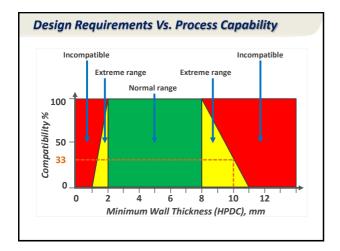
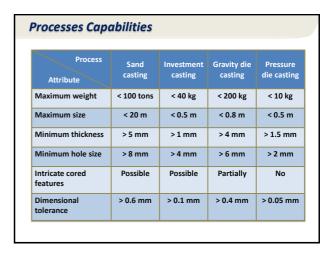


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Process Attribute	Sand casting	Investment casting	Gravity die casting	Pressure die casting
Surface roughness	> 12 μm	> 4 μm	> 6 μm	> 2 μm
Economic quantity	Any	> 100	> 1000	> 10,000
Sample lead time	> 4 weeks	> 8 weeks	> 6 weeks	> 12 weeks
Relative cost for small order size	Lowest	Medium	High	Highest
Relative mechanical properties	Good	Best	Good	Very Good
Ease of redesign in production	Best	Fair	Poor	Poorest

Conventional product development: serial engineering Manufacturability issues are discovered late By that time, it is too expensive to change the design Design for manufacturability (DFM): Predict and prevent potential problems early in lifecycle Make part design compatible with process capabilities