

NEW

# S-Max<sup>®</sup> Flex Robotic Sand 3D Printer

**Affordable binder jet system designed for ease  
of use from the trusted leaders in foundry 3D printing**

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# Flex Some Manufacturing Muscle

## All-new, patent-pending robotic sand 3D printer designed for ease of use

Binder jet 3D printing produces molds and cores fast so foundries can operate more efficiently and grow business — and the S-Max Flex sand 3D printer makes it more accessible than ever. The additive robotic manufacturing system is at the intersection of robotics and 3D printing, featuring an industrial robot with an end effector using advanced, patent-pending Single-Pass Jetting (SPJ) to binder jet complex foundry molds and cores into a telescoping job box.

The most affordable sand 3D printer ever offered by ExOne, the S-Max Flex was developed to provide foundries a faster payback and easy integration into digital manufacturing. A flexible footprint, user-friendly operation, and Fabricate MFG software make adoption seamless. This entry-level binder jetting system built on a flexible robotic architecture that is easily scaled, making sand 3D printing a future-safe investment.

The S-Max Flex is the perfect system for pattern shops and foundries looking to step into the next era of metalcasting at an affordable price.



### ROBUST, USER-FRIENDLY DESIGN

- Proven industrial robot arm with scalable architecture
- Single-Pass Jetting combines sand deposition, spreading, and binder jetting into each pass of the printhead for fast production speeds
- Titanium components ensure repeatable dimensional accuracy across a range of operating conditions
- Enhanced robot calibration process provides 100-micron accuracy in XYZ space
- Easy-install printhead mount design eliminates timely calibration and alignment for greater uptime and accuracy
- Environmental controls and powder drying to ensure consistent material flow characteristics for reliable print performance
- Fabricate MFG software automates nesting of parts within the job box
- Turnkey system and safety solution configurable to different space requirements



## Technical Data

<b>Job box</b> (L × W × H)	1,900 × 1,000 × 1,000 mm (74.8 × 39.3 × 39.3 in)
<b>Built rate</b>	up to 115 l/h
<b>Layer height</b>	0.28 to 0.5 mm (280 to 500 μm)
<b>Dimensional accuracy</b>	+/- 0.5 mm (500 μm)
<b>External dimensions</b> (L × W × H)	8.5 × 4.9 × 4.9 m (28 × 16 × 16 ft)
<b>Binder system</b>	Furan
<b>Electrical requirements</b>	480V, 3 phase, 15 amps

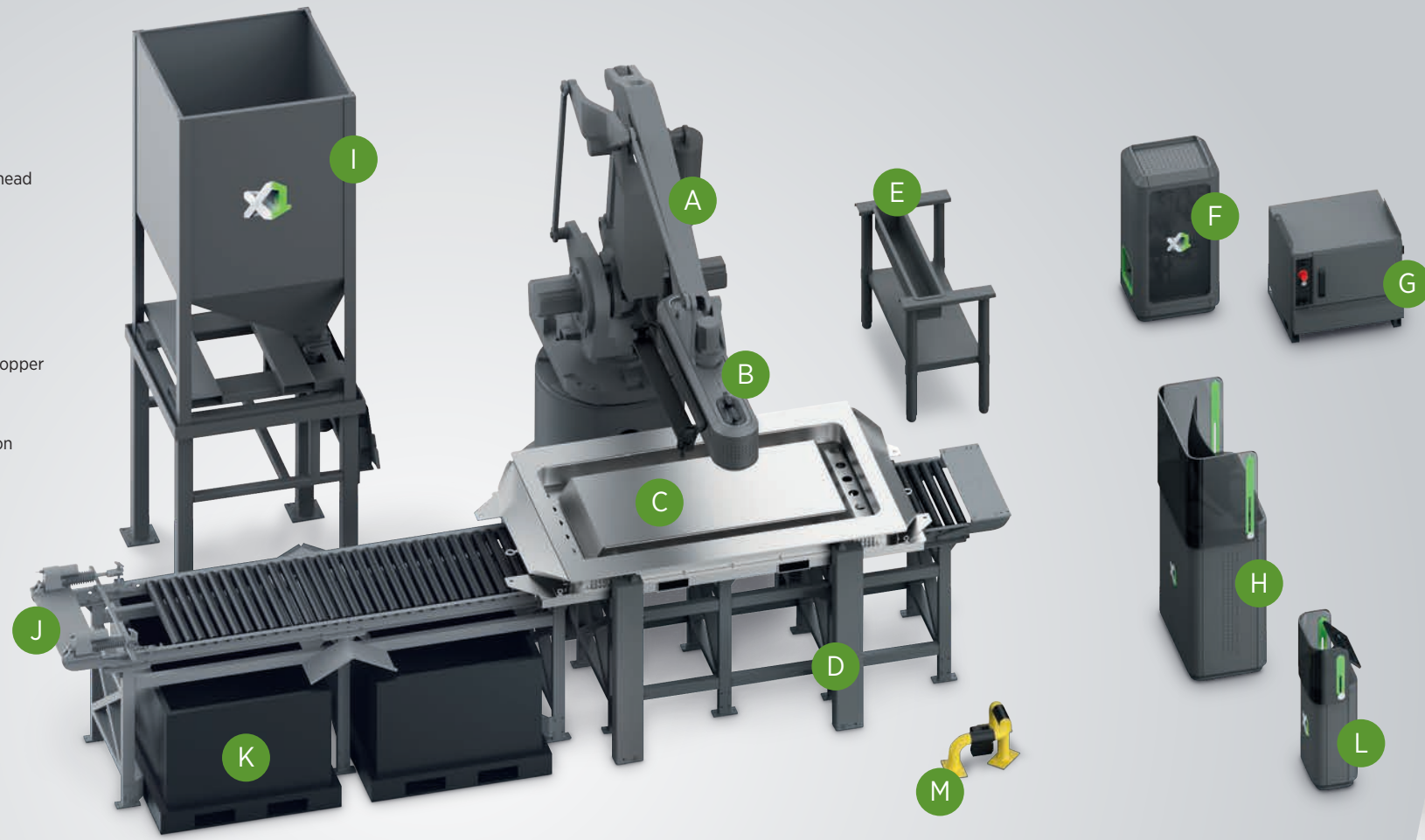
### OPTIMIZED UPTIME

Easy-install printheads and ease-for-access of maintenance ensure systems stay up and running.



**3D printing system**

- A Industrial robot
- B Single Pass Jetting printhead
- C Telescoping build box
- D Build station
- E Cleaning station
- F Fluids cabinet
- G Robot controller
- H Printer operator station
- I Bulk sand conditioning hopper
- J Depowdering station
- K Depowdering bins
- L Ancillary operation station
- M Safety curtain



12  
hours for printing  
the complete  
job box

# Binder Jetting on the S-Max<sup>®</sup> Flex

Leverage the best expertise of Desktop Metal and ExOne with the all-new additive robotic manufacturing system for fast, quality sand 3D printing at an affordable price

**1**

**SAND PREPARATION**

Foundry-grade sand is mixed and sieved before loading into the hopper to be automatically drawn by the machine during the build

**2**

**BUILD PREPARATION**

Fabricate MFG aids in nesting parts within the job box to load onto the machine and print directly from CAD files without the lead time of traditional tooling

**3**

**BINDER JETTING**

As the system fetches, meters, and spreads sand, precise industrial printheads deposit binder layer by layer to build complex core and mold geometries

**4**

**BULK DESANDING**

The S-Max Flex features a room temperature curing process allowing the finished build to directly slide to the desanding station where a release gate enables bulk desanding as the job box collapses around the build

**5**

**CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION**

While the first job box is removed to the desanding station, the next build can begin in parallel by positioning a new job box in the build area

**6**

**FINISHING**

Molds and cores are finished with fine desanding to ensure top quality. An optional post cure is possible or printed parts can be utilized immediately for same-day castings

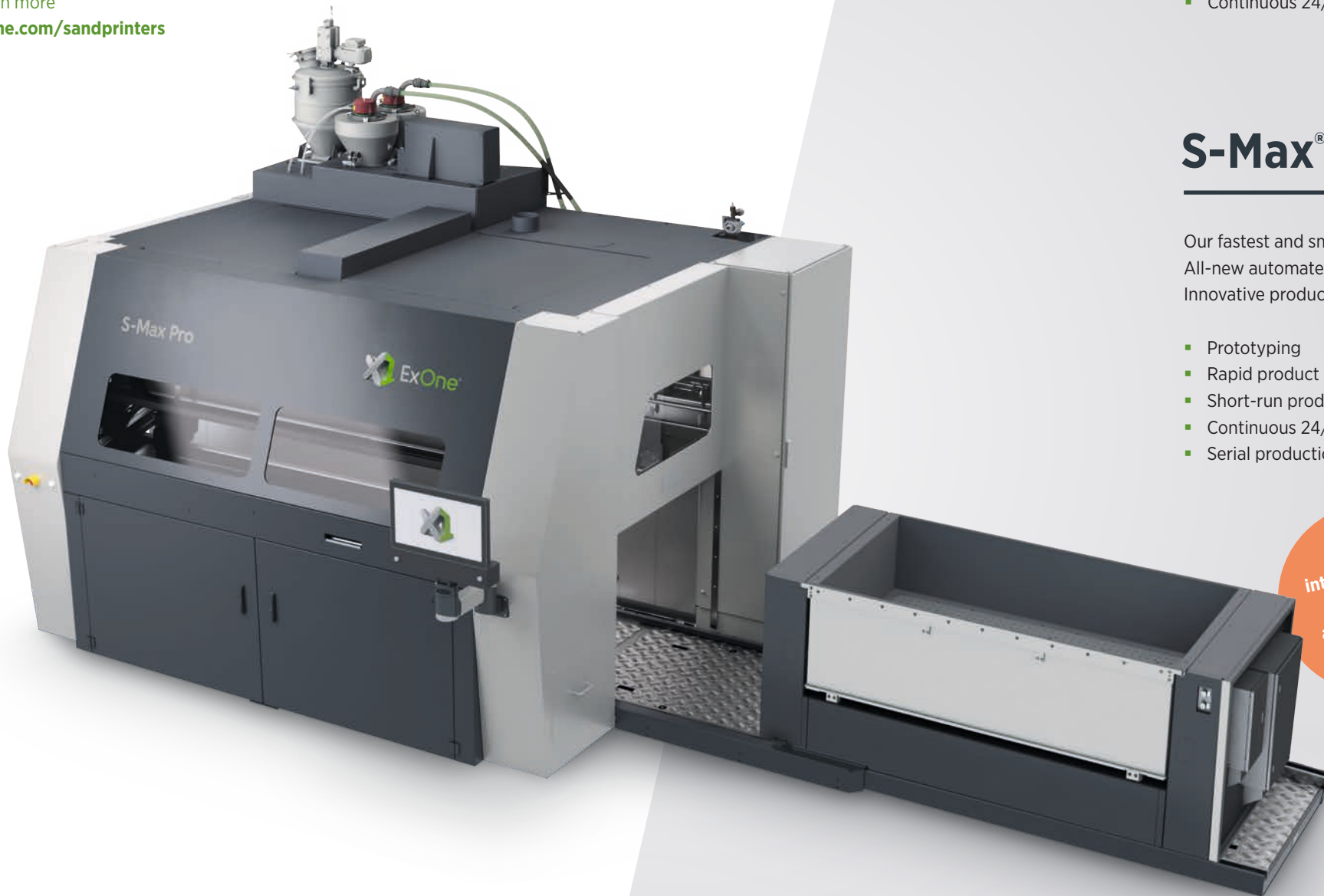


# S-Max<sup>®</sup> Machines From the Trusted Experts

ExOne's family of sand 3D printers produce sand cores and molds in a digital workflow at foundries and pattern shops around the world. Foundries have trusted our machines for two decades to go from design to metalcasting in hours or days instead of weeks and months.

No more patterns needed for sand molds. No more boxes needed for blowing cores. No jigs or fixtures needed for core assembly. Print complex cores in one piece. This is how cores were meant to be made and ExOne is the partner with the combined foundry and 3D printing expertise to ensure your success.

Learn more  
[exone.com/sandprinters](http://exone.com/sandprinters)



Optional  
second job box  
on motorized  
conveyor



## S-Max<sup>®</sup>

A large and robust sand 3D printer known for reliable performance. Double job box option. Printing cold-hardening binders since 2010.

- Prototyping
- Rapid product development
- Short-run production
- Continuous 24/7 production

### APPLICATION

Binders: Furan, CHP

### TECHNICAL DATA

Job box (L x W x H): 1,800 × 1,000 × 700 mm (70.9 × 39.4 × 27.6 in)  
Build volume: 1,260 l (44 ft<sup>3</sup>)  
Build rate<sup>\*\*</sup>: up to 125 l/h  
Layer height<sup>\*\*\*</sup>: 0.2 to 0.5 mm (200 to 500 μm)  
Dimensional accuracy<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>: +/- 0.5 mm (500 μm)

## S-Max<sup>®</sup> Pro

Our fastest and smartest large sand 3D printer. All-new automated printhead and recoater. Innovative production features. Reliable since 2019.

- Prototyping
- Rapid product development
- Short-run production
- Continuous 24/7 production
- Serial production

### APPLICATION

Binders for standard job box: Furan, CHP  
Binders for box-in-box: Furan, HHP, Inorganic, (CHP)

### TECHNICAL DATA

Job box\* (L x W x H): 1,800 × 1,000 × 400/700 mm (70.9 × 39.4 × 15.7/27.6 in)  
Build volume: 720 l (25 ft<sup>3</sup>) / 1,260 l (44 ft<sup>3</sup>)  
Build rate<sup>\*\*</sup>: up to 145 l/h  
Layer height<sup>\*\*\*</sup>: 0.2 to 0.5 mm (200 to 500 μm)  
Dimensional accuracy<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>: +/- 0.5 mm (500 μm)

Optional  
interchangeable  
job box  
and desanding  
options

\* Available with 400 mm height with box-in-box or 700 mm height with standard job box.

\*\* Depending on layer height.

\*\*\* Depending on material.

\*\*\*\* Depending on part size and geometry (0.1% of part size).

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Some data may be dependent on size and characteristics of powder being processed.

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