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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: WHAT IS THIXOMOLDING?

This manufacturing process heats magnesium alloy chips to a semi-solid state and injects them into a mold under high pressure to form components.

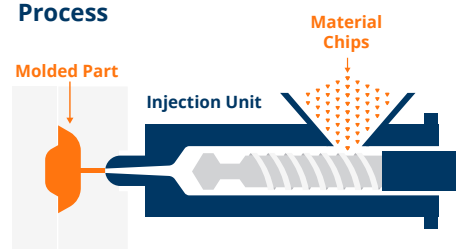
### Why Thixomolding?

- Lightweight parts
- High strength-to-weight ratio
- EMI/RFI shielding properties
- Helps reduce waste - 100% recyclable
- 96% to 99% density
- Heat dissipation
- Non-magnetic

### How Does Thixomolding Compare to Other Processes?

	Thixomolding	Die Casting
Complexity	^	—
Thinner wall selections	^	✓
Thixotropic material flow	^	✓
Parts produced to NADCA precision tolerances	^	—
Longer tool life	^	✓
Environmentally friendly	^	✓

### Thixomolding Process



### How Does Magnesium Compare to Aluminum?

- Reduce part weight: 33% lighter than aluminum
- Greater elongation as compared to aluminum: Magnesium 6% in 51 mm
- Longer tool life: Aluminum is more abrasive on tool steel resulting in even lower tool life

# What Are the Philips Medisize Capabilities?

<b>Press Tonnage</b>	220 T, 650 T, 850 T, 1,250 T
<b>Materials</b>	AZ91D, AM60B, MgCarbonit <sup>91</sup>
<b>Finishes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime</li> <li>• Liquid paint</li> <li>• Powder coat paint</li> <li>• E-coat</li> <li>• Pad print</li> <li>• Laser etch</li> <li>• Plating</li> <li>• Conversion coating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Alodine 5200 or equivalent (non-chromate)</li> <li>– Alodine 5900 or equivalent (trivalent chromate)</li> <li>– Tagnite, Anomag and Keronite</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Secondary Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machining</li> <li>• Vibratory deburring</li> <li>• Shot blasting</li> <li>• Manual and robotic surface finishing</li> <li>• Form-in-place gasketing</li> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Helicoil installation</li> </ul>
<b>Certifications</b>	IATF 16949, ITAR

## What Are Some Industry Applications?

### AUTOMOTIVE

- Instrument cluster display housings
- Head-up display housings
- Camera housings

### CONSUMER

- Borescope housings
- Appliance motor and transmission housings
- Electronics housings

### DEFENSE

- EMI/RFI shields
- Ruggedized laptop housings and components

### MEDICAL

- Power generator housings
- Medical device housings
- Patient wearable device housings

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