

# Troubleshooting 3D Printer

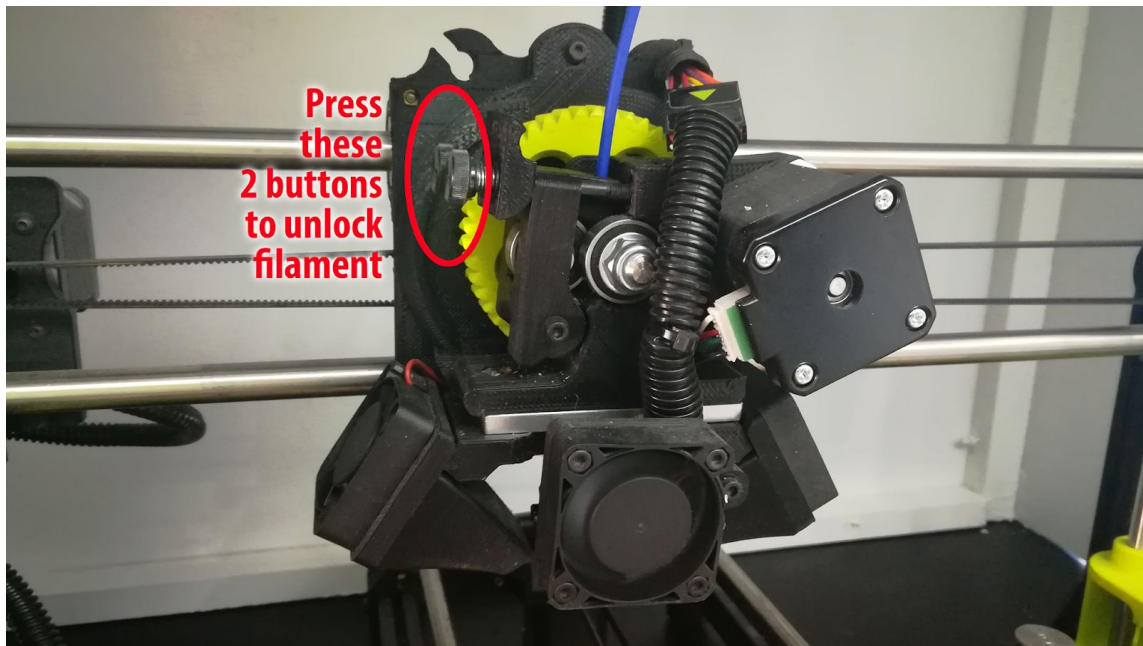
## Clearing the nozzle:

1. Set nozzle temperature to melting point of filament:
  - a. PLA – 204 degrees
  - b. ABS – 240 degrees



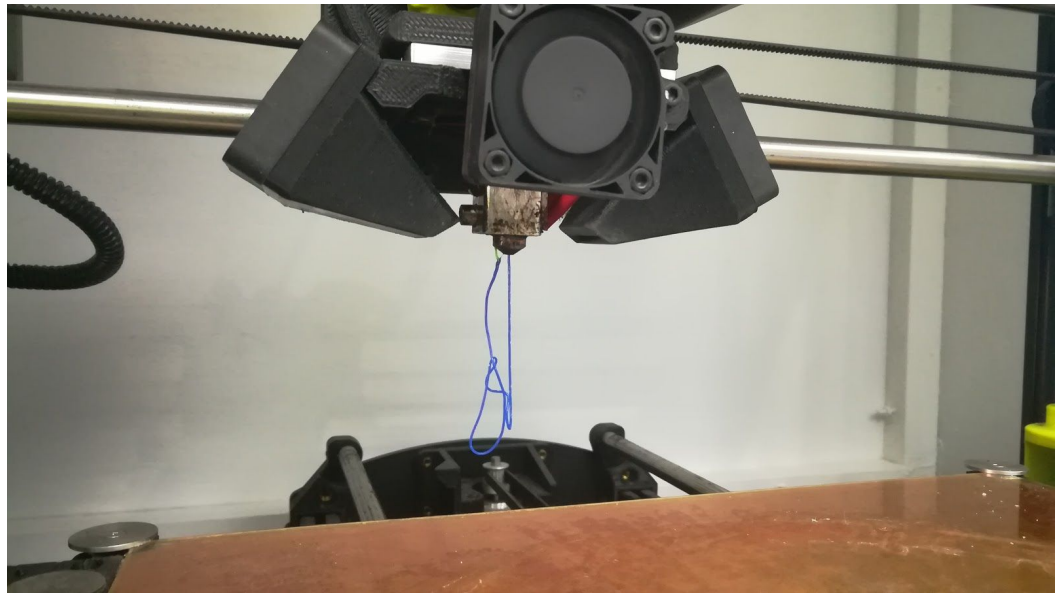
2. Let nozzle reach target temperature

3. Unlock filament and remove from printer extruder

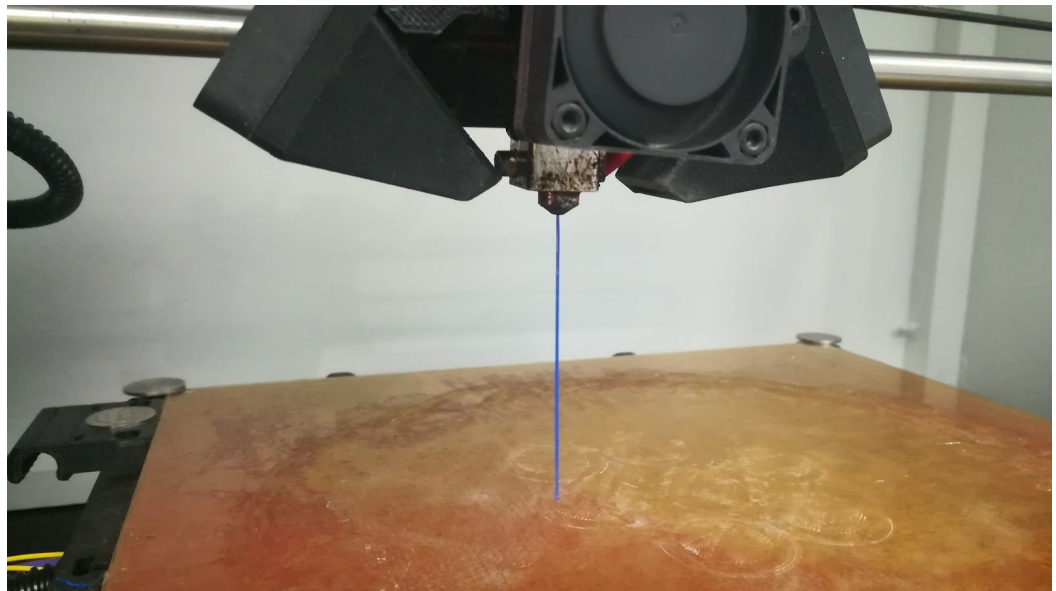


4. Clip off end of filament so that you have a clean starting point.
5. GENTLY clean hot tip of nozzle with ScotchBrite pad and/or wooden stick. Do NOT use metal objects to clean nozzle.
6. Reinsert filament into printer extruder. Before locking in place,
  - a. GENTLY push filament down into extruder until it begins to emerge cleanly (filament emerges straight down, without any curling) from nozzle, OR
  - b. Lock filament in place and GENTLY turn extruder gear counterclockwise until filament begins to emerge cleanly from extruder. You may need to unlock motors through machine menu.

**c. NOT CLEAN:**



**CLEAN:**



7. Try to print again.

If print detaches from bed during print:

1. You'll have to start over. There is no way to fix or restart a print that has detached from the bed.

2. The model may need to have a **raft** or **brim** added to it. **Rafts** go all the way under the print and consist of multiple layers, whereas a **brim** is only 1 layer and on the outside of the print.
3. Certain filaments, such as PETG, nylon, and some ABS, require extra adhesion to the bed. The use of a gluestick to coat the bed with a fine layer of adhesive is usually enough.