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## **SkillsUSA 2020 – Additive Manufacturing Regional Challenge – Power Up!**

### Overview

Each year our competition focuses on an additive manufacturing design with strict requirements on form, fit, and function of compact and intricate designs like nationals. This contest has been designed with the upcoming National Competition in mind and is designed to challenge the understanding of students and their skills in Additive Manufacturing.

This year's contest challenges students to **redesign an outdoor 3D-printed outlet enclose to be a USB outlet cover that leans into the needs of today's power user.**

Competitors will need to use their 3D printing knowledge to design a part that prints within the specified build volume, materials and times specified. The designed enclosure will need to screw into the testing rig and meets the specified requirements on the score sheet.

### **REGIONAL COMPETITION:**

Contestants will bring completed prototype designs to be judged at Regional competitions per the specifications of SME's suggested contest.

Contestants will need to be prepared to provide the following at Regionals;

- Working prototype
- Engineering Notebook
- Thumb-drive with 3D design loaded on it

Note: Teams must be in SkillsUSA approve uniform.

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## Materials & Supplies Needed

Materials to be Provided by Student Competitor:

- 3D design
- Thumb drive loaded with 3D design
- Engineering notebook
- Presentation

Materials to be Provided by Regional Competition Host:

- 3D printed testing rig
- Lumber (least 12"x12" to secure rig to)
- USB cord (such as iPhone charging cable)
- "Standard" screws
- \*Student designs 3D printed

## About the Testing Rig

- The Challenge Rig is a single 3D-printed bracket consisting of 2x ¼-inch "mounting holes"
- The overall dimensions of the rig are as follows: 2" (long) x 2.75" (wide) x 0.625" (tall).
- It is recommended that competition host have the rig printed and attached to a flat surface (a piece of lumber or plywood is sufficient). The Contest 2 rules will utilize the flat surface below the rig; so the surface should be at least 12"x12".
- The files to print can be found on GrabCAD here:  
<https://grabcad.com/library/skillsusa-2020-state-challenge-1>



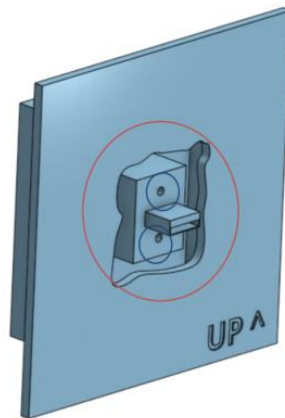
## SkillsUSA 2020 Additive Manufacturing Challenge

### Power Up! - USB Outlet Redesign

Welcome to the “Power Up!” challenge! The task at hand is to design a hinged, covered enclosure (like the one pictured above) for a wall-mounted standard USB port.

“What’s the catch?” you say. Well, there are five, and here they are:

1. The enclosure must affix securely to the provided USB port (see illustrated CAD below) using the screw holes (screws will be provided at the testing location).
2. The enclosure must completely close the “hole in the wall” (see illustrated CAD below by red circle)



3. The enclosure must have a mechanically hinged lid (printed in place) that does not use external parts or hardware. This enclosure lid must open at least 180 degrees and stay open at 90 degrees when placed in that position.
4. Device should have some uniqueness in design – such as shape, 3D printed texture, text... the options are endless – you are the product designer – flex your creative muscle.
5. The device must follow these 3D printing specs measured in GrabCAD Print (when measured using 0.010” solid ASA standard build settings):
  - Prints in less than \*3 hours\*
  - With a build volume of no greater than \*3X3X3in\*.
  - Using no more than 5 in<sup>3</sup> of build material
  - Using no more than 2 in<sup>3</sup> amount\* of support material

## **Contest Criteria**

Prior to contest day:

Students should have completed prototype designs by the Regional Contest date and Bring to the competition.

On contest day, students must submit:

1. Engineering Notebook (Engineering notebook guidelines below)
2. 3D printed design files
3. Printed part (Provided by contest chair day of contest)
4. Presentation of design

### 1. Engineering Notebook should:

- ☐ Be clearly labeled with contestant name(s), date and page # on each page
- ☐ Begin with a problem statement
- ☐ Include discovery and documentation of approach to solve problem
- ☐ Include sketched design concepts with critical features labeled
- ☐ Critical dimensions clearly labeled in design sketch
- ☐ Considerations for designing for FDM distinctly addressed (i.e. part strength, part orientation) especially including any expected risks during printing
- ☐ Design decisions and alternatives are documented and evaluated thoughtfully

### 2. 3D Printed Design - Students must create a design that:

- ☐ Prints in less than \*3 hours\*
- ☐ With a build volume of no greater than \*3X3X3in\*.
- ☐ Using no more than 5 in<sup>3</sup> of build material
- ☐ Using no more than 2 in<sup>3</sup> amount\* of support material

*Students must submit .print files to be printed via GrabCAD Workbench no later than 11:59 \*CST\* on \*date\* FILL IN BLANK. Final prints will be delivered day of contest so that students can test, assemble/modify and be evaluated.*

### 3. Presentation Criteria

- ☐ The competitor clearly describes their understanding of the problem to be solved.
- ☐ Design Process: good design logic is used for key design choices was intentional and well-communicated
- ☐ The presentation is professional and well-rehearsed
- ☐ Practical evaluation: Part functions way team intended 100% of time.