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## **Order Prototype Parts With Ease via Design World Online Network**

*Proto Labs now offers its quick-turn CNC machining and injection molding services through the Design World Network of Online Sites*

**Maple Plain, Minn., June 5, 2009**—Proto Labs, Inc. ([www.protolabs.com](http://www.protolabs.com)), the global leader in quick-turn CNC machining and injection molding today announces that design engineers, via an exclusive arrangement with Design World, can now order prototype and short-run production parts right from various Design World partner sites, making it easy to order parts and get them fast.

Proto Labs offers two quick-turn services: First Cut ([www.firstcut.com](http://www.firstcut.com)) offers CNC machining and Protomold ([www.protomold.com](http://www.protomold.com)) offers injection molding, both capable of providing parts in as little as one business day. Design Engineers who use Proto Labs for prototypes and short-run production, can now upload a CAD file at any one of Design World's online sites, get a quote and place an order for Proto Labs services directly online. These services can be accessed directly at <http://designworld.protolabs.com>.

Ordering prototype parts is easy, fast and available 24 x 7 from the convenience of your computer. After you've uploaded your CAD file, you will receive a moldability analysis along with an interactive quote in less than 24 hours. Orders can be approved and placed completely online.

Through its online sites like [www.designworldonline.com](http://www.designworldonline.com), [www.makepartsfast.com](http://www.makepartsfast.com), [www.mcadcentral.com](http://www.mcadcentral.com) and others, "Design World provides valuable content to product designers worldwide. We believe the addition of our quick-turn prototyping services to the Design World sites adds significant value to the designer by making it easier and faster for them to order parts directly from their desktop," said Brad Cleveland, Proto Labs President and CEO. "We are excited to partner together with Design World. This partnership makes our services easier to access and offers designers the ability to leverage the valuable content on Design World's rapidly growing network of online sites."

### **About Proto Labs**

Proto Labs has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with low-volume production of CNC machined and injection molded parts through the use of proprietary software running on a compute cluster at over 2 trillion floating point operations per second. Proto Labs offers two services in North America, Europe and Japan: First Cut provides CNC machining and Protomold, rapid injection molding; both of which can ship parts in as little as one business day. For more information, visit: [www.protolabs.com](http://www.protolabs.com).

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