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## Proto Labs, Inc. Launches Two New Quick-Turn Injection-Molding Processes

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*Custom liquid silicone rubber and metal injection molded parts now available to product designers in days, not weeks.*

MAPLE PLAIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 1, 2014-- Proto Labs, Inc. (NYSE: PRLB), a leading online and technology-enabled quick-turn manufacturer, has announced today that product designers can now order liquid silicone rubber (LSR) and metal injection molded (MIM) parts as a standard option under its Protomold injection-molding service.



Liquid silicone rubber molded parts are strong and elastic with excellent thermal, chemical and electrical resistance. (Photo: Business Wire)

than ever before.

Liquid silicone rubber is a thermoset engineering material that is particularly suitable for applications in medical, electronics and consumer products industries. Metal injection molding is a mature, established manufacturing process for molding relatively small metal parts, used frequently in medical, electronics and automotive industries.

“Over the past year, our research and development program has quickly advanced liquid silicone rubber molding and metal injection molding with the quality and quick turnaround that is the trademark of Proto Labs. I'm excited to begin my tenure at Proto Labs with the launch of these new molding processes to our customers. Incorporating LSR and MIM into our existing list of materials allows current and future customers more diversity in prototyping and small-volume manufacturing — something every product developer focused on taking products from idea to market faster can appreciate,” said Vicki Holt, President and CEO, Proto Labs.

### About Proto Labs, Inc.

Proto Labs, Inc. is a leading online and technology-enabled quick-turn manufacturer of custom parts for prototyping and short-run production. Proto Labs provides “Real Parts, Really Fast” to product developers worldwide. Proto Labs utilizes computer numerical control (CNC) machining and injection molding to manufacture custom parts for our customers. For more information, visit [www.protolabs.com](http://www.protolabs.com).



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