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Master's Thesis from the year 2009 in the subject Business economics - Controlling, grade: Sehr gut, University of Applied Sciences Vorarlberg (Fachhochschule Vorarlberg GmbH), language: English, abstract: Nowadays there are a lot of discussions about creating company value. Because of the financial crisis and caused by that the economic crisis a lot of partially old models are being discussed again. The thesis should investigate whether it is possible to generate company value through lean management. There are a lot of tools to measure company value but in this thesis the operating cash flow will be used as other methods have too many levers to influence the result (e.g. WACC). In the subsequent part the different practical tools of lean management will be described to create a basic understanding of the methodology. The practical part of the thesis deals with qualitative interviews with specialists, consultants and researchers to get a variety of answers. The specialists are people who are doing lean management in their company on a daily basis but have only experience in their company. Consultants sell the methodology and could tend to promote lean management in this thesis and the researchers work on a scientific basis and are necessary to prove or adjust the results achieved. Lean management has a lot of influences on company value. A decrease in stocks, space, failures and the throughput time can be achieved.

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Furthermore an increase in productivity and even an increase of turnover are possible. Certainly the results depend on the industry, size and culture of the company. That is the reason why there are no calculations about the effects of company value. As it is that difficult to calculate these effects, the master thesis deals with the ability of increasing turnover and on the cost side of decreasing costs. Costs of the employed capital are not considered as they are not related to the operating cash flow.

Lean manufacturing cannot happen in a factory that lacks dependable, effective equipment. Breakdowns and processing defects translate into excess work-in-process and finished inventory, kept on hand "just in case." Recurring minor stoppages force employees to watch automated equipment that should run by itself. TPM gives a framework for addressing such problems, but many companies implement TPM at a superficial level, and the resulting productivity gains fall short of their potential. If your TPM implementation has resulted in posters and logos rather than a rise of productivity, how are you addressing this halt of progress? In TPM for the Lean Factory, authors Sekine and Arai teach you to identify and attack the key equipment-related problems and misunderstandings that make plants miss their lean manufacturing goals. Written for companies with a basic TPM framework already in place, you'll learn three powerful approaches for cutting this waste: The new 5Ss: focusing on standard locations and labeling through the first 2Ss Instant maintenance: mastering quick repairs of minor equipment failures Improved setup

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operations: organizing the preparation to save time and prevent errors Chapters on cell design, product and process quality factor testing, and daily equipment inspection give you additional weapons for fighting waste and low productivity. For practical application, an implementation overview summarizes the steps for each topic, keyed to a set of 50 adaptable worksheets and examples. A practical and supportive resource, TPM for the Lean Factory extends a fresh vision and focus to help you get top results from your TPM efforts.

Lean Manufacturing concept has brought new industrial revolution and the battle lines are clearly drawn. It is traditional mass production versus the trim and tidy lean Enterprising. Lean experts and past researchers plead; Lean production is a superior way for humans to make things. It provides better products in wider variety at lower cost. It provides more challenging and fulfilling work for employees at every level. The whole world should adopt lean production, and as quickly as possible. Henry Ford defined Lean Enterprising stating, "If it does not add value, it is waste". This concept was later adopted by Toyota as the core idea behind the famous Toyota Production System (T.P.S). The Toyota Production System is the foundation of many books on "lean". It is the story of Lean Production how Japan's secret weapons in the global auto wars later revolutionized western industries. The concept of lean manufacturing was widely accepted. A Standard S.A.E J 4000:1999 was also released to specify Lean in detail. The purpose of this book is to share the knowledge and experience gained through collaborative contribution -

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with a wide range of readers including; students, managers, entrepreneurs, industrial leaders, university professors, and self-learning professionals. Implementation of lean practices mainly in automobile and engineering industries provide valuable insight. Further, the book describes how it can be applied to wider field of work including; shipbuilding, information technology, environmental protection, transportation services and performance management from human resource perspective. My presentations on LEAN in conferences and published papers in international journals like; Elsevier, IEEE, and David Publishing-USA are also included to provide valuable inputs. This book recommends the solution for immediate problems faced by industries and service sectors using lean principles and practices. The generic but common and critical problems that are discussed in depth include; economic crisis, global competition, scarce resources, quality issues, waste generation, volatile market, global warming, and poor performance. These issues have also been examined by the author in his other book, "Management Paradox: Re-examined" as source of tension, dilemma and contradiction. Relevant tools and techniques that are addressed and applied include; Kaizen, Five 'S', Visual Management, Just in Time, Kanban System, One Piece Flow, Single Minute Exchange of Die, Total Productive Maintenance and Poka Yoke. For a specific reason mistake-proofing (Poka Yoke) has been elaborated in detail for exploring its effectiveness to add value in product and services. This powerful lean tool took a long time to acquire its place in

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the list of popular tools because it challenged the effectiveness of statistical process control towards achieving zero-defect. The quantitative and qualitative approaches that have been selected and used based on the field of work and situation will be found interesting by research scholars. Methods like correlation analysis, test of hypothesis, and analysis of variance (ANOVA) have been carried out using the quantitative technique. Qualitative approach has been used for lean and sustainable transport system to understand people's belief, perspective and experience. This approach supported in handling the important issues of consent and confidentiality. The book also presents the arguments on potential limitations of the lean manufacturing strategy on one hand and criticism on drifting definition of lean on other hand. The book firmly suggests instant applicability of lean principles and practices in sectors like manufacturing and construction. The way to apply lean in other sectors including ICT in conjunction with present practices like; agile for knowledge to apply tools, scrum for experience-based self-direction etc. are recommended. These sector-specific practices are supported by lean principles but the book discovers that exclusively focusing on software development without considering upstream and downstream operations severely limit the benefits. Therefore lean principles support agile and scrum and take much beyond software development. The ideas and recommendations offered in this book can be used for further implementation of lean in a large number of organizations and different fields including MSME,

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service-providing industries, healthcare, construction management, management education, and for army reforms. A leaner, modern military is the need of the hour.

Quick Changeover refers to the ability to prepare an OR suite or patient room for the next procedure or patient, in the minimum time possible, without errors, and without rushing. Quick Changeover has been a core method in the world of manufacturing (it is also called SMED in that world), but the same basic approach can be applied to the changeover of an OR suite, a patient room, or any case where we need to improve asset utilization. This clear explanation of the Quick Changeover process will help your hospital get started on the right foot, with this fundamental and essential discipline. The following topics are included in this 100-page book: Chapter 1: The Benefits of OR Suite Quick Changeover Chapter 2: History of the Quick Changeover Method Chapter 3: Getting Ready for Quick Changeover Chapter 4: Separating Internal and External Steps Chapter 5: Converting Internal Steps to External Steps Chapter 6: Streamlining Changeover Work Flow Chapter 7: Quick Changeover and Supplies Management Chapter 8: Standard Work and Quick Changeover Chapter 9: Measuring OR Suite Changeover Performance Chapter 10: Case History: Revolution in the OR Chapter 11: Kaizen: Guidelines for Making it Happen

"This book explores the recent advancements in the areas of lean production, management, and the system and layout design for manufacturing environments, capturing the building blocks of lean transformation on a

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shop floor level"--

Now in its eleventh edition, DeGarmo's *Materials and Processes in Manufacturing* has been a market-leading text on manufacturing and manufacturing processes courses for more than fifty years. Authors J. T. Black and Ron Kohser have continued this book's long and distinguished tradition of exceedingly clear presentation and highly practical approach to materials and processes, presenting mathematical models and analytical equations only when they enhance the basic understanding of the material. Completely revised and updated to reflect all current practices, standards, and materials, the eleventh edition has new coverage of additive manufacturing, lean engineering, and processes related to ceramics, polymers, and plastics.

This book acquaints the reader with Value Stream Mapping as well as Process Mapping, and thereby provides a dual set of tools. This dual set is far more effective than either technique alone. With photos and examples of related Lean practices, the book focuses on implementing VSM, not just drawing diagrams and graphs.

Engineering asset management encompasses all types of engineered assets including built environment, infrastructure, plant, equipment, hardware systems and components. Following the release of ISO 5500x set of standards, the 9th WCEAM addresses the hugely important issue of what constitutes the body of knowledge in Engineering Asset Management. Topics discussed by Congress delegates are grouped into a number of tracks including strategies for investment and

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divestment of assets, operations and maintenance of assets, assessments of assets condition, risk and vulnerability, technologies and systems for management of asset, standards, education, training and certification. These proceedings include a sample of the wide range of topics presented during the 9th World Congress on Engineering Asset Management in Pretoria South Africa 28 – 31 October, 2014 and complements other emerging publications and standards that embrace the wide ranging issues concerning the management of engineered physical assets.

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Asset management is becoming increasingly important to an organization's strategy, given its effects on cost, production, and quality. No matter the sector, important decisions are made based on techniques and theories that are thought to optimize results; asset management models and techniques could help maximize effectiveness while reducing risk. Optimum Decision Making in Asset Management posits that effective decision making can be augmented by asset management based on mathematical techniques and models. Resolving the problems associated with minimizing uncertainty, this publication outlines a myriad of methodologies, procedures, case studies, and management tools that can help any organization achieve world-class maintenance. This book is ideal for managers, manufacturing engineers, programmers, academics, and advanced management students. Modular Kaizen is a development of necessity.

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Improvement has to happen on the fly in our rapidly changing world. This book is about using the resources, people, and schedules already in place to get things done. Modular Kaizen is the counterpoint to a kaizen blitz, in which team members are confined in a room to hammer out an opportunity or a solution to some problem. In the hectic, interrupt-driven environment of many organizations, it is simply not possible to remove critical players from normal operations for any length of time. Grace Duffy draws on 40 years of experience to incorporate techniques, innovations, and lessons learned in pursuit of effective continuous and breakthrough improvement. Part I provides the conceptual model along with steps and tools for process and system improvement in an extremely busy and interrupt-driven workplace. Part II offers three case studies—from manufacturing, healthcare, and aerospace—to show how the techniques work in real time. If you are looking for proven approaches to integrating quality improvement into daily work, this is your book. It is written for those of us who have to “get it done,” not just talk about it. So roll up your sleeves and dig in.

While there are numerous Lean Certification programs, most companies have their own certification paths whereby they bestow expert status upon employees after they have participated in or led a certain number of kaizen events. Arguing that the number of kaizen events should not determine a person's expert status, *The Lean Practitioner's Field Book: Proven, Practical, Profitable and Powerful Techniques for Making Lean Really Work* outlines a true learning path for anyone seeking to

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understand essential Lean principles. The book includes a plethora of examples drawn from the personal experiences of its many well-respected and award-winning contributors. These experts break down Lean concepts to their simplest terms to make everything as clear as possible for Lean practitioners. A refresher for some at times, the text provides thought-provoking questions with examples that will stimulate learning opportunities. Introducing the Lean Practitioner concept, the book details the five distinct Lean Practitioner levels and includes quizzes and criteria for each level. It highlights the differences between the kaizen event approach and the Lean system level approach as well as the difference between station balancing and baton zone. This book takes readers on a journey that begins with an overview of Lean principles and culminates with readers developing professionally through the practice of self-reliance. Providing you with the tools to implement Lean tools in your organization, the book includes discussions and examples that demonstrate how to transition from traditional accounting methods to a Lean accounting system. The book outlines an integrated, structured approach identified by the acronym BASICS (baseline, analyze, suggest solutions, implement, check, and sustain), which is combined with a proven business strategy to help ensure a successful and sustainable transformation of your organization.

The global sourcing of ingredients has created complex supply chains, significant management challenges, and additional regulatory compliance requirements. This places tremendous pressure on food manufacturers,

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many of whom lack the knowledge, concepts, techniques, and procedures to comply with these increased requirements. Providing a roadmap for leveraging existing investments in food safety regulatory compliance into superior inventory management, *Food Safety Regulatory Compliance: Catalyst for a Lean and Sustainable Food Supply Chain* explains how to implement Lean operating principles to determine what needs to be improved, in what sequence improvements must be addressed, how one improvement feeds another, and the prerequisites for each improvement. Based on the author's experience working with hundreds of manufacturers, the book discusses cause-and-effect thinking, data accuracy, process simplification, process reliability, and workforce development. It includes how-to recommendations for implementing best practices to achieve these goals. These recommendations come together in the discussions on Batch-Process ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) and also the Lean Management System and the useful techniques within it. The author also discusses the rapidly developing business requirement of sustainability, which is quickly moving from an optional, voluntary, and "nice to do" status to a "must do" status. The book can be read in whole or in part by everyone from the CEO to the factory floor supervisor; the language is nontechnical. But, to aid comprehension, each chapter concludes with an extensive quiz, and the appendix has definitions that will be new vocabulary for many. Normally large companies have the resources to fund the implementation of best practices, smaller companies less

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so. This book benefits both. In the case of the small- to medium-size manufacturer, it is a roadmap, and for the major corporation it is a tool to help assist their supplier community. It can help any organization achieve world-class excellence in operations and supply-chain management.

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Predictive Maintenance (or Condition Monitoring), and Root Cause Analysis. Illustrates the use of each tool with case studies, using a fictitious company called "Beta International," which continues its journey to business excellence from author's previous book, Making Common Sense Common Practice Describes the foundational elements necessary for any tool to work - leadership, organizational alignment and discipline, teamwork, performance measurement, change management, and the role of innovation. Concludes with a recommended hierarchy for the use of the various tools, and provides enough information so that individual circumstances and issues can be related to these improvement tools, making better decisions and having greater business success.

Toyota's world-renowned success proves that just-in-time (JIT) makes other manufacturing practices obsolete. This simple but powerful book is based on the seminars given by Taiichi Ohno and other senior production staff to introduce Toyota's own supplier companies to JIT. It teaches the philosophy and implementation of what many call the most efficient production system in the world. Provides a clear structure for an introductory JIT training program. Explains every aspect of the JIT system, including how to set it up and how to refine it once it's in place. Shows how to use a simple visual system to control the production process. Every day more American companies are learning that JIT works outside Japan. Now you can get started with this step-by-

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step book which guides you through the implementation process. Every engineer, manager, supervisor, and worker should read this book to get the clearest, simplest, and most complete introduction to JIT available in English. Results at American companies after reading this book: Lead-time on one product was reduced from 12 weeks to 4 days. Setup time on a large blanking press was reduced from eight hours to one minute and four seconds. Work-in-process has been reduced 50 percent plant-wide. Factory floor space was opened up 30 to 40 percent in every one of their plants. Changeovers in 3 minutes or less! Picking up where Dr. Shingo's Single Minute Exchange of Die left off, this book streamlines the process even further to reduce changeover time, while simultaneously cutting staffing requirements in half. To instruct on how to achieve quick changeover in virtually any type of production environment, the book includes—

- A succinct eight-step process for setup improvement
- Nine basic principles for eliminating changeover waste

The book begins by outlining the tactical principles for improving the three phases of the changeover procedure. Next it demonstrates how to improve changeover on a processing line. All of the ideas presented are based on kaizen improvements, which require very little, if any, expenditure. Process razing and the implementation of one-piece flow are also examined as means to eliminate wasteful

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transportation and searching.

The book provides a holistic and practical approach to lean management throughout the business value chain. The lean management framework and tools demonstrate the optimal design and use of methods, tools and principles for companies and organisations. The author describes comprehensively how lean management enables companies to concentrate on value-adding activities and processes to achieve a long-term, sustainable competitive advantage. A wealth of best practices, industry examples and case studies are used to reveal the diversity and opportunities of lean management methodologies, methods and principles. Moreover, the book shows how lean management principles are ultimately applied in industries like automotive, healthcare, education and services industries.

The Lean concepts and principles described in this book have revolutionized manufacturing practice and business conduct in a manner similar to what Henry Ford's system did for mass manufacturing. Lean production however, involves much more than the adoption of methods and procedures, it requires a change in management philosophy that emphasizes relationship building, trust, and responsibility being conferred to frontline workers and suppliers. Based on three decades of teaching experience, Lean Production for a Competitive Advantage: A

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Comprehensive Guide to Lean Methodologies and Management Practices introduces the Lean philosophy and illustrates the effective application of Lean tools with real-world case studies. From fundamental concepts to integrated planning and control in pull production and the supply chain, the text provides a complete introduction to Lean production. Coverage includes small batch production, setup reduction, pull production, preventive maintenance, standard operations, as well as synchronizing and scheduling lean operations. Detailing the key principles and practices of Lean production, the text also: Illustrates effective implementation techniques with case studies from a range of industries Includes questions and completed problems in each chapter Explains how to effectively partner with suppliers and employees to accomplish productivity goals Designed for students who have a basic foundation in production and operations management, the text provides a thorough understanding of the fundamental principles of Lean. It also offers practical know-how for implementing a culture of continuous improvement on the shop floor or in the office, creating a heightened sense of responsibility and pride in all stakeholders involved, and enhancing productivity and efficiency to improve the bottom line. Instructor's material available – please contact: orders@taylorandfrancis.com or call 1-800-634-7064

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to request these materials.

The 'shopfloor' book is designed to get lean information to the shop floor. It has practical references to all the lean tools, with simple, clear illustrations that will allow everyone to fully understand and implement lean manufacturing practices.

When most teams map a lean value stream, they tend to focus on internal processes, and many organizations have reaped the benefits of implementing lean within their own facilities. The total value stream, however, for a typical product crosses many different organizations and suppliers. In *Improving the Extended Value Stream: Lean for the Entire Supply Chain*, Darren Dolcemascolo presents a step-by-step plan for extending lean manufacturing across the entire supply chain. He makes the case for improving the extended value stream by demonstrating the benefits: increased profitability, reduced lead times and inventory, and better quality. He then presents proven methods for sustaining success and continuously improving the entire supply chain. The techniques addressed include extended value stream mapping, process kaizen, outsourcing strategy, supplier evaluation, and supplier integration activities as they relate to a lean supply chain. Readers of this book will learn how to extend lean manufacturing to the entire supply chain, magnifying the benefits of lean

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manufacturing to their bottom line.

THE PRACTICAL, EASY INTRODUCTION TO MODERN SUPPLY CHAIN/LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT FOR EVERY PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT! COVERS CORE CONCEPTS, PLANNING, OPERATIONS, INTEGRATION, COLLABORATION, NETWORK DESIGN, AND MORE SHOWS HOW TO MEASURE, CONTROL, AND IMPROVE ANY SUPPLY CHAIN INCLUDES PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR JUMPSTARTING YOUR OWN SUPPLY CHAIN CAREER This easy guide introduces the modern field of supply chain and logistics management, explains why it is central to business success, shows how its pieces fit together, and presents best practices you can use wherever you work. Myerson explains key concepts, tools, and applications in clear, simple language, with intuitive examples that make sense to any student or professional. He covers the entire field: from planning through operations, integration and collaboration through measurement, control, and improvement. You'll find practical insights on hot-button issues ranging from sustainability to the lean-agile supply chain. Myerson concludes by helping you anticipate key emerging trends—so you can advance more quickly in your own career. Trillions of dollars are spent every year on supply chains and logistics. Supply chain management is one of the fastest growing areas of business, and salaries are

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rising alongside demand. Now, there's an easy, practical introduction to the entire field: a source of reliable knowledge and best practices for students and professionals alike. Paul A. Myerson teaches you all you'll need to start or move forward in your own supply chain career. Writing in plain English, he covers all the planning and management tasks needed to transform resources into finished products and services, and deliver them efficiently to customers. Using practical examples, Myerson reviews the integration, collaboration, and technology issues that are essential to success in today's complex supply chains. You'll learn how to measure your supply chain's performance, make it more agile and sustainable, and focus it on what matters most: adding customer value.

MASTER NUTS-AND-BOLTS OPERATIONAL BEST PRACTICES Improve procurement, transportation, warehousing, ordering, reverse logistics, and more

BUILD A BETTER GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN Manage new risks as you improve sustainability

STRENGTHEN KEY LINKAGES WITH YOUR PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS Get supply chains right by getting collaboration right

PREVIEW THE FUTURE OF SUPPLY CHAINS—AND YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN CAREER Discover “where the puck is headed”—so you can get there first

Learn how Lean IT can help companies deliver better customerservice and value Lean Enterprise Systems

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effectively demonstrates how the techniques derived from Lean Manufacturing, combined with the thoughtful application of information technology, can help all enterprises improve business performance and add significant value for their customers. The author also demonstrates how the basic concepts of Lean Manufacturing can be applied to create agile and responsive Lean IT. The book is divided into three parts that collectively explore how people, processes, and technology combine forces to facilitate continuous improvement:

- * Part One: Building Blocks of the Lean Enterprise sets forth the essentials of Lean. Readers discover where, when, and how Lean IT adds substantial value to the Lean Enterprise through integrated processes of planning, scheduling, execution, control, and decisionmaking across the full spectrum of operations.
- * Part Two: Building Blocks of Information Systems explores the primary components of an enterprise information system and how these components may be integrated to improve the flow of information supporting value streams. Readers learn how information systems help organize and deliver knowledge when and where it's needed.
- * Part Three: Managing Change with IT demonstrates how the skillful combination of process and information technology improvement empowers people to continuously improve the Lean Enterprise. Readers develop the skills to exploit emerging information technology tools and change management methods, crafting a Lean IT framework-reducing waste, complexity, and lead time-while adding measurable value. Executives, managers, and improvement teams across a broad range of industries, as well as IT professionals, can apply the techniques described in this publication to improve performance, add value, and create competitive advantage. The book's clear style and practical focus also makes it an excellent textbook for upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in business,

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operations management, and business information systems. A combination of source inspection and mistake-proofing devices is the only method to get you to zero defects. Shigeo Shingo shows you how this proven system for reducing errors turns out the highest quality products in the shortest period of time. Shingo provides 112 specific examples of poka-yoke development devices on the shop floor, most of them costing less than \$100 to implement. He also discusses inspection systems, quality control circles, and the function of management with regard to inspection.

If your goal is 100% zero defects, here is the book for you — a completely illustrated guide to poka-yoke (mistake-proofing) for supervisors and shop-floor workers. Many poka-yoke ideas come from line workers and are implemented with the help of engineering staff or tooling or machine specialists. The result is better product quality and greater participation by workers in efforts to improve your processes, your products, and your company as a whole. The first section of the book uses a simple, illustrated format to summarize many of the concepts and main features of poka-yoke. The second section shows 240 examples of poka-yoke improvements implemented in Japanese plants. The book: Organizes examples according to the broad issue or problem they address. Pinpoints how poka-yoke applies to specific devices, parts and products, categories of improvement methods, and processes. Provides sample improvement forms for you to sketch out your own ideas. Use Poka-yoke in study groups as a model for your improvement efforts. It may be your single most important step toward eliminating defects completely. (For an industrial engineering perspective on how source inspection and poka-yoke can work together to reduce defects to zero, see Shigeo Shingo's Zero Quality Control.) Mass customization (MC) has been hailed as a successful operations strategy across manufacturing and service

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industries for the past three decades. However, the wider implications of using MC approaches in the broader industrial and economic environment are not yet clearly understood. Mass Customization: Engineering and Managing Global Operations presents emerging research on the role of MC and personalization in today's international operations context. The chapters cover MC in the context of global industrial economics and operations. Moreover, the book discusses MC topics that are relevant to the manufacturing and service sectors, such as: • product platforms; • learning curve modeling; • additive manufacturing; and • service customization. Case studies in manufacturing (e.g., apparel and transportation) and services (e.g., banking and virtual worlds) are also included. Mass Customization: Engineering and Managing Global Operations is a valuable text for mass customization researchers and practitioners. Researchers will find a selection of chapters prepared by internationally renowned authors, comprising most of their recent research in MC. Engineering professionals will be drawn by the vivid discussion of operational aspects and methods of MC, as well as by the selection of cases illustrating their practical application.

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Does your company think and act ahead of technological change, ahead of the customer, and ahead of the competition? Thinking strategically requires a company to face these questions with a clear future image of itself. Implementing a Lean Management System lays out a comprehensive management system for aligning the firm's vision of the future with market realities. Based on hoshin management, the Japanese strategic planning method used by top managers for driving TQM throughout an organization, Lean Management is about deploying vision, strategy, and policy at all levels of daily activity. It is an eminently practical methodology emerging out of the implementation of continuous improvement methods and employee

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involvement. The key tools in the text build on the knowledge of the worker, multi-tasking, and an understanding of the role and responsibilities of the new lean manufacturer.

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Whether it's because of a lack of understanding, poor planning, or a myriad of other things, 50 to 60 percent of the IT effort in most companies can be considered waste. Explaining how to introduce Lean principles to your IT functions to reduce and even eliminate this waste, *Lean Management Principles for Information Technology* provides t

In this classic text, Taiichi Ohno--inventor of the Toyota Production System and Lean manufacturing--shares the genius that sets him apart as one of the most disciplined and creative thinkers of our time. Combining his candid insights with a rigorous analysis of Toyota's attempts at Lean production, Ohno's book explains how Lean principles can improve any production endeavor. A historical and philosophical description of just-in-time and Lean manufacturing, this work is a must read for all students of human progress. On a more practical level, it continues to provide inspiration and instruction for those seeking to improve efficiency through the elimination of waste.

The Lean Expert: Educating and Elevating Lean Practitioners Throughout Your Organization outlines a method that can help organizations engage

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associates and empower them to achieve "expert status" in the nine core principles of Lean. By implementing the Lean Discipline Expert process detailed in the book, companies will demonstrate to their associates that they believe they are the organization's greatest assets, while empowering them to make lasting improvements to the organization. The book provides a robust and proven process for creating a Lean culture. It outlines a method, with defined steps, for the development of Lean Discipline Resource People that will help associates achieve "expert status" in the core Lean principles of 5S—Visual Management, Value Stream Mapping, Standard Work, Total Productive Maintenance, Quick Changeover, Error Proofing, Process Problem Solving, Material Management, and Continuous Improvement. You will be able to develop Lean strategies, create a Master Schedule, initiate activities for supporting goals and objectives, and complete a Train-the-Trainer class as well as achieve facilitation skills to teach, communicate, guide, and lead Lean overview training as well as comprehensive subject-matter training. In addition, you will understand how the Lean Discipline Expert process can help to support associate involvement at all levels and learn where and how the nine principles overlap and interact. By engaging and empowering various levels of associates throughout the organization, you will provide strength and

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ownership for your business and, most importantly, your associates. The book includes access to additional resources on the book's page at www.crcpress.com. It includes a tracking mechanism for monitoring candidate progress, facilitation feedback forms, LDE checklists, and certificates of accomplishment you can use to acknowledge associates that achieve Lean Discipline Expert status.

This completely reworked version of a previously published title describes how kaizen can be used to create world-class logistics and supply chains regardless of industry, and then proves the theory using a case study of a highly successful implementation

The philosophy of kaizen, which simply means continuous improvement, needs to be adopted by any organization seeking to implement lean improvements that go beyond cost cutting. Kaizen events are opportunities to make focused changes in the workplace. *Kaizen for the Shopfloor* takes readers through the critical steps for conducting a very effective kaizen event: one that is well planned, well implemented, and well documented. As the newest addition to the Shingo Prize Winning Shopfloor Series, *Kaizen for the Shopfloor* distills the complexities of jumpstarting lean processes into an easily accessible format for those frontline employees who make lean possible. About the

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Shopfloor Series: Put proven improvement tools in the hands of your entire workforce! Progressive shopfloor improvement techniques are imperative for manufacturers who want to stay competitive and to achieve world class excellence. And it's the comprehensive education of all shopfloor workers that ensures full participation and success when implementing new programs. The Shopfloor Series books make practical information accessible to everyone by presenting major concepts and tools in simple, clear language and at a reading level that has been adjusted for operators by skilled instructional designers. One main idea is presented every two to four pages so that the book can be picked up and put down easily. Each chapter begins with an overview and ends with a summary section. Helpful illustrations are used throughout. Other topics in the Shopfloor Series: Kanban, 5S, Quick Changeover, Mistake-Proofing, Just-in-Time, TPM, Cellular Manufacturing

It is easy to learn the philosophy and the concepts of kaizen. It is quite another challenge to translate the philosophy into action. While most books expound on the underlying principles and theory, *Kaizen Assembly: Designing, Constructing, and Managing a Lean Assembly Line* takes you step-by-step through an actual kaizen event. This approach demonstrates in detail the mindset, the processes, and the practical insight needed to transform your current

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assembly line into a world-class lean operation. Chris Ortiz brings the experience of over 150 successful kaizen events to the pages of this unique guide. Using clear, succinct, and unambiguous language rather than more general and esoteric terms found in other books, he explains how to implement waste reduction, 5S, time and motion studies, line balancing, quality-at-the-source, visual management, and workstation and assembly line design. Taking a unique approach, the book follows an example of the assembly process for an electric bike including illustrations of nearly every step along the way. Ortiz even includes the most valuable teaching tool of all: past mistakes, how they were overcome, and how to identify and avoid them. Providing expert guidance that will last long after the consultants have left, Kaizen Assembly supplies the tools you need to make kaizen and lean assembly a permanent fixture at the heart of the shop floor. Workshop leaders play a central role in your company's efforts to implement TPM. Once your workers have been divided into small groups to learn the fundamentals of TPM, it is the group leader who spearheads ongoing training and implementation activities. With quick-reading, people-oriented practicality, this new book addresses the role of the workshop leader in maximizing the benefits of TPM. A top TPM consultant in Japan, Kunio Shirose: Incorporates cartoons and graphics to convey the

