

USING OF MODERN 3D PRINTING METHODS FOR CREATING OF TACTILE MAPS AND PLANS

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Modeling technologies and 3D printing are rapidly implemented into many branches of production, they displace traditional methods and allow obtaining new results in different fields. Research and development, based on the use of three-dimensional printing, have not bypassed tactile cartography, which is expected, considering the very essence of tactile perception – the touch of the relief of the studied surface.

The article discusses the possibility of using 3D printing for creating of maps and plans intended for people with limited visual function. The author analyzes printing defects that occur during the manufacture of relief graphics on three-dimensional printers. The author gives the results of the study on the perception by the unseeing of tactile graphics created on a 3D-printer.

The task is to study the possibility of using methods of geographic information mapping in the field of tactile cartography to automate the creating process of tactile maps and plans.

Key words: tactile cartography, visual function limitation, legend, relief graphics, tactile perception, assistive tools and technologies, 3D printing.

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