

# One-step Unforming and Formability Analysis

One-step: a FEM-based sheet metal unforming, flattening and formability analysis solution

## fact sheet

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### ► Summary

NX™ Progressive Die Design software includes One-step Unforming and Formability Analysis, a state-of-the-art FEM (finite element method) based unforming, flattening and analysis solution for tool and die makers. By combining industry knowledge, best practices and automation, One-step enables the rapid creation of flattened blanks and pre-forms from complicated freeform sheet metal part geometry. NX Progressive Die Design with One-step excels at unforming and flattening the most complex and challenging sheet metal components; One-step Formability Analysis helps tool and die makers save time by effectively validating designs for thinning, stress/strain and springback.

### Benefits

- Easily create accurate blank shapes
- Automate the process for blank creation making it faster and more accurate
- Reduce and eliminate physical die try-outs
- Minimize costs by improving material usage
- Reduce die design errors
- Streamline blank, scrap and strip design

### Business challenges

- Generating accurate representations of the flat blank for complex shapes
- Allowing for material deformation in design patterns
- Job turnaround and project time
- Cost control
- Software investment and solution cost
- Eliminate data translation and data transfer to third-party applications
- Process efficiency
- Waste and human error
- Tool quality

The One-step Unforming and Formability Analysis command helps save costs by reducing physical try-outs. It offers a streamlined workflow based on industry best practices:

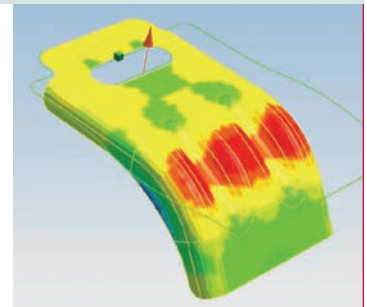
*Easily work with freeform sheet metal part geometry.* One-step effectively works with both NX and translated geometry. Part files do not require features and include solid and surface geometry.

*Define material type.* One-step supports an extensive set of material types provided within NX Progressive Die Design. Definition of the material properties affects the unformed shape solution.

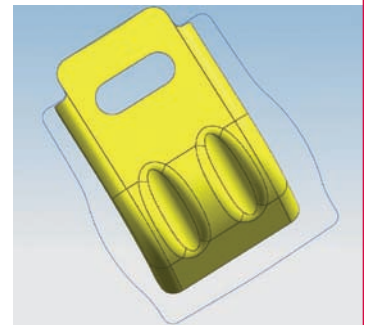
*Control boundary conditions and tip direction.* Boundary conditions are applied to control how geometry is unformed. The entire part may be flattened or portions of a part unformed.

*Finite element mesh generation and finite element analysis.* One-step automates meshing with the creation of high quality meshes based on best practices and eliminates the need to manually mesh the part. A fast and accurate state-of-the-art solver calculates the blank profile using industry proven formulas.

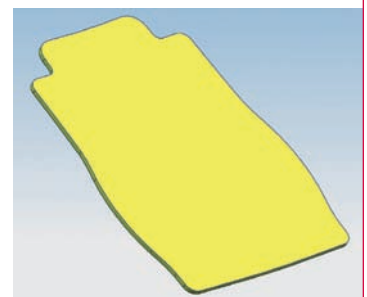
*Blank profile/outline generation and blank modeling.* The blank and pre-form outlines are output from One-step and used to quickly model the flattened blank and intermediate form.



Finite element mesh



Blank profile



Sheet metal blank

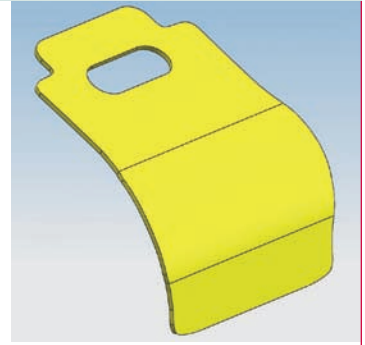
*Blank layout and strip layout design.* Leverage the full power of NX Progressive Die Design to fulfill downstream design requirements for blank nesting and strip layout design.

*Powerful and flexible.* Use predefined standard materials, or configure new material properties. Leverage advanced controls to specify mesh and element type. Automated report generation captures and documents analysis results.

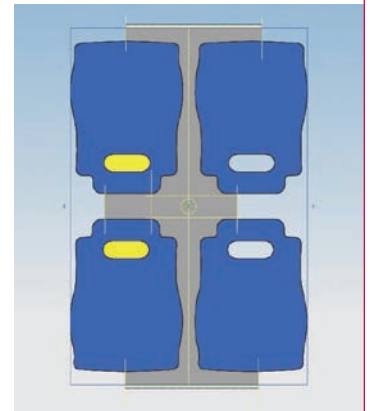
**“One-step Unforming, a fast and accurate freeform sheet metal unforming solution, can help to reduce and even eliminate effort/time on costly physical try-outs. Additionally, since One-step Unforming is included within NX Progressive Die Design, we can ultimately save on our overall software investment by no longer having to rely on third-party flattening applications.”**

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One-step Unforming and Formability Analysis are available within the NX Progressive Die Design module and Mach 3 Progressive Die Design product.



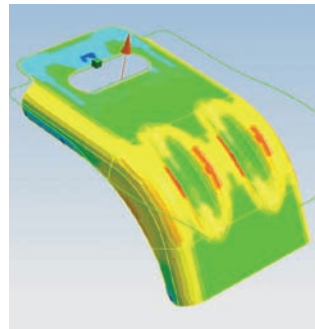
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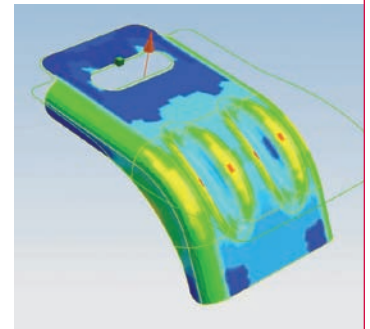
Blank layout/nest/scrap



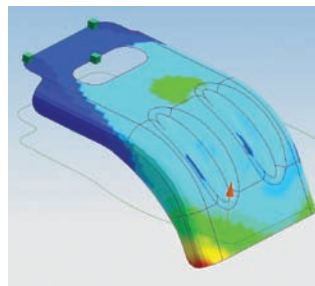
Automated meshing



Stress results



Strain results



Springback results

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