

SMARTree software can be used to build and populate a process. Any process can be defined systematically within a tree hierarchy by defining hardware, process conditions and control inputs. These inputs can be single data point entries such as pressure or fixed (perscribed) oven temperature or a table that describes a process history such as a temperature ramp followed by cooldown. Process trees can be built as an output to hardware using an export option or imported from process runs as a record of conditions.

SMARTree software is ideally suited to production management. With its freeform tree and embedded logic, the software can be used to build production or traveler documents to manage part or product workflow. A traveler is used to track a specific batch or lot through a specific production flow. It is typically used as a real-time central information document from where all information regarding that part can be found. SMARTree templates can be built for specific parts or assemblies and populated during production. Subtrees such as employee data, raw material information, production equipment, process setpoint and conditions, post inspection trees can be dragged into a part traveler.

Below is a schematic showing the production steps involved with VARTM (Vacuum Assisted Resin Transfer Molding). This example follows all steps for this process and can include material SMARTrees that document the laminate used in a composite component. The user can drag other trees into this tree below to fully capture the process and then save this tree as a traveler document for each individual component in an assembly.

[-] [icon] Standard Operating Procedure	Header	
[-] [icon] Job Description:	Text	
[-] [icon] Significant Safety Precautions	Text	Nitrile gloves (double gloves), safety glasses, long pants, closed toe shoes required
[-] [icon] Note*	Text	Only trained and qualified personnel are authorized to perform this job.
[-] [icon] Approval	Header	2. Clean Tool.
[-] [icon] Approver	Text	John Tierney
[-] [icon] Date of Approval	Date	02:01:45 AM 03/20/2012
[-] [icon] JOB STEPS	Header	
[-] [icon] Step 1	Text	1. Grab a hazardous waste bag.
[-] [icon] Note*	Text	Use this to throw away uncured or excess resin contaminated materials.
[-] [icon] Safety Points	Header	
[-] [icon] Note 1a	Text	Familiarize yourself with MSDS of acetone, Frekote#194;#174;, and Polyurea resin s
[-] [icon] Note 1b	Text	For all steps in this SOP, you must wear nitrile gloves, safety glasses, long pants cl
[+] [icon] Step 2	Text	2. Clean Tool.
[+] [icon] Step 3	Text	3. Apply Release Agent to tool.
[+] [icon] Step 4	Text	4. Preheat the Oven/Autoclave at 90 #194;#186;C with no pressure
[-] [icon] Step 5	Text	5. Weigh out resin, hardener, etc.
[-] [icon] Safety Point	Text	Dispose of all chemicals properly and transfer to a new one before putting in cooli
[-] [icon] Heat-DegasProcess	Text	Heat/Degas/Stir Amine Part at 100#194;#186;C for 60 minutes until no bubbles ob:
[-] [icon] Check Standard Mix Ratio	Text	Mix Ratio ; Amine:Isocynate = x:y according to
[-] [icon] Step 6	Text	6. Mix resin, hardener, etc.
[-] [icon] Safety Point	Text	Clean up any resin you spill while degassing
[-] [icon] Step 7	Text	De-gas mixed resin until no bubbles are observed.
[-] [icon] Note*	Text	Degas the mix resin for not more than 10minutes
[-] [icon] Safety Point	Text	Use adequate ventilation and avoid prolonged exposure.
[-] [icon] Step 8	Text	Pour Resin on the glass tool, place spacer in position and add additional glass anc
[-] [icon] Safety Note	Text	Use adequate ventilation.
[-] [icon] Step 9	Text	9. Pour the resin into the mold and allow it to cure for 24 hours.