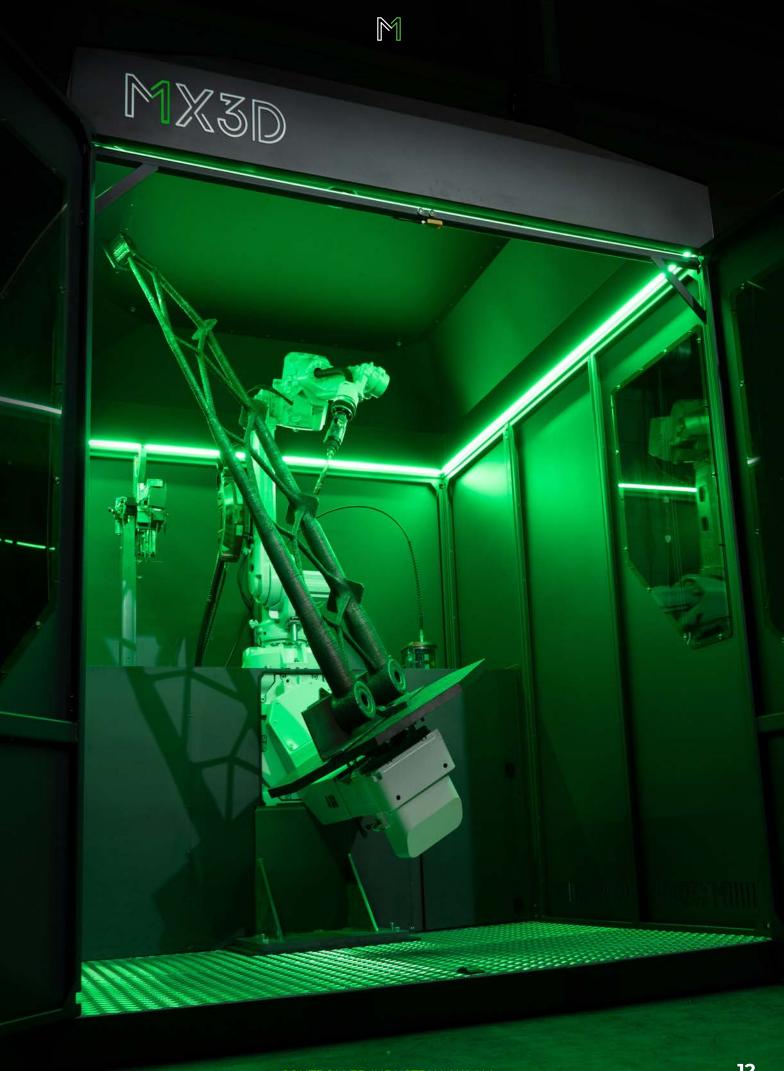


















# MI - METAL AM SYSTEM





## **M1 - CONFIGURATION**



#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Equipped with renowned industrial hardware in a ready-to-print setup.
- · Print with 8-axis for increased freedom of geometry.
- Multi-transfer mode CMT and MIG/MAG power source.
- Integrated sensors and control system for advanced process control and monitoring, including add-on MetalXL 3D scanner and/or thermal camera.

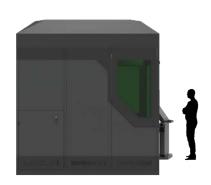
#### **FULLY INTEGRATED WITH METALXL**

- From design, plan your print with the MX3D high-quality MetalXL workflow and push it directly to the robot.
- Track and monitor your print on the MX3D MetalXL Control System.
- Digital twin of the print for optimal parameter assessment and components certification.
- Continuous high-resolution print monitoring with realtime print alerts on your operator's preferred device.









M	STANDARD	CONFIGURATION OPTIC	ONS	
ROBOTICS	ABB IRB 2600ID	ABB IRB 1660ID (smaller)	KUKA KR-8	
POSITIONER	ABB IRBP A750	No Positioner	ABB IRBP A500	
POWER SOURCE	Fronius TPS 500i	EWM Miller	Lincoln Electric Oerlikon	Kemppi ESAB
PRODUCTIVITY PACKAGE	Torch Service Station	Automatic Tip Charger Advanced Productivity <sub>A</sub> Dashboarding		Active Cooling*
WORKFLOW	MetalXL Suite			
CONTROL SYSTEM	MetalXL Control System	MetalXL 3D Scanner* Melt Pool Camera*	Acoustic Emission Senso Advanced Thermal Came	
MATERIALS	Standard Alloy Library	Titanium WAAM Upgrade*	Specialty Alloy Library*	

\*: optional

M1 can be configured with the following brands:











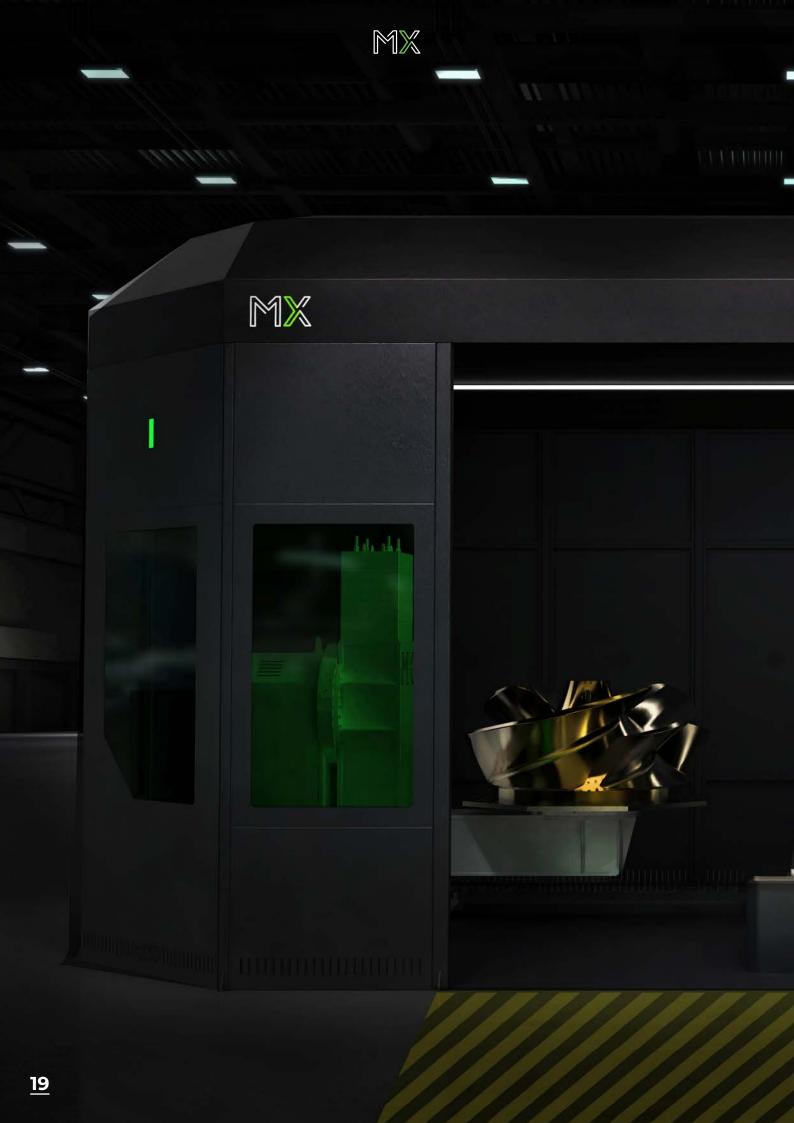






# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS MX3D | M1 METAL AM SYSTEM

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SYSTEM	System Footprint (wxdxh) Access Door (wxh) Weight with Max. Part Weight Weight without Part Air Volume	mm mm t t t m³	2600mm (w) x 3000mm (d) x 3300mm (h) 2435mm (w) x 2500mm (h) 3.5 2.75 5.2 (min) - 20.1 (max)	
PRINT	Max. Print Volume (wxdxh) Max. Table Payload Max. Print Payload Size Build Plate (wxdxh) Weight Build Plate	mm kg kg mm	2200mm (w) x 1400mm (d) x 1700mm (h) 750 700 1000mm x 1000mm x 38mm hardened steel octogonal shape / interchangeable 250	
	Clamping Thread Size	M	16	
ROBOTICS	Robotic Axis Robot Accuracy	# mm	8 max 0.5 (positional accuracy), max 0.02 (positional repeatability), max 0.3 (path repeatability)	
	Robot Motion Speed Robot Motion Range	°/s °	175 (J1-3), 360 (J4-5), 500 (J6), 90 (J7), and 150 (J8) +180 to -180 (J1), +155 to -95 (J2), +75 to -180 (J3), +75 to -180 (J4), +175 to -175 (J5)	
	Rotation Range Build Table Swiveling Range Build Table		and +120 to -120 (J6) -360 to +360, up to infinite rotation neg/pos -180 to +180 (J8)	
WELDING	Welding Transfer Modes Input Voltage	GMAW V	MIG/MAG + CMT 3 x 380V (EU, country-specific voltage possible)	
	Max. Input Current Welding Current / Duty Cycle	A A/%	3 x 380v> 38.8A    3 x 400v> 37.5A	
WORKFLOW	Control Data/Signal Processing Interface	gnal Processing fs 5,000+ se Inch 2x 21.5" Touch So	5,000+	
	CAD File Format	Format	.stl	
LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Power Connection	V	3 x 380 (EU), 3 x 400 (EU) or 3 x 460 (outside EU)	
	Main Fuse Protection Compressed Air Floor Loading	A MPa kN/m²	3 x 40A slow blow 0.8 MPa / 8 bars	

















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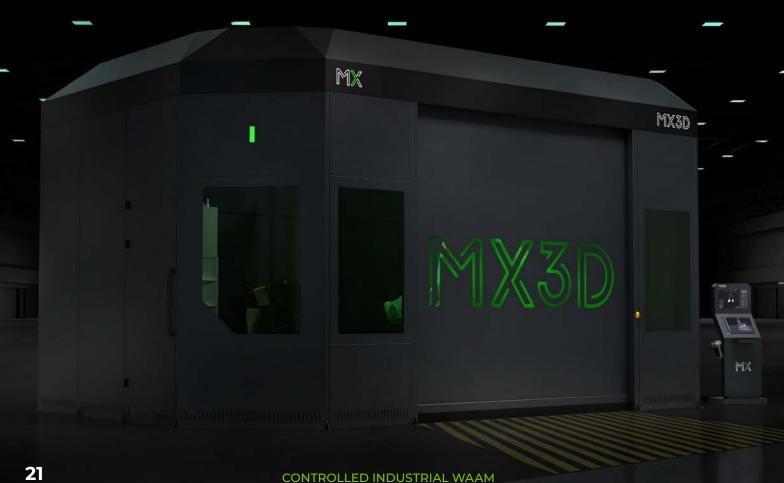
For companies that want to print larger metal parts in-house, MX3D provides the custom MX Metal AM System. The MX is a new turnkey robotic metal AM System for printing qualified metal parts fully tailored to customers' requests.

The MX Metal AM System includes an enlarged 8-axis heavy-duty industrial robot, high productivity power source and automation tools, all fully integrated with MX3D's MetalXL end-toend workflow software and control system. It prints on multiple adjustable built plates simultaneously enabling autonomous 24/7 printing of qualified metal parts, where parts can weigh 5+ tons and measure up to 6 x 2 x 4 meters.

The MX-Metal AM System is fully customizable

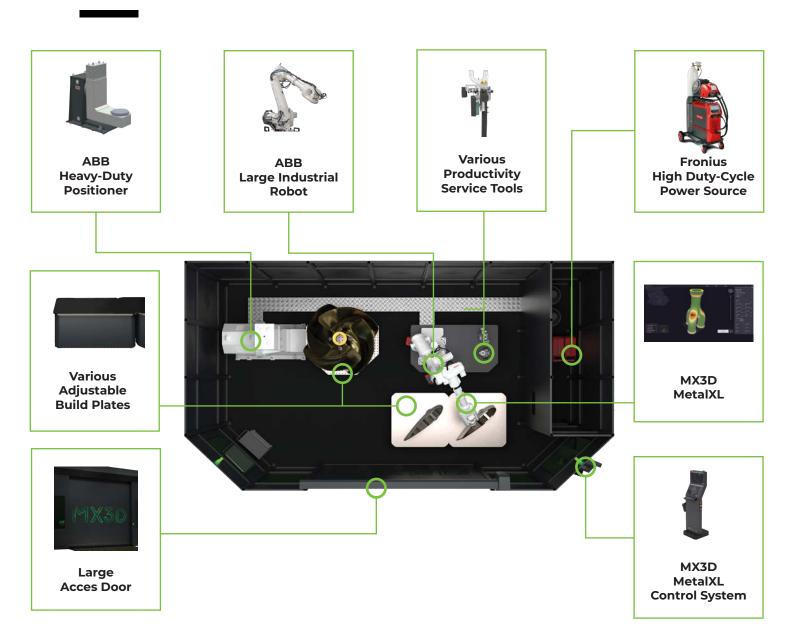
to print your large-scale metal parts. Utilizing renowned hardware from ABB, KUKA and Fronius, customers have a wide range of hardware options to configure the perfect system for printing large, heavy and customer metal components. The 8-axis robotic system can be fully optimized on reach, payload, force and accuracy, all fully integrated and automated by our MetalXL workflow platform and control system for flexible, controlled and advanced robotic 3D metal printing.

Due to its high level of robotic flexibility, automated productivity tools and integrated sensors system, the extended and heavy-duty MX Metal AM System runs autonomous 3D metal printing at an even faster speed, higher quality and larger volumes.





## **MX - CONFIGURATION**



#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Enlarged robotic setup fully customizable to print your desired large-scale metal parts.
- Fully optimized extended 8-axis heavy-duty industrial robot to print up to 5+ tons and >2m in each dimension.
- Heavy-duty cycle power sources to achieve high print speed up to 10 kg/hr, configurable for multi-alloy printing.
- Integrated productivity tools, advanced sensors and a control system to drive high print quality at high speed and control.

#### **FULLY INTEGRATED WITH METALXL**

- Full end-to-end workflow from design to print in one go, for various geometries on multiple build plates at high speed.
- Digital twin of the print for parameter optimization and component qualification.
- Add advanced sensors to expand monitoring and advance the closed-loop control system.
- Full traceability of the print process at high resolution in real-time complementary to components certification.







MX	CONFIGURATION OPTIONS		
ROBOTICS	ABB IRB 5600-series ABB IRB 6600-series - for extended reach ABB IRB 6700-series - for higher payload	KUKA KR Quantec series KUKA KR Fortec series - for extended reach KUKA KR Titan series - for higher payload	
POSITIONER	ABB IRBP-iA 2-axis 1000kg ABB IRBP-iA 2-axis 2000kg ABB IRBP-iA 2-axis 4000kg	KUKA KP2-SV HW 2-axis 1100kg KUKA KP2-SV HW 2-axis 2600kg KUKA KP2-SV HW 2-axis 5000kg	Custom Positioner (for special higher payload or larger print dimensions)
POWER SOURCES	Fronius IWave AC/DC 500i - for additional WAAM features Fronius TPS/i Twin Wire Push - for higher deposition rate Fronius TPS/i Dual Torch Push - for multi-material printing	Other Welding Brands*	
PRODUCTIVITY PACKAGES	Torch Service Station	Automatic Tip Changer	Active Cooling*
WORKFLOW	MetalXL Suite	Custom Blueprint*	
CONTROL SYSTEM	MetalXL Control System	MetalXL 3D Scanner* Meltpool Camera* Advanced Thermal Camera*	Acoustic Emission Sensor Kit* Active Cooling*
MATERIALS	Standard Alloy Library	Titanium WAAM Upgrade*	Specialty Alloy Library*

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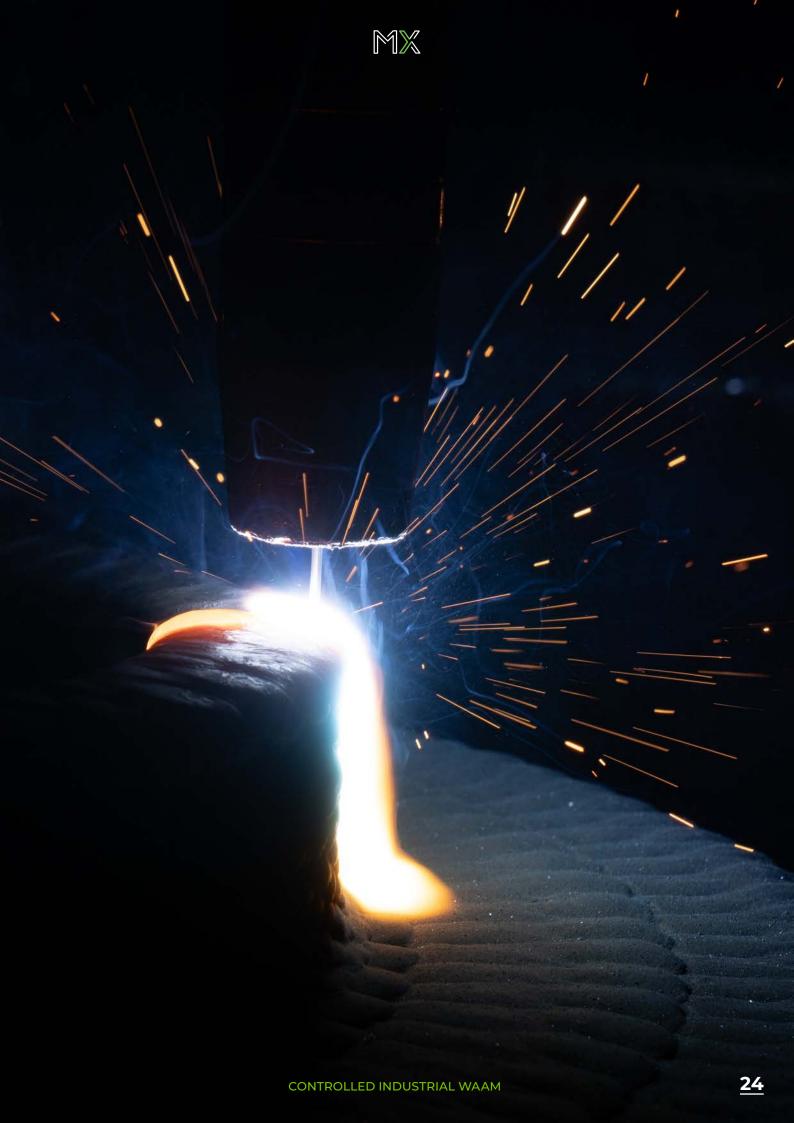


















TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS MX3D   MX METAL AM SYSTEM					
SYSTEM	System Footprint (wxdxh) Access Door (wxh) Weight Net Volume	mm mm t m³	9300mm (w) x 5300mm (d) x 4900mm (h) 3900mm (w) x 4000mm (h) 8.3t 240		
PRINT 1 LARGE	Max. Print Volume (wxdxh) Size Build Plate (wxdxh) Max. Build Plates Weight Build Plate Clamping Thread Size	mm mm # kg M	6000mm (w) x 1500mm (d) x 3600mm (h) 6000mm x 1500mm x 38mm - hardened steel 6000mm x 1500mm 750 16		
PRINT 2 COMPLEX	Max. Print Volume (wxdxh) Max. Table Payload (incl. build pla Max. Print Payload Size Build Plate (wxdxh) Weight Build Plate Clamping Thread Size	mm te) kg kg mm kg M	2000mm (w) x 1800mm (d) x 2800mm (h) 2000 up to 2000 2000mm x 2000mm x 58mm - hardened steel - octagonal shape / interchangeable 500 16		
ROBOTICS	Robotic Axis Robot Accuracy  Robot Motion Speed Robot Motion Range  Rotation Range Build Table  Swiveling Range Build Table	# mm °/s °	8 max 0.75 (positional accuracy), max 0.02 (positional repeatability), max 0.9 (path repeatability) 100 (J1), 90(J1-2),170 (J4),120 (J5),190 (J6), +220 to -220 (J1), +85 to -65 (J2), +70 to -180 (J3), +300 to -300 (J4), +130 to -130 (J5) and +360 to -360 (J6) -360 to +360, up to infinite rotation in both directions (J7) -180 to +180 (J8)		
WELDING	Welding Transfer Modes Input Voltage Max. Input Current Welding Current / Duty Cycle	GMAW V A A/%	MIG/MAG + CMT 3 x 380V (EU, country-specific voltage possible) 45A - before transformer 10min/40°C: 600A / 40%, 520A / 60%, 430A / 100%		
WORKFLOW	Control Data/Signal Processing Interface CAD File Format	OS fs Inch Format	MX3D MetalXL-license 5,000+ 2x 21.5" Touch Screens + MetalXL (online/remote) .stl		
LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	Power Connection Main Fuse Protection Compressed Air Floor Loading	V A MPa kN/m²	440V 3 x 63A slow blow 0.8 MPa / 8 bars Depends on weight of the largest desired print. Calculation: (max. print weigh in kg * 9.80) / 5 (weight / surface)=Kn/m²		

