

Software version v1.1.0 and higher - Operation and commissioning



The high-resolution 10"-TFT touchscreen mounted at the front panel enables direct operation of the RepRap Industrial.

This manual describes the [operation](#) of the RepRap Industrial via the operating software *RepRapOnRails* version v1.1.0 and the [initial commissioning](#) of the 3D printer after [installation](#).

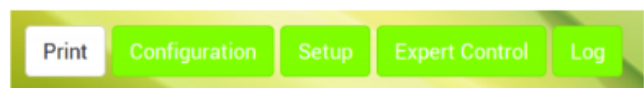
Operation

With the release of RepRapOnRails version v1.1.0, all basic functions are now represented on the start-up **Print** screen.

The newly designed **Configuration** menu enables the operator to preselect temperature profiles for the extruders and the print bed and build chamber more directly which simplifies preheating and priming according to current needs.

Setup offers the operating wizards for guided day-to-day functions.

More advanced features like program-independent operation of the axes have been moved to the **Expert control** screen which now also provides direct setting of the extruder



The newly ordered operating menus of RepRapOnRails v1.1.0.

temperatures and test extrusion.

The **Log** menu provides the history of machine code input and output as well as the keyboard for direct input of operating instructions.

The following paragraphs provide detailed information of the software's operating screens and explain the specific functions.

Additional information for the preparation of print jobs can be found in [Tips and tricks](#) and the manual of the [slicing software](#).

[Print] screen

After starting the 3D printer the *Print* screen will appear as the start-up screen. Here you activate the 3D printer and start the print jobs previously uploaded to the queue via the web interface.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Status message	Idle : apparatus is waiting for next user input Printing : apparatus is busy printing
2	Menu selection	Select the operating menu and mode: Print represents the main production mode Configuration allows choosing material based temperature profiles for each extruder and bed/chamber Setup provides wizards for different preset operating procedures Expert Control provides access to motors and direct temperature control Log represents the communication history of microcontroller, BeagleBone Black, and touchscreen



Print screen (descriptions may apply to other screens as well if not explicitly given there)

No.	Description	Content/Function
3	Queue	List of uploaded print jobs sorted by time/date (oldest first); estimated time required for printing the respective job.
4	Temperature/profile overview	Displays current and set temperature of each extruder, print bed and build chamber as well as the selected material profiles (see Configuration). Temperatures colored red are set and currently being actuated.
5	[Emergency STOP] button	see safety information
6	[Shut-down] button	Tap to shut down the 3D printer properly.
7	[Build Chamber ON/OFF] button	Tap to activate/deactivate drives and heaters after start-up.
8	[Preheat Chamber/Bed ON/OFF] button	Tap to activate/deactivate preheating of the build chamber/print bed according to the settings made under Configuration .
9	[delete] button	Tap to delete the respective print job from the queue.
10	[print] button	Tap to start the respective print job.
11	Browse buttons	Use [Previous], [Next] and [<i>page number</i>] to browse the print job list.

Starting print jobs

Tap the [print] button next to a print job in the queue to start the print job. You will be asked to confirm that all preparations for the print job have been performed. Tap [OK, Start Print] to definitely begin printing or [Cancel] to return to the queue.



No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Checklist	Please make sure that all displayed requirements have been met before proceeding.
2	[OK, Start Print] button	If all preparations have been made, tap to proceed.
3	[Cancel] button	Tap to abort if any requirements has not been met.

“Ready to print?” query

After confirmation the RepRap Industrial starts processing the print job and the status message changes to *Printing*. All other menus are deactivated during a print. The print job name, the current progress, and the estimated remaining time are displayed and the [Abort Print] button is active.



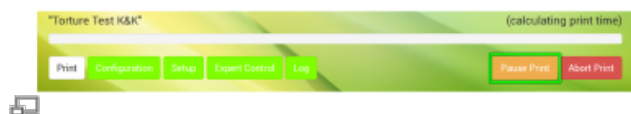
Print status screen (top half only).

No.	Description	Content/Function
4	Print job name	The name of the slicing file uploaded to the queue.
5	Countdown	Displays the estimated remaining time (calculated from the G-code).
6	Progress bar	Indicates the progress of the print job graphically.
7	[Pause Print] button	experimental
8	[Abort Print] button	Push to abort a print job.

Pause function

The pause function was built in for the case that a print job needs to be interrupted and later resumed for other reasons than “out-of-filament” (see [below](#)).

After tapping the [Pause Print] button, the printer keeps printing until the cache is empty. This may take a few minutes, according to the complexity of the current g-code. Afterwards, the print bed is lowered into its home position, the extruders are turned off and the print head moves to the maintenance position. Now you have access to the [Expert Controls](#) and some of the [Setup](#) functions to adjust whatever might be necessary.



Interrupting the print with the pause function.

To continue printing tap [Resume Print]



(replaced [Pause Print]). Print bed and extruder head move to their last position and after re-heating the extruders the print seamlessly continues.



Continuing the print after pause.

Finishing a print job

There are two ways to finish a print job: automatic finish after completion or abortion by the operator.

After regularly completing a print job all axes are moved to their home position and the extruder heating resistors are switched off.

If you need to abort a print job because the outcome does not meet expectations for example or mechanical problems appear during the print, tap the [Abort Print] button. The system will then print the last G-code information from cash and move the print table and the extruder head to their home positions afterwards.

Either way, the 3D printer returns to idle mode and displays a status message and a request how you wish to continue. Simply tap the respective button on the screen to proceed. After standstill of all drives you can remove the print bed and take off the model.



Print job finished.

No.	Description	Content/Function
9	[Keep in Queue]	Returns to the Print menu.
10	[Print Again]	Immediately restarts the current print job.
11	[Delete Printjob]	Deletes the finished print job from the queue without confirmation and returns to the Print menu.

Removing objects from the bed

DANGER OF BURNING!

The print bed and the build chamber heating resistors are not being switched off. Also, the extruder nozzles may still be too hot to touch. Be careful not to burn yourself when removing the print bed.

NOTICE

To avoid scratching do not use pointed tools (e.g. screwdrivers) to remove the object from the print bed.

If residues of the print material remain on the print bed, use a **very sharp, flat mounted blade** to scrape the surface clean.

Scratches in the print bed's surface may lead to enforced adhesion of prints. Severely scratched or broken print beds can no longer be used for production and must be replaced.

To remove printed objects from the print bed let the entire print cool down to room temperature; larger prints should remain in the switched off build chamber until cooled down.

With materials suited to being printed on PEI (e.g. ABS, HIPS, TPE-u) the print will loosen itself from the print bed when cooling due to shrinkage which can be heard by the crackling noises. If otherwise, twist and bend the print bed until the object comes free. Breaking and even buckling the print bed is near impossible with manual force.

Other material-subsurface combinations may require some force (e.g. PC on ABS-glue) or solving of the coating, rinsing the print bed with water for example is suitable when printing on PVA-glue.

[Configuration] screen

The *Configuration* menu is a new feature that enables you to preselect material-specific temperature profiles for each extruder and, in combination, the print bed/build chamber. The latter was developed to make preheating and leveling more precise with regard to different material settings. The according profiles can be set up at the [web interface setup menu](#).



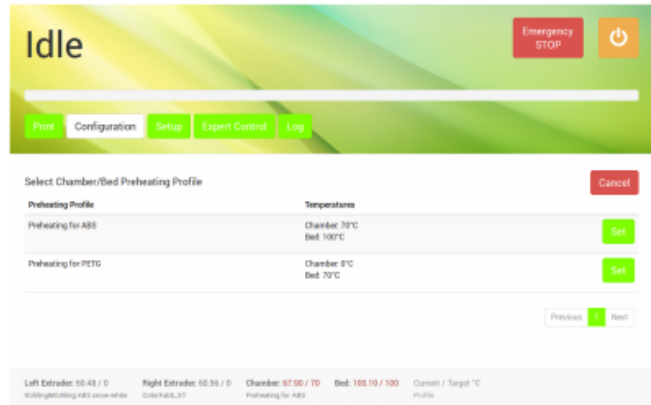
No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Left extruder profile selection	The currently selected profile is displayed. Tap [Select] to open the list of available filament profiles or [Clear] to delete the active profile.
2	Right extruder profile selection	The currently selected profile is displayed. Tap [Select] to open the list of available filament profiles or [Clear] to delete the active profile.
3	Bed/chamber profile selection	The currently selected profile is displayed. Tap [Select] to open the list of available filament profiles or [Clear] to delete the active profile. After selection of a profile, deactivate the preheating function in the Print menu (touch button no. 8) and activate it by tapping the button again to apply the settings.



GUI Configuration screen with temperature profile selection.

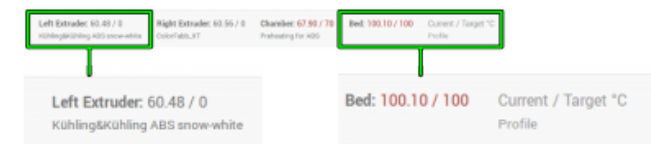
After opening the list, tap **[Set]** to choose a

profile for the selected component. The profile is set and the screen returns to the prior menu. To activate the selected profile open the *Print* screen and first deactivate, then re-activate the chamber/bed preheating.



The list of filament temperature profiles of the configuration menu. More profiles can be added via the web-interface.

The selected profiles are displayed in the footer of every screen in the order *Current* and *Target* (= set) temperature. While aiming for a target temperature, both values are highlighted red. When displayed gray, the temperature value is either not set or currently not triggered.



The selected profiles are displayed in the footer of the GUI on every screen.

INFO

Observe that the temperature shown in the footer is measured at the hot end heater and may be 5 - 10 °C lower at the nozzle tip.

See section [Extrusion temperature](#) in the knowledgebase for information on finding the suitable extrusion temperature.

When no filament profile is activated for an extruder, the default temperature is 180 °C.

Creating profiles via the web interface

During a print job all necessary temperature data are provided by the respective G-code. For priming the extruders outside a print job the temperature setting required for extruding a material is provided by the *Filament profiles*.

Similarly, precise print bed leveling needs defined bed and chamber temperatures according to the printed material before a G-code is executed. These settings are provided by the *Chamber/Bed Preheating Profiles*.

To create a filament profile open the web interface of your 3D printer, choose the *Setup* menu and:

1. Select *Filament Profiles* and click [Add Profile] to set material properties.
 1. Enter the material **Name** in the according input field.
 2. Enter the **Extrusion Temperature** in °C in the according input field.
2. Click [Add] or press <Enter> to save the settings. The new filament profile is added to the list, newest at the bottom.

- To change the settings click [edit] and enter the new properties.
- To delete a profile click [remove] and confirm the safety query.



Filament profile setup via the web interface.

To create a preheating profile open the web interface of your 3D printer, choose the *Setup* menu and:

1. Select *Chamber/Bed Preheating Profiles* and click [Add Profile] to set material properties.
 1. Enter the profile **Name** in the according input field.
 2. Enter the required **Chamber Temperature** in °C in the according input field.
 3. Enter the necessary **Bed Temperature** in °C in the according input field.
2. Click [Add] or press <Enter> to save the settings. The new preheating profile is added to the list, newest at the bottom.

- To change the settings click [edit] and enter the new properties.
- To delete a profile click [remove] and confirm the safety query.



Preheating profile setup via the web interface.

[Setup] screen

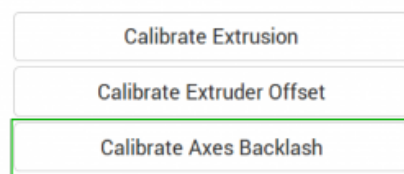
The *Setup* menu displays walkthrough instructions (wizards) for different operations

needed during daily operation, [initial commissioning](#), [servicing](#) and [troubleshooting](#). If you choose one of the wizards, a step-by-step guide will provide all necessary information for completing the respective task.

This screen also provides system information and the web address needed to connect to the 3D printer via the network.



GUI v1.1.0 Setup main screen with wizard selection and system information.



GUI v1.3.0 Setup main screen: the nozzle change wizard was replaced by the backlash calibration wizard.

No.	Description	Content/Function	
1	Wizard selection	Different wizards for different tasks; needed to keep your 3D printer up and running:	
		Print Bed Leveling Ensures that print bed and nozzle tip are evenly distanced at every point of the surface (→ Tips).	
		Unload Filament False removal of filament from the supply system can damage the limit switch in the feed unit. Follow the given instructions when filament must be removed. Also regard the instructions below .	
		Load Filament False insertion of filament can damage the 3D printer or lead to coiling of the filament and thereby ruining the print. Follow the given instructions when filament must be refilled or changed. Also regard the instructions below .	
		Prime Extruders After changing/refilling filament or subsequent to nozzle change the extruders must be primed to remove enclosed air from the nozzle tip. Also regard the instructions below .	
		Nozzle Change To change the nozzle tips (e.g. for printing with another bore diameter for higher throughput) follow the given instructions. Make sure not to damage the extruder nozzle barrel.	obsolete since v1.3.0
		Calibrate Extrusion When printing material with other properties than before, it might be necessary to adjust the throughflow of the nozzle. To find the correct <i>Extrusion multiplier</i> to be entered in the <i>Filament settings</i> of Slic3r, run this wizard. Also regard the description given in the respective initial commissioning section.	
2	Web Interface URL	Calibrate Extruder Offset This function is needed for dual extruder prints. To teach the offset distance between the nozzle tips in X- and Y-direction, run this wizard.	
		Calibrate Backlash This function replaces the backlash calibration procedure described in the Service Guide .	new in v1.3.0

No.	Description	Content/Function
3	Version numbers	The valid version numbers of your RepRap Industrial's hardware, the installed RepRapOnRails software and the microcontroller firmware for your information. Please provide these numbers for identification in case of service requests.

Changing the filament

When the filament limit switch at the [filament supply](#) registers the end of the filament strand on the spool, the 3D printer stops automatically and signals lack of material at the touchscreen.

If you want to remove the filament for other reasons (e.g. to use a differently colored material), the following description applies also.

Required tools

- diagonal cutters

Refilling

If you want to continue printing with the same type of plastic, the change of the filament spool is quite easy. You have to manually remove remaining filament from the supply hose, change and, if need be, [adjust the spool carriers](#) and insert the new strand.

1. Go to the *Setup* menu and start the [Unload Filament] wizard and follow the on-screen instructions.
2. Then open *Setup* menu again, and follow the [Load Filament] wizard.

Material change

If you want to continue printing with another type of plastic (e.g. PETG instead of ABS), the change of the filament spool becomes a little bit more complex since you have to change the extruder nozzle barrel also.

INFO



Using the same extruder nozzle barrel for materials with different properties may lead to clogging of the nozzle tip due to coking or sooting.

Kühling&Kühling recommend either thorough cleaning of the extruder nozzle barrel with a suitable solvent and pipe cleaners or using a single barrel for every type of material.

1. Unload the current filament as described

in [Refilling](#).

2. Subsequent to unloading you have to change the extruder nozzle barrel as described in the [Service guide](#).
3. Afterwards, install (and [adjust](#)) the new filament spool, run the [Load Filament] wizard **and** the [Priming] wizard.

INFO



Make sure to choose the appropriate filament profile from the material database. If you have not installed the adequate profile yet, do so by following the instructions given [below](#).

Adjusting the spool carriers

Required tools

- Allen wrench #2.5

Procedure

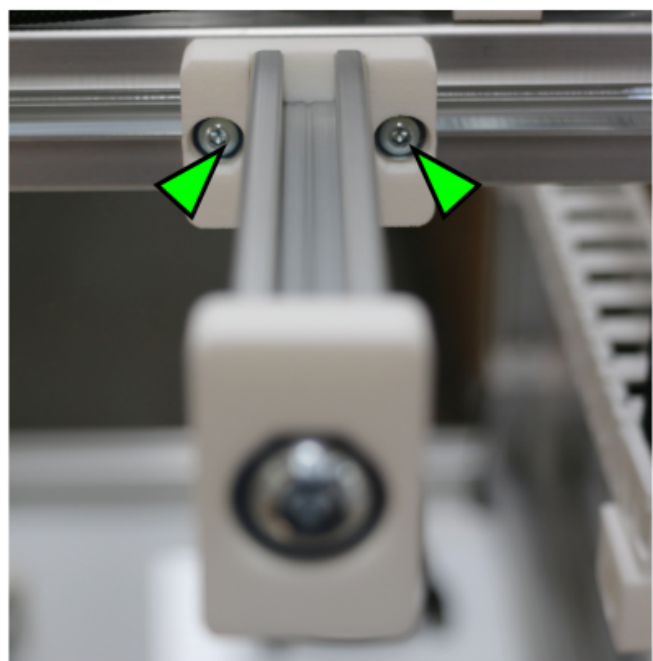
If you want to use a different filament spool diameter (less or more material), you have to adjust the spool carrier position.

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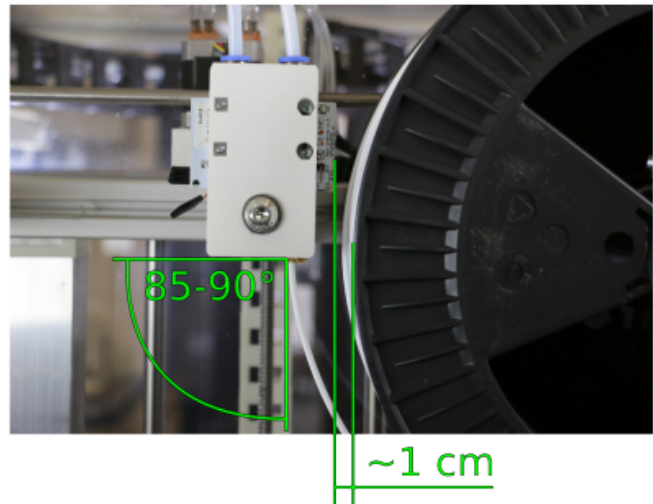
With an appropriate Allen key you can carry out the following steps without removing the filament spool.

- Use the Allen key to loosen the fixing screws of the carrier.



Loosening the fixing screws of spool carriers.

- Slide the carrier to or away from the filament inlet to a position that leaves approximately 1 cm between the spool's outer rim and the limit switch. Make sure that the filament enters the inlet at an angle of 85-90°.
- Refasten the fixing screws.



Admissible distance and inlet angle.

[Expert Control] screen

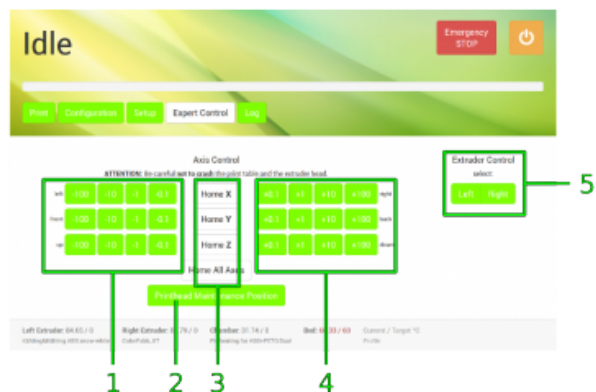
NOTICE

The Expert Control menu should be used by skilled operators only. It has been designed for test and troubleshooting purposes. Persons unfamiliar with the 3D printer must not mess around with functions provided here.

The positions of the extruder head and the print table are not compared during manual operation. Incautious operation may lead to massive damage of the extruder head and the print bed. Be careful not to crash the print table and the extruder head.

For maintenance and test reasons, after a crash or to reduce lead times, e.g. if you still need to work on a print file but want the 3D printer to be ready for operation, manually moving the motors or preheating the build chamber and the print table may be necessary or advantageous.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	Drive control - negative direction	Moves every axis individually once for every tap in negative direction , according to the selected step width.
2	[Printhead Maintenance Position]	Tap to move the extruder head into a preset position in the upper center of the build chamber directly in front of the doors where it is easily accessible for maintenance purposes.
3	Homing buttons	Tap to separately or simultaneously move the axes to their starting positions.



Expert Control screen

No.	Description	Content/Function
4	Drive control - positive direction	Moves every axis individually once for every tap in positive direction , according to the selected step width.
5	Extruder temperature control	Enables directly setting the temperature and extruding filament for one extruder at a time (see the chapter "Extrusion temperature" in the "Material" section of the knowledgebase).

[Log] screen

All communication between touchscreen, BeagleBone Black and microcontroller is stored and displayed on the log screen. Print job statuses are stored also.

Direct G-code programming can be effected via the G-code input field.

No.	Description	Content/Function
1	History list	communication history sorted top down by date and time ¹ <i>SENT</i> : BeagleBone Black to microcontroller <i>RECV</i> : microcontroller to BeagleBone Black
2	Browse buttons	Use [Previous], [Next] and [page number] to browse the history.
3	G-code input field	Enter G-code lines here and [Send] them.

¹ The time is stated in *universal time coordinated* (UTC) notation so do not wonder if does not match your local time.

NOTICE

The G-code input field is an advanced feature and requires sound knowledge of G-code programming. Inappropriate G-codeing may damage the 3D printer massively.

Initial commissioning

1. [Loading material](#)
 - [Spool adjustment](#)



The log screen provides additional information about sent and received G-code commands and the possibility of directly influencing the 3D printer via G-code command input.

2. [Printer preparation](#)
3. [Calibration](#)
4. [First print](#)
 - [Setting up the slicing software](#)
 - [Model preparation](#)
 - [Model upload](#)
 - [Print](#)

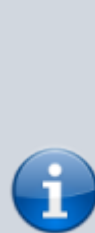
After the [installation](#) the RepRap Industrial is ready for initial commissioning. The first few steps will prepare your RepRap Industrial for its day-to-day duty:

- Make sure that no foreign objects are left in the build chamber (transport locks, tools or the like).
- Close the build chamber.
- Toggle the main switch to **<I>** (ON).
When the power supply is switched on the 3D printer will boot automatically. Please wait patiently until the full operating screen is loaded on the touchscreen at the machine front. The screen displays the *Print* screen and the top-left status message reads *Idle*.

Loading material

First, material for the following print jobs must be provided:

- Tap [\[Load Filament\]](#) to start the wizard that will guide you through the material feed process. The print head will move to a middle front position for convenient handling.
- Read and follow the wizard's on-screen instructions step by step.
- Load the **left extruder** with *Kühling&Kühling white ABS* material included in the delivery for the first print.
- At the end of the [Load Filament](#) wizard, follow the suggestion to run the [Prime Extruders](#) wizard by tapping the respective button.
- Choose the left extruder and check that



INFO

For installing other than the 750g spools delivered, [adjusting the spool carriers](#) may be necessary. The filament and chamber/bed profiles have been preset during factory test and are ready for use. For later changing the profiles refer to [Configuration](#).



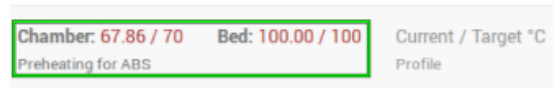
the filament profile *Kühling&Kühling white ABS* is selected before continuing.

Display of the selected filament profile after extruder selection.

- After finishing the wizard, repeat these steps for loading the right extruder if required.

Preheating

After material has been loaded and the hot-ends have been primed the next step is preheating the build chamber and the print bed in order to enable calibration at operating temperature:



Chamber: 67.86 / 70	Bed: 100.00 / 100	Current / Target °C
Preheating for ABS		Profile



Display of the selected chamber/bed profile in the footer.

- Check if the footer reads *Preheating for ABS* for the *Bed/Chamber* profile. The footer is the same on every page of the GUI.
- Activate the build chamber by tapping [\[Build Chamber ON\]](#). The LEDs light up, the fans start running and all axes perform a home-positioning routine.
- Then start the heating by tapping [\[Preheat Chamber/Bed ON\]](#). The temperature indicators in the footer now show both current and target temperature.
- Let the build chamber heat for **approximately 45 minutes** until the target temperature is reached.

Calibration

Leveling the print bed

When the target temperature is reached and stable level the print bed **in the given order** to ensure that the hot-end nozzle tips have the same distance to the print bed at every point.

1. Tap [\[Setup\]](#) to change to the *Setup* menu.
2. Tap [\[Print Bed Leveling\]](#) to start the wizard that will guide you through the leveling process.
3. The wizard provides all necessary instructions on-screen. Read them thoroughly and follow them step by step.

Determining the extrusion multiplier

The extrusion properties of any material, although chemically exactly the same, may differ from one filament spool to the other so that it is impossible to determine the correct



INFO

When printing ABS it may be necessary to run the *[Extrusion*

extrusion multiplier (see [Slic3r manual](#)) prior to delivery. After leveling the print bed, it is therefore mandatory to calibrate the extrusion to adapt your printer to the installed filament in order to ensure a correct printing performance.

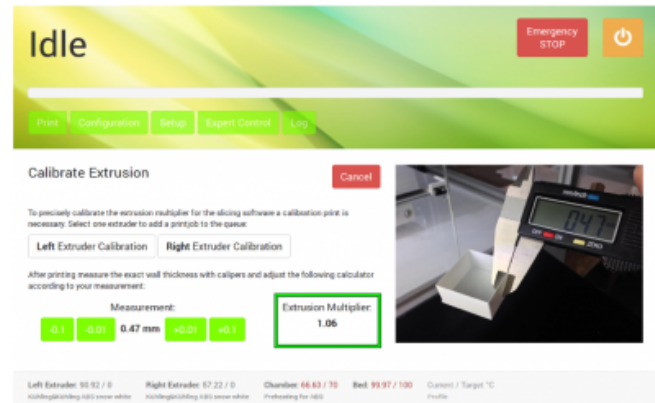


calibration] wizard after changing the filament spool without changing the material itself.

It is necessary to find the correct extrusion multiplier after changing the material. The respective procedure is described [here](#).

To calibrate the extrusion:

- Choose the [Calibrate Extrusion] wizard from the *Setup* menu at the touchscreen (see [Setup](#)).
- Select the respective extruder by tapping [**Left** Extruder Calibration] or [**Right** Extruder Calibration]. A preinstalled print job will be loaded into the queue.
- Change to the *Print* menu and select and start the print job.
- After the print job has been finished, return to the [Extrusion Calibration] wizard.
- Enter the measured value via the touch buttons.
- The necessary extrusion multiplier is calculated automatically. Record the value for later use in the slicing software (see [Preparing the 3D model](#)).



The extrusion multiplier is calculated automatically from the measurement and must be saved in the filament profile of the slicing software.

The first print

You will find all necessary installation and setup procedures required for the first print in the following paragraphs. The software mentioned additionally is available “Open Source” and is recommended for use with the RepRap Industrial since it has been thoroughly tested. Other software may be available but has not been tested.

INFO



The manufacturer cannot be held liable for any malfunction resulting from use of other than the recommended software.

Installation and setup of the slicing software

First you need to install a slicing software on your computer to translate *.stl*-files into printable G-codes.

Kühling&Kühling recommend using the **Slic3r** slicing software to prepare your digital 3D models for printing.

To prepare for printing follow these steps:

1. Open <http://slic3r.org/download> and download the latest Slic3r installation package for your operating system. Follow the installation instructions available at <http://manual.slic3r.org/GettingSlic3r.html#installing>.
2. Open <https://github.com/kuehlingkuehling/RepRap-Industrial-Slic3r-profiles/releases> and download the latest preconfigured Slic3r profiles package for the RepRap Industrial to your computer. Unpack the archive.
3. In Slic3r go to *File > Load Config Bundle* and select the previously downloaded *.ini* file. Refer to the README file provided with the profiles for a description of the different profiles available.

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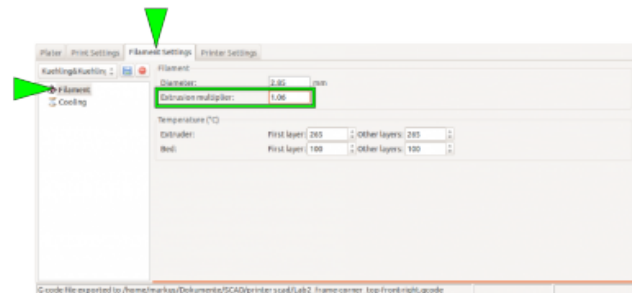


When importing this profile bundle into Slic3r, existing presets may be overwritten. It is recommended to backup your custom/modified presets by exporting them as a bundle first (File > Export Config Bundle).

Preparing the 3D model

The 3D model you want to print must be available as *.stl*-file (stereolithographic data). Most common 3D modeling software is able to create this file format.

1. Start Slic3r to process a 3D model into G-code data.
2. Select the preconfigured profiles for filament, print and printer before generating a G-code file.
 - Open the *Filament Settings* tab and enter the [extrusion multiplier](#) measured during calibration.
Rename and save the filament profile.
3. Export the G-code data.
Refer to the [Slic3r manual](#) for help on fine tuning any parameters for the printing process.



Setting the extrusion multiplier in Slic3r.

Uploading print jobs to the 3D printer

Every PC connected to your network can access the RepRap Industrial via the *Web Interface URL* (network address) that is displayed in the [Setup](#) menu at the GUI.

- Open your internet browser and enter the URL in the address line.
- The web-interface opens with “*First Steps*”. Clicking on the provided link will redirect here.



Web-interface - “First steps” start-up screen

- Change to the *Queue* tab to upload your print job to the 3D printer.



Web-interface - “Queue” print job overview

- Click [Add Printjob] and then [Browse] to select a G-code.
- Enter the identification (name or number or the like) of the print job in the text field *Name* and if required add additional information via the text field *Note*.
- Click [Add] to upload the selected file to the printer.



The print job is now available for printing on your RepRap Industrial and can be selected directly for printing via the touchscreen controller on the 3D printer.



Web-interface - adding print jobs via the “Queue”

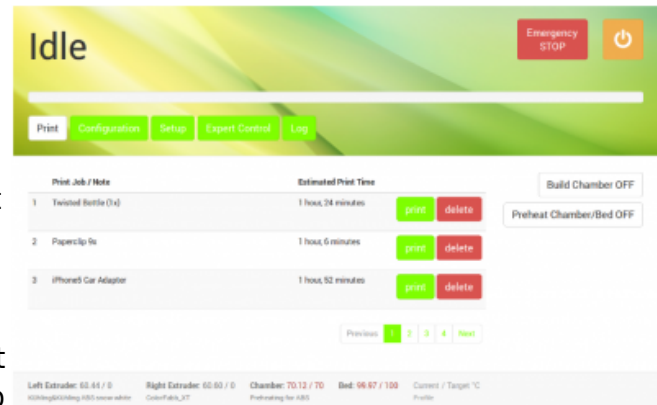
Starting the print job

Make sure that all previously described steps have been carried out.

The next steps are carried out at the 3D printer's GUI:

- Tap the [print] button on the *Print* screen to start the print job.
- Wait until the apparatus has finished the print job completely and all axes are in their home position, then remove the print bed, take off the test object and check whether all expectations have been met.

If everything has been fault-free, delete the print job from the queue - you are ready to proceed to production.



GUI - "Print" selection menu