

# Terms and Conditions of Participation in the 3D Printing Challenge (December 2025 – May 2026)

## 1. Organiser

The organiser of this 3D Printing Challenge (“Competition”) is:

### **AKRO-Plastic GmbH** (“AKRO”)

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Germany

All rights with respect to the organisation and administration of this Competition lie exclusively with AKRO.

## 2. Eligibility and Nature of Participation

2.1. Participation is strictly limited to B2B big 3D printing machines users operating in a commercial or industrial capacity.

2.2. Private consumers within the meaning of § 13 BGB are expressly excluded from participation.

2.3. Each participant represents that all submissions and information provided are made on behalf of a company or business entity.

## 3. Registration and Participant Selection

3.1. Participation requires registration via the QR code provided by AKRO.

3.2. Interested parties must submit their registration between Formnext 2025 and mid-January 2026 (“Registration Period”).

3.3. A maximum of 25 participants will be admitted to the competition.

3.4. AKRO reserves the unrestricted right to select the participants at its sole discretion.

3.5. Following registration, AKRO will notify selected participants via the email address provided at registration.

## 4. Competition Process

4.1. Selected participants will receive AKRO material and the corresponding 3D printing file for the designated test object.

4.2. Participants must:

- print the file using the provided AKRO material,
- document the printing process and results via video recordings,
- submit the printed part to AKRO for evaluation.

4.3. Layer width and layer height specifications provided by AKRO must be adhered to.

## 5. Evaluation Criteria

The submitted printed parts will be evaluated by AKRO using the following criteria:

- Layer time / total build time
- Quality of surface finish
- Geometric accuracy (target vs. actual)

The evaluation and the determination of the winner are exclusively at AKRO's discretion and are final.

## **6. Winner and Award**

6.1. Only one winner will be selected.

6.2. The winner will be informed by May 2026 via the email address provided at registration.

6.3. The winner will be invited to the AKRO premises in May 2026 to receive the award:

### **a Co-Pilot Experience at the Nürburgring.**

6.4. Travel and accommodation costs are not included unless explicitly agreed otherwise.

## **7. Intellectual Property and Usage Rights**

7.1. Participants remain the owners of their own video recordings.

7.2. By submitting video materials and printed parts, participants grant AKRO a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence to use such materials for:

- internal evaluation purposes,
- documentation of the Competition,
- publication on AKRO's social media channels, websites, and marketing materials.

7.3. Participants warrant that the videos do not infringe third-party rights.

## **8. Confidentiality and Protection of Sensitive Technical Information**

8.1. Participants acknowledge that video submissions may contain sensitive data regarding industrial 3D printers, machine configuration, workflows, or proprietary technology.

8.2. Participants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions do not disclose trade secrets or confidential information they are not authorised to share.

8.3. AKRO will process all submitted data exclusively within the framework of contractual and legal obligations, including the GDPR and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

## **9. Data Protection**

9.1. AKRO processes personal data (e.g., name, business email address, video submissions) solely for the purpose of organising and conducting the Competition pursuant to Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR.

9.2. Where video materials are used for publication (e.g., on social media), such use is based on explicit consent under Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR.

9.3. Participants may withdraw consent for future use at any time by contacting AKRO to the following email address [friederike.schwartz@akro-plastic.com](mailto:friederike.schwartz@akro-plastic.com). Withdrawal does not affect the legality of prior processing.

9.4. Data will be stored only for as long as necessary for the execution and documentation of the Competition and deleted thereafter unless statutory retention obligations apply.

9.5. Participants retain all rights under the GDPR and the applicable law, including rights to access, rectification, deletion, restriction, and portability.

## **10. Liability**

10.1. Participation is at the sole risk of the participant.

10.2. AKRO assumes no liability for damage to machinery, equipment, or data arising from the use of the provided printing file or materials.

10.3. AKRO's liability for damages is limited to intent and gross negligence. This does not apply to injury to life, body, or health.

## **11. Exclusion of Participants**

AKRO reserves the right to exclude participants who manipulate the Competition, submit fraudulent materials, or violate these Terms and Conditions.

## **12. Changes, Suspension, and Termination**

AKRO may modify, suspend, or terminate the Competition for important reasons (e.g., technical issues, insufficient participation). In such cases, participants cannot claim any compensation.

## **13. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

13.1. These Terms and Conditions are governed exclusively by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, excluding the conflict-of-law rules.

13.2. The exclusive place of jurisdiction for all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Competition is AKRO's registered office, provided the participant is a merchant within the meaning of the HGB