CAD Computer Aided Design	
Examples; 2D Design, Autodesk Inventor, Fusion 360, Photoshop, etc	
Advantages	**Disadvantages**
• Easy to change designs • Designs are easily saved and sent • Can be worked on by multiple people simultaneously • Can be used for virtual testing • Can produce high-quality designs	• Complex and time-consuming to learn • Expensive to buy • PCs can crash or be hacked – causing work to be lost • Takes up PC memory

CAM Computer Aided Manufacture	
Examples; 3D Printing, Laser Cutting, CNC Router, Automated Machines and Robotics, etc	
Advantages	**Disadvantages**
• Faster and more accurate than traditional tools • Repetitive accuracy/ consistent outcomes • Machines can run 24/7	• Expensive to buy the equipment, etc • Training takes cost and time • Need specialists to maintain and repair the machines • Dependence on CAM can cause unemployment

Flexible Manufacturing Systems

This is where **automated machines** are adaptable and can produce different products if needed.

If a manufacture is making a product with machines that are just dedicated to specific tasks they have to be reprogrammed and re-tooled before changing to a new task. This is time consuming and expensive.

Examples include; CNC Machines, 3D Printers, Laser Cutters, Robotic arms, etc

Lean Manufacturing

This is where waste and energy is kept to a minimum.
This helps manufacturers save money and resources in production, as well as helping minimise the **environmental impact** of producing products.

Just-in-Time (JIT) Manufacture

This is where manufacturers only order materials, parts, etc when needed. The customer's order triggers the production process and the resources needed for that order are the only ones bought.

This can be used in any **scale of production** but is particularly useful for one-off production.

Advantages	**Disadvantages**
• Saves on warehouse and storage costs • Money is not tied-up in stock • Little/minimal waste • Customer often pays in advance so money is secure before production	• All production stops if a part/ material is missing • Needs to have a fast, reliable and good quality supply chain to work properly • Can be time-consuming

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