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Axis Rapid Prototypes helps Teknion win best of NeoCon award for fx™ accessories.

Montreal, Quebec, Canada July 26 2010 — When folks in the product development industry think of additive manufacturing applications, office furniture seldom comes to mind. Many of us are still under the guise that this technology is only cost effective for smaller complex objects. By partnering with avant-garde companies such as Teknion who are willing to push the envelope in their respective industries, [Axis Rapid Prototypes](#), Canada's leading Additive manufacturing service centre, is changing this paradigm.



Teknion workstation showing complete set of fx accessories

Ruth Lytle, Program Manager at Teknion, contacted Axis Prototypes because of concerns she had regarding the ability of their in-house FDM machines to produce what they needed in a timely manner.

*"Many times [prototyping](#) is done in-house, but this case needed expert help to create samples for our most important annual tradeshow, NeoCon, the largest of its kind in North America. **fx accessories** are used to*



Prototypes were also used for the professional photo shoot

improve organization and encourage personalization in the workspace. The line is designed to create an impression of both simplicity and attention to detail. In order to realize this, our tradeshow prototypes needed a very high degree of accuracy, and impeccable finishing. Axis Prototypes has the technology to produce the former, and the skilled people to deliver the latter," states Lytle.

A critical elements and application discussion revealed that SL ([Stereo Lithography](#)) technology would eliminate all the limitations of the in-house FDM process as well as significantly cut lead time. Parts built using SL technology would have high accuracy, require minimal finishing, be robust, and even the

largest prototype parts could be built as one piece, improving both accuracy and eliminating the need to assemble.

In all, two complete office sets, totaling 34 parts, of the **fx accessories** were built, finished, color matched and painted in about 12 working days. Teknion fx workplace accessories ended up winning the Silver prize in the best of NeoCon awards.

“Working with Axis on this project was a good experience. They were able to meet our tight deadlines, do the color-matching we required, adapt to on-the-fly changes, and had competitive pricing. They were also very supportive in providing replacement units to help us deal with accidental breakage of the pieces at the eleventh hour. We continue to do business with Axis,” says Lytle.

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About Axis Prototypes

Axis Prototypes Inc. is a Canadian based rapid prototyping service bureau offering fabrication of 3D prototypes in SLA, SLS, Objet, FDM and 3D Printing. Based in Montreal, Axis is Canada’s premier service bureau with the largest installation entirely dedicated to rapid prototyping and custom additive manufacturing, for a variety of applications including the fabrication of Furniture and Interior design accessories. Learn more at www.axisproto.com

À propos de Axis Prototypes

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