

## Peer Review

# Review of: "A Review on the Mechanical, Thermomechanical Properties and Crystallinity Aspects of 3D-Printed Nanocomposites Used for Fabricating Electronic/Structural Parts"

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## General Overview

The paper provides a comprehensive review of recent literature (last six years) on the mechanical and thermomechanical properties, as well as the crystallinity, of 3D-printed thermoplastic nanocomposites. It covers a wide range of materials, summarizes key findings in detailed tables, and discusses the implications for sustainability and engineering applications.

- The review covers a wide variety of thermoplastic matrices (PLA, ABS, PA, PC, etc.) and nanofillers (graphene, CNT, TiN, etc.), providing a broad perspective on the field.
- The inclusion of multiple tables summarizing tensile, flexural, impact, and thermal properties across different studies is very helpful for readers seeking comparative data.
- The discussion on how additive manufacturing aligns with UN Sustainable Development Goals is a valuable addition, highlighting the relevance of the topic beyond technical aspects.
- The paper is logically organized, moving from introduction and background to detailed property discussions, and finally to conclusions and recommendations.

## Areas for Improvement

- The review is largely descriptive, summarizing results from various studies. It would benefit from deeper critical analysis—discussing, for example, why certain nanofillers perform better, or the

limitations and challenges in translating lab-scale results to industrial applications.

- More discussion on the mechanisms behind observed property changes (e.g., why some fillers increase impact strength while others decrease it) would add value.
- Some sections, especially those with dense tables, can be overwhelming. Consider summarizing key trends or insights after each table to help readers interpret the data.
- The paper includes a few figures, but more schematic diagrams or conceptual illustrations (e.g., showing how nanofillers interact with the polymer matrix) would enhance understanding, especially for readers less familiar with the field.
- As a review, the paper does not present new experimental data, which is fine. However, it could be strengthened by offering more original synthesis or meta-analysis of the compiled data (e.g., identifying gaps, proposing new classification schemes, or highlighting underexplored material combinations).
- The conclusions are brief and could be expanded to more clearly articulate the main takeaways from the review, as well as the broader implications for research and industry.

### **Specific Suggestions**

- After each major table, add a short paragraph summarizing the most important trends or anomalies.
- Proofread for minor language issues to improve professionalism and readability.
- Expand the discussion on the challenges of scaling up 3D-printed nanocomposites for real-world applications (e.g., cost, reproducibility, regulatory issues).
- Consider adding a graphical abstract or summary figure to visually encapsulate the main findings.
- Standardize reference formatting and ensure all citations are complete and consistent.

**Rating: 3/5** — Good coverage and organization, but room for improvement in analysis, clarity, and presentation.

### **Declarations**

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.