# Continuous Improvement Toolkit

**Lean Measures** 

Managing Deciding & Selecting **Planning & Project Management\*** Pros and Cons **PDPC** Risk Importance-Urgency Mapping **RACI** Matrix **Stakeholders Analysis Break-even Analysis RAID** Logs FMEA **Cost** -Benefit Analysis PEST PERT/CPM **Activity Diagram** Force Field Analysis Fault Tree Analysis **SWOT** Voting Project Charter Roadmaps Pugh Matrix Gantt Chart Risk Assessment\* Decision Tree **TPN** Analysis **PDCA Control Planning** Matrix Diagram Gap Analysis OFD Traffic Light Assessment Kaizen **Prioritization Matrix** Hoshin Kanri Kano Analysis How-How Diagram **KPIs** Lean Measures Paired Comparison Tree Diagram\*\* Critical-to Tree Standard work **Identifying &** Capability Indices OEE Cause & Effect Matrix Pareto Analysis Simulation TPM Implementing RTY Descriptive Statistics MSA Confidence Intervals Understanding Mistake Proofing Solutions\*\*\* Cost of Quality Cause & Effect Probability **Distributions** ANOVA Pull Systems JIT Ergonomics **Design of Experiments** Reliability Analysis Graphical Analysis Hypothesis Testing Work Balancing Automation Regression Bottleneck Analysis Visual Management Scatter Plot Correlation Understanding **Run Charts** Multi-Vari Charts Flow Performance 5 Whys Chi-Square Test 5S **Control Charts** Value Analysis **Relations Mapping**\* Benchmarking Fishbone Diagram SMED Wastes Analysis Sampling TRIZ\*\*\* Time Value Map Process Redesign Brainstorming Focus groups Interviews Analogy SCAMPER\*\*\* IDEF0 Photography Nominal Group Technique SIPOC Mind Mapping\* Value Stream Mapping **Check Sheets** Attribute Analysis Flow Process Chart Process Mapping Affinity Diagram **Measles Charts** Surveys Visioning Flowcharting Service Blueprints Lateral Thinking **Data** Critical Incident Technique Collection Creating Ideas\*\* **Designing & Analyzing Processes Observations** 

- Used to assess the Lean performance of a process or in an operation.
- □ Can be combined to calculate a range of Lean KPIs.
- □ The most important measures are those based on time.
- □ If we can improve the Lean performance, we can experience:
  - Increased quality and delivery performance.
  - Reduced cost.
  - Increased customer satisfaction.



Availability Inventory Turns Scrap % Cycle Time **Processing Time** Downtime NOTIF **Equipment Utilization** WIP Rework % Efficiency% Lead Time Queue Time Value Stream Ratio Uptime First Pass Yield Schedule Attainment Total VA Time **Production Rate** Takt Time **Order Fulfillment** On-Time Delivery **OEE** Net Available Time Total NVA Time **Batch Size** Demand Rate Changeover Time Dock-to-Dock Time Capacity

#### **Process Time:**

- □ A Processing Time (PT) is the lead time of an individual process.
- □ **Total Lead Time (LT)** is the total time for a product or service to pass through the whole process (from start to finish).



#### **Delay Time:**

- □ Includes the queuing time between two process steps (QT).
- Delays can be cause by waiting time, approvals, authorizations, rework, etc.

### Ways of estimating delay times:

- Existing data.
- Time trials and observation.
- Count of inventory between process steps.



Value Added vs. Non-Value Added Processes:

□ **Total Value Add Time** is the total processing time of the value added processes.



- $\Box$  Total Value Add Time = 18 minutes.
- $\Box$  Total lead Time = 6.3 hours.

#### Value Stream Ratio:

- □ Some time it's referred to as the Process Cycle Efficiency (PCE).
- □ The proportion of time spent in the process that a product or service is actually being worked on a way that is adding value.
- □ Combines elements of both speed (lead time) and value.
- □ This can be very enlightening.



#### **Example – Value Stream Ratio:**



- $\Box \text{ Total VA Time} = 600 \text{ seconds.}$
- $\Box$  Total NVA Time = 26 days = 2246400 seconds.
- □ Total Lead Time = 2246400 + 600 = 2247000 seconds.
- □ VS Ratio = 0.0267%

#### Work in Process (WIP):

- □ Partially finished goods waiting for completion.
- □ The number of products or services waiting between steps, and the products or services being processed within a step.
- □ WIP is a major cause of long lead times.
- Reducing WIP is one of the best ways of achieving a faster process.





#### Production Rate (or Output Rate):

- □ The number of products or services that are completed in a specific time.
- □ The goal is to match the output rate to the plan and staffing.
- □ To achieve the desired output rate:
  - Make sure to satisfy all precedence requirements.
  - Use balancing to assign every work element to a station.
- Example: If the plan is to produce 15000 units per week, and the line operates 60 hours per week, what is the desired output rate that could be produced each hour?
- □ Desired output rate = 15000/60 = 250 items per hour.





#### **Cycle Time:**

- The time a product or service takes to move from the start of the cycle to its conclusion.
- Used in production to indicate the total time required to produce a product.
- Used in services to determine the total time required to process an order.



□ From a **management perspective**, it is used to evaluate time performance in all aspects of the business.

#### **Cycle Time:**

- Cycle time improvements have been linked to reduced costs, reduced inventories and increased capacity.
- Cycle time is 1 divided by the desired production rate in units per time period.

**Cycle Time** = 
$$\frac{1}{\text{Desired Production Rate}}$$

- **Example:** If the line desired output rate is 60 units per hour, what is the desired cycle time in this case?
- $\Box$  Cycle time is 1/60 hours per unit, or 1 minute.

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#### **Takt Time:**

- Matches the pace of the manufacturing process to the customer demand.
- □ The goals is to provide products or services at the rate the customers require them.
- □ Requires a concentrated efforts to:
  - Provide fast response to problems.
  - Eliminate causes of unplanned downtime.
  - Eliminate changeover times.
- □ A Takt time of 40 minutes indicates that on average, the customer demands the product every 40 minutes.





#### **Total Available Operating Time (seconds):**

• Net operating time per shift \* Number of shifts per day.

#### Units required by Customers (quantity):

• We should take into account the Scrap Adjustment Factor.

#### **Example:**

Question: If there are a total of 8 hours in a shift (gross time), 1 hour breaks and 20 minutes basic maintenance checks, what is the Takt time if the customer demand was 400 units per day, noting that the plant is operating on a one-shift basis.

#### □ Answer:

- The Total Available Operating Time is 480 60 -10 = 400 minutes.
- The line would be required to output at the rate of a minimum of **one part per minute** in order to be able to keep up with customer demand.

#### Net Available Time (NAT):

- □ The time available for work per shift (or per day) after allowances have been accounted for.
- Allowances may include breaks, stand-up meetings, cleanuptime, etc.
- Usually quoted in the same way as Cycle and Takt times (for example in seconds).

#### **Example:**

If a company works 8 hour shifts, and each shift has two 15 minutes tea breaks, and half an hour lunch break, then:

□ NAT = 28800 - 3600 = 25,200 seconds / shift.

#### **Overall Equipment Effectiveness:**

- □ A measure of the effectiveness of a process or a process step.
- Typically calculated on a weekly or monthly basis to account for C/O, etc.
- □ It monitors the six major losses in a manufacturing process:
  - Breakdowns.
  - Set-up and adjustment.
  - Idling and minor stops.
  - Reduced speed.
  - Start-up.
  - Quality defects.

Availability

Performance

Quality

OEE = Availability % x Performance % x Quality %

#### **Capacity:**

- □ OEE would be 100% only in a perfect world.
- Process Capacity is determined by the resource with the smallest capacity.
- □ We refer to that resource as the bottleneck.

Capacity (items/shift) = 
$$\frac{NAT \times OEE}{Cycle time}$$

□ Care must be taken when estimating process capacity over a short periods such as a single shift.

#### **Example:**

- □ A machining cell has cycle time of 40 seconds.
- $\Box$  OEE has been measured over the last month at 62%.
- □ NAT per shift (after breaks, etc.) is 25,200 seconds.
- □ What is the Capacity for this machining cell?

#### □ Answer:

 $\Box$  Capacity = (25,200 X 0.62) / 40 = 390 items/shift.