# Standard Alloys

# Manufacture a 57 Inch Impeller without a Core Box with ExOne's Rapid Casting Process

"...from concept to completion in less than 8 weeks!"



### **Customer Challenge**

Find a creative technology to significantly shorten the traditional sand casting process, in order to meet critical lead time requirements for a 57 inch impeller casting.

#### The Solution

Digital part materialization using ExOne's 3D sand printing technology, produced Standard Alloys' largest RCT core to date – from concept to completion in less than 8 weeks.

#### **ExOne's Competitive Advantage**

The additive manufacturing process automatically eliminates several weeks of core box lead time. CAD digitally-printed accuracy yields improved dynamic and hydraulic balance. Additionally, reductions in post-processing and balancing time (from days to hours) are realized.

#### **About ExOne**

ExOne additive manufacturing technology uses three-dimensional printing to create complex molds and cores directly from CAD data for a variety of industries, with accuracies of  $\pm$  0.011 in. or  $\pm$  0.3 mm. The ExOne process achieves geometric complexity and scale unmatched using conventional casting techniques. The process produces accurate, uniform cores and molds rapidly, significantly reducing lead times.

ExOne operates facilities across the Americas, Europe and Asia.

### **Specifications**

<u>Customer</u>: Standard Alloys

Batch Size: 1 core, printed in sections

and pieced together

Part Size: 57 inch impeller

#### **Traditional Method**

Pattern-based sand casting <u>Time</u>: several months

## **ExOne® Sand Printing Method**

<u>Time</u>: sand cores were produced in less than a week, allowing the customer to deliver serviceable impeller castings in under two months.









