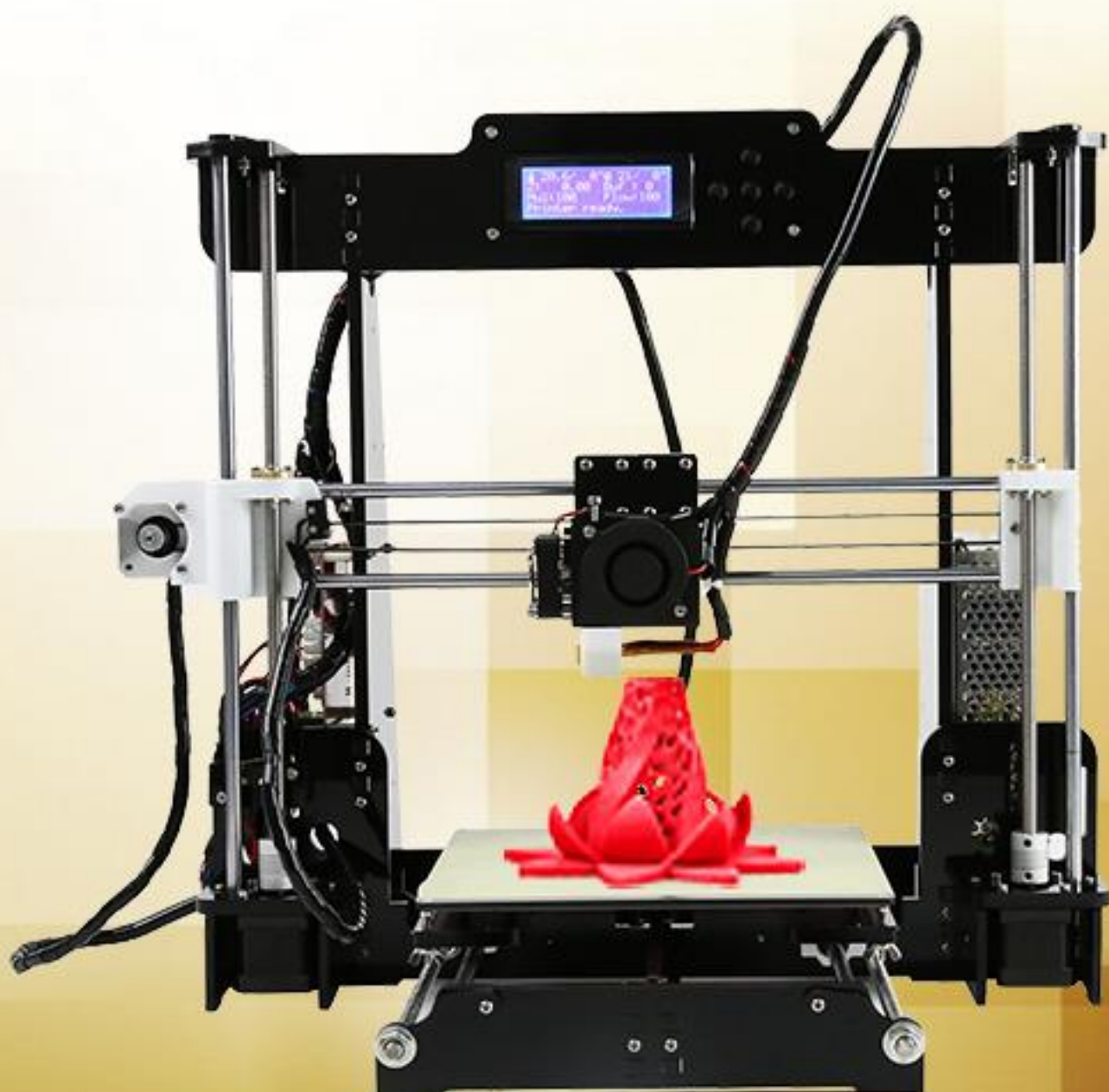


# Operation Instruction

Model:A8



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# INTRODUCTION

A8 FDM 3D printer can print CAD 3D printer model to real . A8 uses Acrylic to build its frame while it uses linear bearings , belts and threaded rods to build X , Y , Z axis . It enables A8 to print steadily with no vibration .

Note:

1. All statement included in this Instructions have been checked carefully , if any typographical errors or misunderstanding , we have the final interpretation .
2. No noification if any update .

## A. Security Considerations

To avoid danger when using 3D printer , please pay attention to precautions below .

### ⊘ Danger

During Operation , the maximum temperature of nozzle can be 260 °C while hotbed can be 100 °C . For your safety , during printing or cooling down , do not touch the nozzle , hotbed and models under printing . Power works at 110V/220V 50HZ AC and supply ground needed . Do not use other power supply , or it may cause components damage , fire or electric shock . And we take no responsibility for this .

### ⚠ Warning

We suggest wearing protective goggles when removing auxiliary support materials . Some filaments will emit slight irritant gases , so we suggest to use 3D printer in a ventilated environment .

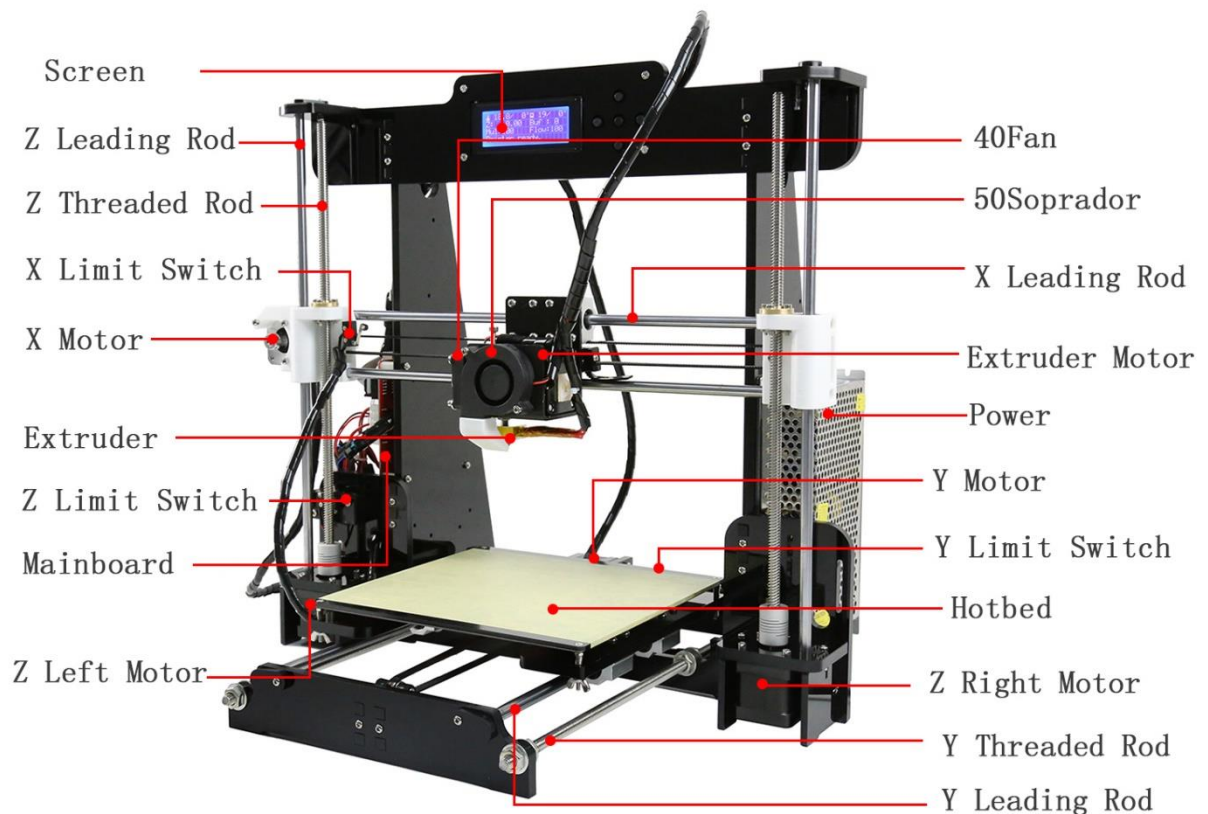
Note: ABS filament will emit a bit toxic gases when it melts .

## B. Product Details

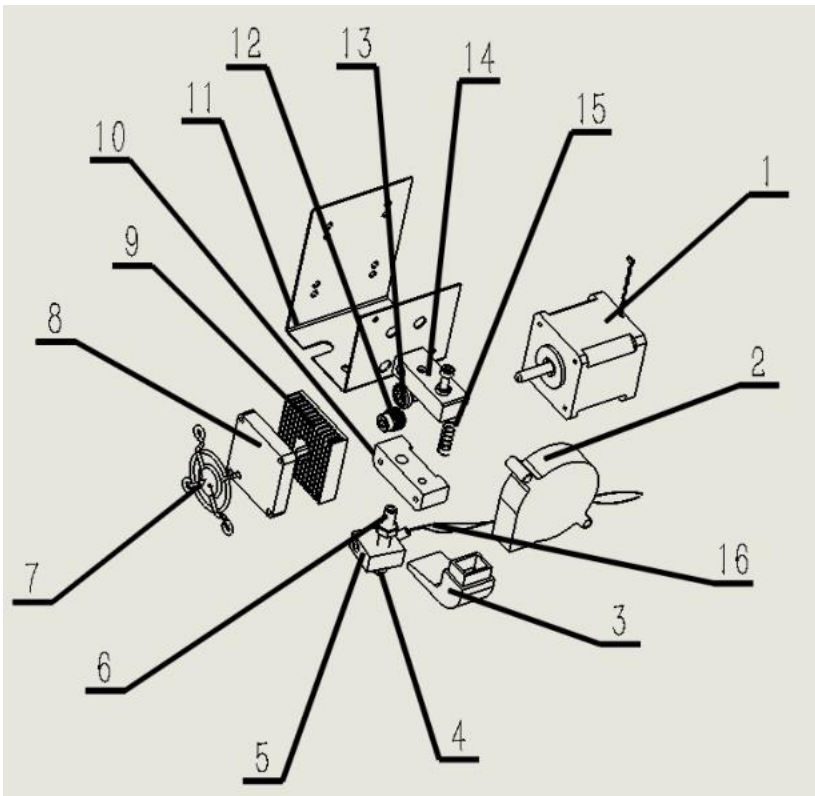
### 1.Specifications

Model: A8	Nozzle diameter: 0.4mm
Layer thickness: 0.1-0.3mm	Machine size: 500*400*450mm
Printing speed: 10-120mm/s	Machine weight: 7.5KG
X Y axis position accuracy: 0.05mm	Packing size: 510*345*215mm
Z axis position accuracy: 0.015mm	Gross weight: 9.2KG
Printing material: ABS,PLA	Build size: 220*220*240mm
Material tendency: PLA	LCD screen: Yes
Filament diameter : 1.75mm	Offline printing: SD CARD
Software language: Multi-Language	File format: STL、G-Code、OBJ
Function of support: automatically	OS: windows(linux、 mac)
Software: Cura	Working condition: 10-30°C, Humidity 20-50%

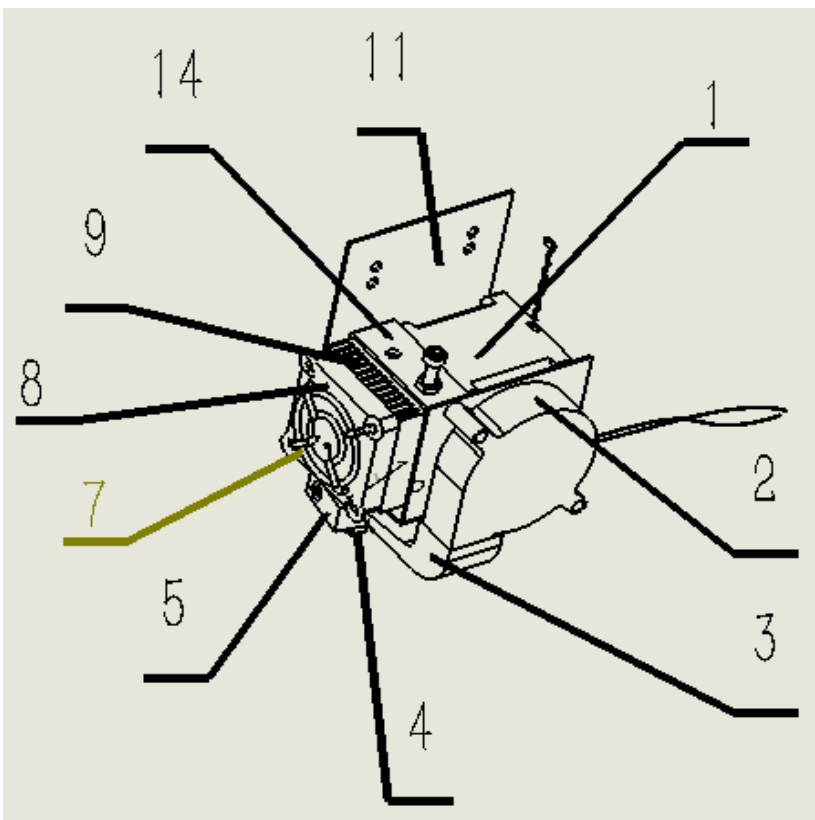
### 2.Machine parts














### 3.Extruder drawing




























No.	Part Name	Quantity
1	Extruder Motor	1
2	Blower	1
3	Wind Mouth	1
4	Nozzle(0.4mm)	1
5	Heating Block	1
6	Throat	1
7	Fan Cover	1
8	Fan	1
9	Heat Sink	1
10	Extruder Seat	1
11	Bend Parts	1
12	Brass Wheel	1
13	U-Bearing	1
14	Briquetting	1
15	Spring	1
16	Heating Pipe	1



























## 4.Tool List







Item	Picture	Name	QTY	Check	Item	Picture	Name	QTY	Check
1-1		Hot bed fixed aluminum plate	1		2-1		Mainboard	1	
1-2		220mm*220mm*3mm Hot bed	1		2-2		Left Z axis nut support	1	
1-3		Plastic nippers	1		2-3		Right Z axis nut support	1	
1-4		1.5M Power line	1		2-4		Wind mouth	1	
1-5		5mm*160mm Screwdriver	1		2-5		1.6M Belt	1	
1-6		Four parts below in this bag	1		2-6		1.5M USB wire	1	

1-6-1		40*10 Fan	1		2-7		5015 Air blower	1	
1-6-2		40*11 Cooling fin	1		2-8		Y axis belt bearing support	1	
1-6-3		Fan cover	1		2-9		Seven parts below in this bag	1	
1-6-4		M3*45 Screw 2pcs M3 Spacer 8pcs	1		2-9-1		Z axis Limit switch fixed plate	2	
1-7		Screw bag include below screws	1		2-9-2		Y axis motor support	1	
1-7-1		M3*18 screw 52pcs	1		2-9-3		Y axis Limit switch fixed plate	1	
1-7-2		M3 Nut 64pcs	1		2-9-4		Y axis belt fixation clamp	2	

1-7-3		M8 Nut 16pcs M8 Spacer 12pcs	1		2-9-5		Guide rod back up plate	6	
1-7-4		M4*8 screw 28pcs M4*14 screw 4pcs	1		2-10		Side support plate	2	
1-7-5		M3*30 screw 14pcs	1		2-11		Filament support plate	2	
1-7-6		M3*12 screw 15pcs	1		2-12		Filament support plate connecting plate	2	
1-7-7		M2*12 screw 4pcs wing nut 4pcs Spring 4pcs	1		2-13		Screen baffle plate	1	
1-7-8		M3*25 screw 3pcs	1		2-14		Z axis motor support Plate	4	
1-8		Three parts below in this bag	1		2-15		8GB TF card and card reader	1	

1-8-1		Wire 70CM	1		3-1		Bottom support plate	1	
1-8-2		Limit switch A 20CM Limit switch B 55CM Limit switch C 70CM	3		3-2		Top support plate	1	
1-8-3		Pillar washer M3*7 4pcs Pillar washer M3*15 4pcs	8		3-3		Back plate	1	
1-9		Three parts below in this bag	1		3-4		Front plate	1	
1-9-1		3mm*130mm Screwdriver	1		3-5		Support plate lock plate	2	
1-9-2		Hex wrench M1.5 Hex wrench M2 Hex wrench M2.5 Hex wrench M3	4		3-6		Z axis motor fixed plate	2	
1-9-3		Open spanner	1		3-7		Y axis motor fixed plate	1	

1-10		Four parts below in this bag	1		3-8		Extruder	1	
1-10-1		4.5M Winding pipe	1		3-9		X axis motor	1	
1-10-2		Belting	10		3-10		Y axis motor	1	
1-10-3		R clip	3		3-11		Z axis motor	2	
1-10-4		Locating piece	2		3-12		Linear bearing	7	

1-11		LCD 2004 screen	1		3-13		Guide rod 436mm 2pcs Guide rod 380mm 4pcs	6	
1-12		X Motor line 40CM Y Motor line 40CM Left Z Motor line 40CM Right Z Motor line 90CM Extruder Motor line 90CM	5		3-14		T type lead screw M8*345mm 2pcs Threaded rod M8*400mm 2pcs Threaded rod M8*150mm 1pcs	5	
1-13		Heat bed line 90CM	1		3-15		Power Supply	1	

## C. Cura Software

### 1.Installation of Cura14.07

a: Where can I find the software?

1) SD card with shipment; 2) download from Internet;

b: Installation process

1) From SD card with shipment



Insert SD card and open the file

#### 1.1 File location in the TF card

1)Insert SD card , open the file

名称 ^	修改日期	类型	大小	
 Installation Instruction	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		
 Print Model STL	2016/6/22 星期三 ...	文件夹		
 Software	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		
 Test file GCODE	2016/6/22 星期三 ...	文件夹		
 Tool List&other pictures	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		

名称 ^	修改日期	类型	大小	
 CH340G Drive	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		
 Cura 14.07	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		
 RepetierHost_1_0_5	2016/7/7 星期四 ...	文件夹		

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 Cura download link.txt	2016/7/1 星期五 ...	文本文档	1 KB	
 Cura_14.07.exe	2015/8/11 星期二 ...	应用程序	18,377 KB	

## 2) Download from Internet

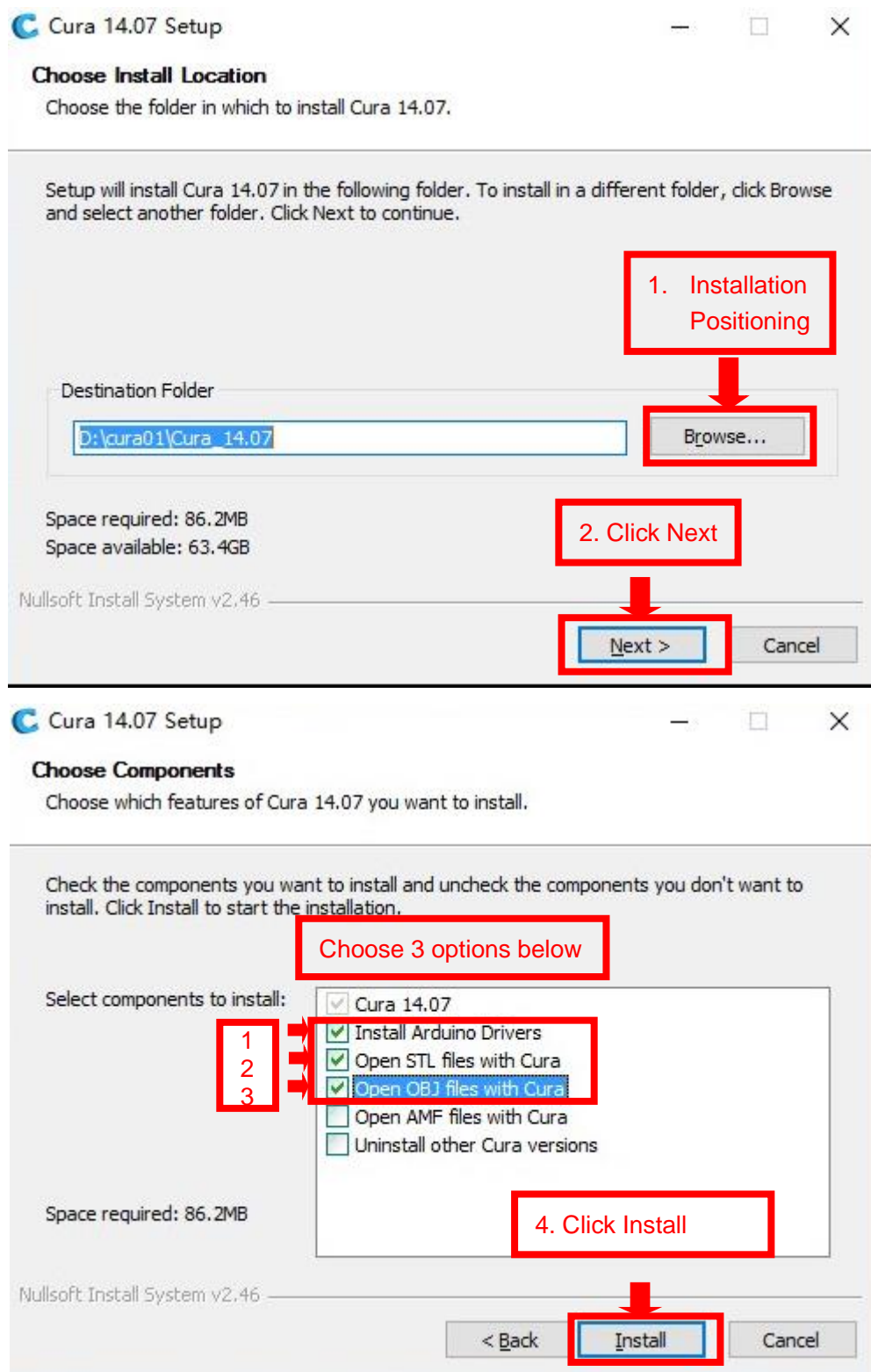
Official Website: <https://ultimaker.com/en/cura-software/list>

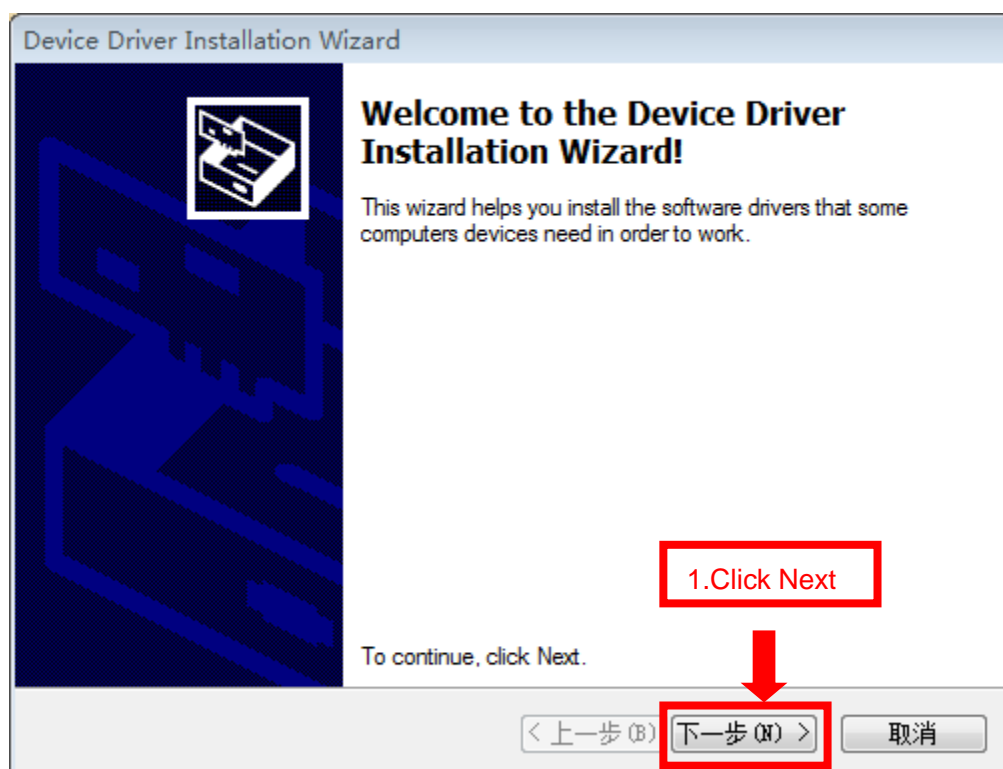
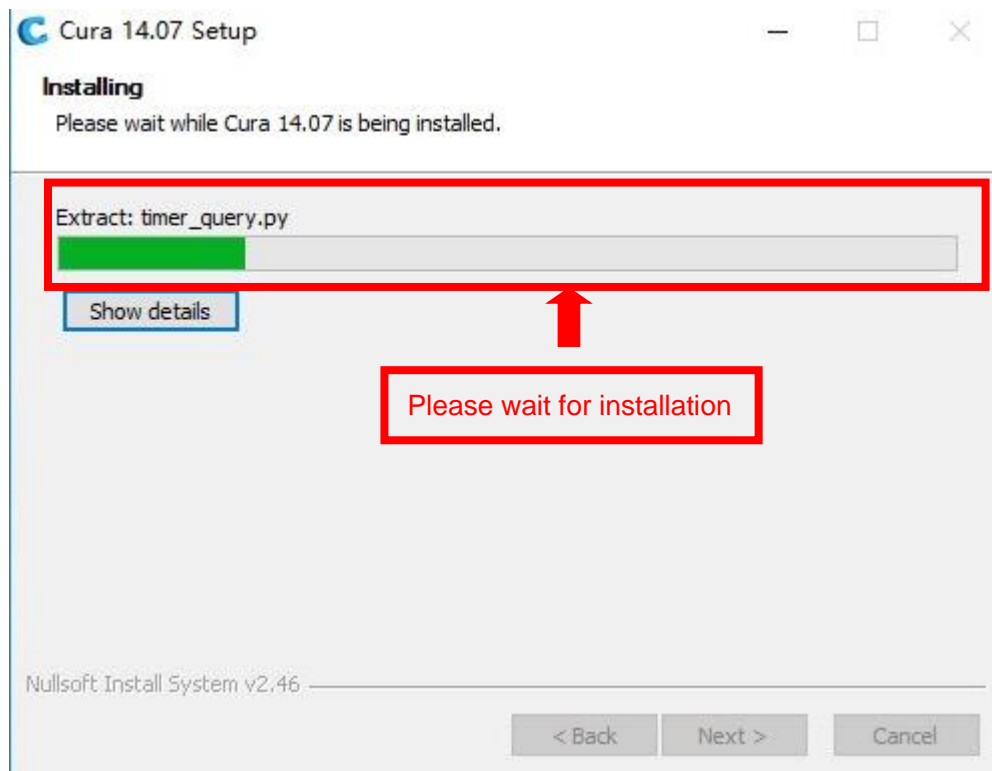
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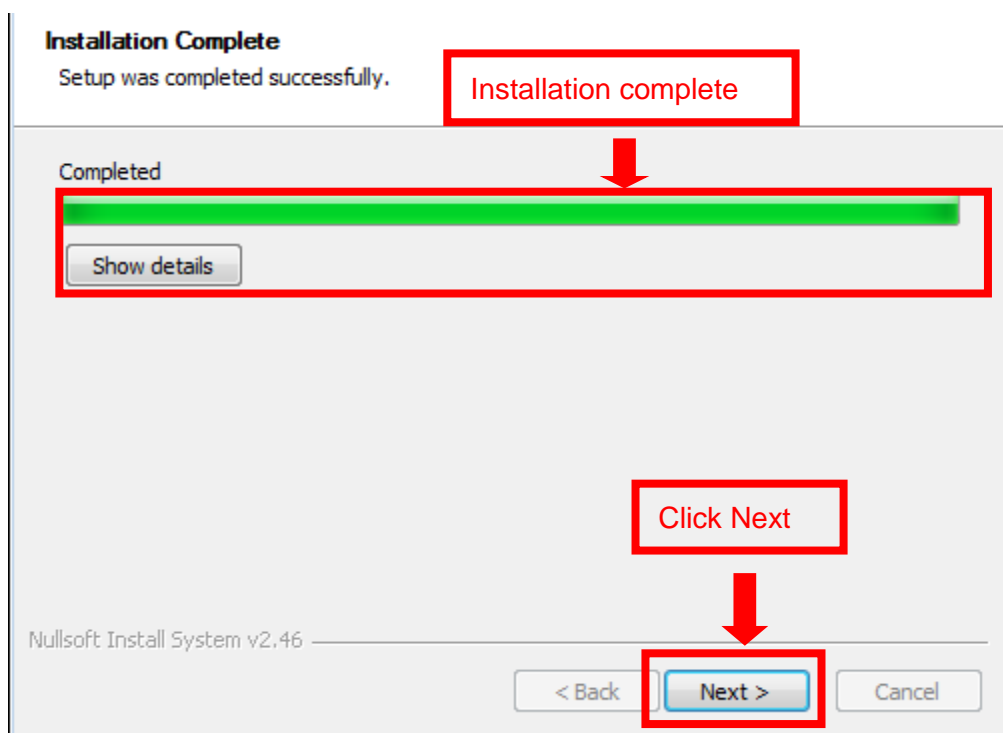
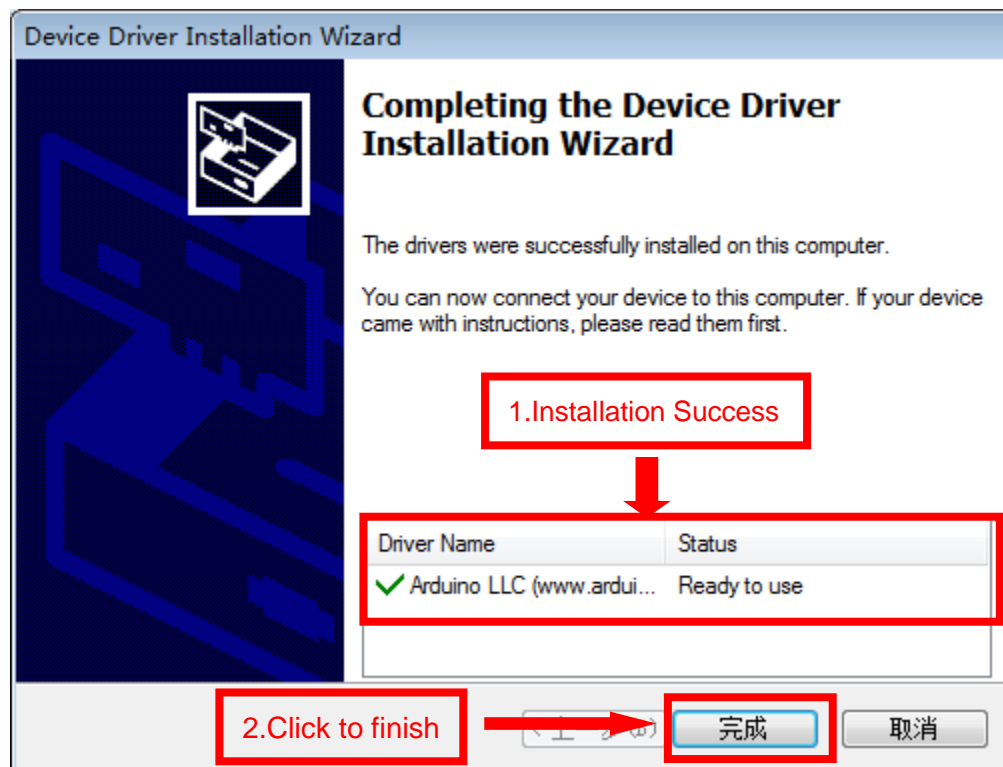
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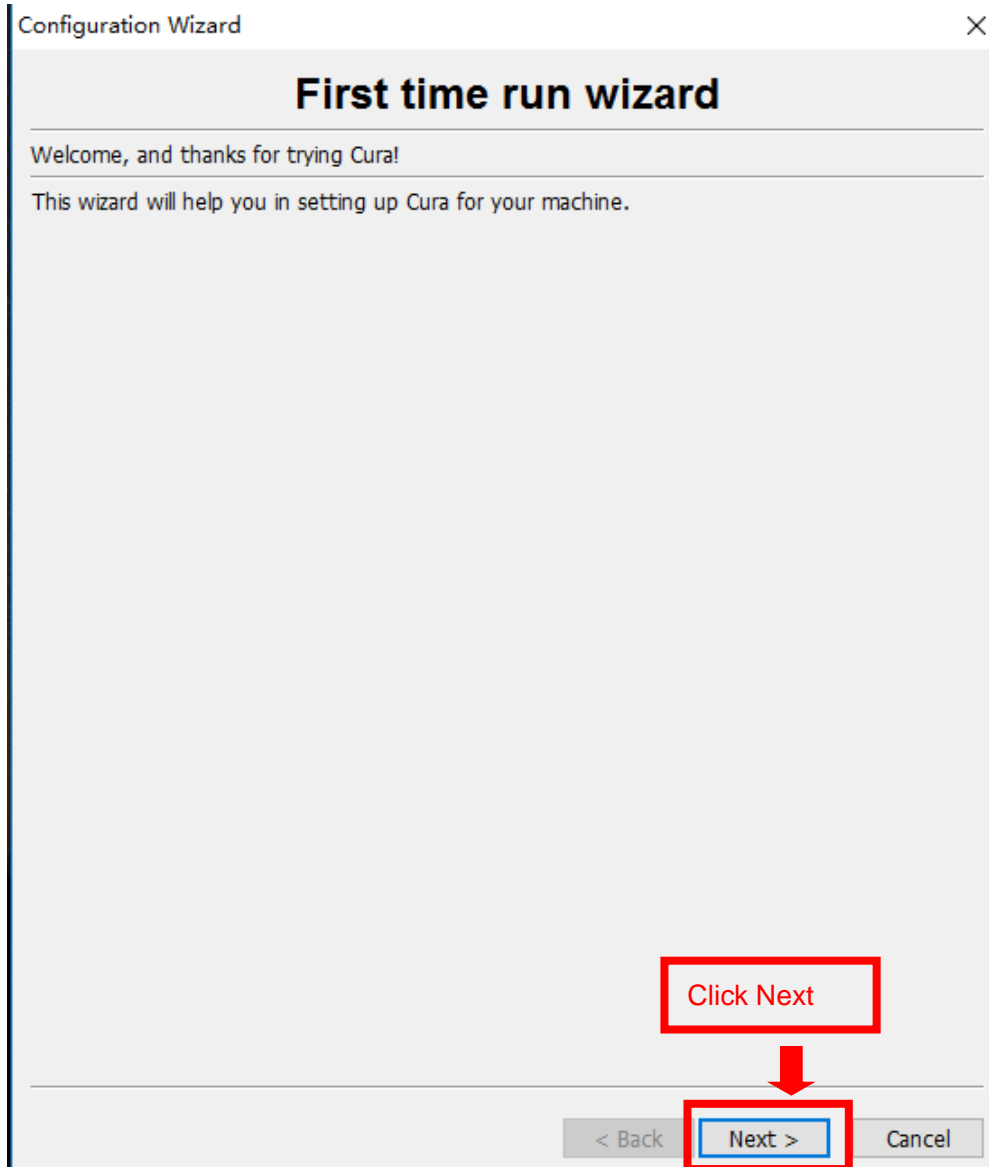
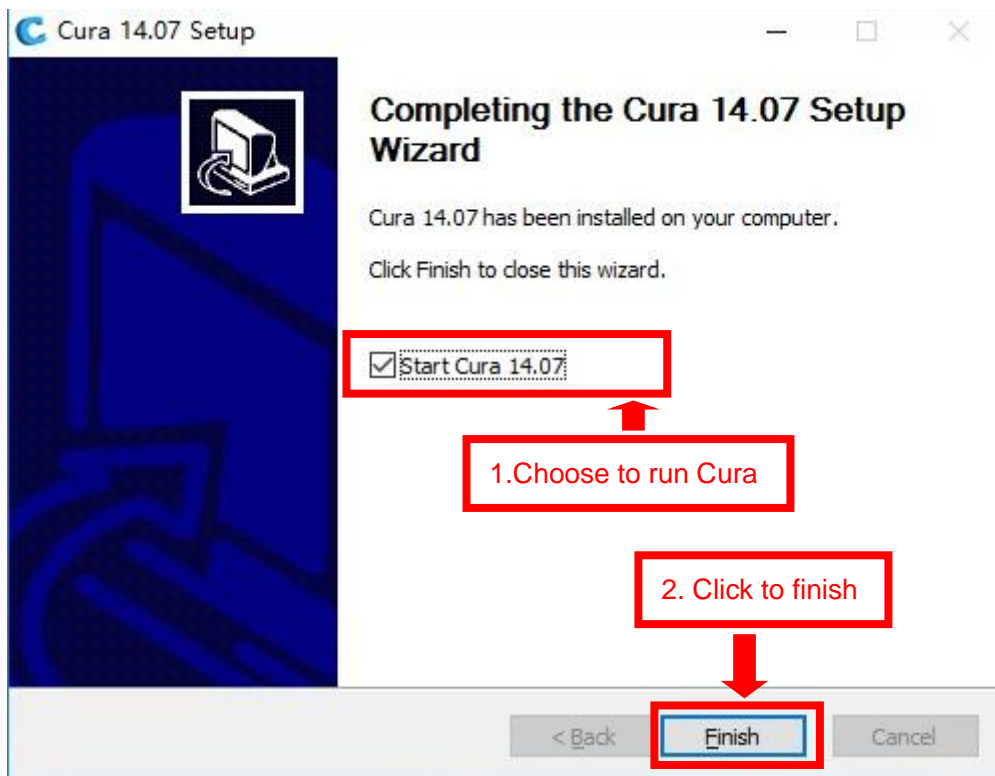
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Version: 15.02.1	Release date: 2/19/15
Version: 15.01	Release date: 1/30/15
Version: 14.12	Release date: 12/15/14
Version: 14.09	Release date: 9/19/14
Version: 14.07	Release date: 7/3/14
Version: 14.06	Release date: 6/16/14
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Version: 13.04	Release date: 4/26/13
Version: 13.03	Release date: 3/8/13
Version: 12.12	Release date: 12/24/12
Version: 12.11	Release date: 11/12/12
Version: 12.10	Release date: 11/8/12

## b. Software Installation Process









Configuration Wizard

## Select your machine

What kind of machine do you have:

- ☐ Ultimaker2
- ☐ Ultimaker Original
- ☐ Printrbot
- ☒ Other (Ex: RepRap, MakerBot)

The collection of anonymous usage information helps with the continued improvement of Cura.  
This does NOT submit your models online nor gathers any privacy related information.

Submit anonymous usage information: ☒

For full details see: <http://wiki.ultimaker.com/Cura:stats>

3.Click Next

< Back Next > Cancel

## Other machine information

The following pre-defined machine profiles are available

Note that these profiles are not guaranteed to give good results, or work at all. Extra tweaks might be required.

If you find issues with the predefined profiles, or want an extra profile.

Please report it at the github issue tracker.

- ☐ BFB
- ☐ DeltaBot
- ☐ MakerBotReplicator
- ☐ Mendel
- ☐ Prusa Mendel i3
- ☐ punchtec Connect XL

☒ Custom...

1. Choose to customize

2. Click Next

< Back

Next >

Cancel

## Custom RepRap information

RepRap machines can be vastly different, so here you can set your own settings.

Be sure to review the default profile before running it on your machine.

If you like a default profile for your machine added, then make an issue on github.

You will have to manually install Marlin or Sprinter firmware

Machine name

A8

This is A8 parameter

You can customize name here.

Machine width (mm)

220

Machine depth (mm)

220

Machine height (mm)

240

Nozzle size (mm)

0.4

We default these data .  
You can fill in according to  
actual condition

Heated bed



Bed center is 0,0,0 (RoStock)



Choose this option

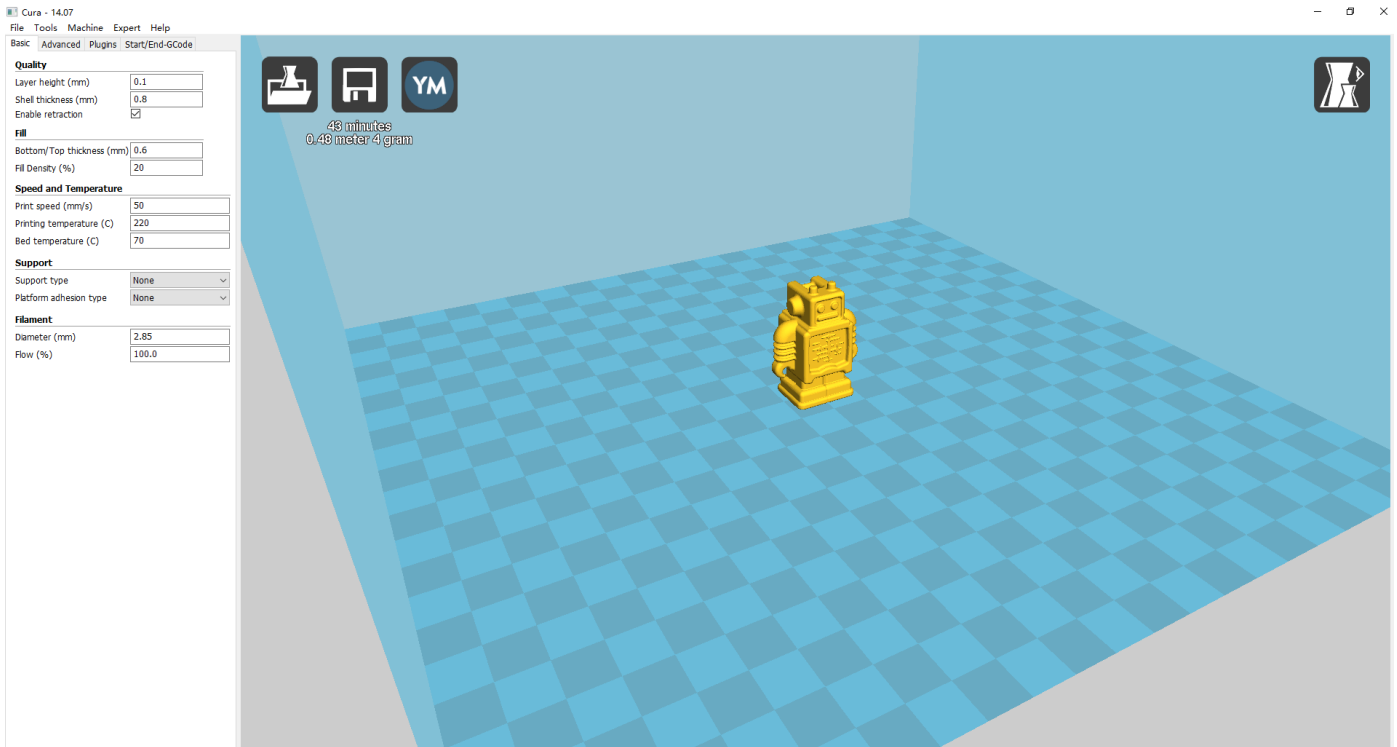
DO NOT choose this option !!!

1.Click to finish

< Back

Finish

Cancel



Now you have finished the installation. Next , enter Cura .

## 2. Cura Setting

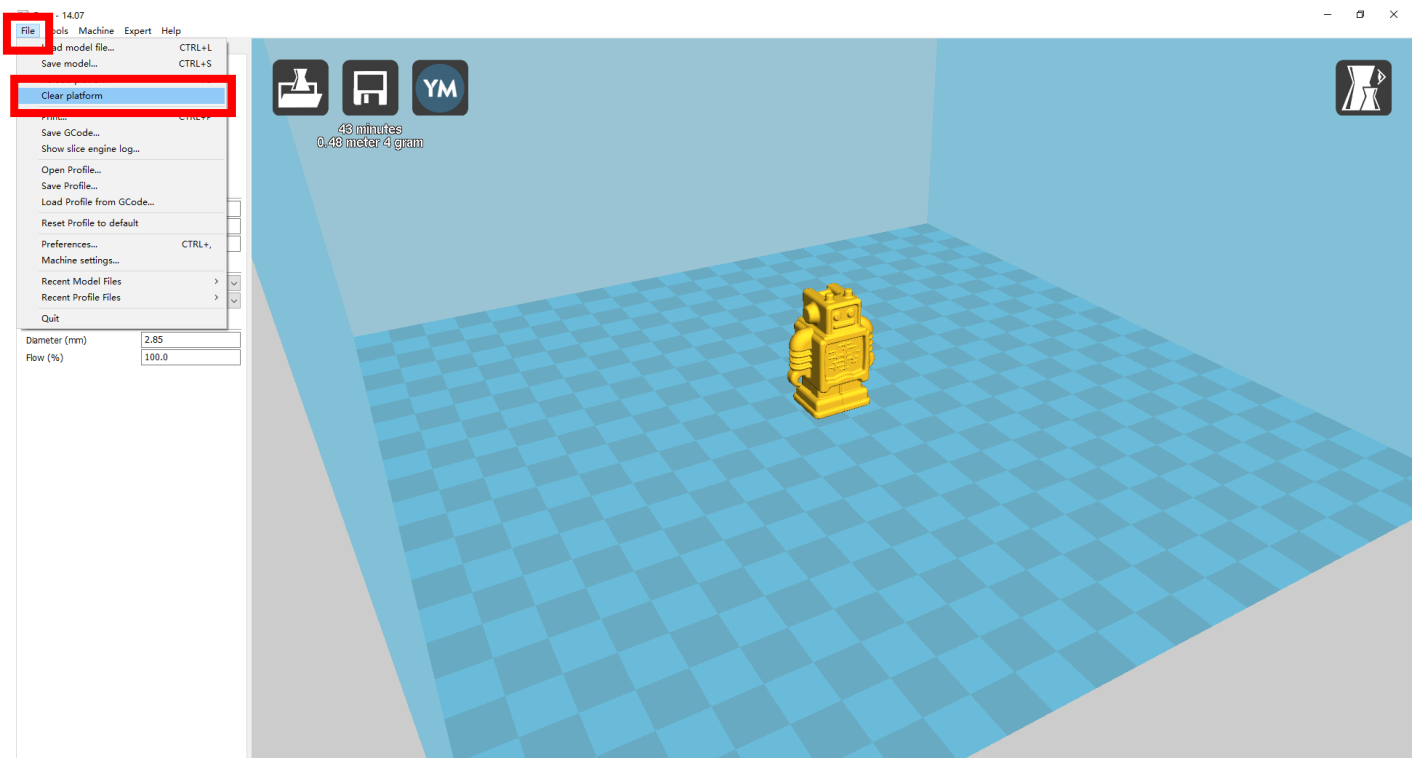
### 2.1 Clear platform

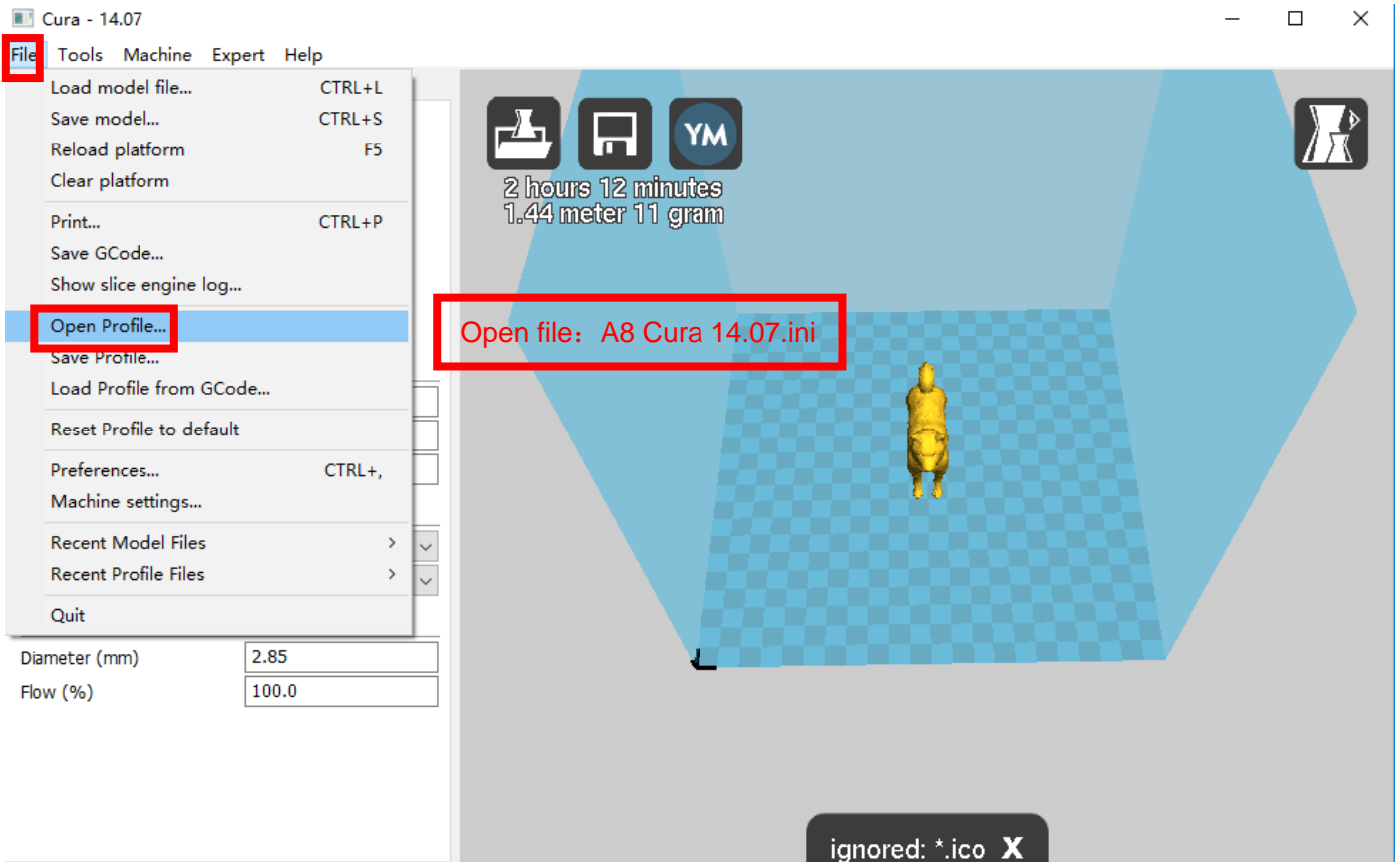
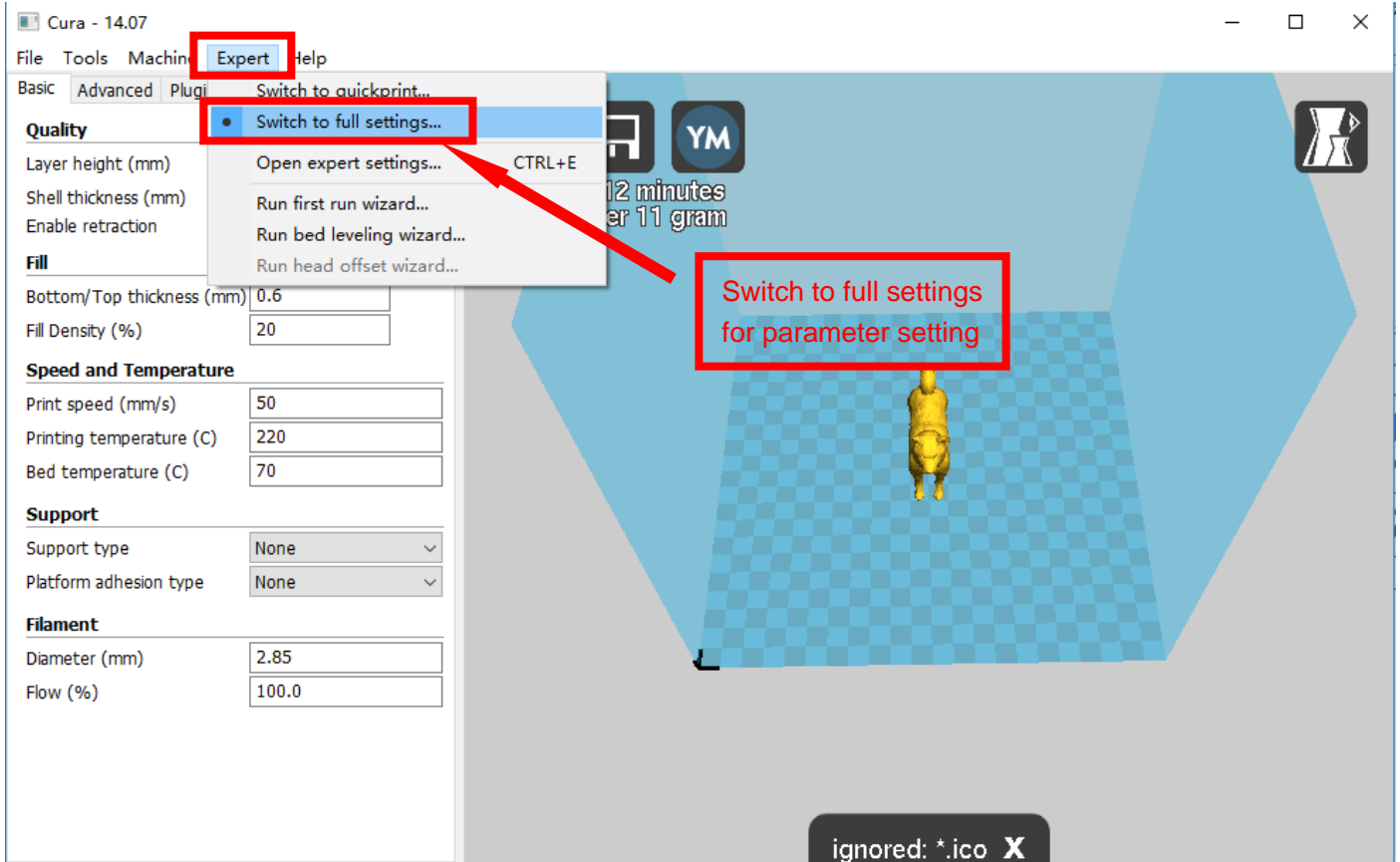
Delete the dog. Two ways for you :

1.Move mouse to dog ,right click, click “delete object”.



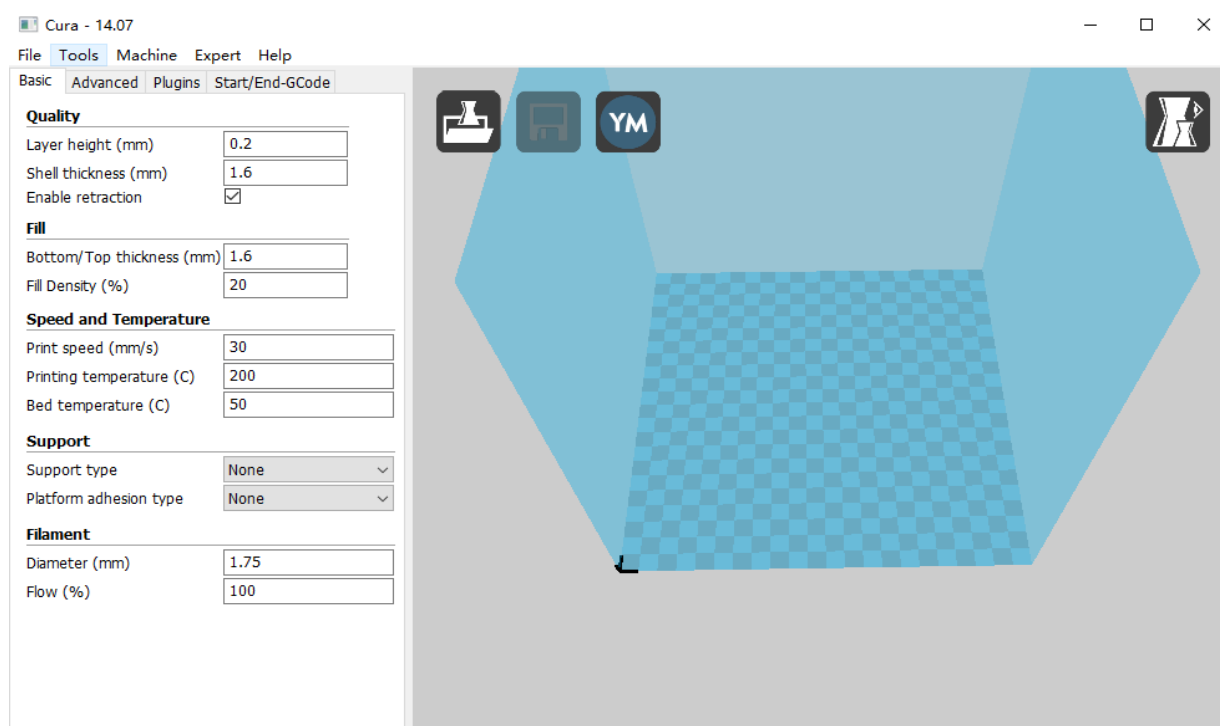
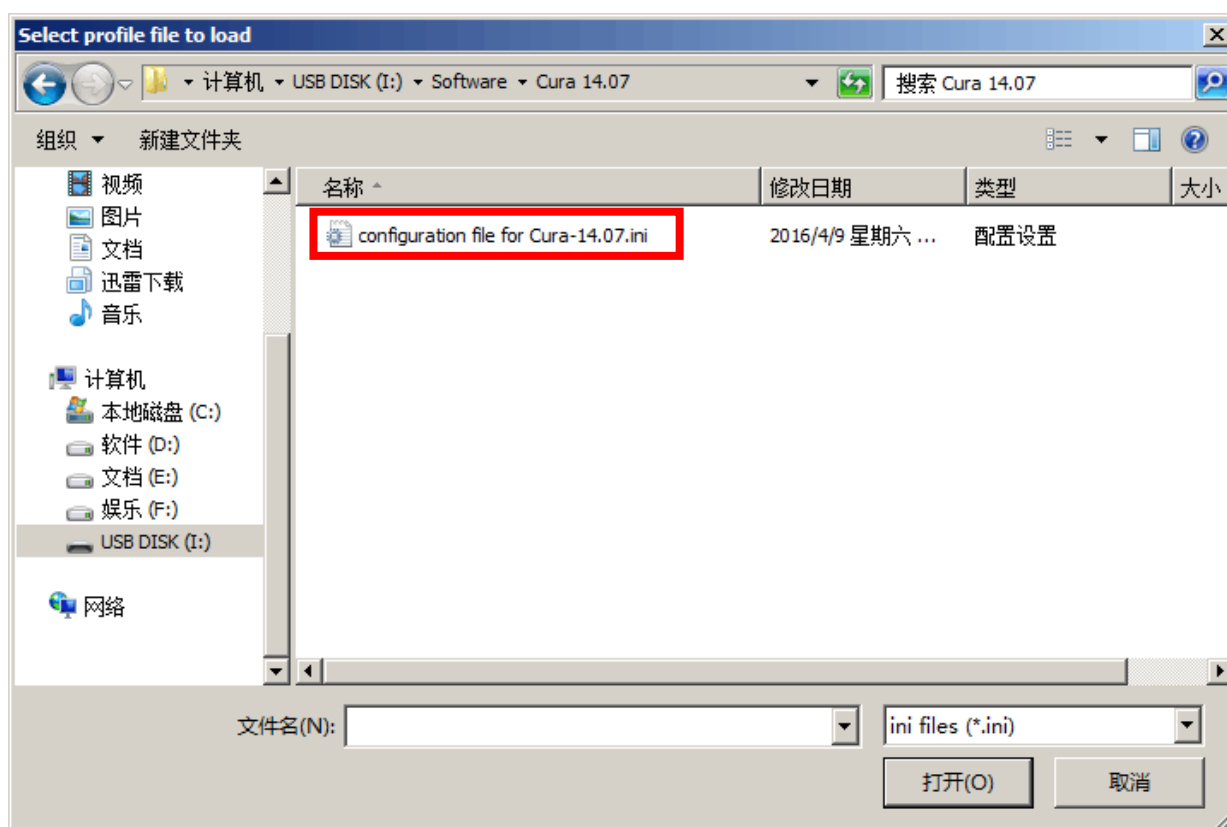
2. Left click “File” , choose ”Clear platform”.

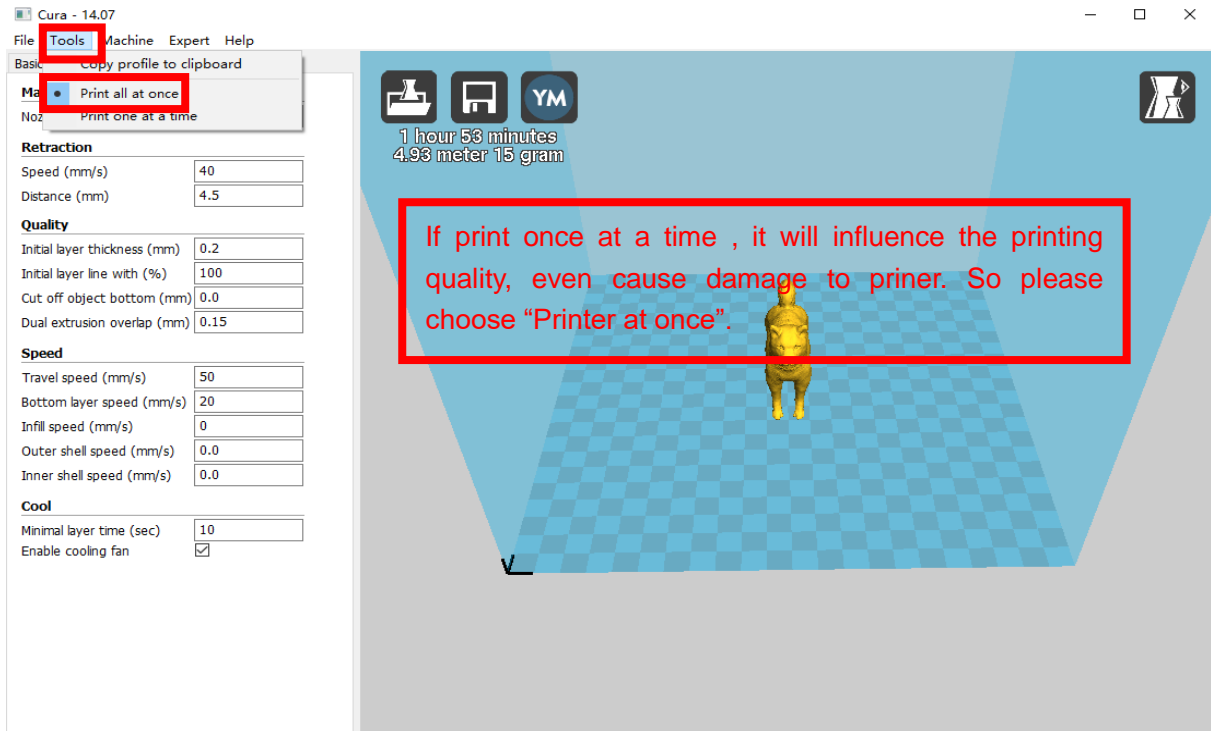




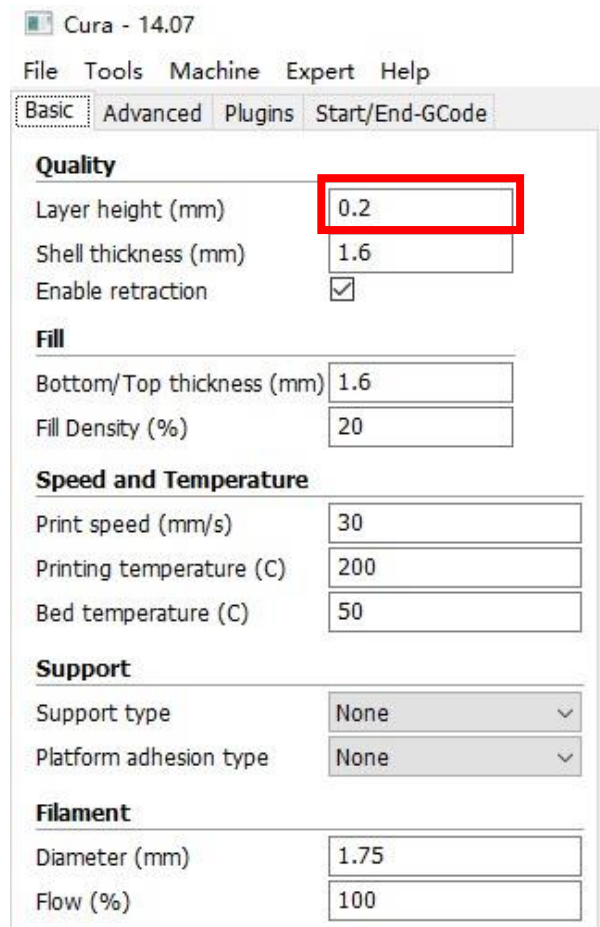
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(suggestion :keep this file copy to your computer)

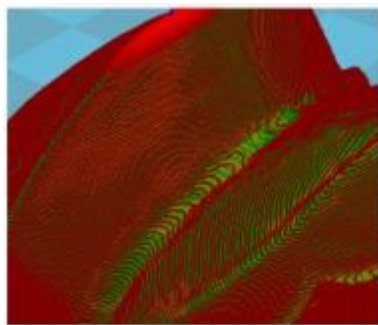




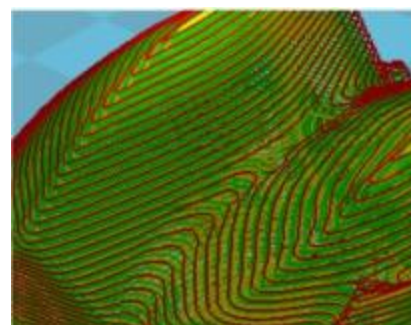
## 2.3 Layer height settings



Layer height: 0.1mm cost long time but have the best printing precision. 0.2mm cost half time compared to 0.1mm , but have general printing precision. 0.3 cost less time with not good precision. It defaults 0.2mm.

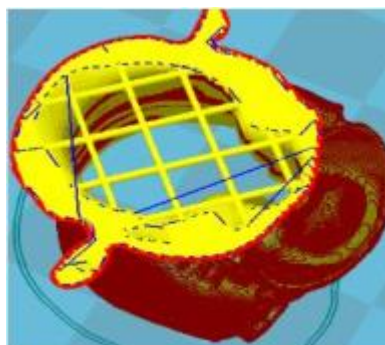


Left: 0.1mm  
Layer height



Right: 0.2mm  
Layer height

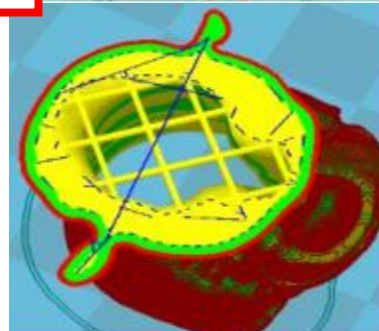
Layer height setting



0.8mm

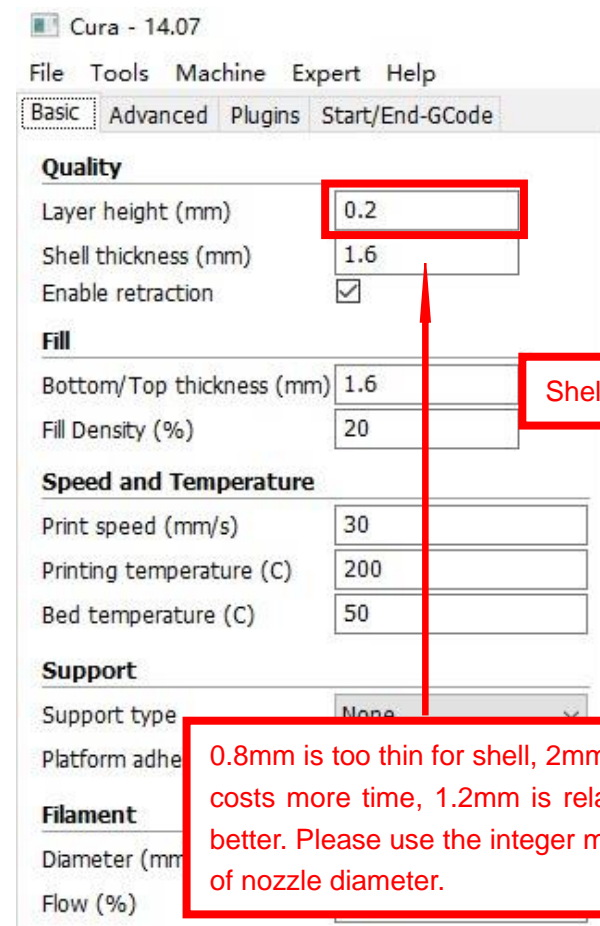


1.2mm



2mm

Shell thickness setting



0.8mm is too thin for shell, 2mm shell costs more time, 1.2mm is relatively better. Please use the integer mutiple of nozzle diameter.

**Quality**

Layer height (mm) 0.2

Shell thickness (mm) 1.2

Enable retraction ☒**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm) 1.2

Fill Density (%) 20

**Speed and Temperature**

Print speed (mm/s) 30

Printing temperature (C) 200

Bed temperature (C) 50

**Support**

Support type None

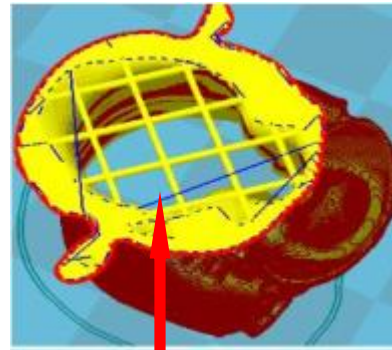
Platform adhesion type None

**Filament**

Diameter (mm) 1.75

Flow (%) 100

Enable retraction to avoid filaments leakage when nozzles move in empty area



The Blue line is the leak filament

Enable retraction

**Quality**

Layer height (mm) 0.2

Shell thickness (mm) 1.2

Enable retraction ☒**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm) 1.2

Fill Density (%) 20

**Speed and Temperature**

Print speed (mm/s) 30

Printing temperature (C) 200

Bed temperature (C) 50

**Support**

Support type None

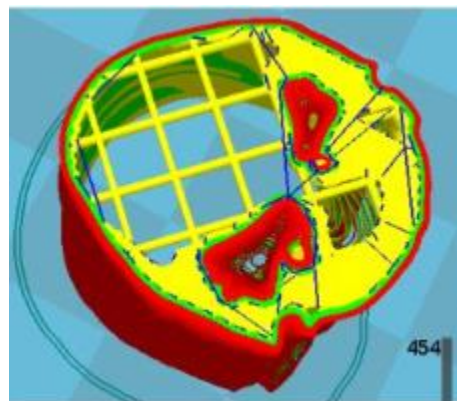
Platform adhesion type None

**Filament**

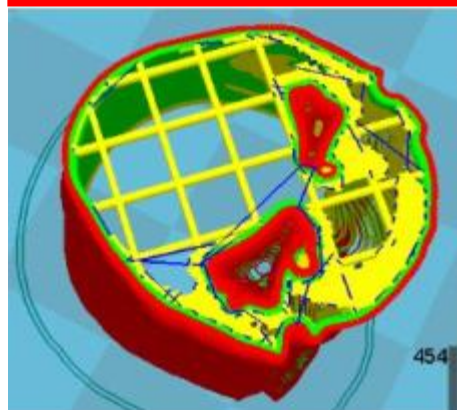
Diameter (mm) 1.75

Flow (%) 100

When fill density is less than 20%, it's easy for 0.6mm thickness to cause hollow on the top. 1.2mm normally won't have this issue.



Bottom/Top thickness: 1.2mm



Bottom/Top thickness: 0.6mm

Under the same fill density

## Bottom/Top thickness setting

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**Quality**

Layer height (mm)

Shell thickness (mm)

Enable retraction ☒

**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm)

Fill Density (%)

**Speed and Temperature**

Print speed (mm/s)

Printing temperature (C)

Bed temperature (C)

**Support**

Support type

Platform adhesion type

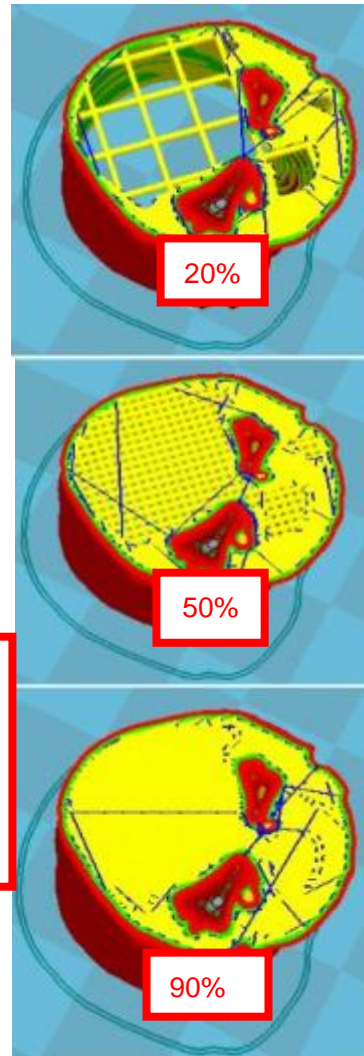
**Filament**

Diameter (mm)

Flow (%)

### Fill Density Setting

Fill Density: If strength requirement is not so high, set 10% is ok. Please improve fill density when strength requirement gets higher. Printing time will go up as well.



### Printing Speed setting

This is default speed. If other settings aren't changed, it prints more accurately while the printing process takes more time. High printing speed takes less time while it cannot print accurately, making the model have bad quality. Normally 40-60 print speed is suitable for printing.

### Printing Temperature

PLA filament temperature setting: nozzle: 190-210 °C hotbed: 40-60°C

ABS filament temperature setting: nozzle: 230-250°C hotbed: 60-90°C

**Quality**

Layer height (mm) 0.2  
Shell thickness (mm) 1.2  
Enable retraction ☒


**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm) 1.2  
Fill Density (%) 20

**Speed and Temperature**

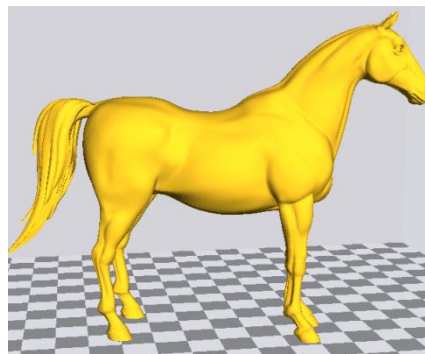
Print speed (mm/s) 30  
Printing temperature (C) 200  
Bed temperature (C) 50

**Support**

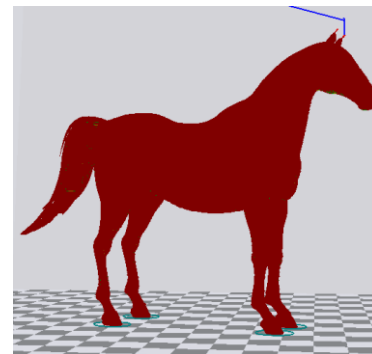
Support type **None**   
Platform adhesion type  
**Touching buildplate**  
Everywhere

**Filament**

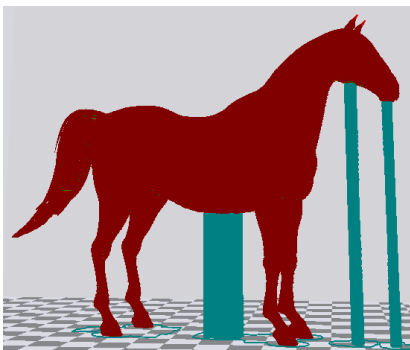
Diameter (mm) 1.75  
Flow (%) 100



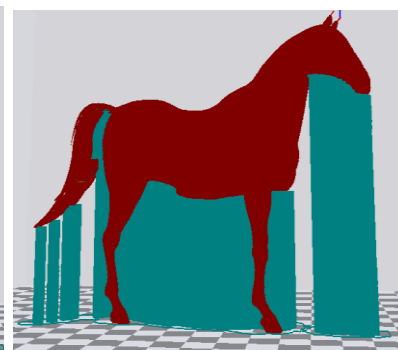
Original Model



Support type: None



Support type: Touching



Support type: Everywhere

Support type setting

Attention: Normally we add support to complex model or model with vacant parts. It may have influence on the surface if you choose everywhere. You'd better circle around the model and try to avoid unnecessary support.

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**Quality**

Layer height (mm) 0.2

Shell thickness (mm) 1.2

Enable retraction ☒

**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm) 1.2

Fill Density (%) 20

**Speed and Temperature**

Print speed (mm/s) 30

Printing temperature (C) 200

Bed temperature (C) 50

**Support**

Support type None

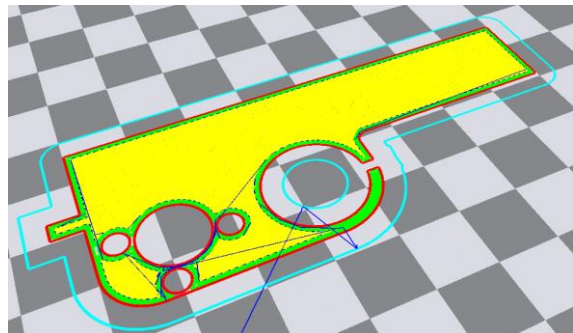
Platform adhesion type None

**Filament**

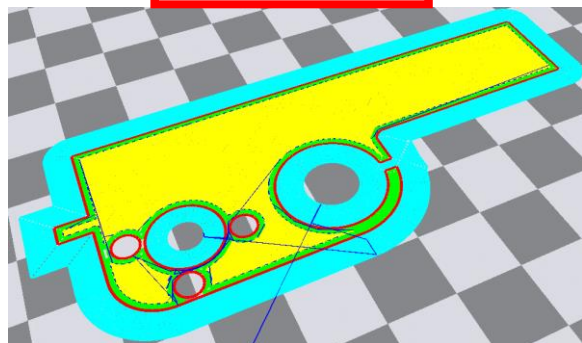
Diameter (mm) 1.75

Flow (%) 100

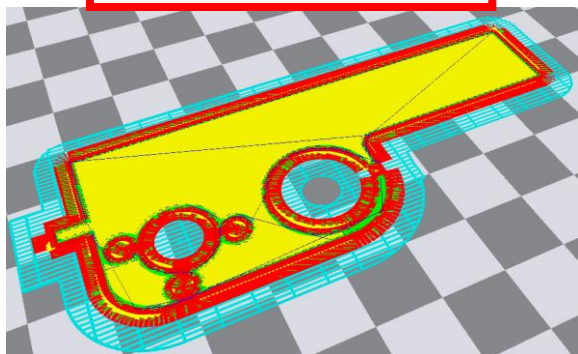
Support setting



None: no support



Brim: Touch with the adge



Raft: Totally touch with the bottom

Attention: please choose None if the printing platform is ready and the high temperature adhesive tape is good. Please choose Brim when the model is small . Choosing Raft makes it difficult to separte model from the platform

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Basic Advanced Plugins Start/End-GCode

**Quality**

Layer height (mm) 0.2

Shell thickness (mm) 1.6

Enable retraction ☒

**Fill**

Bottom/Top thickness (mm) 1.6

Fill Density (%) 20

**Speed and Temperature**

Print speed (mm/s) 30

Printing temperature (C) 200

Bed temperature (C) 50

**Support**

Support type None

Platform adhesion type None

**Filament**

Diameter (mm) 1.75

Flow (%) 100

Attention: A8 use 1.75mm filament

Attention:

Flow is proportion of filament , we suggest to use 100  
Increasing flow & decrease diameter has the similar effect.

Model surface gets many bumps when flow is too big;model frame gets flimsy if flow is too small.

Cura - 14.07

File Tools Machine Expert Help

Basic Advanced Plugins Start/End-GCode

**Machine**

Nozzle size (mm) 0.4

**Retraction**

Speed (mm/s) 40

Distance (mm) 4.5

**Quality**

Initial layer thickness (mm) 0.2

Initial layer line with (%) 100

Cut off object bottom (mm) 0.0

Dual extrusion overlap (mm) 0.15

**Speed**

Travel speed (mm/s) 50

Bottom layer speed (mm/s) 20

Infill speed (mm/s) 0

Outer shell speed (mm/s) 0.0

Inner shell speed (mm/s) 0.0

**Cool**

Minimal layer time (sec) 10

Enable cooling fan ☒

We suggest not to change it , A8 default 0.4mm

We suggest not to change it ,  
or use the date in the picture

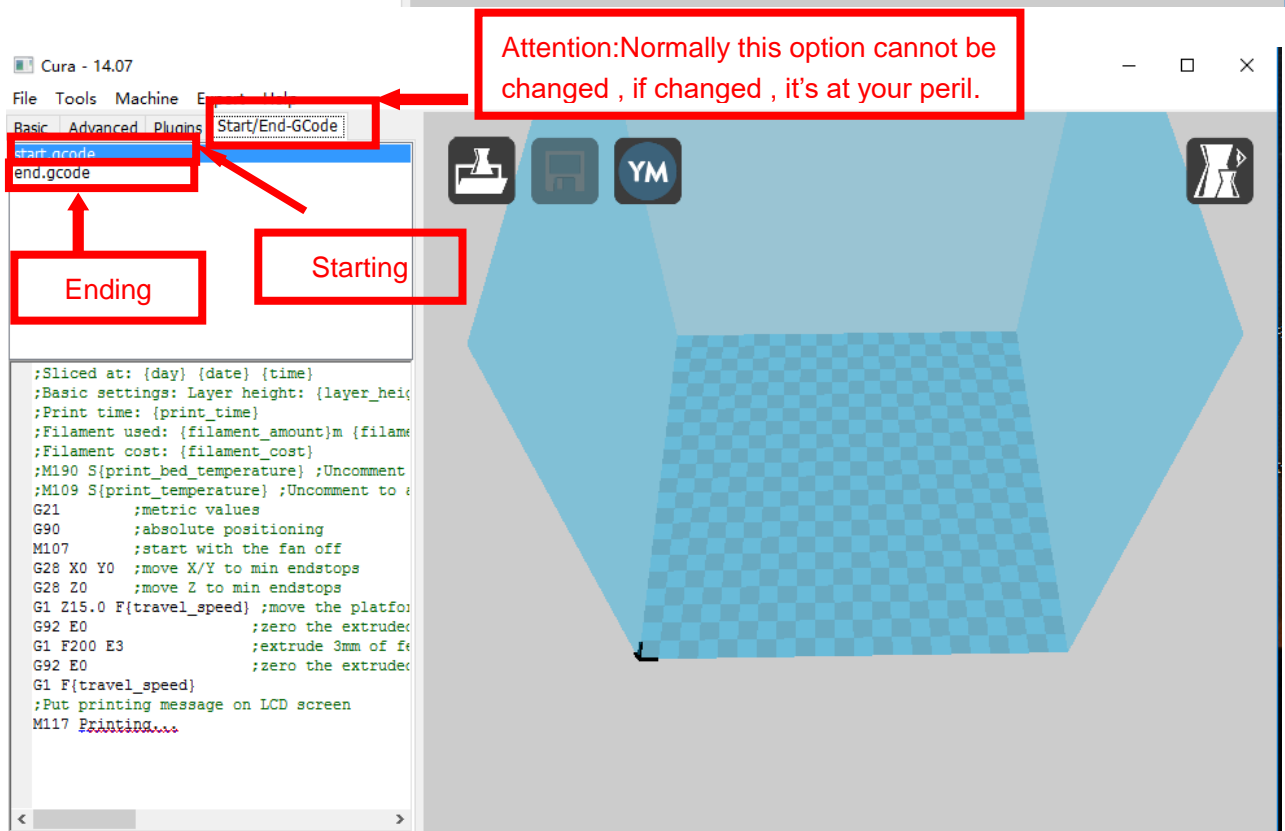
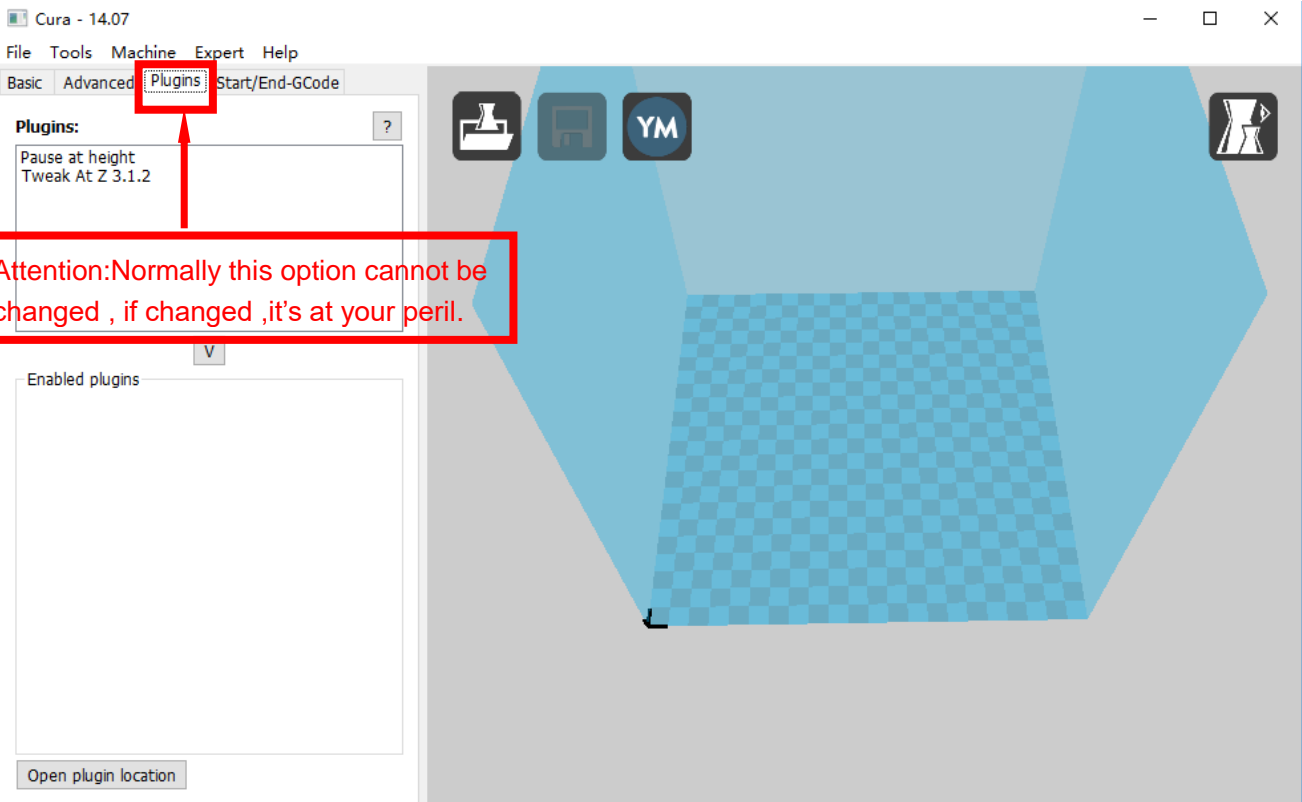
We suggest 0.2mm to avoid initial layer tilt,0.3mm is more easy to seperate from the platform.

Initial layer line proportion

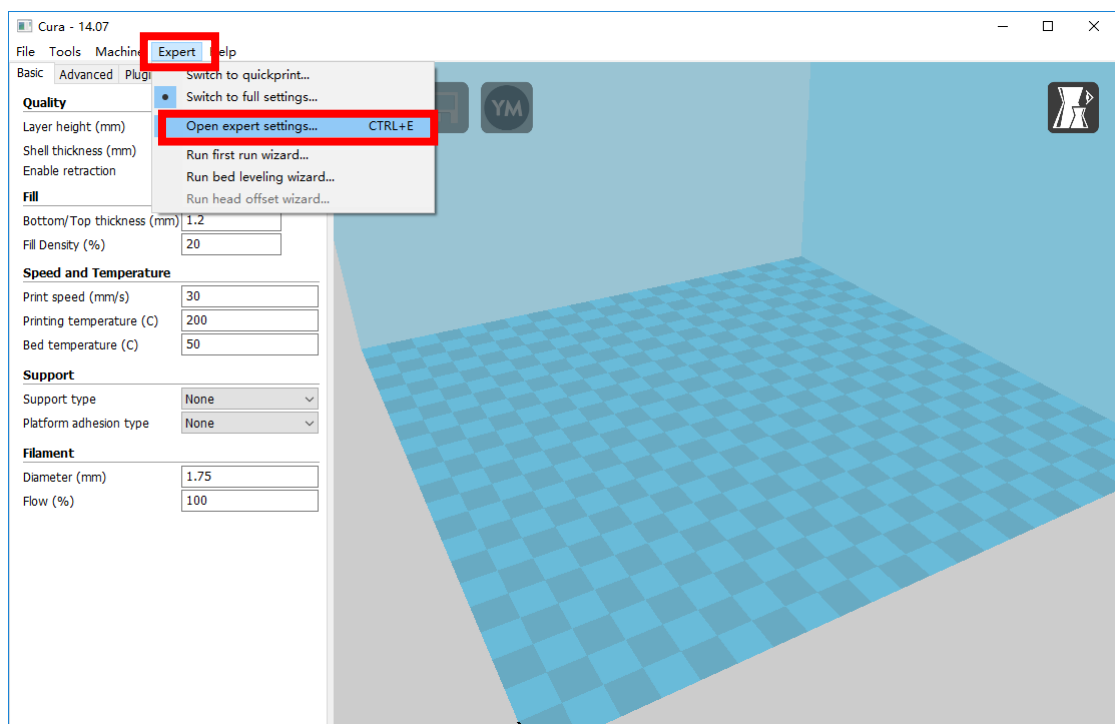
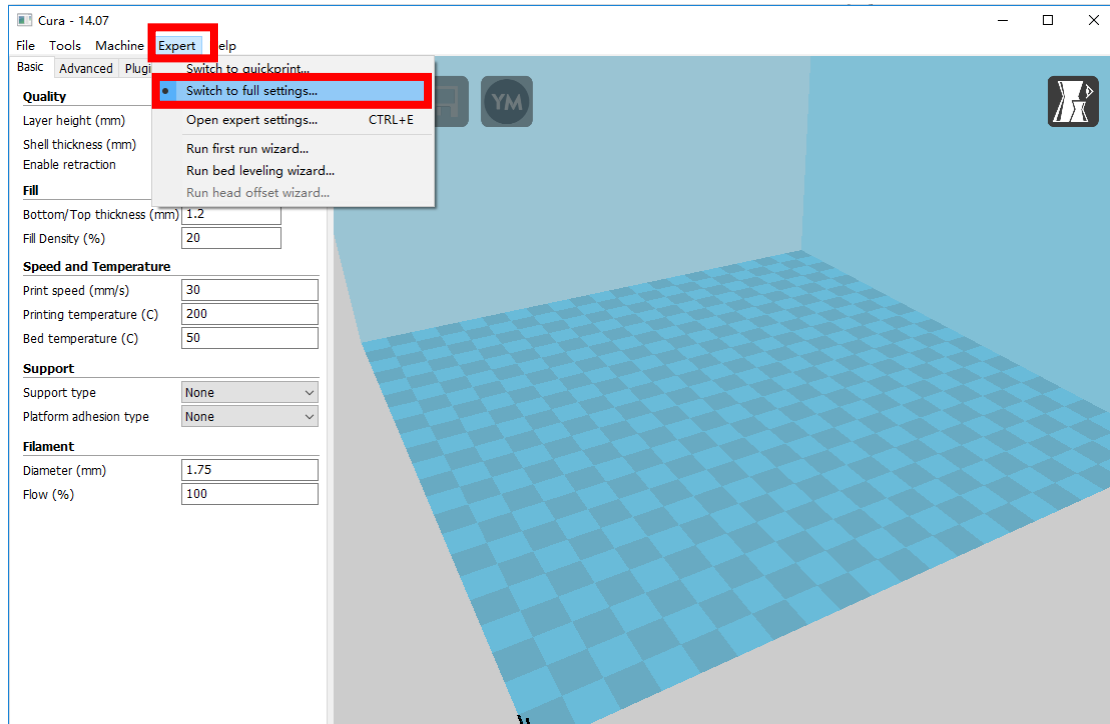
"0" means using default speed

Min printing time for each layer. When the time is less than 10 , it prints slower. It's better to decrease time when printing thin and long models.

We suggest not choose this when printing ABS.



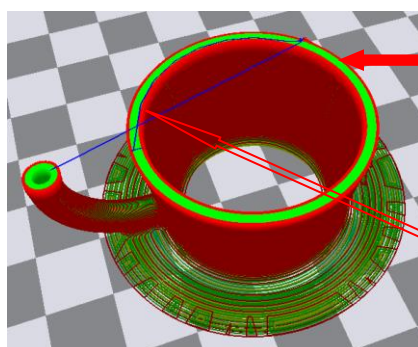
### 3.Expert Setting



Expert config X

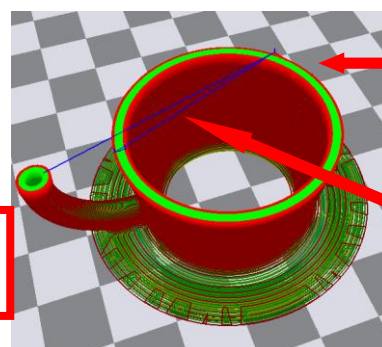
Retraction		Support	
Minimum travel (mm)	1.5	Structure type	Lines
Enable combing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overhang angle for support (deg)	60
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)	0.02	Fill amount (%)	10
Z hop when retracting (mm)	0.0	Distance X/Y (mm)	0.7
		Distance Z (mm)	0.15
Skirt		Black Magic	
Line count	1	Spiralize the outer contour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start distance (mm)	3.0	Only follow mesh surface	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimal length (mm)	150.0		
Cool		Brim	
Fan full on at height (mm)	0.5	Brim line amount	4
Fan speed min (%)	30		
Fan speed max (%)	100	Raft	
Minimum speed (mm/s)	10	Extra margin (mm)	5
Cool head lift	<input type="checkbox"/>	Line spacing (mm)	3
		Base thickness (mm)	0.3
Infill		Base line width (mm)	1
Solid infill top	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interface thickness (mm)	0.27
Solid infill bottom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interface line width (mm)	0.4
Infill overlap (%)	15	Airgap	0.22
		Surface layers	2
		Fix horrible	
		Combine everything (Type-A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Combine everything (Type-B)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Keep open faces	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Extensive stitching	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ok	

1. The minimum length before retraction . Used to avoid frequent retraction. No need to change.
2. Enable Combing: Digital for surface quality , the nozzle will try not to go through surface , that's why Cura is better than Slic3r.
3. Minimum extrusion length , to avoid frequent extrusion.



Printing route  
with Combing

Go aside of the  
surface



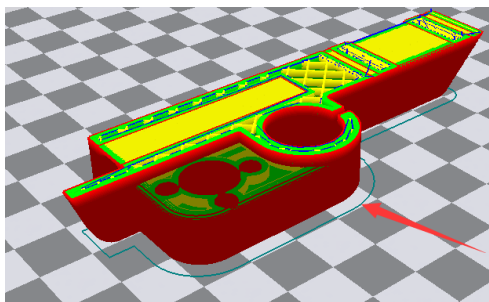
Printing route  
without Combing

Go through the  
surface

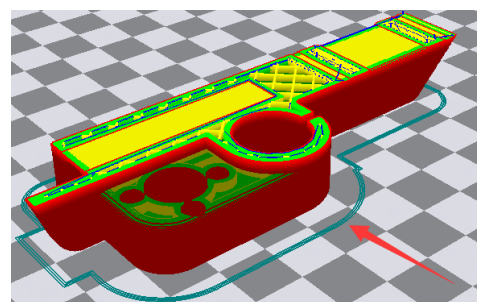
Expert config ×

<b>Retraction</b>		<b>Support</b>	
Minimum travel (mm)	1.5	Structure type	Lines
Enable combing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overhang angle for support (deg)	60
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)	0.02	Fill amount (%)	10
Z hop when retracting (mm)	0.0	Distance X/Y (mm)	0.7
<b>Skirt</b>		Distance Z (mm)	0.15
Line count	1	<b>Black Magic</b>	
Start distance (mm)	3.0	Spiralize the outer contour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimal length (mm)	150.0	Only follow mesh surface	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cool</b>		<b>Brim</b>	
Fan full on at height (mm)	0.5	Brim line amount	4
Fan speed min (%)	30	<b>Raft</b>	
Fan speed max (%)	100	Extra margin (mm)	5
Minimum speed (mm/s)	10	Line spacing (mm)	3
Cool head lift	<input type="checkbox"/>	Base thickness (mm)	0.3
<b>Infill</b>		Base line width (mm)	1
Solid infill top	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interface thickness (mm)	0.27
Solid infill bottom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interface line width (mm)	0.4
Infill overlap (%)	15	Airgap	0.22
		Surface layers	2
		<b>Fix horrible</b>	
		Combine everything (Type-A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Combine everything (Type-B)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Keep open faces	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Extensive stitching	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ok	

Skirt is to avoid extruder unfilled before printing , and it appears only when platform attachment type is None. Normally "1" is ok . Change it to "0" when your model reaches the maximum size , or the printing size will be too big.



Peripheral line quantity: 1  
Start distance: 3



Peripheral line quantity: 1  
Start distance: 3

Expert config
×

Retraction

Minimum travel (mm) 
Enable combing ☒
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm) 
Z hop when retracting (mm)

Skirt

Line count 
Start distance (mm) 
Minimal length (mm)

Cool

Fan full on at height (mm) 
Fan speed min (%) 
Fan speed max (%) 
Minimum speed (mm/s) 
Cool head lift ☐

Infill

Solid infill top ☒
Solid infill bottom ☒
Infill overlap (%)

Support

Structure type 
Overhang angle for support (deg) 
Fill amount (%) 
Distance X/Y (mm) 
Distance Z (mm)

Black Magic

Spiralize the outer contour ☐
Only follow mesh surface ☐

Brim

Brim line amount

Raft

Extra margin (mm) 
Line spacing (mm) 
Base thickness (mm) 
Base line width (mm) 
Interface thickness (mm) 
Interface line width (mm) 
Airgap 
Surface layers

Fix horrible

Combine everything (Type-A) ☒
Combine everything (Type-B) ☐
Keep open faces ☐
Extensive stitching ☐

Ok

1. To ensure the attachment of model to platform , fan won't start at the beginning.
- 2-4. Fan speed min & max : If they are not equal , the soft ware will choose a suitable speed during them.
5. Condition to choose cool head lift : When it's printing with the minimum speed but still cannot reach the minimum time , you need to choose cool head lift . But it may cause filament leak.

Expert config ×

**Retraction**

Minimum travel (mm)	1.5
Enable combing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)	0.02
Z hop when retracting (mm)	0.0

**Skirt**

Line count	1
Start distance (mm)	3.0
Minimal length (mm)	150.0

**Cool**

Fan full on at height (mm)	0.5
Fan speed min (%)	30
Fan speed max (%)	100
Minimum speed (mm/s)	10
Cool head lift	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Infill**

Solid infill top	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Solid infill bottom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Infill overlap (%)	15

**Support**

Structure type	Lines
Overhang angle for support (deg)	60
Fill amount (%)	10
Distance X/Y (mm)	0.7
Distance Z (mm)	0.15

**Black Magic**

Spiralize the outer contour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only follow mesh surface	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Brim**

Brim line amount	4
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**Raft**

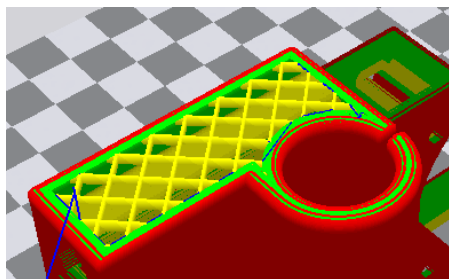
Extra margin (mm)	5
Line spacing (mm)	3
Base thickness (mm)	0.3
Base line width (mm)	1
Interface thickness (mm)	0.27
Interface line width (mm)	0.4
Airgap	0.22
Surface layers	2

**Fix horrible**

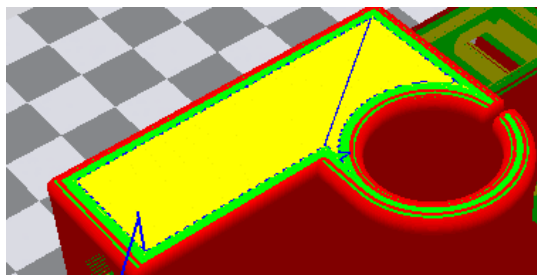
Combine everything (Type-A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combine everything (Type-B)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep open faces	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extensive stitching	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ok

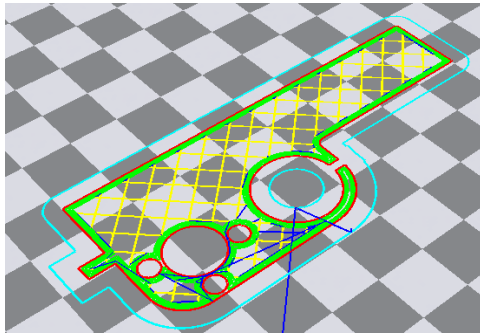
If no solid infill top , the only qualification is the surface thickness .  
Please check the detail below.



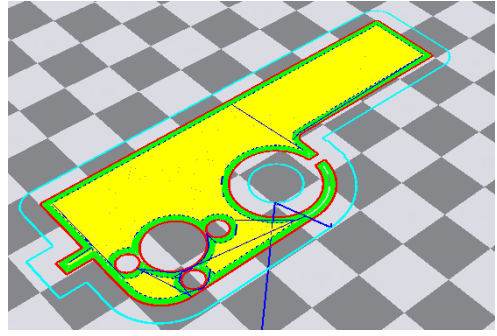
No solid infill top



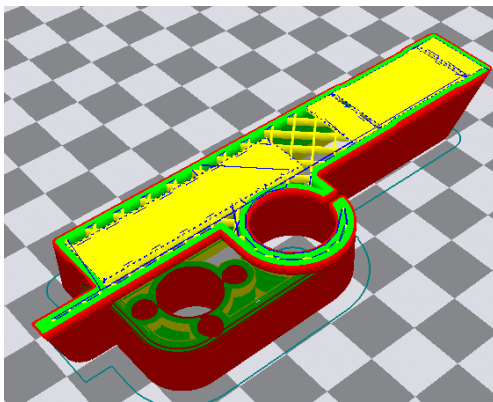
With solid infill top



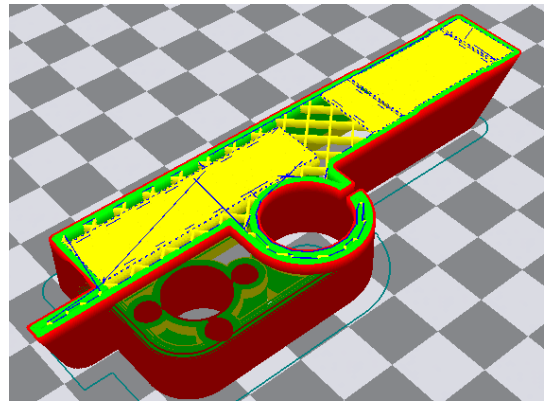
No solid infill bottom



With solid infill bottom



Infill coverlap: 20



Infill coverlap: 40

Expert config

Retraction

Minimum travel (mm)

1.5

Enable combing

☒

Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)

0.02

Z hop when retracting (mm)

0.0

Skirt

Line count

1

Start distance (mm)

3.0

Minimal length (mm)

150.0

Cool

Fan full on at height (mm)

0.5

Fan speed min (%)

30

Fan speed max (%)

100

Minimum speed (mm/s)

10

Cool head lift

☐

Infill

Solid infill top

☒

Solid infill bottom

☒

Infill overlap (%)

15

Support

Structure type

Lines

Overhang angle for support (deg)

60

Fill amount (%)

10

Distance X/Y (mm)

0.7

Distance Z (mm)

0.15

Black Magic

Spiralize the outer contour

☐

Only follow mesh surface

☐

Brim

Brim line amount

4

Raft

Extra margin (mm)

5

Line spacing (mm)

3

Base thickness (mm)

0.3

Base line width (mm)

1

Interface thickness (mm)

0.27

Interface line width (mm)

0.4

Airgap

0.22

Surface layers

2

Fix horrible

Combine everything (Type-A)

☒

Combine everything (Type-B)

☐

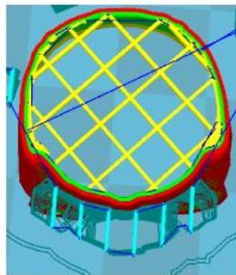
Keep open faces

☐

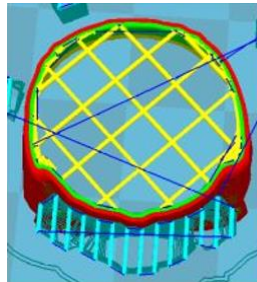
Extensive stitching

☐

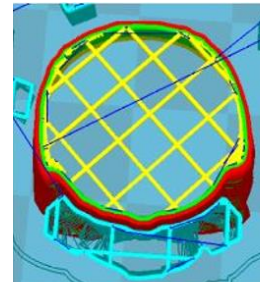
Ok



Structure types:lines  
Infill covtap: 15  
Distance X/Y: 0.7



Structure types:lines  
Infill covtap: 30  
Distance X/Y: 0.7



Structure types:grids  
Infill covtap: 15  
Distance X/Y: 0.7

These above are examples , you can set these options according to actual requirements. The biggest progress Cura has made is the kinds of support structure types , making it easier to seperate from the model.

Expert config
×

Retraction

Minimum travel (mm)1.5
Enable combing☒
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)0.02
Z hop when retracting (mm)0.0

Skirt

Line count1
Start distance (mm)3.0
Minimal length (mm)150.0

Cool

Fan full on at height (mm)0.5
Fan speed min (%)30
Fan speed max (%)100
Minimum speed (mm/s)10
Cool head lift☐

Infill

Solid infill top☒
Solid infill bottom☒
Infill overlap (%)15

Support

Structure typeLines
Overhang angle for support (deg)60
Fill amount (%)10
Distance X/Y (mm)0.7
Distance Z (mm)0.15

Black Magic

Spiralize the outer contour☐
Only follow mesh surface☐

Brim

Brim line amount4

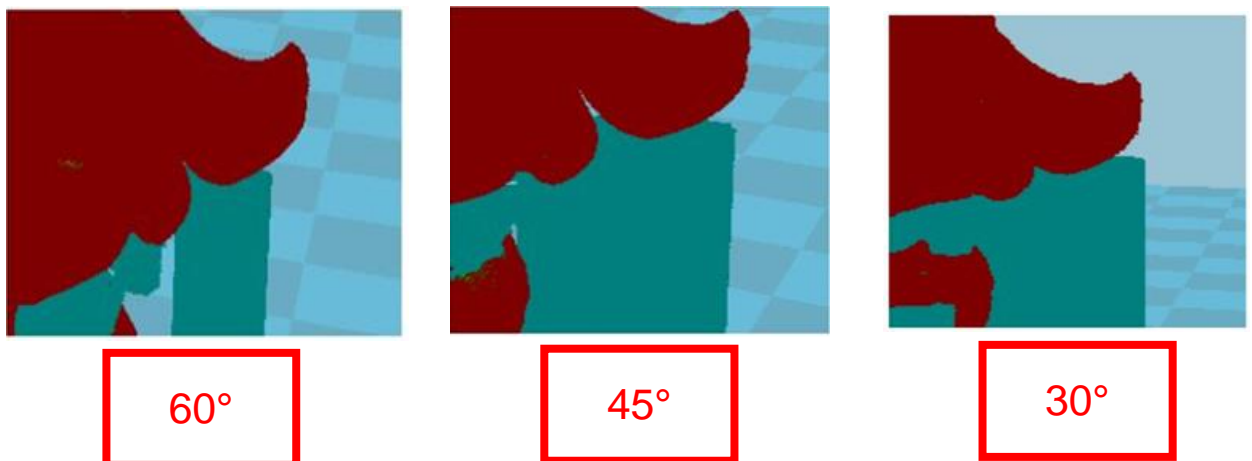
Raft

Extra margin (mm)5
Line spacing (mm)3
Base thickness (mm)0.3
Base line width (mm)1
Interface thickness (mm)0.27
Interface line width (mm)0.4
Airgap0.22
Surface layers2

Fix horrible

Combine everything (Type-A)☒
Combine everything (Type-B)☐
Keep open faces☐
Extensive stitching☐

Ok



It's difficult to separate if the distance between support and the supported place is too close; The surface will be influenced if the distance is too far.  
 Different angle will generate different support , you can try the examples we provide above which will have different effect.

Expert config ×

**Retraction**

Minimum travel (mm)

1.5

Enable combing

☒

Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)

0.02

Z hop when retracting (mm)

0.0

**Skirt**

Line count

1

Start distance (mm)

3.0

Minimal length (mm)

150.0

**Cool**

Fan full on at height (mm)

0.5

Fan speed min (%)

30

Fan speed max (%)

100

Minimum speed (mm/s)

10

Cool head lift

☐

**Infill**

Solid infill top

☒

Solid infill bottom

☒

Infill overlap (%)

15

**Support**

Structure type

Lines

Overhang angle for support (deg)

60

Fill amount (%)

10

Distance X/Y (mm)

0.7

Distance Z (mm)

0.15

**Black Magic**

Spiralize the outer contour

☐

Only follow mesh surface

☐

**Brim**

Brim line amount

4

**Raft**

Extra margin (mm)

5

Line spacing (mm)

3

Base thickness (mm)

0.3

Base line width (mm)

1

Interface thickness (mm)

0.27

Interface line width (mm)

0.4

Airgap

0.22

Surface layers

2

**Fix horrible**

Combine everything (Type-A)

☒

Combine everything (Type-B)

☐

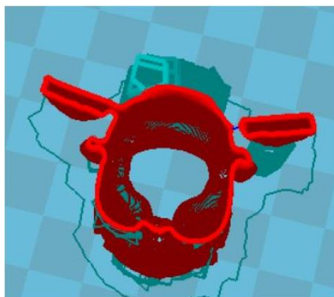
Keep open faces

☐

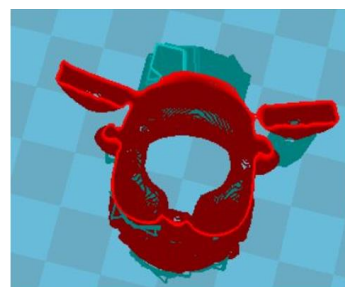
Extensive stitching

☐

Ok



When choosing “Spiralize the outer contour” : Z axis rises while X,Y axis moves , and only a hollow bottom and a single layer of surface.



When choosing “Only follow mesh surface” : The nozzle prints along the surface.

Attention: The software defaults not open the option above , you’d better not turn it on .

Expert config ×

**Retraction**

Minimum travel (mm)	1.5
Enable combing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)	0.02
Z hop when retracting (mm)	0.0

**Skirt**

Line count	1
Start distance (mm)	3.0
Minimal length (mm)	150.0

**Cool**

Fan full on at height (mm)	0.5
Fan speed min (%)	30
Fan speed max (%)	100
Minimum speed (mm/s)	10
Cool head lift	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Infill**

Solid infill top	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Solid infill bottom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Infill overlap (%)	15

**Support**

Structure type	Lines
Overhang angle for support (deg)	60
Fill amount (%)	10
Distance X/Y (mm)	0.7
Distance Z (mm)	0.15

**Black Magic**

Spiralize the outer contour	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only follow mesh surface	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Brim**

Brim line amount	4
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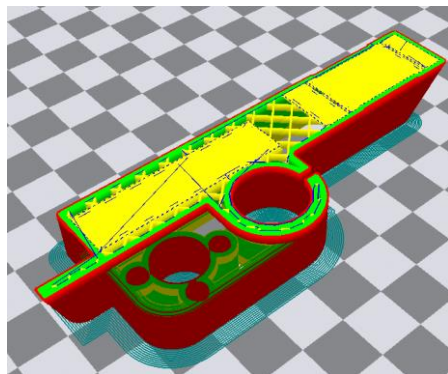
**Raft**

Extra margin (mm)	5
Line spacing (mm)	3
Base thickness (mm)	0.3
Base line width (mm)	1
Interface thickness (mm)	0.27
Interface line width (mm)	0.4
Airgap	0.22
Surface layers	2

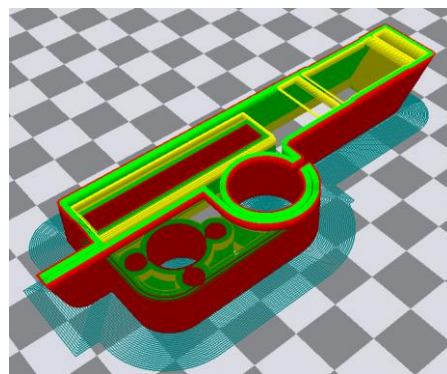
**Fix horrible**

Combine everything (Type-A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combine everything (Type-B)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep open faces	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extensive stitching	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ok



Brim line amount: 10



Brim line amount: 20

Guidance to use Brim if needed: Expert → Expert Settings → Support → Support Types → Brim.

The images above are only for reference , please set the parameter according to actual requirement.

Expert config ×

**Retraction**

Minimum travel (mm)

1.5

Enable combing

☒

Minimal extrusion before retracting (mm)

0.02

Z hop when retracting (mm)

0.0

**Skirt**

Line count

1

Start distance (mm)

3.0

Minimal length (mm)

150.0

**Cool**

Fan full on at height (mm)

0.5

Fan speed min (%)

30

Fan speed max (%)

100

Minimum speed (mm/s)

10

Cool head lift

☐

**Infill**

Solid infill top

☒

Solid infill bottom

☒

Infill overlap (%)

15

**Support**

Structure type

Lines ▼

Overhang angle for support (deg)

60

Fill amount (%)

10

Distance X/Y (mm)

0.7

Distance Z (mm)

0.15

**Black Magic**

Spiralize the outer contour

☐

Only follow mesh surface

☐

**Brim**

Brim line amount

4

**Raft**

Extra margin (mm)

5

Line spacing (mm)

3

Base thickness (mm)

0.3

Base line width (mm)

1

Interface thickness (mm)

0.27

Interface line width (mm)

0.4

Airgap

0.22

Surface layers

2

**Fix horrible**

Combine everything (Type-A)

☒

Combine everything (Type-B)

☐

Keep open faces

☐

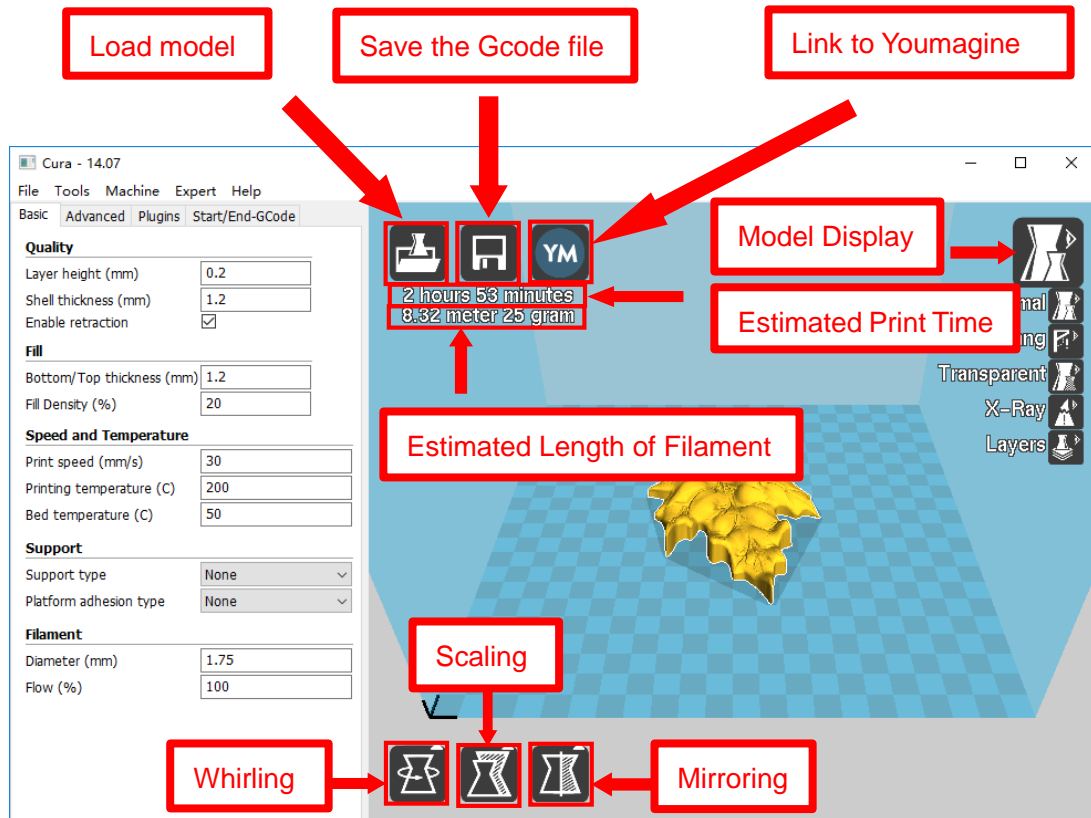
Extensive stitching

☐

Ok

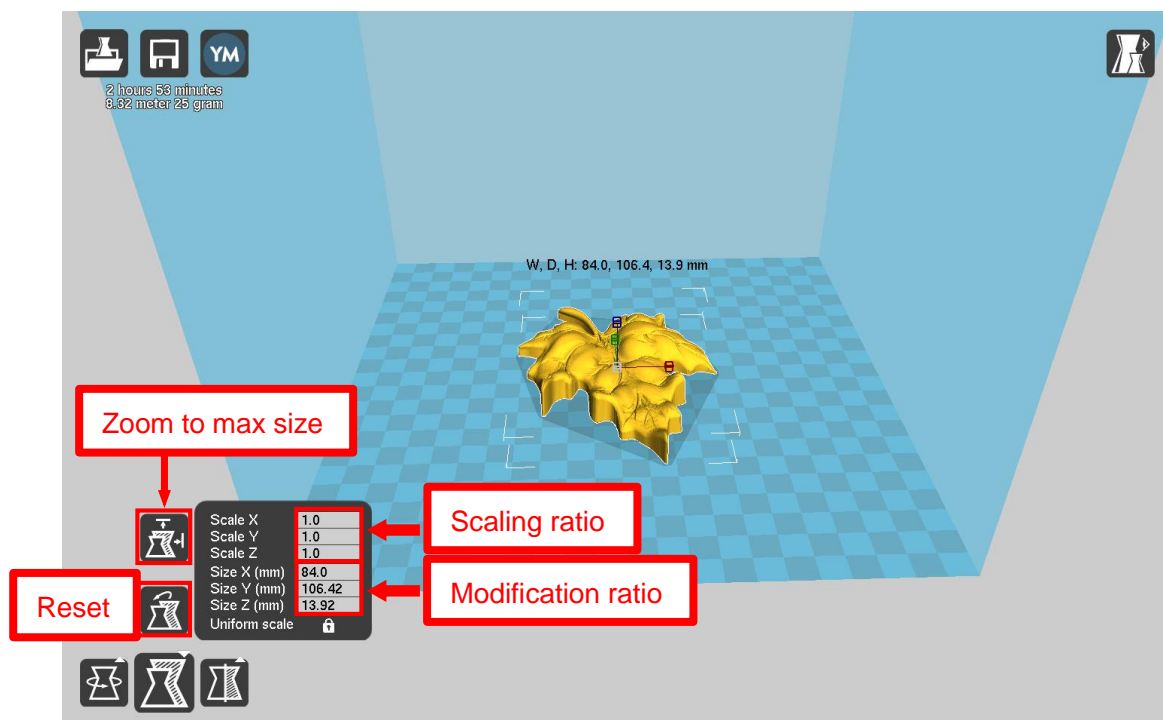
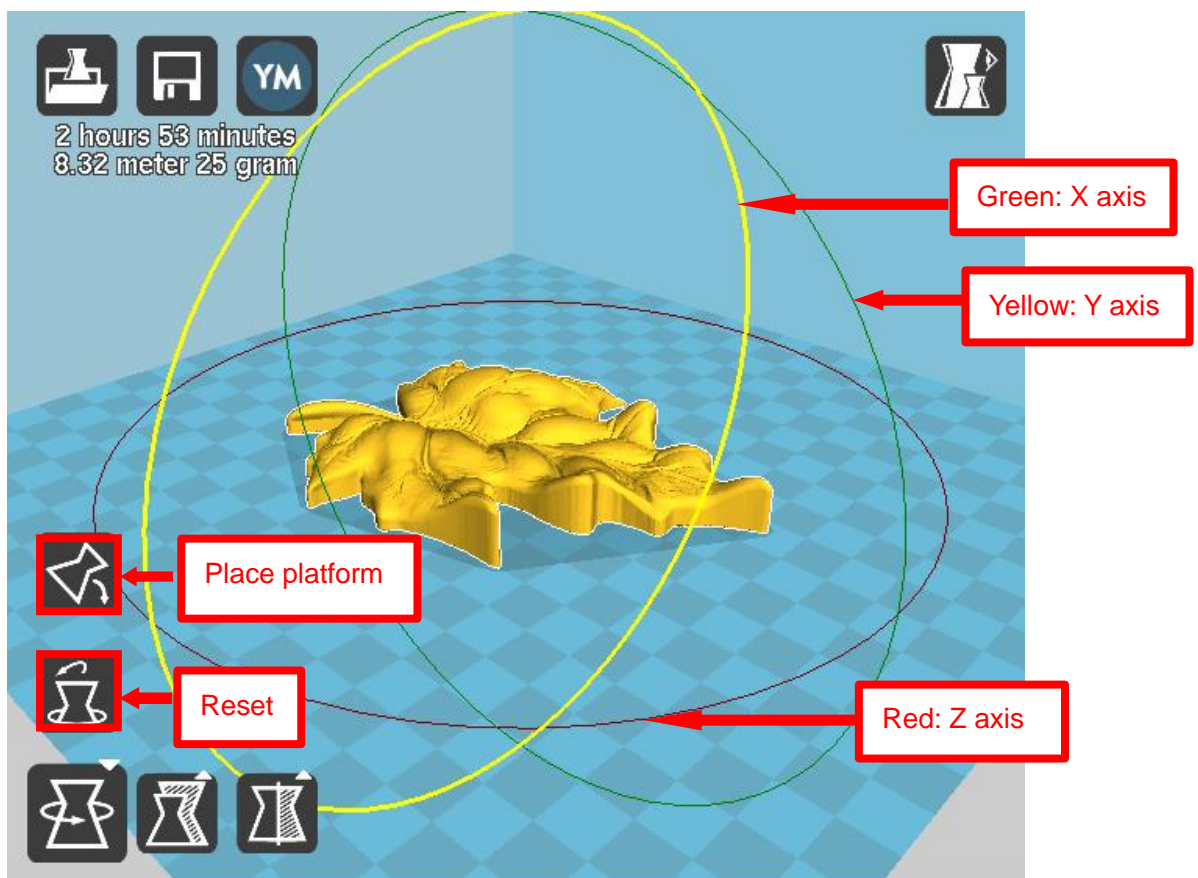
Guidance to use Raft if needed: Expert → Expert Settings → Support → Support Types → Raft.

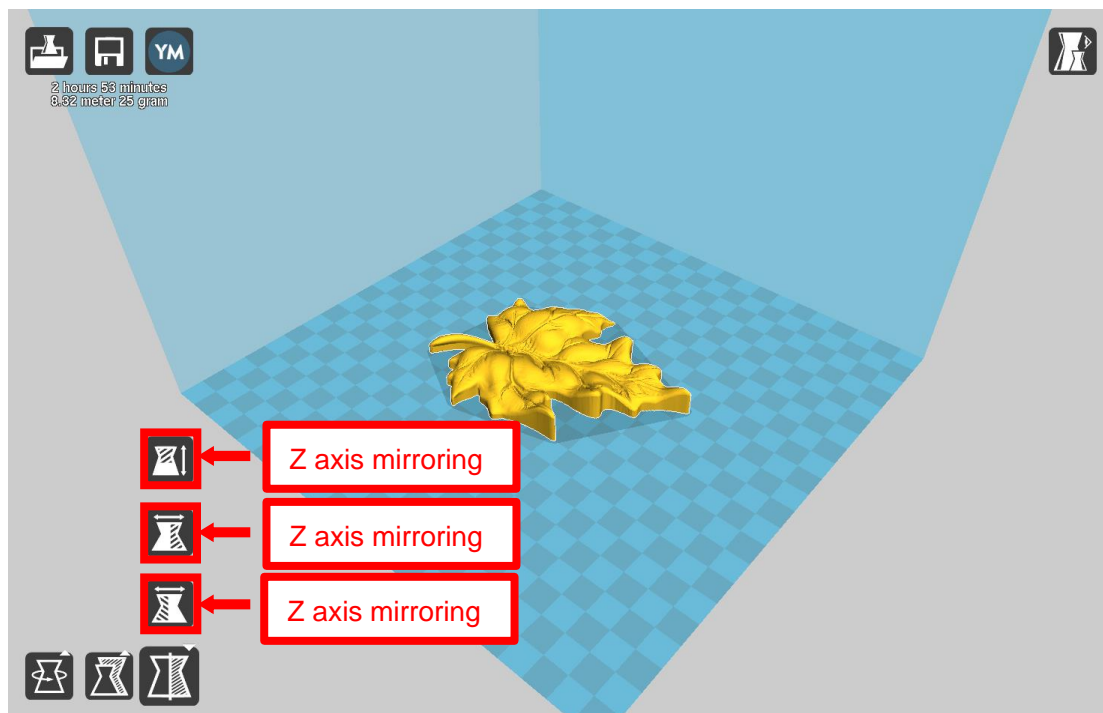
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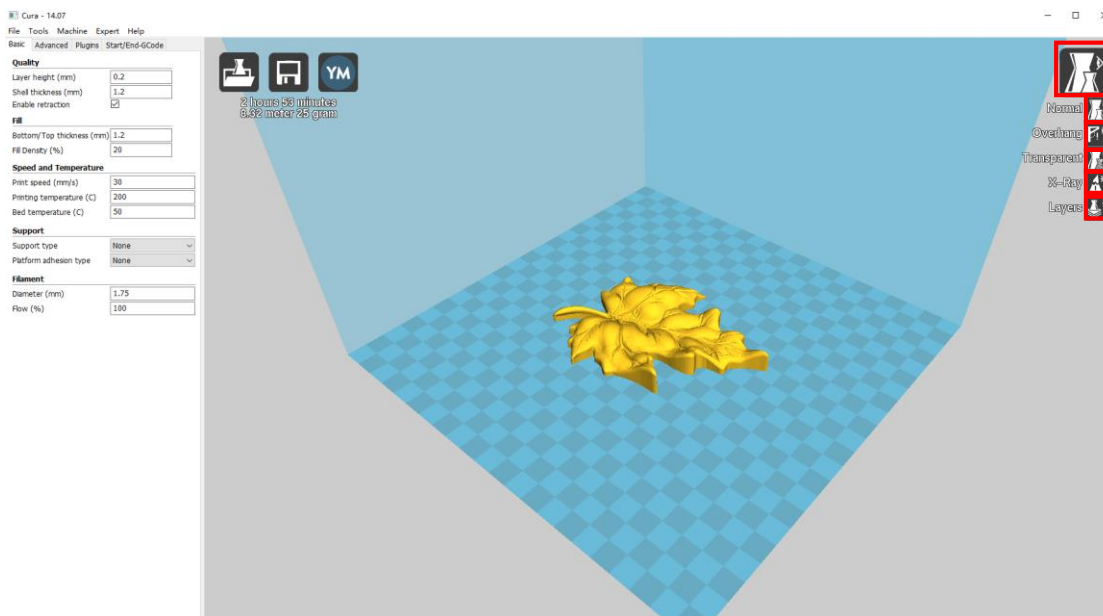
Left click the model and you will see the icon of "whirling, scaling, mirroring."

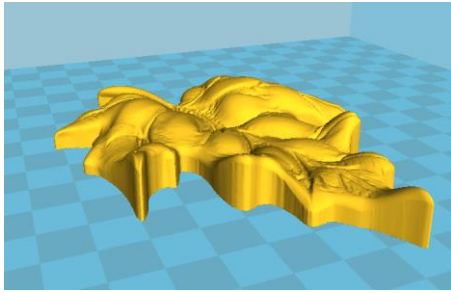
Left click to select model and move → move model.  
 Slide mouse wheel → scaling.  
 Right click to select model and move → whirling.  
 Shift + right click platform and move → move platform



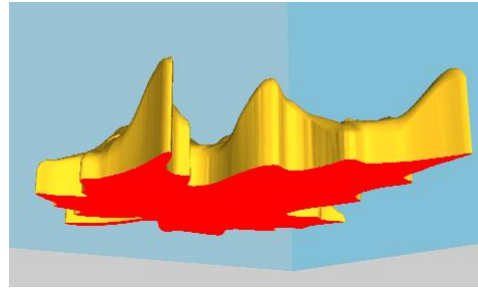


Attention: The model will be converse after mirroring.

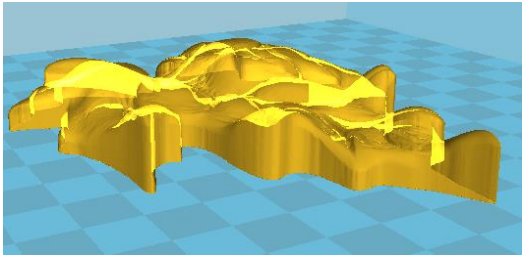




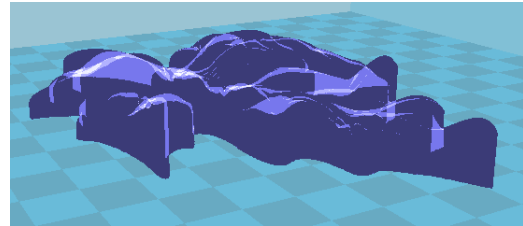
Normal: Most used.



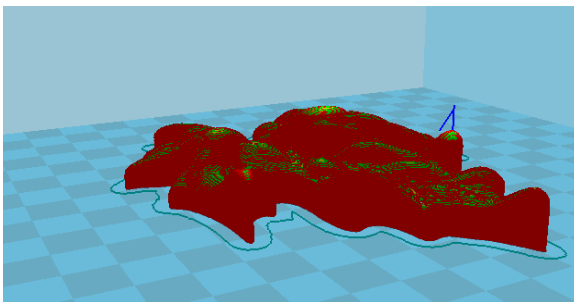
Overhang: Used to see the vacant part.



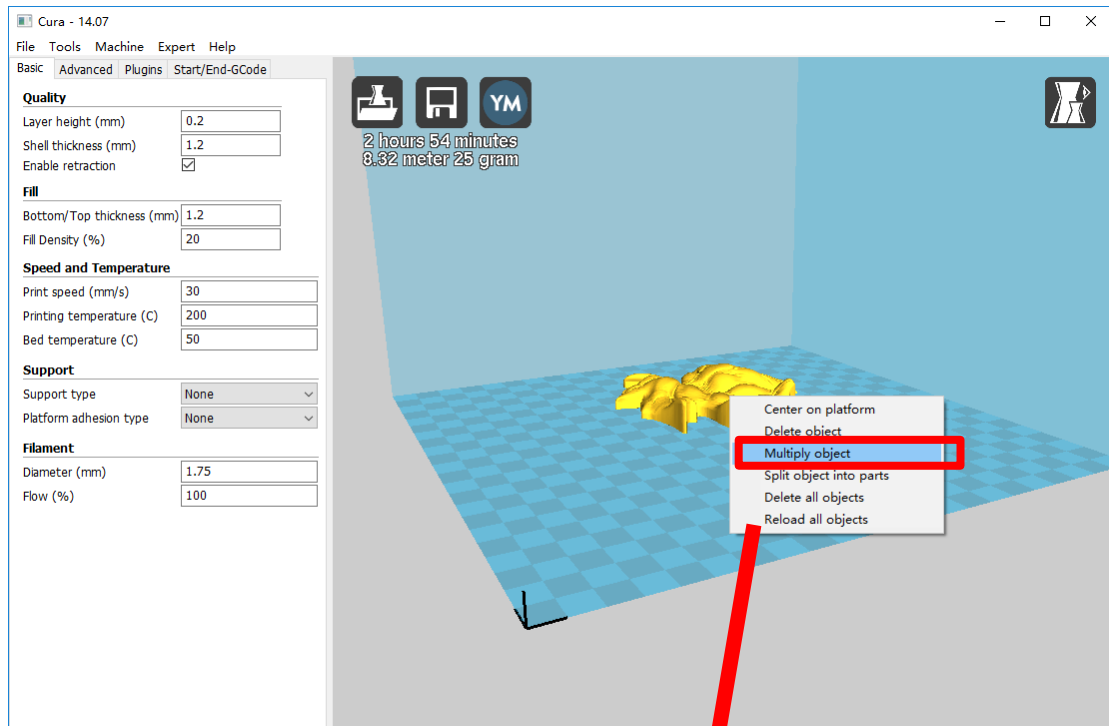
Transparent



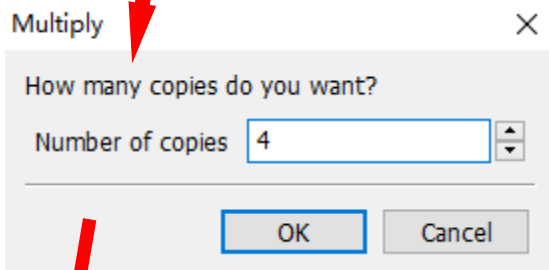
X-Ray



Layers: Used to simulate the effect of each layer and the path.



Right click model → Left click “Multiply object” → Example: copy 4 model

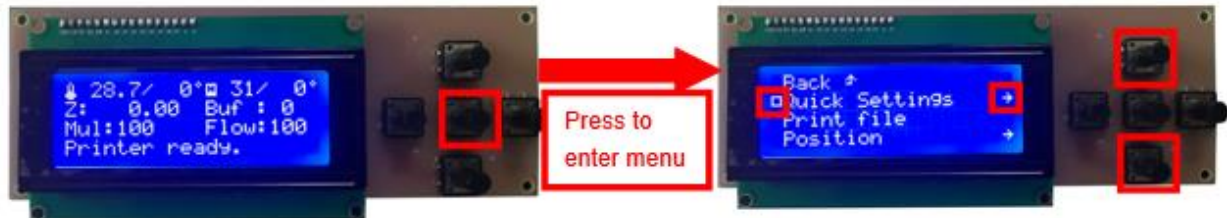
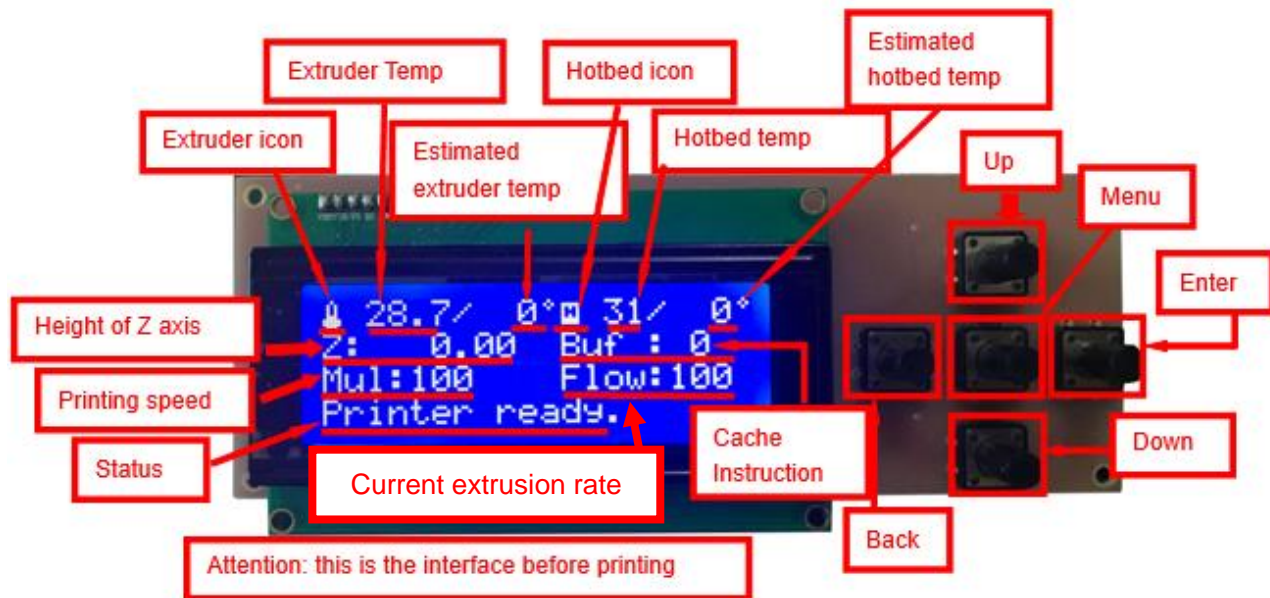


5 models in total

Attention: You can try other functions by yourself.

## D. Printing Operation

### 1. Introduction of Display





Whole interface of menu

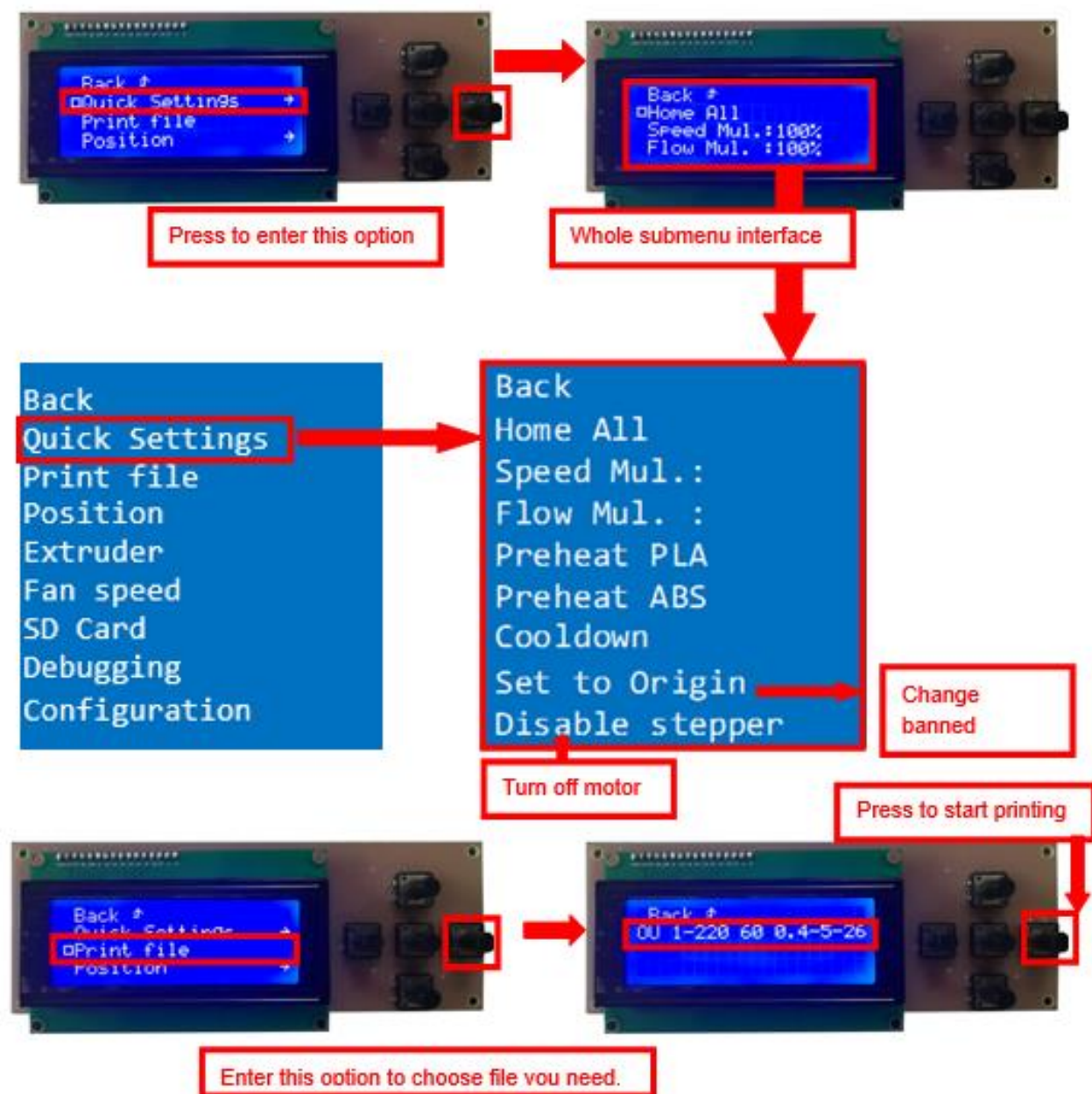
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Quick Settings  
Print file  
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SD Card  
Debugging  
Configuration

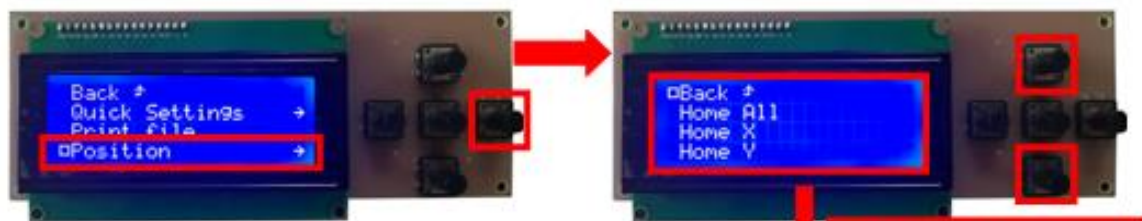
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banned

 : it means you can enter this option to other settings

 : it represents you can enter this option.





Whole submenu interface

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Quick Settings  
Print file  
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Attention: all movement cotrolled with "UP" & "Down".

Back  
Home All  
Home X  
Home Y  
Home Z  
X Pos. Fast  
X Position  
Y Pos. Fast  
Y Position  
Z Pos. Fast  
Z Position  
Extr. Position

XYZ position reset

X position reset

Y position reset

Z position reset

Extruder  
motor position

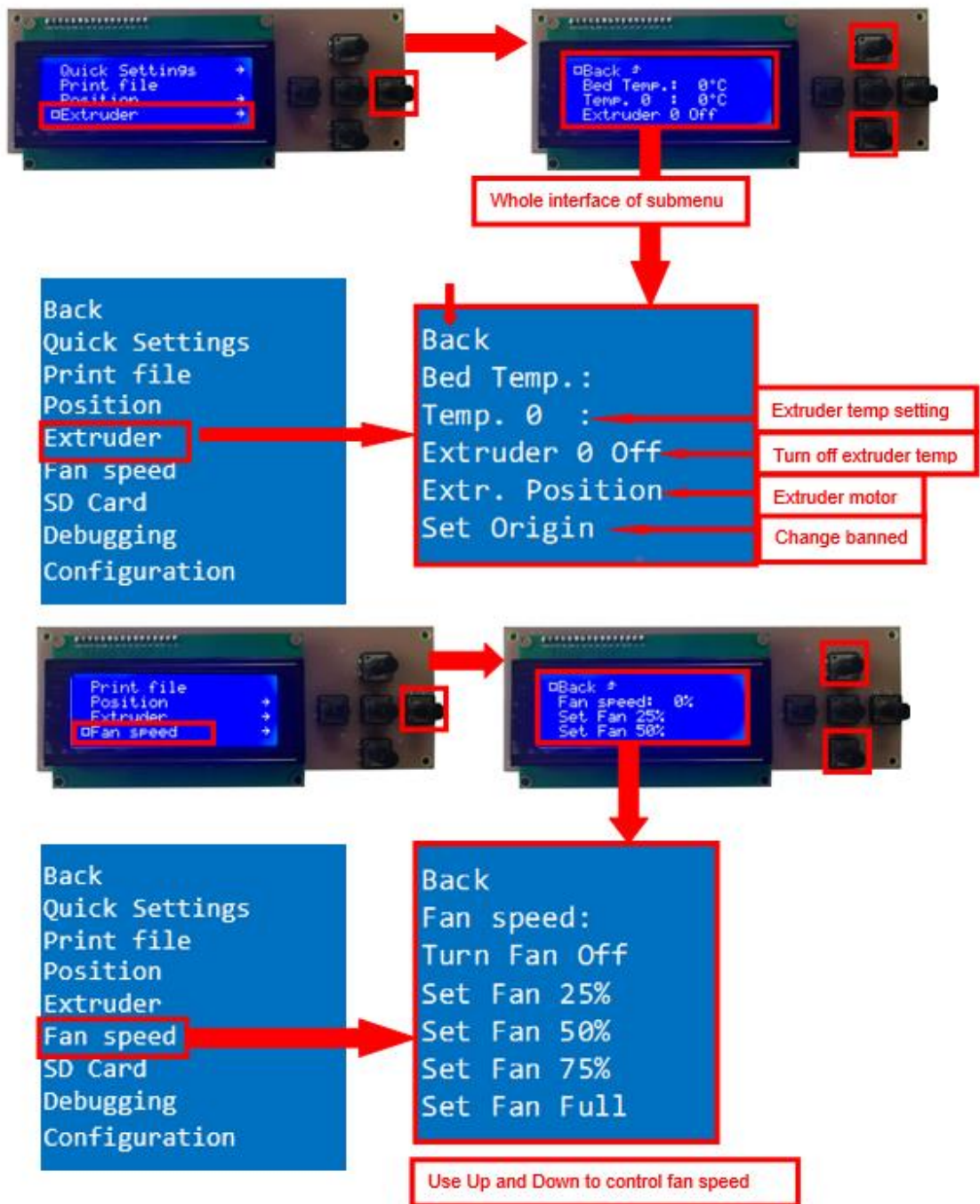
Example for operation

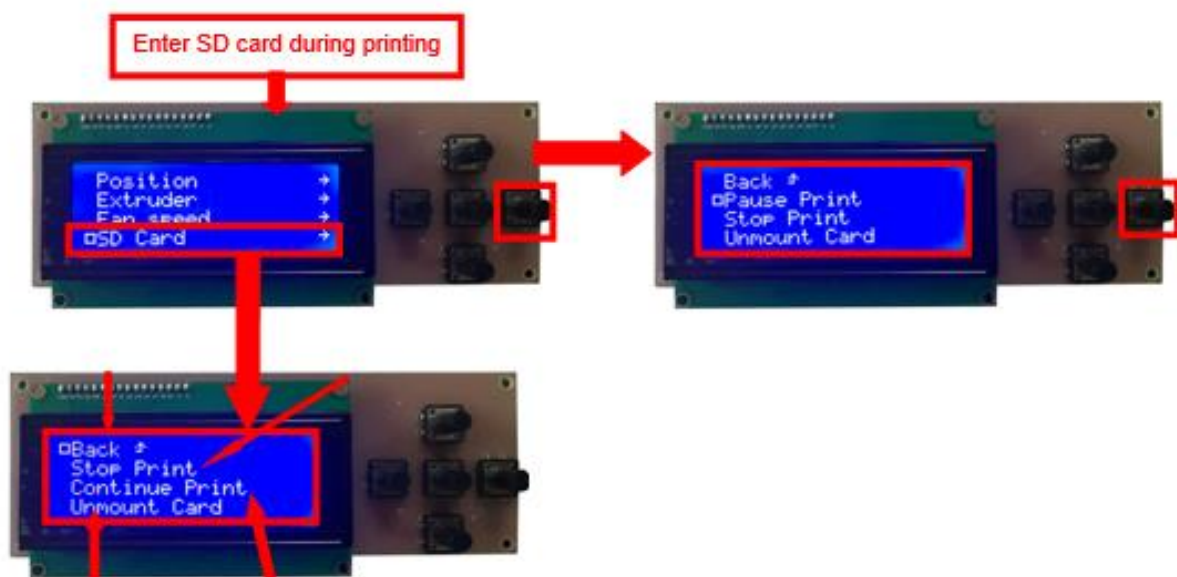
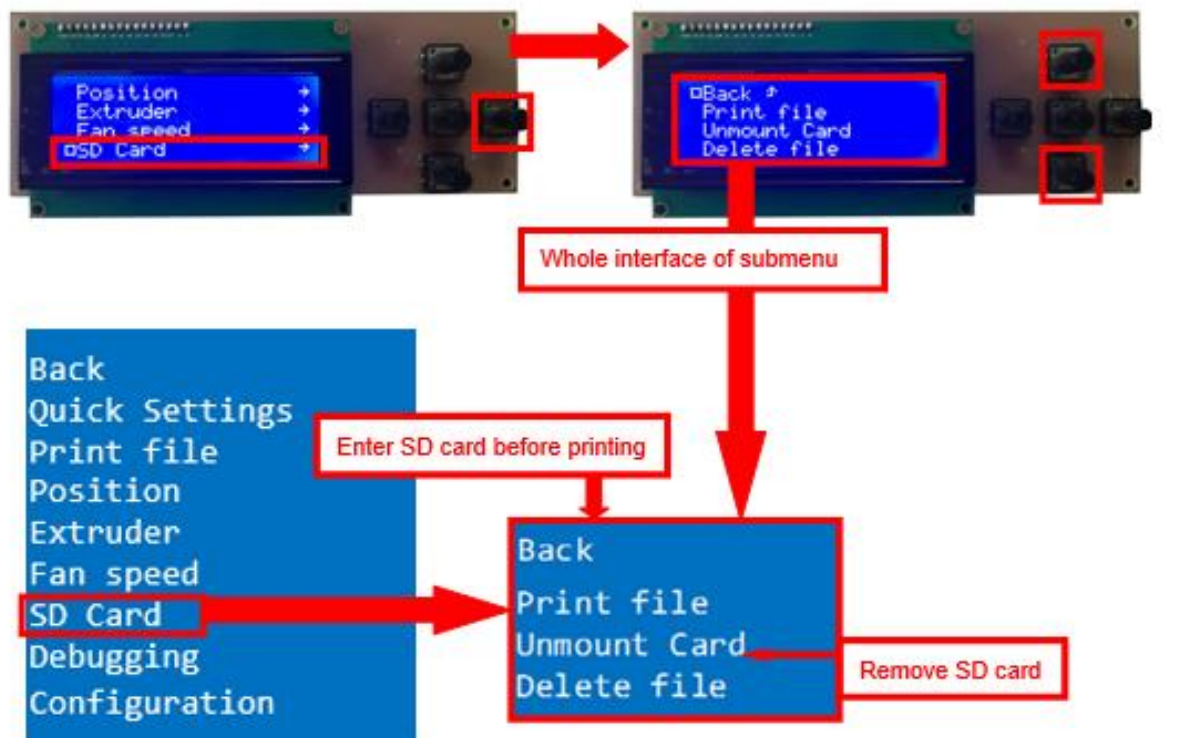
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Home All  
Home X  
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Home Z  
**X Pos. Fast**  
X Position  
Y Pos. Fast  
Y Position  
Z Pos. Fast  
Z Position  
Extr. Position



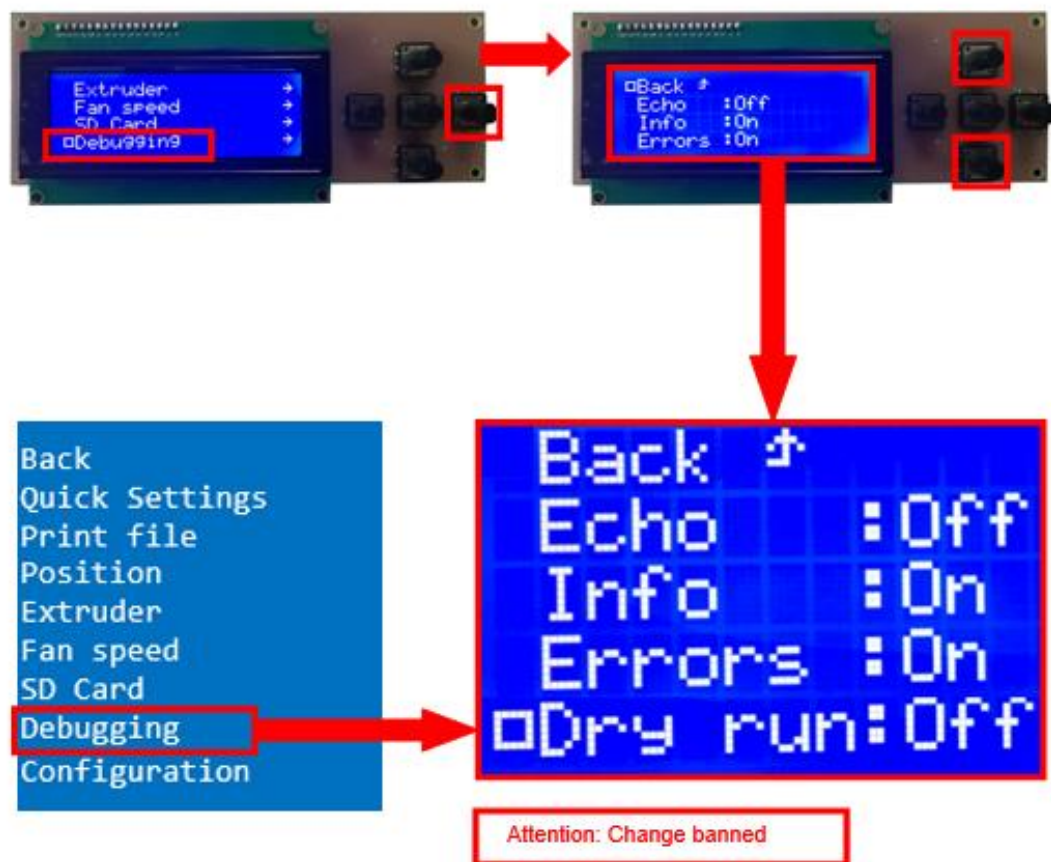
Use Up and Down to control X axis

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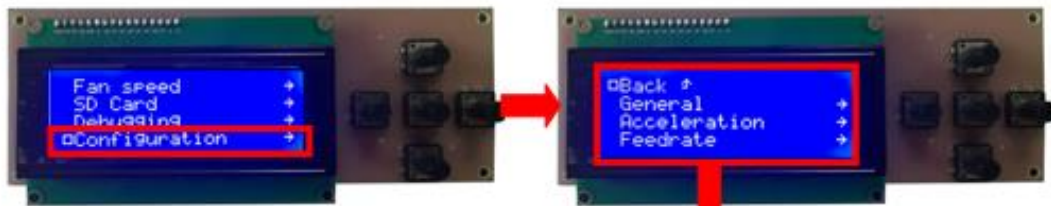




A8 can pause print during printing , during printing , enter "SD card" → "Pause print". It will stop printing in a few seconds. If you want to continue printing , enter "SD card" → "Continue print"



Attention: Change banned of these settings



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Back ↕  
General →  
Acceleration →  
Feedrate →  
Extruder →  
Store to EEPROM  
Load f. EEPROM

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Back ↕  
Baudrate:115200  
Stepper Inactive →  
Max. Inactive →

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Dis. After: 360  
[s] 0=Off

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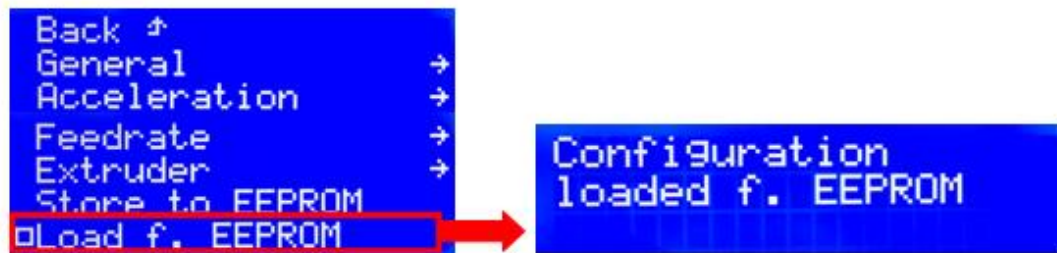
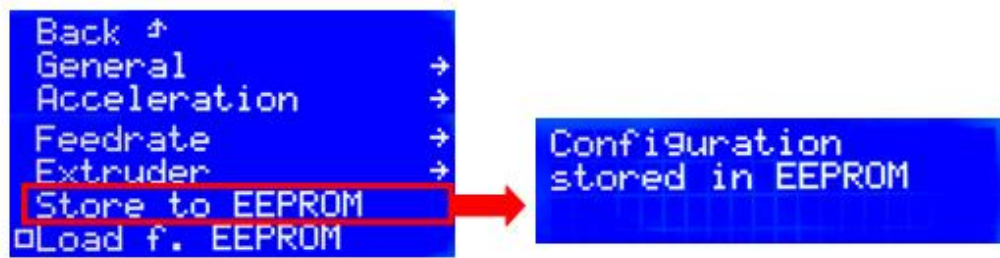
Attention: Change banned

Back ↵  
General →  
Acceleration →  
Feedrate →  
Extruder →  
Store to EEPROM  
Load f. EEPROM



Back ↵  
Steps/MM: 95.0  
Start FR: 20  
Max FR: 50  
Accel: 1000  
Stab.Time: 1  
Wait Units: 0 mm  
Wait Temp. 150°C  
Control:Dead Time  
DT/PID P: 7.00  
PID I: 2.00  
PID D: 40.00  
Wait Units: 0 mm  
Wait Temp. 150°C  
Control:Dead Time  
DT/PID P: 7.00  
PID I: 2.00  
PID D: 40.00  
Drive Min: 50  
Drive Max:230  
PID Max:255

Attention: Change banned



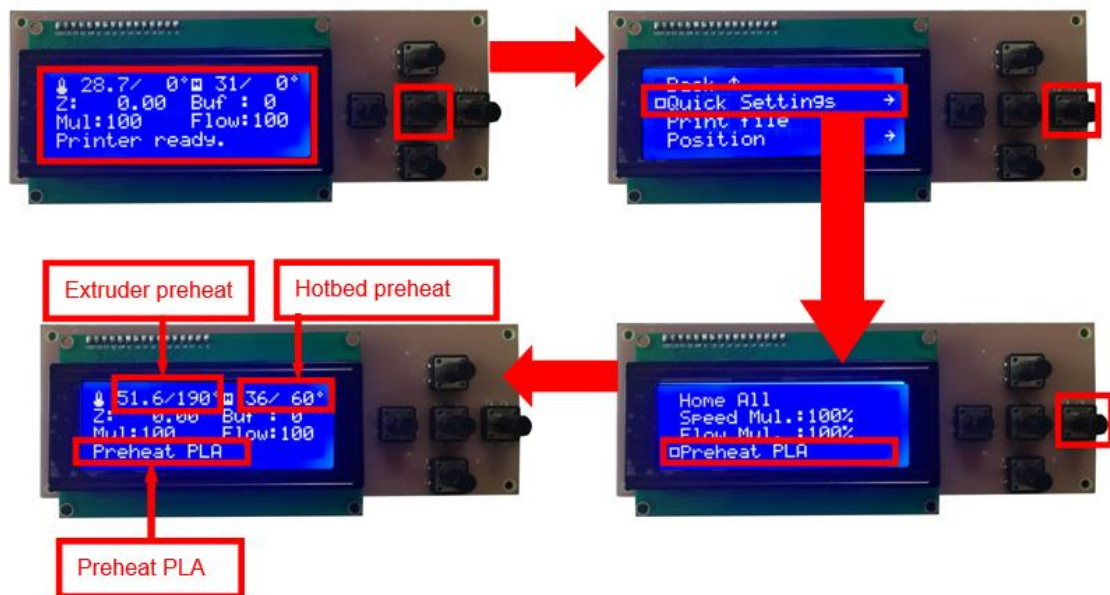
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## 2.Install Filament

### 2.1 Set Preheat Mode

Attention: Before filament installation, you need to preheat the printer. Use PLA as reference as below:

Press Menu → Quick Settings → Preheat PLA  
The printer begins to preheat ( You can back to main interface to check )

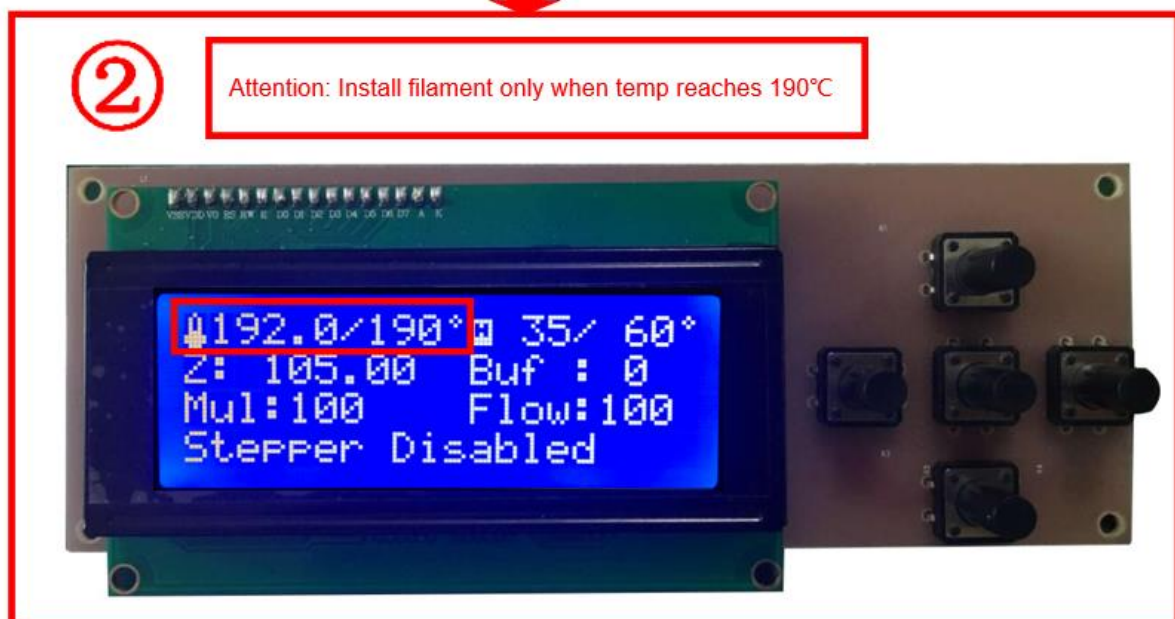
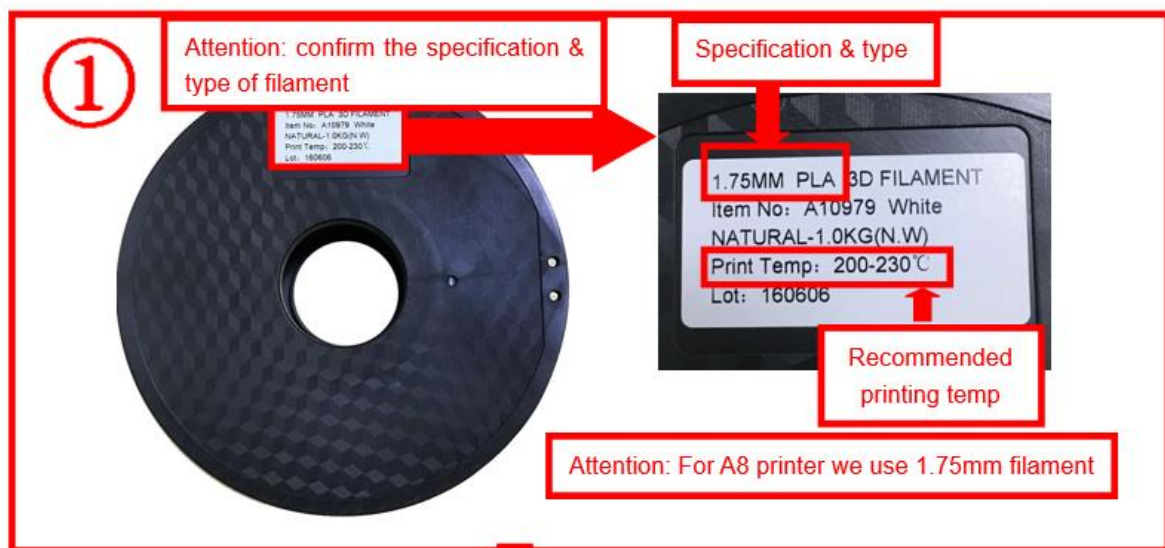


Attention: Please choose "Preheat ABS" if you want to print with ABS.

## 2.2 Filament Installation

Attention: Put filament into printer only when extruder temp reaches 190°C. (Use PLA as example)

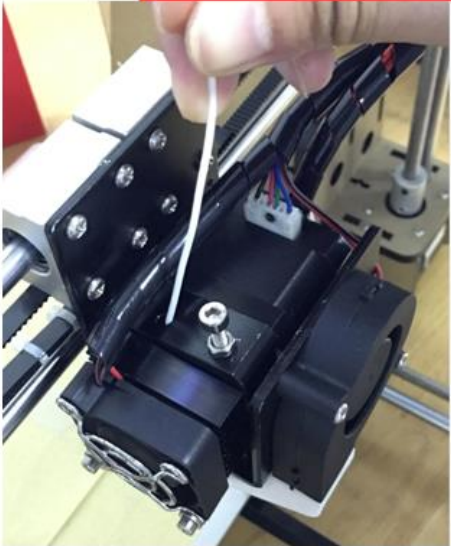

Confirm Extruder Temp has reached 190°C → 1 roll PLA → Stroke the filament head straight → Press extruder screw. Meanwhile, hold the white wind mouth → Meanwhile, stick filament into the extruder quickly until filament goes out from the nozzle → Filament installation succeed



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Stroke the filament head straight → Press extruder screw. Meanwhile, hold the white wind mouth → Meanwhile, install filament into the extruder quickly until filament liquid goes out from the nozzle

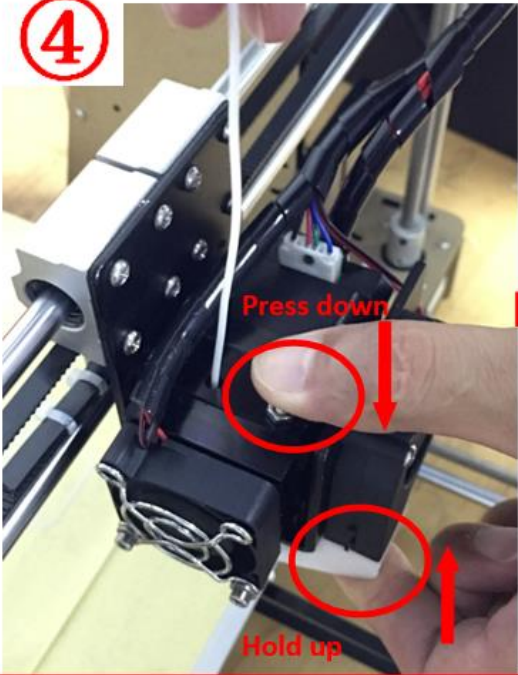
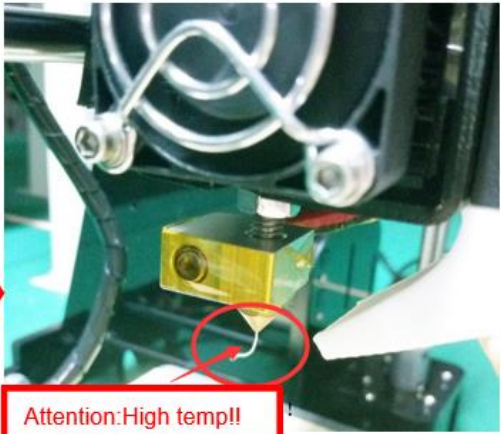



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Press down

Hold up

Press extruder screw, hold on wind mouth. Stick filament in quickly until filament goes out from extruder

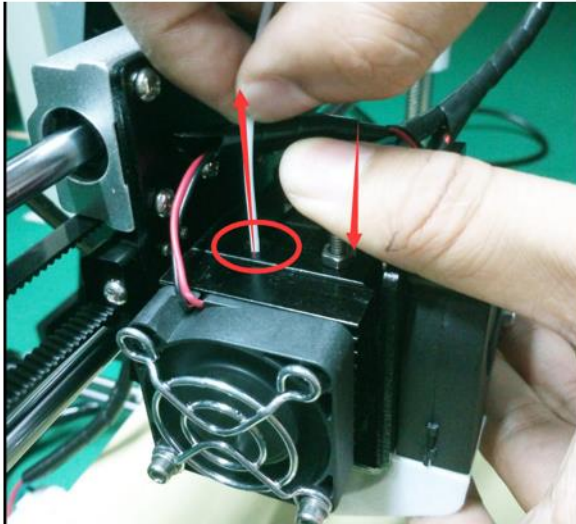
Attention: High temp!!

If the shape of output filament is average, means installation is good.

Filament installation succeed

## 2.3 Pull out filament

When Change filament/Long-term not in use of printer , you need to pull out filament.



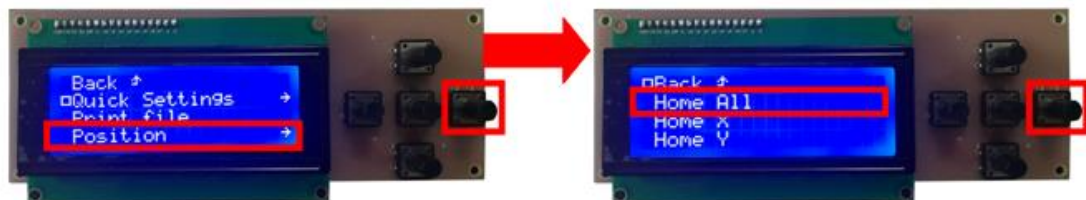
Use PLA as example

1. Preheat extruder to 190°C
2. Press extruder screw, hold wind mouth. Meanwhile, stick filament down for a few length, then pull out with average speed.

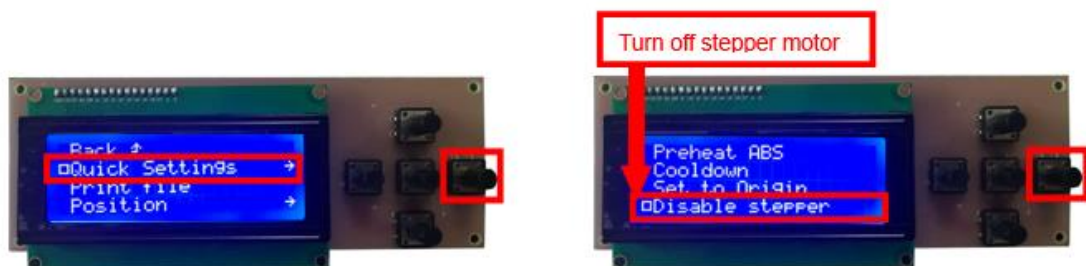
Precautions:

1. Do not stick down for long length in order to avoid failure of pulling out. Replace filament timely.
2. Please confirm you have preheated the extruder to 190°C. Do not pull out before 190°C , or it will cause irreparable damage.

### 3. Platform Adjustment

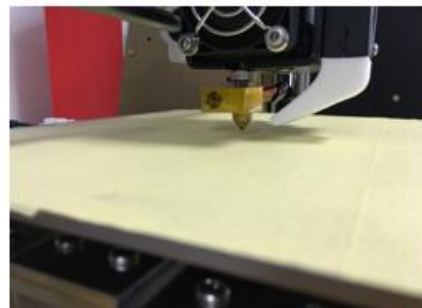


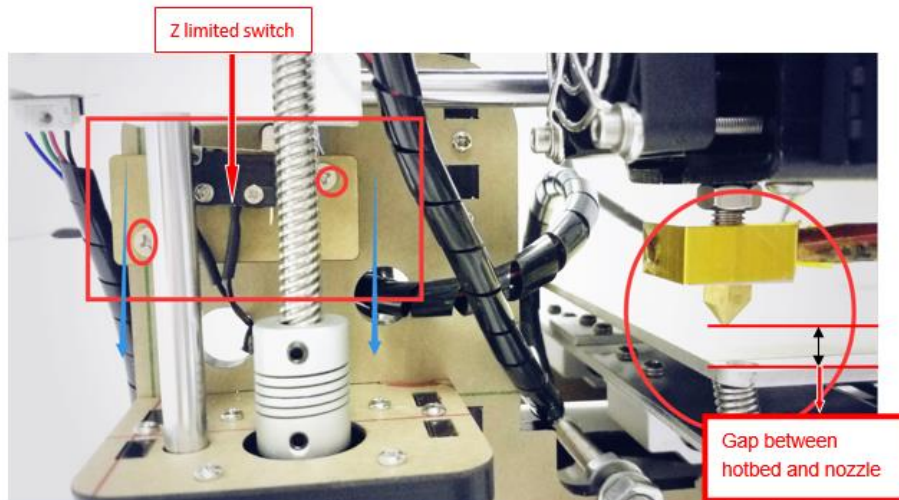
1. Choose "Position" → "Home all" , printer will move to limited switch until it stops.



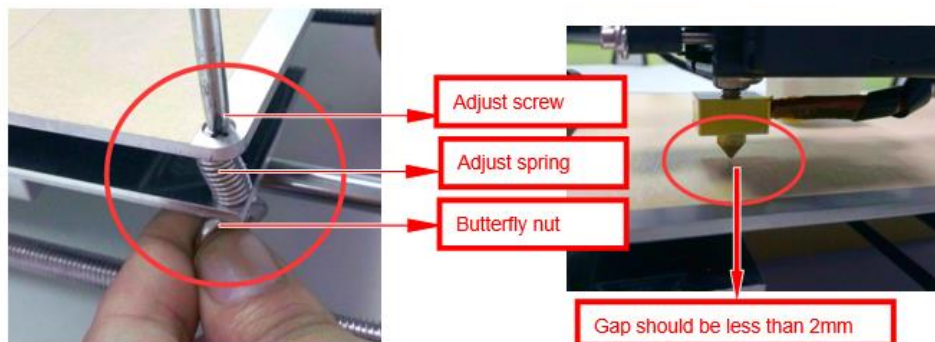
2. Turn off stepper motor: based on step 1 , enter "Quick settings" → "Disable stepper"

3. Please manually move nozzle to platform and check the gap between nozzle and platform.



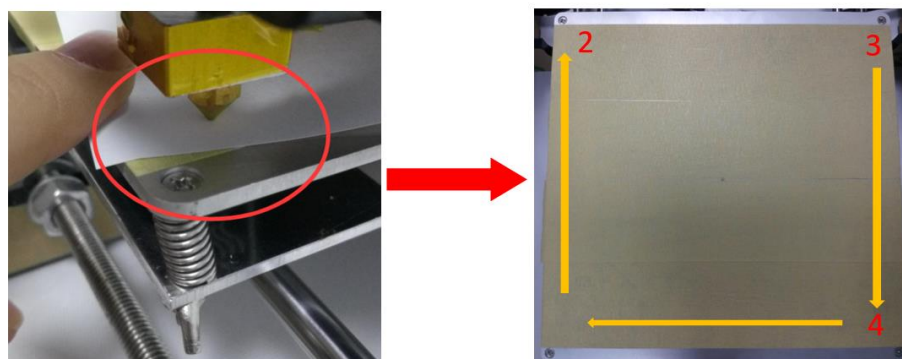


4. When the gap is more than 2mm, you need to adjust the height of Z limited switch.  
 Example: When the gap is 12mm, you need to adjust limited switch down by 10mm. The rest 2mm can adjust by spring on the hotbed.



After adjustment of Z limited switch, you need to reset printer and turn off stepper motor, move extruder to the center. You can check the gap better with these conditions.

5. Adjust the gap to about 0.2mm to satisfy printing needs. Move extruder to a corner of platform, adjust the springs one by one. Use 1 or 2 A4 paper to test if they can go through the gap with some resistance.



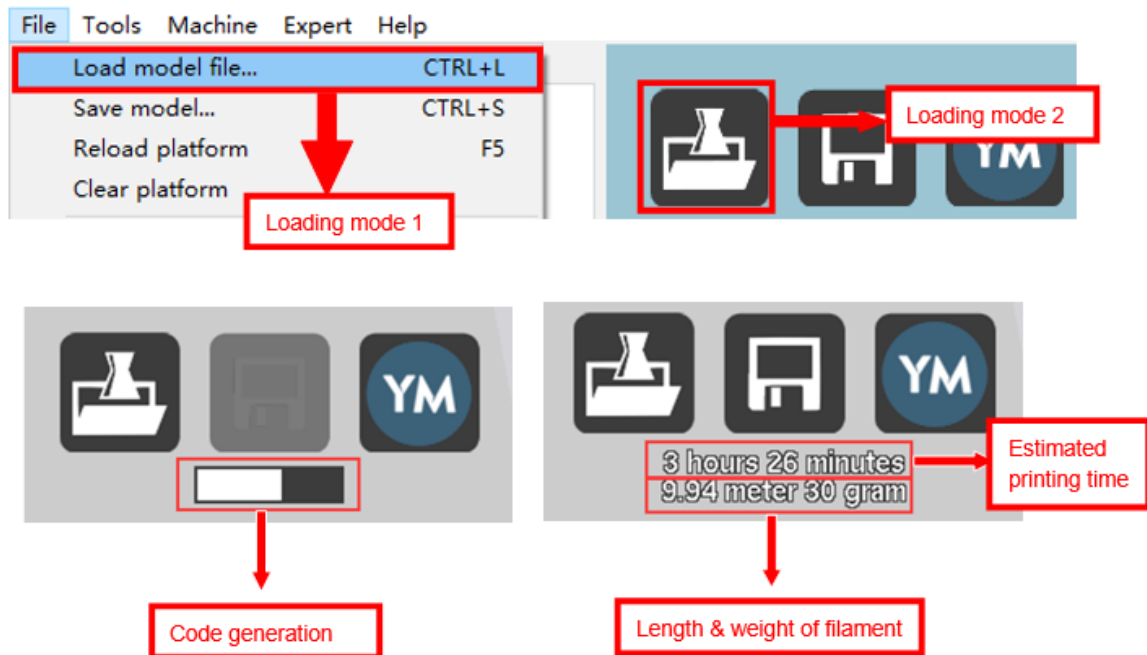
After adjustment of springs, reset printer and close stepper motor to test. Use A4 paper to test the gap.  
 Tips: When you are familiar with the printer with time going by, we can adjust while it's printing. It's because the printing speed is slow at the beginning so that there's enough time for adjustment. Meanwhile, the printing effect will be better.

## 4. Printing

## 1) SD Card Offline Printing

a. Loading mode

Cura supports STL file & G-code file.

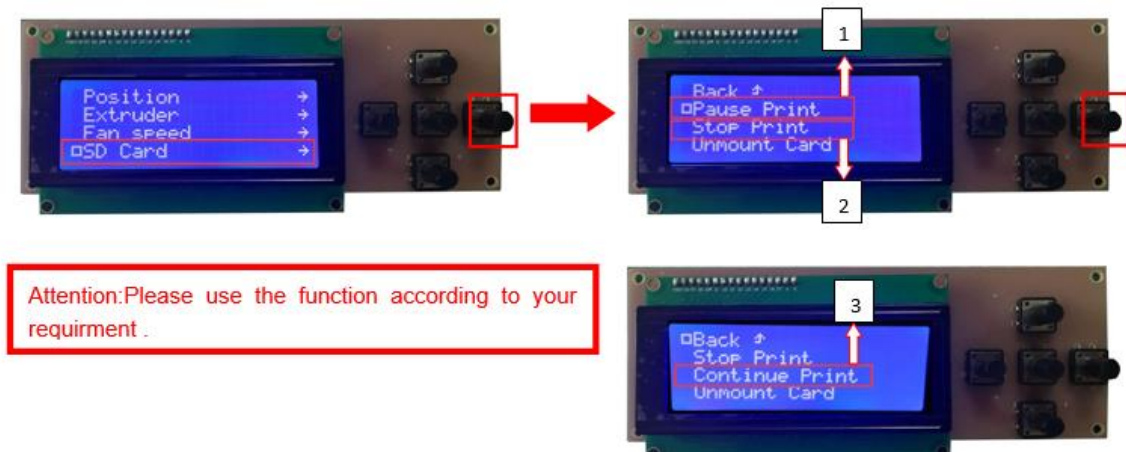


### b. Code Saving

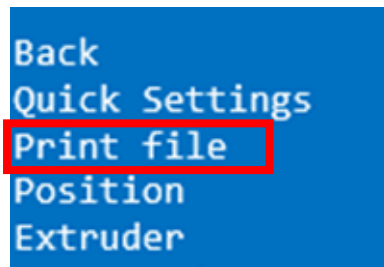
Copy file to SD card . Then connect SD card to printer, click reset. Picture below shows the location of print file , there are 2 methods to find print file.

c. Introduction of Stop print , Pause print , Continue Print:

Only when the printer is printing can we use Stop print, Pause print, Continue Print.



d. Print model

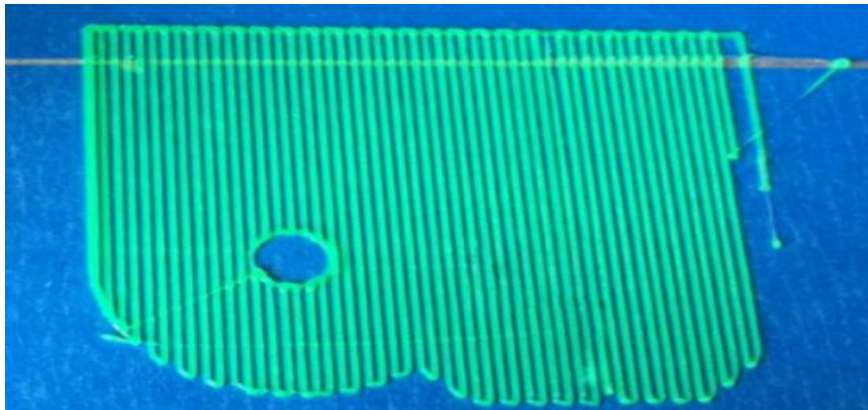


The printer will start printing automatically when the extruder & hotbed reaches estimated temp after you choose print model .

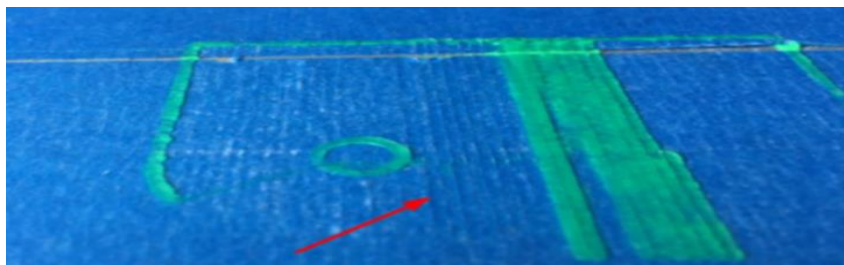
Attention: If the print bottom fails to stick to platform tight , you can adjust the platform to make it tight during printing.

e. Judgment of the gap between nozzle and platform.

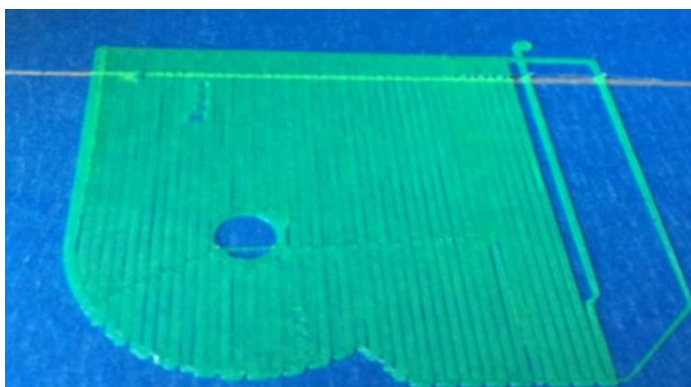
1. Too big gap: The printed model is uneven, curled with gap. It means the gap is too big for filament to reach the platform, making the printing effect so bad.



2. Too close gap: The printed model edge has irregular projections. It means the gap is too close to print normally. Sometimes it even cannot output filament



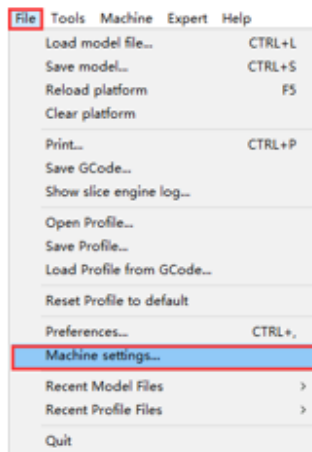
3. Appropriate distance: Printed model flat with no gap, no glitches. It means the distance is appropriate to print.



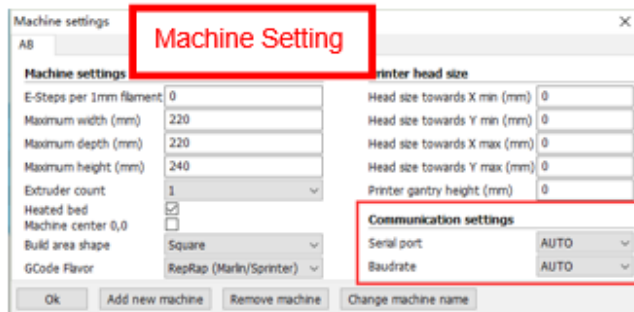
Wait to print complete after gap adjustment.

## 2) USB Online Printing

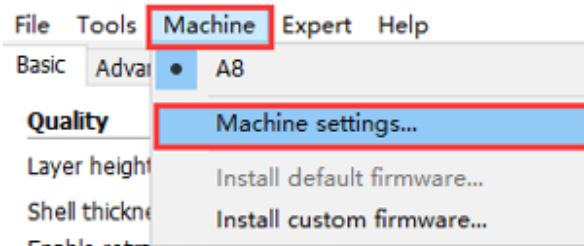
### a. Machine settings ( Use USB to connect to PC )



Method 1



Machine Setting



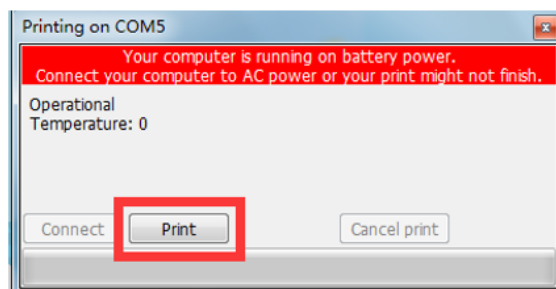
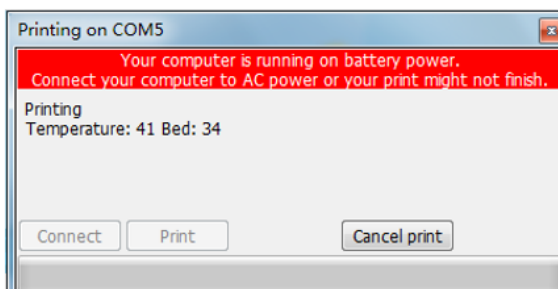
Method 2

Modify serial port ( set according to PC )  
( 115200 or choose AUTO to automatic identification )

When online printing, you need to use USB to connect with PC and set serial port, baudrate correctly.

### b. Online Printing

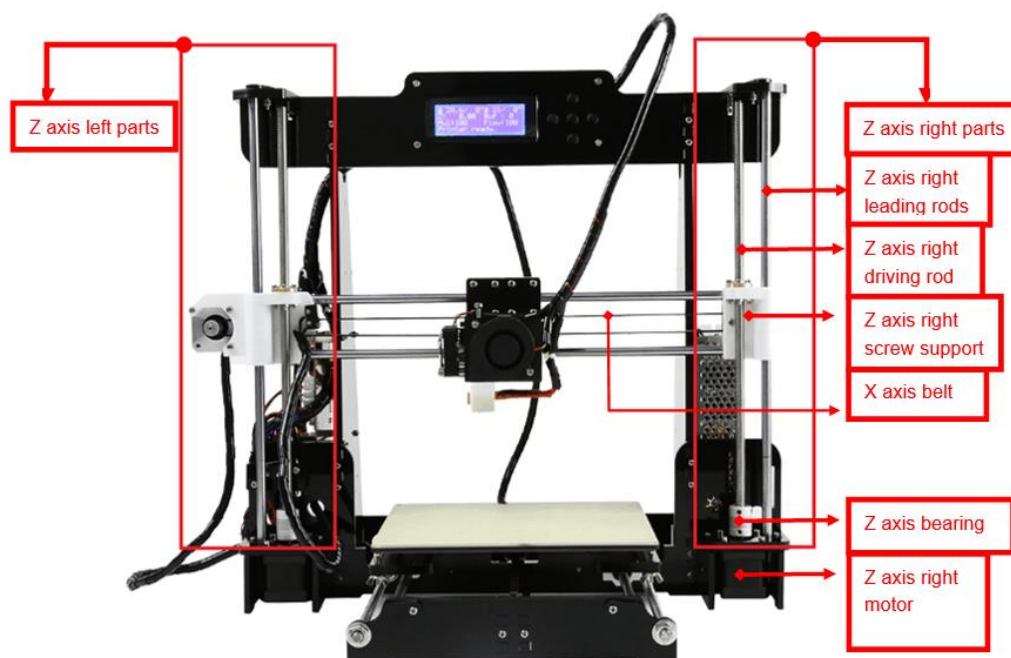
Import print model, click this icon.  
( Icon available only when it's online )



The printer will start printing automatically when the extruder & hotbed reaches estimated temp after you choose print model. You can also modify temp in this interface.

## E. FAQ and Solution

### 1. Z Axis Adjustment



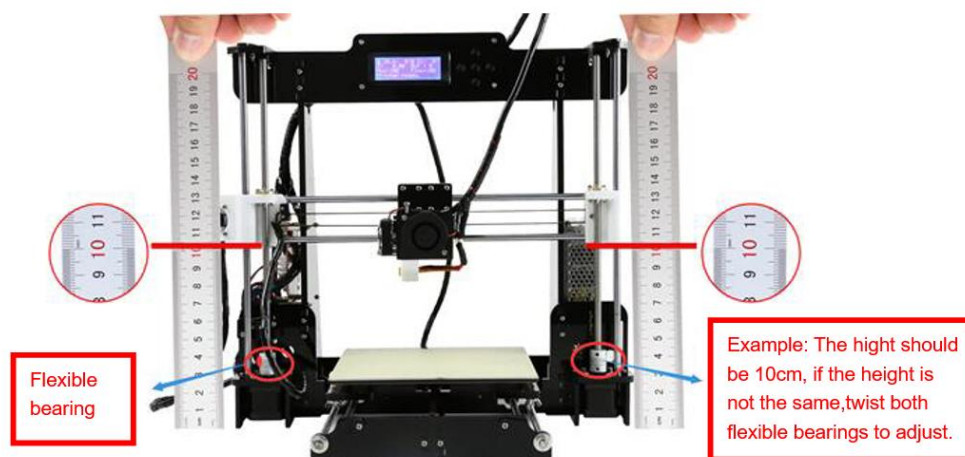
Use right Z axis for reference as shown above.

Reasons for Z axis's not smooth movement:

1. The height of both Z axis screw support is apparently different.
2. Large deviation of leading rod and motor rod's concentricity.
3. X belt is too tight.

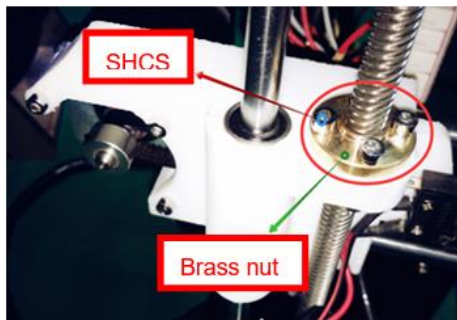
During installation, we need to test moving parts:

1. Preparation: Before Z axis moving adjustment, please confirm the height of both Z axis screw support is the same. ( Keep the same height of two white parts )

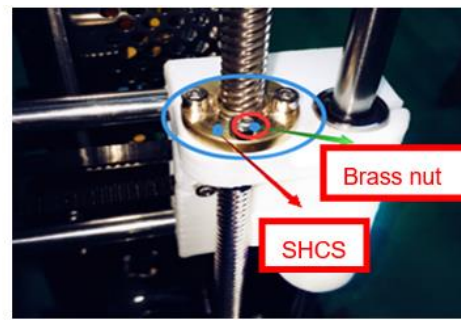


## 2. Adjust concentricity

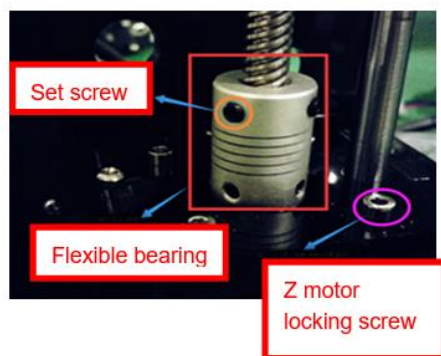
1. Click to adjust Z axis to move ( Position  $\rightarrow$  Z pos.Fast  $\rightarrow$  +/- ) . If it cannot move smoothly, you need to adjust the unsmooth side's screw support. Try to keep them at the same height.
2. We can also tight/loose the Z motor screw according to requirements. This is to correct the deviation in the first time installation. Please take steps as follows to lock screws.



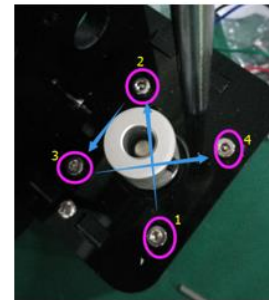
Z axis left screw support



Z axis right screw support



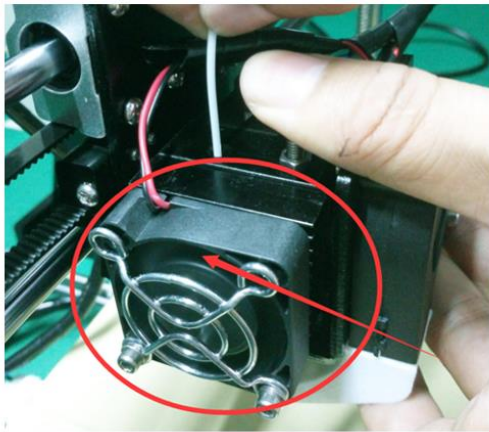
Z motor & Flexible bearing



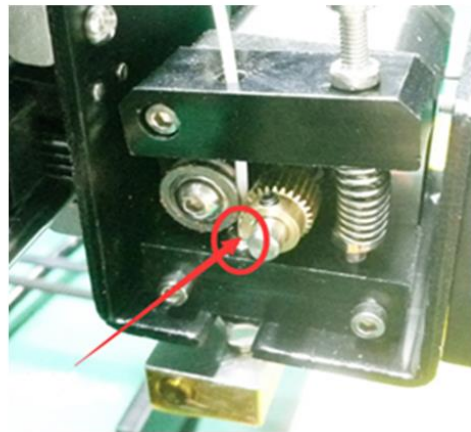
Z motor screw locking sequence

## 2. Nozzle blocking

Tips: We have removed fan to show obviously. Please consider movement according to actual requirement.



Fan



Fan removed

A. Only a little filament left in the nozzle and difficult to take out:



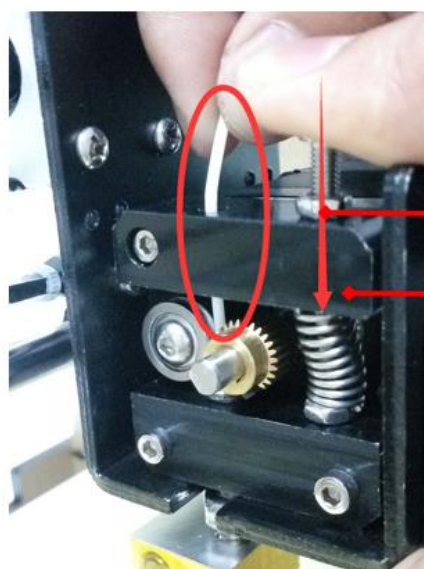
Leave filament  
out of spout

Choose Preheat ( PLA as example )  
and wait temp to rise.

Operation

Back ↑  
Quick Settings →  
Print file  
Position →

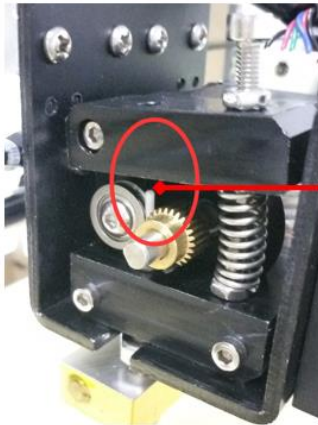
Home All  
Speed Mul.:100%  
Flow Mul.:100%  
Preheat PLA



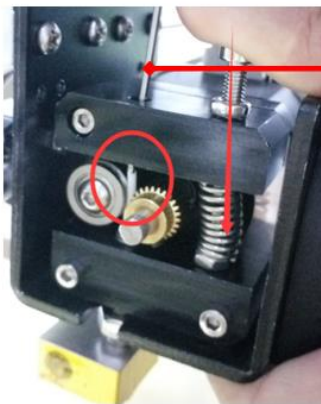
Extruder screw

Extruder briquetting

## B. Filament full filled in spout



Leave filament in the spout



Allen wrench

Use the minimum allen wrench or some filament ( 1.75mm ), press aligned with the remnant filament until filament comes out through nozzle.

### 3. FAQ

No.	Symptom	Reason	Method
1	Print model dislocation	Synchronous wheel/belt loose.	Tighten set screws or fasten belt
2	Glitch with the print model	Too high temp or slicing problem.	Extruder temp is too high and retracting speed & distance is too small
3	Foamy print model	Low temp or not smooth filament entering.	Rise extruder temp or check if brass nut and bearing is good. Replace a nozzle if methods above can't solve the problem.
4	Printer model is warped	Hotbed level isn't well adjusted.	Adjust hotbed
5	Unavailable G-code transformation	Wrong setting/wrong save path	Choose right machine type and change the right path
6	Software installation failed	Different OS	Reset OS
7	Unusual temp	Broken temp sensor	Change a new one

## **F. Maintenance**

Important maintenance tips:

1. maintenance of X,Y,Z axis: Add some lubricants on the rods to reduce friction when the machine works noisy and a little bit shake.
2. Please refer to the USER MANUAL before printing, do preparation of hot bed adjustment first.
3. When finished printing, the filament should keep sealing, avoid moisture.
4. Preheat the extruder at the beginning of 2 nd time printing, let extruder auto-push filament for a while.
5. Machine should do some regular maintenance, drop some lubricating oil on thread rod, polished rod and bearings to avoid fatigue wear.
6. Do not let the fan and air-condition blow to the hot bed when printing.
7. Keep the working condition at “Temp:10-30°C, Humidity:20-70%”.

## **G. Maintenance policy**

1. This product executes regulations of “Product Warranty Card”.
2. Please contact supplier or customer service if the product have any problems . Do not repair it by yourself, otherwise you need to bear all the consequences.