Does adding a chamber heater void your printer warranty?

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Abstract. Not automatically in the US: the FTC bars voiding a warranty just for a third-party part, but makers can refuse to cover damage that part caused.

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Table 1. What the warranty terms say

	Bambu Lab	Prusa	Creality
Printer warranty for US buyers	2 years	1 year	12 months
Add-ons and third-party parts	Damage "due to the use of third-party accessories" is "not covered"	Voided by "using upgrades (be it hardware or software) or add-ons that are not officially supported"	Excludes "damage caused by using non-original parts or low-quality filaments"
Modifications	Excludes a product "modified to significantly alter functionality or capability without the written permission of Bambu Lab"	Voided by "unauthorized self-repairs that cause component-level modification (e.g., soldering)"	Excludes "unauthorized modifications or additions to the product not guided by official instructions"
Heat and operating conditions	Excludes damage from "operating the product outside the permitted or intended uses"	Voided by "using the printer under improper conditions (temperature, dustiness, etc.)"	Excludes "collisions or burn-outs not caused by inherent product defects"
What to do first	Open a support ticket before any repair	Contact support before a self-repair	"Consult Creality's official customer service first"

1 Does adding a chamber heater void your printer warranty?

Not automatically in the US. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says a company cannot void your warranty just because you used another maker's part. It can still refuse to cover damage that part caused. Bambu Lab, Prusa and Creality all exclude unapproved modifications or add-ons, so if a repair traces back to the heater, the bill is yours.

1.1 What the warranty terms say

The table quotes each maker's own warranty page as it read on September 23, 2026. The rows are the exclusions a chamber heater could trip. Warranty lengths are for US buyers.

Bambu Lab last updated its policy on September 22, 2026, moving printers bought from its US and Canadian stores from one year to two. Creality's current terms took effect on August 1, 2026. Both companies say they can change the wording, so go by the version in force on the day you bought.

1.2 Why the law and the fine print disagree

The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act bans "tie-in" conditions. The FTC's guide defines those as terms that "state or imply that a consumer must buy or use an item or service from a particular company to keep their warranty coverage." A staff post on the FTC's blog is blunter: companies "can't void a consumer's warranty or deny warranty coverage solely because the consumer uses a part made by someone else."

The FTC still leaves makers one way out. It is "permissible to disclaim warranty coverage for defects or damage caused by the use of parts or service you didn't provide." A maker can demand a specific part only if it gives that part away free, or if it gets an FTC waiver under 15 U.S.C. § 2302(c) by proving the product "will function properly only if" that part is used.

What matters is whether the heater caused the fault. A dead touchscreen has nothing to do with a heater, so on the FTC's reading the heater alone cannot sink that claim. A clog or a softened extruder part is different, because warm chamber air can cause both.

Bambu Lab's own slicer guide warns that a hot chamber can make PLA, PETG (glycol-modified PET) and TPU (flexible polyurethane) "soften and become lodged in the extruder." By its figures, most PLA softens at about 45 °C and most PETG at about 70 °C.

Prusa's terms go further. Using add-ons that are not officially supported voids the warranty outright, not just the damage they cause. How that squares with the FTC's "solely because" test is a question for Prusa or a lawyer. Outside the US, your own country's consumer law applies.

1.3 How to check it for your own printer

1. **Read your maker's current warranty page.** Search it for "third-party", "modif", "add-on" and "temperature", and note the date on the page.

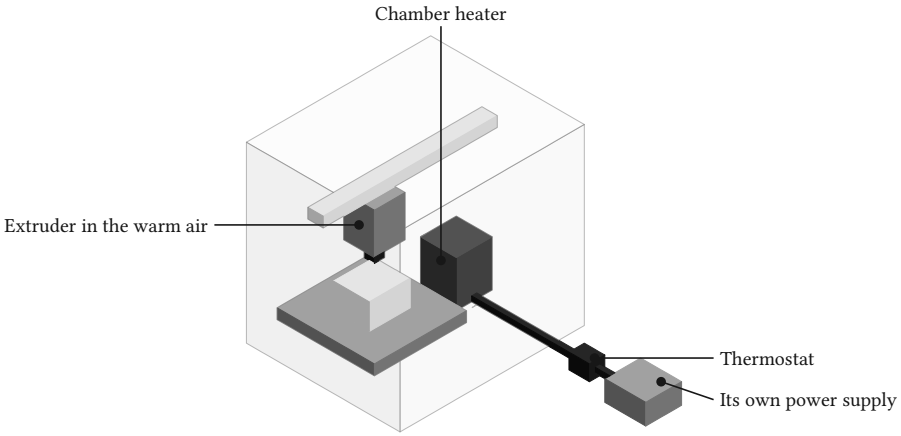


Figure 1. A heater that sits in the chamber on its own power supply and thermostat needs no rewiring, but the warm air it makes can still soften filament in the extruder.

2. **Ask support in writing before you install.** Bambu Lab's terms hinge on "written permission", and Creality tells you to consult its customer service first. A yes in writing gives you something to point to later.
3. **Pick a heater that leaves the printer untouched.** One that sits in the chamber on its own power supply and thermostat needs no rewiring and no firmware change. Rewire the printer or flash custom firmware and you hand the maker an exclusion.
4. **Keep the chamber inside what the printer was built for.** If your filament guide gives a chamber limit, stay under it. A hot chamber is exactly what Prusa's "improper conditions (temperature …)" clause covers.
5. **Take the heater out before you send the printer in.** Keep photos of the install. If a claim is refused, ask which exclusion applies and how the heater caused the fault.

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