



# Extrusion Heads VOL-25 and VCD-25

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_onCKhT\\_dg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_onCKhT_dg)



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## Specifications:

Programmable start/stop dwell in milliseconds

Programmable Prime/Unprime in nano-liters

Weight 600 grams, plus payload

Material Capacity, 25cc

Power supply, 12v 2 amps max

Interface, CanBus or TTL

Planetary Gear Drive

19:1- 27:1 standard

(100:1 optional)

Motivator Sled

Drive Socket

Drive Shaft

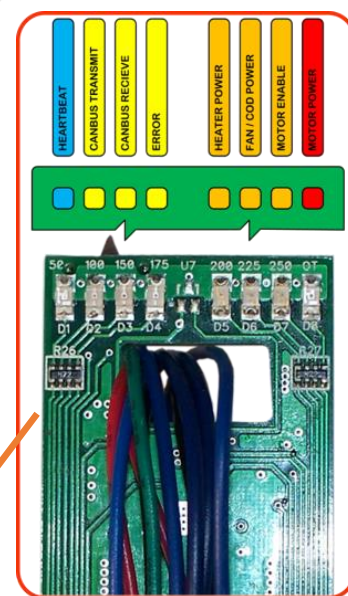
Linear Bearing Rail

Heated Cylinder Clamp  
with Heat Shield

Material Cylinder

Luer Adapter

Luer Tip



Smart controller

OPTIONAL (KRA

Conversion):

Standoffs

LED Array



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## Nozzles:

The dispensing end of the VOL25 can be easily configured to meet the wide variety of materials that it can dispense.

From clay to silicone, the possibilities are limitless.

Using the Luer Kit, you can purchase adapter needles at low cost from local hardware suppliers, such as McMaster Carr.

Typical working diameters are from <250 microns for liquid like substances, to 2mm for very stiff materials such as clays.





## Theory of Operation:

The VOL series of extruders is designed to allow materials that can be emulsified, to be dispensed (printed), in a controlled way at up to 100°C.

The number of actual possible materials is vast, but we will list a few of our favorite materials to give you an idea.

Plasticine, (oil based clay, kids love it, and it can be reused). Clays, pastes, gels, custom emulsions and resins.

While it is possible to print with food products, we do NOT recommend it, due to the difficulty of insuring sanitary conditions.

The VOL- and VCD- series of extruder heads all have smart controllers and independent temperature control (up to 100°C, and up to 4 heads can be loaded in a Hyrel Printer at a time. This allows mixing of materials, or parallel printing of high volume small parts.

The cylinder is loaded with the desired material, taking care not to get air inside the cylinder. The cylinder is loaded into the VOL cylinder heater/clamp with the bottom ring removed and the top ring loose, and then those rings are secured. The cylinder is held with moderate force ( hand tight, firm but not so hard as to distort the cylinder).

The drive motor will turn at the desired rate when printing. The drive speed is controlled by head settings and the actual velocity of the print head, as set by the F argument in G1 commands.

Generally speaking, you can print with the same VCD that you print plastic with.

Make sure to clean your cylinders after using them, leaving material inside will almost certainly ruin the cylinders.



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## VOL Settings:

Used to manage control of the head.

### Live Temperature:

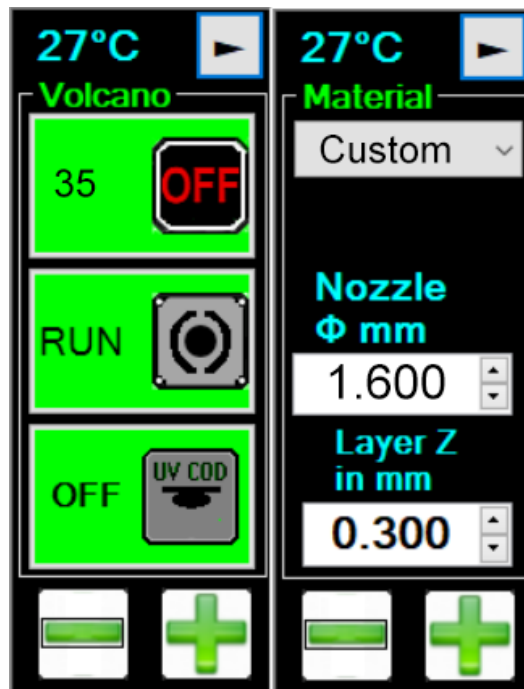
In Celsius.

### Heater:

On/Off and default value.

### Motor:

On/Off and manual speed feed control.



- and + :

## Temp Info:

Used to manage control of the head.

### Print Temp:

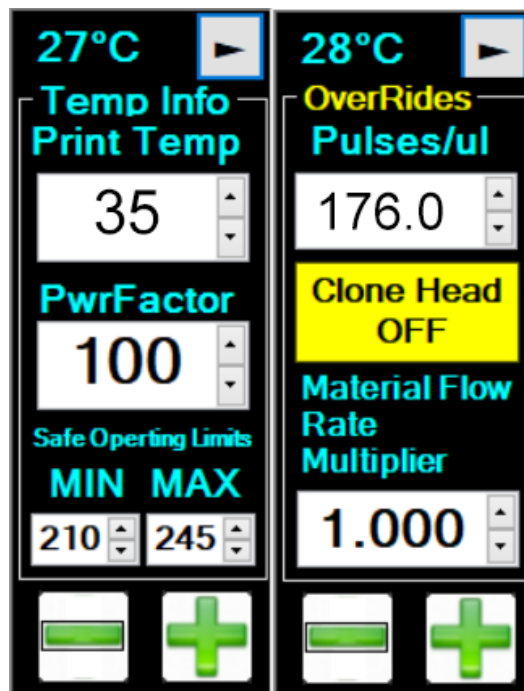
Default, in Celsius. *Note: gcode will override this setting.*

### PwrFactor:

For heater – normally 100.

### Min, Max :

Safe range for the head.



## Overrides:

To adjust flow rates live.

### Pulses:

Pulses on the motor to generate 10 nanoliters (v2.x) or 1 microliter (v3.x)

### Feed Rate % :

Live, direct modifier to **Pulses** setting. Adjust the actual flow rate as a percent of the calculated value.





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## Prime Settings:

Used when starting the flow of filament.

### Steps:

Number of steps to start the flow of filament.

### Rate of Steps:

Default 10,000.

### Dwell Time:

In milliseconds after the prime starts before starting motion.

### # After Tool Change:

Iterations to perform after a tool change.

## UnPrime Settings:

Used when ending the flow of filament.

### Steps:

Number of steps to stop the flow of filament.

### Rate of Steps:

Default 10,000.

### Dwell Time:

In milliseconds after the unprime starts before starting motion.

### # Before Tool Change:

Iterations to perform before a tool change.

## Offsets:

### Clone Head:

Used for parallel printing - multiple copies concurrently.

### Offsets:

Used when multiple heads cooperate on a build.  
Ping pong and support material.

### GOTO X/Y Offset:

Used to confirm X/Y offset calibration.

### Grab:

Captures current X/Y offset for this head.

## Head Model:

### Model:

Type of head.

### RTD TYPE:

For proper temperature table.  
*Most heads since 2015 should have 1K\_PLAT selected.*

### Motor Current:

For drive motor.

### Step Mode:

For microstep resolution.



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## Soap String:

To store and read values.

## Flash:

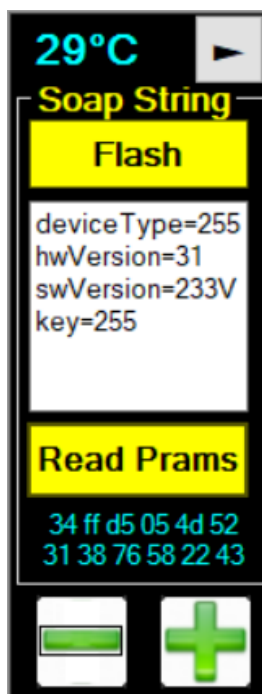
Right-click to store current values as defaults on this head.

## Com Window :

For diagnostics, advanced status, and firmware version.

## Read :

Returns firmware version info.



## Please note:

These values are all initial, default values.

Your gcode will overwrite some of these values, and *can, if you specify*, explicitly declare most of them.

The printer will keep the last value for each variable persistently in memory.

If a mouse click or a gcode entry subsequently provides a new value, *that new value* will be persistent until *another, newer* value is set for that parameter on that head.

For current default parameters for Hot Flow heads, see [http://hyrel3d.net/wiki/index.php/Hot\\_Flow](http://hyrel3d.net/wiki/index.php/Hot_Flow)



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## Using the VOL:

The VOL-25 is one of the best print heads for learning the basics of 3D printing. Many of the materials, such as plasticine can be used over and over again.

Basically mount the VOL head on your printer yoke, load the material cylinder, and print...

We do NOT recommend printing food with the VOL-25, just because it can be done, does not mean it should be done.

Once the head is installed, the VOL cylinders can be changed without removing the head from the yoke if you Use care, this will make it fast and easy to swap out materials, or make large prints.

## Additional Help:

Check our **YouTube** channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT-48K-0Y4xoTvbJCjyDFXA/videos>

and look for key words;

"Hyrel", "VOL", "Clay", "Silicone", "Porcelain"

You will find many examples of how to use your VOL.

For more information: [hyrel3d.net/wiki/index.php/VOL](http://hyrel3d.net/wiki/index.php/VOL)





## Loading material on the EMO:

1. Remove head from printer.
2. Remove reservoir from head. Allow to cool if needed.  
\* If needed, invert reservoir now (nozzle up), and keep inverted until nozzle is reattached.
3. Remove nozzle collar and nozzle.
4. Remove plunger collar, but do not remove plunger.
5. Add material from the bottom, displacing the plunger as material is added, to avoid air pockets.
6. Attach plunger collar.
7. Attach nozzle collar and nozzle.
8. Purge any air introduced between nozzle and reservoir.
9. Load reservoir into head.
10. Load head into printer.

## Changing nozzles on the EMO:

1. Remove head from printer.
2. Remove reservoir from head. Allow to cool if needed.  
\* If needed, invert reservoir now (nozzle up), and keep inverted until nozzle is reattached.
3. Remove nozzle collar and nozzle.
4. Insert new nozzle into nozzle collar.
5. Attach nozzle collar and nozzle.
6. Purge any air introduced between nozzle and reservoir.
7. Load reservoir into head.
8. Load head into printer.



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## For Luer Tips:

1. Remove head from printer.
2. Remove reservoir from head. Allow to cool if needed.  
\* If needed, invert reservoir now (nozzle up), and keep inverted until nozzle is reattached.
3. Remove old luer tip by twisting counter-clockwise.
4. Attach new luer tip by twisting clockwise.
5. Purge any air introduced between luer tip adapter and luer tip.
6. Load reservoir into head.
7. Load head into printer.



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## TIPS:

Keep your cylinders CLEAN. Material that dries inside the cylinder is the number one cause of failures.

NO AIR should be inside the VOL-25, pack your cylinders carefully, it will make the material delivery spongy and sharp start and stop will be impossible.

NEVER put flammable material, such as Gasoline in your VOL, the cylinder can achieve several hundred PSI in pressure, and this could cause self ignition.

ALWAYS USE good ventilation when using the VOL, many of the interesting materials will emit toxic fumes.

Note that portions of this head can reach 100°C, so care must be used when handling the head!

## Maintenance:

Keep your VOL clean, do not allow material to get in the linear bearing.

CLEAN your cylinders IMMEDIATELY after use, this will insure that you have trouble free operation.

Use care when installing the head into the yoke, due to its long format, it is possible the connection may be canted.

## DISCLAIMER:

**!!!Use at your own risk.!!!**

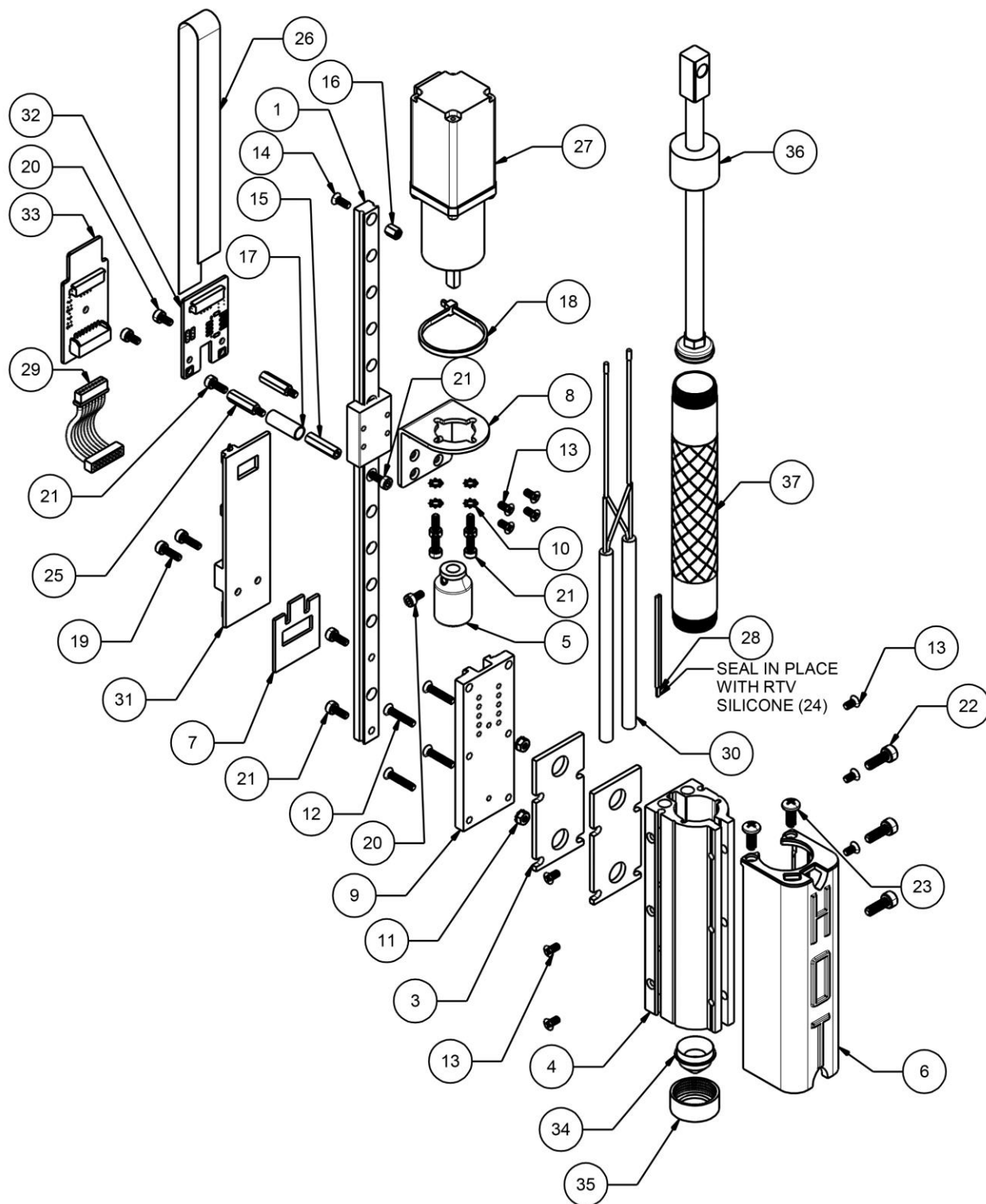
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No.	Qty.	Part No.	Part Name
1	1	102408-2AS	102408-2.BEARINGRAIL.EXTRUSIONHEAD
2	1	102416	102416.PlungerTube.ExtrusionHead
3	2	102424	102424 Volcano Spacer
4	1	102426-2	102426-2 Volcano Body v3
5	1	102428	102428.EMO25.ShaftHead.GR
6	1	102432-1	102432-1.Extruded Body Volcano Cover
7	1	102508	102508.PCBSpacerStop.H3D
8	1	102527	102527.EMO25.GR.Body
9	1	104001-2	104001-2 Krakatoa Gib Plate v2
10	4	200045-1	200045-1.Washer,M3,Lock,Star
11	2	200080-3	200080-3.Nut,Hex,Star,M3
12	4	200086-16	200086-16.M3x16FlatHead.92010A126
13	10	200086-6	200086-6.Screw,M3x6mm,FlatPhil
14	1	200086-8	200086-8.Screw,M3x8mm.FlatPhil
15	1	200101-18	200101-18.STANDOFF - M3X15, HEX, FF, BRASS
16	1	200101-6	200101-6.M3x6.FF.Standoff.94868A162
17	1	200223-1	200223-1.RubberStop
18	1	200224	200224.CableTie..1x6inch
19	2	200303-10	200303-10.M3x10.SocketHead.Screw.SS.91292A113
20	3	200303-6	200303-6.M3x6mm.SocketHead
21	8	200303-8	200303-8.Screw,M3x8mm,SocketCap
22	3	200304-12	200304-12.M4x12.Socket.92290A148
23	2	200404-10	200404-10 M4x10.PanPhillips
24	0.3	200509-2.8	200509-2.8 Silicone RTV, 2.8oz
25	2	203166	203166.M3x16+6.STANDOFF
26	1	300053	300053_Cable Flat Flex 12x1mm x 10
27	1	400105-27	400105 Gear Reduction Motor Assembly
28	1	420018	420018.RTD Assy Model Representation
29	1	420034	420034 Bridge Cable
30	1	420039	420039 Volcano Heating Element Assy.
31	1	500207-3	500207.EXTRUSIONHEADCIRCUITBOARD
32	1	500265	102265 Top Board
33	1	500266	102266.EMO.HotHeadSide.Board
34	1	REFERENCE	102407-2.EXTRUDERTIP.2mmHole.EXTRUSIONHEAD.H3D
35	1	REFERENCE	102413.ExtruderTipCap.ExtrusionHead.H3D
36	1	REFERENCE	200720.Cartridge Plunger
37	1	REFERENCE	102414.ExtruderTube.ExtrusionHead.H3D



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Photoinitiated Crosslinking: the VOL (Volcano) becomes the VCD (Volcanic Crosslinking on Demand).

The M106 command, used to control the fan which cools deposited material on the MK-series heads, controls the UV LED array on crosslinking heads. This functionality is the same on all VCD heads, as well as the CSD, COD, and KCD heads.

M106 T# S0 ; sets the VCD LEDs (or fan) to 0% (off)

M106 T# S25 ; sets the VCD LEDs (or fan) to 25%

M106 T# S100 ; sets the VCD LEDs (or fan) to 100%

Note: T#, where # can be any of the following:

10 for yoke 1, ALL heads; or

11 for yoke 1, head 1; or

12 for yoke 1, head 2; or

13 for yoke 1, head 3; or

14 for yoke 1, head 4; or

15 for yoke 1, head 5; or

Left blank, to address the “currently active” head.

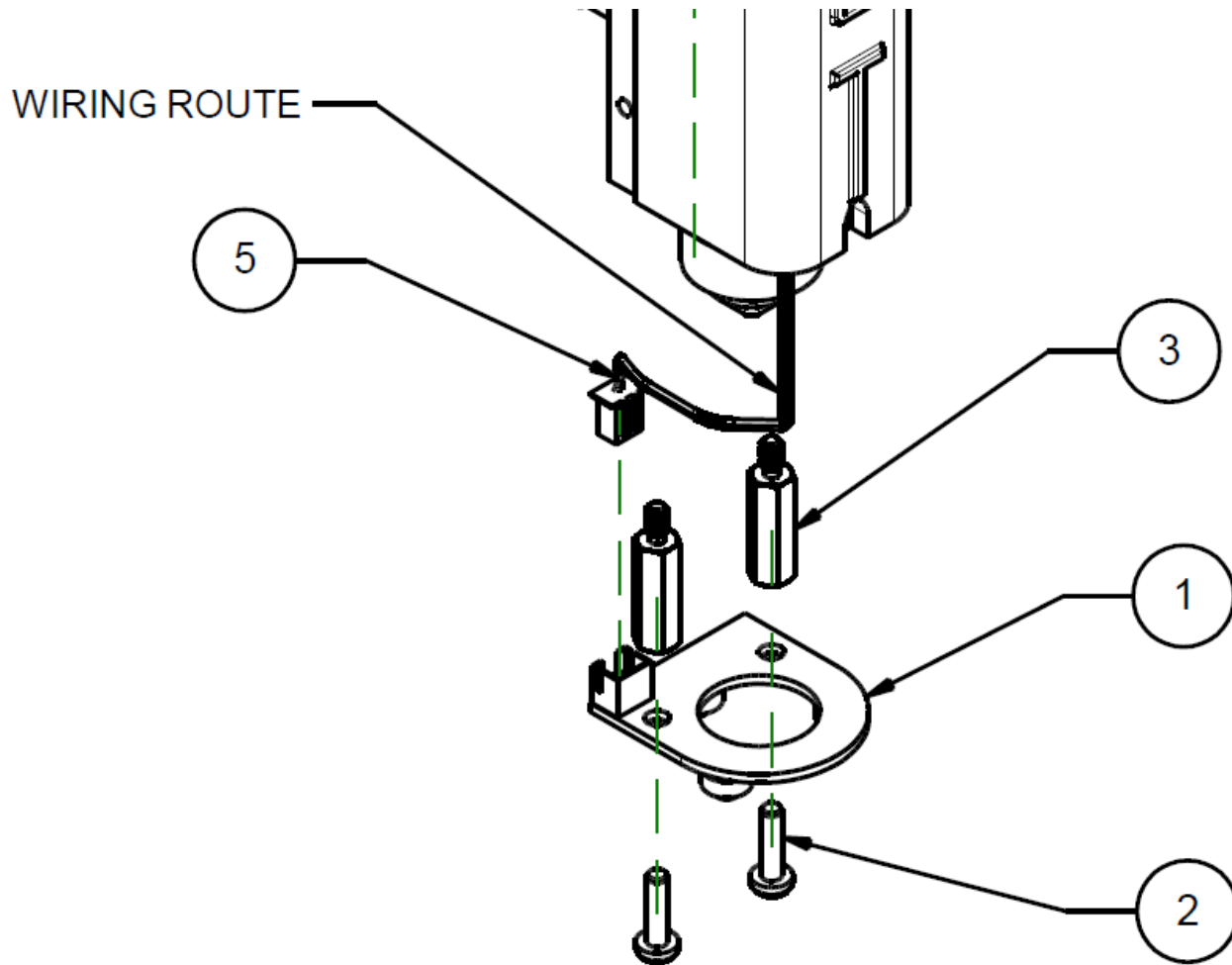




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Item #	QTY.	Part #	Part Name
1	1	102203	102203 COD Led board
2	2	200049-8	200049-8_Screw 6-32 x .50 PanHd
3	2	203059-075	203059-075.6-32x0.75+.25 Standoff M-F
4	1	404041-1	404041 Volcano25 Assembly
5	1	420044	420044 COD Cable Assembly