

# 10 FUN FACTS ABOUT PROTO LABS



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> **A CAPACITY FOR GROWTH**

Proto Labs started in 1999 in a garage in Long Lake, Minnesota with a single injection molding press. At last count, we're at more than **800 machines**: roughly **450+ CNC mills/lathes**, **200+ presses** and **150+ 3D printers**.

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> **SORRY ANTARCTICA!**

We currently serve more than **160 countries** (out of 195) on six continents.

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> **PRO(TO) TIP**

*Psst.* You can get up to **10,000 injection-molded parts with aluminum tooling** at Proto Labs, but there's a good chance we'll be able to produce part runs well beyond that depending on material and geometry. Just sayin'.

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> **SUITE OF SERVICES**

Up until 2014, we had two manufacturing processes: plastic injection molding and CNC milling. Since then, we have added another **EIGHT**: four 3D printing processes (stereolithography, selective laser sintering, direct metal laser sintering, PolyJet), CNC turning, liquid silicone rubber injection molding, overmolding, and insert molding. It has been a busy three years.

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> **20.5 TFLOPS**

The total amount of **computing muscle** at Proto Labs. What's a TFLOP? One TFLOP equals a trillion floating point operations per second.

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> **IT'S ELECTRIC**

We have **two electric vehicle plug-in stations** at Proto Labs HQ.

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> **3 MILLION**

The average **number of parts** we're molding each month in the U.S.

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> **31,000**

The number of product developers and engineers served in 2016.

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> **DFM...ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**

We've now **quoted 1 million unique part numbers** for machined parts stateside and 1 million unique part numbers for molded parts globally. That's a whole lotta design for manufacturability analysis.

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> **600,000 SQ. FT.**

The current amount of manufacturing space we occupy worldwide. We're **growing so fast** that we are adding at least one 100,000+ sq. ft. manufacturing plant each year worldwide.