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# **Workshop Objectives**

- To illustrate the symbiotic relationship between lean and quality
- To appreciate the application of some quality techniques in a lean context.
- To appreciate how lean and six sigma can work together.



# **Workshop Topics**

- Views from the Gurus
- The Lean View and Kaizen
- Problem Solving and PDCA
- Types of Defect
- Sporadic Problems: The Seven Tools and Five Whys
- Chronic Problems and Six Sigma
- Improvement Types
- Improvement Events (Blitz)
- Holding the Gains and Sustainability



## **Views from The Gurus**

- Crosby
- Juran
- Deming
- Kano



## Crosby

- Quality is free
  - It is not a gift
  - It is the basis of future profit
- The four absolutes
  - Quality means conformance to requirements, not elegance
  - The system of quality is prevention
  - The performance standard is zero defects
  - The measurement of quality is the price (or cost) of nonconformance





# **Cost of Quality**

- Appraisal costs
  - To assure outgoing and incoming quality
  - Appraisal activities detect nonconforming items
  - Include acceptance sampling, inspection, and final testing

### Prevention costs

- Prevent rework, scrap, and other failures
- Activities include process control, preventive maintenance, most ISO 9000 activities, and training

### Failure costs

- Internal failure: scrap, rework, rectification, retest, and lost opportunity costs
- External failure: warranty, returns, customer dissatisfaction, customer defection







## **Chronic and Sporadic Problems**

- A sporadic problem is an annoying problem occurring from time to time. Such problems tend to get attention. Firefighting results.
- A chronic problem recurs regularly and tends to become part of daily life. Procedures are developed to get around them. But chronic problems are a major source of waste and make work frustrating and less enjoyable.
- Attacking both types should be seen as both reducing the magnitude and the variation of the problem.
  - Juran, Quality Control Handbook; and Nakajima, TPM Development Program





# **The Deming Philosophy**

- Deming had two big themes—waste and variation.
- Waste reduction is strongly associated with lean. Variation reduction is strongly associated with six sigma.
  - But management is responsible for about 85 percent of quality problems.



## **Deming on Waste and Variation**

- Waste can be tackled by the Deming (or Shewart) cycle.
- Natural variation is inherent in all processes. It is the task of management to understand and control the causes of undue variation.



# **Five Lean Principles**

### **Begin with the Customer!**

- Specify what creates value from the customer's perspective
- Identify all steps across the whole value stream
  Perfection is ongoing!
- Make those acti flow
- Perfection is ongoing! But first understand the first four principles.
- Only make what is customer Just-in- me
- Strive for *perfection* by continually removing successive layers of waste



### **The Kano Model**



- Must be (Basics) : characteristics or features taken for granted. (hotel: clean sheets and hot water)
- More is better (Performance): we are disappointed if a need is poorly met but have increasing satisfaction the better it is met. (hotel: response time for room service)
- Delighter: features that surprise and delight in a positive way (hotel: wine and flowers upon arrival)
- Reversal: features that annoy: TV in a smart restaurant

















### Act (and Standardize)



Identify further improvements

Adopt new standards

Communicate the requirements

**Prevent recurrence** 

Celebrate and congratulate





### "In God We Trust ... —all others must bring data."



W. Edwards Deming

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### PDCA, DMAIC, and Tools



Plan	Define	What is the problem?	Identify Opportunities Scope the Project	Benchmarking, QFD, Disruptive Tech, Hoshin, FMEA, Serv Gaps, Pareto, Importance Performance, Cost of Quality, Market Survey Tree Diagram, Critical Path Anal, Mapping, NGT
	Measure	How are we doing?	Analyze the Process Define Outcomes	7 tools, DPMO, Data Presentation, Process Chain, 5 Whys, MoT, Kano 6 Honest Men, Supplier Partners Capability Analysis, CoQ Maps, Blueprints, SERVQUAL
	Analyze	What is wrong?	Identify Root Causes	5 Whys, FMEA, 7 tools, DOE, QFD, Matrix Analysis, Shainin Gap Analysis, Benchmarking,
Do	Improve	Fix it	Prioritize Refine Implement	QFD, Matrix Analysis, Policy Deployment QFD, Affinity, Contingency, FMEA Force Field, Kaizen, Blitz Critical Path, Single Point Lessons
Check Act	Control	Hold the gains. Celebrate.	Measure Outcomes Acknowledge	Control Charts and SPC, 5 S Standardization, DPMO, Cusum Cost of Quality, ISO 9001:2000, Sustainability, Capability, Supplier Partnership



## Improvement ... a Toyota View

- All systems display entropy—they run down unless active effort is put in.
- Therefore improvement effort is necessary just to maintain current performance.



# **Problem Solving in Lean**



### **The Problem Is**

"When I was asked to attend a general manager's meeting the first time, I was happy to attend because I thought I could say that there were no problems in my department. And I said so when it was my turn to report. Then this general manager from Toyota looked straight into my eyes and said, "Steve, when you say that you do not have a problem, that is the problem."

> Kiyoshi Suzaki, The New Shop Floor Management, Free Press, p153



### **Mess Management**

### Resolving (clinical)

- Relies on past experience; qualitative opinions
- "Most problems are so messy as to render alternative approaches inappropriate."
- Solving (research)
  - Based on scientific approach, tools, and techniques
  - Often resort to resolving for those parts that cannot be quantified
- Dissolving (design)
  - Change the nature of the problem to remove it
  - Process and people development; systems view

— Russell Ackoff, "The Art and Science of Mess Management"





## Go to Gemba

- The actual place (gemba)
- The actual work center
- The actual thing (gembutsu)
- The actual facts (gemjitsu)
- The actual people

Don't problem solve in the office! (You can't see the state of 5 S, visible management, etc.)



### Problem Analysis: Task Analysis and Data

- Go to gemba. Walk the area.
- Draw a map.
- Speak with data.
- Collect the 6 honest men.



## **The 6 Honest Serving Men**

- What
- Why
- When
- Who
- Where
  - How



### Problem Identification Is the Key to Improvement



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#### **Defining the Problem**

- A problem as a deviation from standard. (Is there a standard?)
- Has the problem been clearly stated? (including the effects)
- Is there an earlier problem (the source of the problem)?
- Is it measurable?
- A problem statement should not contain an indication of the solution (e.g., no maintenance).



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#### **Jidoka**

#### • A composite term meaning

- built in quality (Standard and Davis)
- autonomation (Shingo)
- automation with a human touch (Toyota) (N.B., not to automate work, but to make work and decisions easier)
- in-station process control (ISPC) (Ford)
- Stems from Toyota's original involvement with looms in 1902
- Combines
  - poka-yoke
  - quality at source
  - andon





#### **Seeing the Whole**



**Customer survey process Marketing process Design process Engineering process** Manufacturing process Supplier and supply chain process Warehousing/inventory process **Distribution and demand process** Sales and delivery process









#### **Three Sources of Defects**

- Variation
  - Address by statistics, six sigma, SPC, DOE
- Complexity
  - Address by simplification, visibility, design, especially DFM, GT, modularity, and platforms
- Mistakes
  - Waiting to happen: address via SOPs, 5 S
  - Actually happened: address via successive inspection, self-inspection, but best source inspection (poka-yoke)

- Standard, Davis, et al. *A Proven Strategy for Lean Manufacturing.* Hanser Gardner Publications, 1999.



#### Lean Tools for Process Improvement

- Kaizen
- 5 S
- Standard operating procedures/standard work
- Visual management
- 5 whys and root cause analysis
- 7 wastes
- Quality at source
- Poka-yoke/mistake proofing
- 7 tools
- Kaizen blitz (kaikaku)
- Approaches to continual improvement



#### Kaizen

- "I fixed the machine six times today."
- "Experience is the ability to recognize a problem when it occurs over and over again."

# Recording the Problem Sequence: LEAN (SIG" Kaizen Storyboard





### **Foundations of Lean and Quality**

• 5 S

 Standards and standard operating procedures (SOPs)

Visual management



### **5 S Housekeeping**

- Sort, clean out
- Simplify, configure
- Sweep, clean, and check, (includes visual sweeping)
- Standardize, conform
- Self-discipline, custom, and practice training and routine.

The basis of Japanese (and, now increasingly, Western) quality



### **5 S Is More than Housekeeping**

- Basis of safety
- Directly cuts waste, particularly waste of motion
- Reduces variation
- Basis for improvement—building on reduced variation
- Helps recognize further waste
- Changes the mindset



### **5 S Housekeeping—Can Do**

C ► Cleanup ► Sort

A ► Arranging ► Simplify

N ► Neatness ► Sweep

**D** ► Discipline ► Standardize



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**D b** Discipline **b** Standardize



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#### Root Causes ...

"For want of a nail, the shoe is lost; For want of a shoe, the horse is lost; For want of a horse, the rider is lost; For want of a rider, the message is lost; For want of a message, the battle is lost; For want of a battle, the war is lost; For want of a war, the country is lost."



### **The Seven Wastes and Quality**

- Overproduction: delays in detection, more rework
- Waiting: delays in detection, money tied up, freshness
- Transporting: damage and delay
- Inappropriate processing: failsafing not added, machines not capable
- Unnecessary inventory: delay, smaller batches more frequently can improve customer service
- Unnecessary motion: handling damage, stress at work, tiredness, quality of work life
- Defects: rework and scrap.



#### **Standards**

"To standardize a method is to choose out of many methods the best one and use it. What is the best way to do a thing? It is the sum of all the good ways we have discovered up to the present. It, therefore, becomes the standard.

Today's standardization is the necessary foundation on which tomorrow's improvement will be based. If you think of standardization as the best we know today but which is to be improved tomorrow—you get somewhere. But if you think of standards as confining, then progress stops."

- Henry Ford, Today and Tomorrow, 1926



#### **Standards—Another Quotation**

"In a Western company, the standard operation is the property of management or the engineering department. In a Japanese company, it is the property of the people doing the job. They prepare it, work to it, and are responsible for improving it. Contrary to Taylor's teaching, the Japanese combine thinking and doing and thus achieve a high level of involvement and commitment."

- Peter Wickens, 1995



#### **Standards: Characteristics**

- Detail main and important steps, especially for safety and quality
- Use verb plus noun—and picture for critical steps
- Develop with operators (from all shifts) and let them write the SOP in their own words
- Confirm or test
- Keep at the point of use
- Compare actual to standard to uncover waste or problems; a problem is a deviation from standard
- If there are no changes to SOPs, there has been no improvement

## Standardized Process Chart LEAN (SIG

Doing the work	Checking key process indicators	Responding to signals
Pick labels from shelf Place in hopper	Check glue temp is between 130 and 150 deg C	If below 130 - flush If above 150 move dial up one notch
Activate machine	Record temp on control chart	If in control leave alone If out of control, switch off and tell supervisor
Place in container		



### **The Vision of Vision**

- Every item in the workplace must be needed and have a designated location when not in use.
- The environment is immaculate, safe, and self-cleaning.
- Standards are easy to identify.
- Abnormal conditions are easier to detect.
- Performance and progress are easily noticed.
- Zero defects are a reality!



ΑΠΑΓΟΡΕΥΕΤΑΙ ΤΟ ΚΑΠΝΙΣΜΑ

- GREEK

**PU?ENJE ZABRANJENO** 

- CROATIAN

VIETATO FUMARE

- ITALIAN



Universal and Standardized !



#### **Visual Management**

#### There are two aspects

- Process
  - Visible SOPs kept at gemba
  - Easy to see controls (maximum and minimum inventory, kanban status, heijunka boards, inventory footprints)
  - Problem indicators (lights, andon)
  - SPC and precontrol boards
  - Clear indicators on machines
  - Single-point lessons
- Information
  - Skills matrix board
  - Company performance
  - Kaizen storyboards

- G.D. Galsworth, Visual Workplace Visual Order Associate Handbook.



#### **Visual Management**

- These two aspects each have two functions:
  - To manage the process—to hold the gains
  - To improve the process—the foundation for improvement



### The Visual Factory and 5 S

- 5 S is NOT the visual factory
- The visual factory is a far wider concept and includes
  - -5S
  - Kanban
  - Visible schedules
  - SOPs
  - Heijunka
  - Inventory footprinting
    Red tags for 5 S
  - OEE graphs

- Storyboards
- Single-point lessons
- Information sharing
- Graphs on SPC
- Red tags for TPM
- Changeover time graphs





#### **Quality at Source: Types of Inspection**

#### Judgment

- Compares the part to a standard
- Uses blueprints

#### Information

- Focuses on feedback from a downstream operator
- Or worse, from an end of line inspector
- The less WIP the better
- The less delay to point of inspection, the better

#### Point of Use

- Focuses on prevention
- Relies on operator judgment or SOPs
- May incorporate poka-yoke or SPC


## How Many Fs?

Finished files of financial information are the result of four years of scientific study combined with the experience of research from fifty professionals from the University of Frankfurt. These files will be frozen effective the first day of February.



#### **Operators and Self Inspection: Conditions**

- Operators must know, and managers ensure, that inspection is not a means for evaluation. Errors and mistakes are inevitable.
- Juran says operators must be given
  - Knowledge about what they are supposed to do
  - Knowledge about what they are actually doing
  - A process that is capable of meeting specifications
- Oakland says managers should not ask whether operators are doing the job correctly but whether the operator and process system is capable of doing the job correctly.



## **Self-Inspection**

- Big advantage: immediacy
- Requirement: authority, knowledge, time
  - Maximum of 2 or 3 checks per operator
- Problem: objectivity and lapses
- Successive inspection and where necessary specialized inspection
  - Not done by supervisors
  - Only a slight loss of immediacy
- But data must be accumulated



### Poka-yoke

- For six sigma perfection, standards and SPC may not be enough
- You can have high process capability but still fail due to mistakes

#### Hence,

 100% automatic inspection together with warning or stop

### **Poka-Yoke Methods and Examples**

	Control	Warning
Contact	Parking height bars Armrests on seats	Staff mirrors Shop entrance bell
Fixed Value	French fry scoop Predosed medication	Trays with indentations
Motion Step	Airline lavatory doors	Spellcheckers Beepers on ATMs

- Richard Chase and Douglas Stewart, *Mistake Proofing Based on Shigeo Shingo* 



## **Poka-Yoke Cycles**

#### Little poka-yoke

- Immediate detection and stop or warning
- Short-term prevention

#### Big poka-yoke

- Getting after the root cause of the problem
- Long-term prevention and problem solving
- Accumulate the evidence





# **Poka-Yoke References**

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- C. Martin Hinckley, Make No Mistake!, Productivity, 2001



# **Seven Tools of Quality**

- Flowcharts/maps
- Pareto
- Fishbone
- Run diagram
- Tally/histogram/measles
- Correlation
- SPC (Check sheets SOPs)



The seven tools are a set !







### Pareto

- 80/20, ABC, the vital few and trivial many
- the single most powerful management concept of all time
- Examples:
  - 1% of Web sites get 32% of Web traffic
  - 5% of cars cause 85% of emission pollution
  - Inventory, problems, innovation, customers, products



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### **Fishbone**

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- Brainstorming
- Root cause
- CEDAC







### **Tally Chart**



	Nick	Peter	John	Simon	Claire	
Burrs		<b>.</b>		1111		14
Scratches		.##T.##T	Ш			18
Dents	111		U.		Ш	8
Other		II.			, <b>HH</b> T	7
	9	17	10	5	7	-

Other axes could be time: time vs. person, time vs. defect

### Correlation





#### **Clear Correlation**



### **Correlation (continued)**





#### **Clear Correlation**



### **Seven Tools: Insurance Example**



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#### Seven Tools: Insurance Example (continued)



#### **Solutions**

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cross train staff automate some procedures flexible hours move inspection point earlier

#### **Outcomes**

60% drop in errors average process time down to 2 days



### **Chronic Problems and Six Sigma**



# Six Sigma

An objective of six sigma is to reduce variation and to move outputs permanently inside critical customer requirements





### Six Sigma (continued)

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### Origins

- Both six sigma and lean trace roots back to Deming
  - Six sigma on variation and PDCA
  - Lean on waste
- Strong Juran influence
  - Project-by-project improvement
  - The customer
  - Improvement tools



# Why Six Sigma and Lean?

- Six sigma has strength in variation reduction and problem solving
- Lean has strength in waste reduction and seeing the whole
- These are synergistic
- Both are necessary
- Don't separate the lean and six sigma functions



# Comparing 99% with 6 $\sigma$

- 3000 misdeliveries
  1 misdelivery per 300k letters
- 4100 crashes per
  500k computer
  starts
- 1.68 hours of dead
  1.8 seconds of dead airtime
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# **Recent History of Six Sigma**

- Developed by Alan Larson and others at Motorola during 1980s, strongly supported by CEO Bob Galvin
- 1987 Motorola's head of communication, George Fisher, unified several Q programs into six sigma (Fisher later took it to Kodak)
- Several articles in *Quality Progress* early 1990s
- Black belt certification developed by Motorola, IBM, TI, and Kodak
- Adopted by Jack Welch, CEO of GE, in 1995
- AlliedSignal and Cisco adopt in 1998
- Japanese (Sony, Toshiba) adopt in 1998/1999
- Delphi and big three U.S. automakers adopt in 2000



# Six Sigma: The Basis

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# **Using Six Sigma with Lean**

- Do not study and measure waste when you can remove much of it straight away
  - Do not spend time measuring, for example, excess transport or changeover
- Build on a firm foundation. Check that 5 S and SOPs are in place and working before doing a six sigma or other study
  - Do not waste time measuring when there is an inherently poor variable foundation through poor or lax 5 S or standard operations.
- If so, do these lean things first



### Using Six Sigma with Lean (continued)

- Use lean mapping and policy deployment first to get after the big picture, and identify priorities before using DMAIC on a project-by-project basis.
- If you don't do this, you may target valuable six sigma expertise on inappropriate problems.





# **Reducing Variation by Surfacing**

- An alternative or supplement to reducing and controlling variation is to surface it by, for example
  - Jidoka
  - Heijunka
  - Meeting the schedule
- In each case, stop and investigate immediately. Use the five whys.
- Address variation immediately, not as a special study later on.


## **Six Sigma and Lean**

Analagous to a surgeon working in a third world country. The surgeon can make acclaimed improvements one at a time. But the public health engineer works behind the scenes on larger projects that ultimately have much greater impact.

Kaufman Consulting Group White Paper,
"Integrating Lean and Six Sigma," 2000



# **Typical Six Sigma Organization**

- Steering committee/quality council (see Juran)
- Six sigma champion (sitewide)
- Project leader (master black belt)
- Coach (black belt or master black belt)
- Team leader (black belt)
- Team member (green belt)



## **Typical Black Belt Program**

#### Core Skills

- Problem solving
- Quality tools
- Basic statistics

#### Interpersonal Skills

- Change management
- Effective presentations
- Consulting skills
- Teamwork skills
- Business skills
- Project management
- Coaching

- Technical Skills
  - Nonparametric statistics
  - Measurement systems
  - DOE
  - Robust design and tolerancing
  - Reliability analysis
  - Survey design and analysis
  - Multivariate analysis
  - Advanced regression
  - Response surface analysis
  - Time series forecasting
  - Benchmarking



### Gage Repeatability and Reproducibility (Gage R&R)

- Also known as measurement system analysis
- How well (consistent) operators are in using test equipment and whether the measurement system is effective
- Often involves several operators using the same equipment and blind testing a set of numbered parts in random order. Each part is measured three times at random intervals.
- A gage error of 10 percent is usually considered acceptable
- Also use of SOPs for test equipment



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## **Statistical Process Control**

- Measure the process not the product
- Common causes and special causes; don't tinker!
- The last tool, not the first
- Cpk and capability
- Chart interpretation



### Variation

### Common cause variation

- The variation a process would exhibit if behaving at its best or stable
- It occurs in every process
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  - Results from the occurrence of sources or people external to the usual operation of the process
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## In Control

- In control means that variation is occurring between the control limits.
- Common cause variation is at work.
- If you are in control, don't tinker.
- In control means the process is stable.
- But, in control does not necessarily mean things are good—you can have a stable high level of complaints.

### **SPC: Tracing Problems**





- from John Bicheno, The Quality 75, PICSIE Books, Buckingham, 2002.



## **SPC Cautions**

- Delay in detection of problems
- Risk of error (type 1 and type 2)
- Frequency (risk and cost) and sample size (cost, time, confidence)
- Workers distanced from the quality of their product
  - Don't understand what they are doing
- The means (charts) become confused with the end (perfection)
- Discourage continual improvement (still under control)
- Autocorrelation on long runs
  - Previous parts affect present parts—e.g., tool wear

- Standard & Davis, *Running Today's Factory*, - Nicholas, *Competitive Manufacturing Management*, pages 514-520

- Ronald Blank, The SPC Troubleshooting Guide, Quality Resources, 1998



# **Improvement Types**



## **Point and Flow Kaizen**

#### Point Kaizen

- Localized improvements
- Often to sporadic problems
- Done by operators
- Often identified as low-hanging fruit as a result of value-stream mapping

#### Flow Kaizen

- Bigger picture improvements
- Involving more of the value stream
- Done by lean promotion office or six sigma black belts working with operators
- Almost invariably arising out of value-stream mapping





### **Passive Breakthrough**

- Classic large-scale industrial engineering projects or some six sigma projects
  - failure: noninvolvement or nonconsultation by IE or other experts
  - success: areas of urgency plus involvement



### **Passive Incremental**

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## **Enforced Breakthrough**

- Value-stream mapping
- (See the Lean Mapping Workshop, session 2, in this Lean Manufacturing Workshop Series.)



## **Breakthrough Flow Kaizen**

#### Kaizen Events or Blitz

- 5-day event typical
- a self-fulfilling expectation; no barriers
- 30% to 50% improvement
- you can do it again (and again)
  - change the emphasis
  - when the mix changes
- Failure: No management involvement, expectations; no standardization
- Success: Careful preparation, mixed teams, follow up; part of a wider lean program



### **Kaizen Blitz**

### "Whether you believe you can, or whether you believe you can't, you're absolutely right."

– Henry Ford



## **Characteristics**

- Immediate action
  - not ponderous analysis, reporting, etc.
- Improvement, not perfection
- Trial and error
  - just do it
- Team based

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# **Steps in a Breakthrough Event (1)**

- Identify the area
  - possibly with mapping
- Identify the focus of the event
- Establish the event pattern
  - 5 days, 3 days, 1-2-2 days, etc.
- Gain management support and commitment
  - including involvement

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## **Steps in a Breakthrough Event (2)**

### Select the team

must include operators, supervisors, managers, outsiders

### Establish the takt time

available time / average demand

### Preparation

- BOMs, costs, schedule, staffing, shifts
- maintenance standby



## **Steps in a Breakthrough Event (3)**

- Awareness and training
  - waste, flow, takt time, CQDT
  - clarifying objectives
- Establish block diagram
- Establish subteams
  - layout, inventory, process
- Mapping and data collection
  - measures



### Steps in a Breakthrough Event (continued)

### • Awareness and training

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- Establish block diagram
- Establish subteams
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## **Steps in a Breakthrough Event (4)**

- Initial analysis and brainstorming
- Initial changes and testing
- Further changes and measures
- Standardization
- Follow up
  - holding the gains

### **Performance Measurements**



	Start	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Lead time						
Flow length						
Inventory						
Space						
Defect rate						



## **Blitz: Watch out for....**

### The paintball effect (You may get there eventually but how much wasted effort?)

- Standard and Davis





## **Improvement: Conclusions**

- Each approach can be effective
- They can be made to work together
- No one formula—so find the way that works!



## Blitz Events in the U.S. and U.K.

- Widespread in automotive and aerospace with others following
- Focused over a short period
- Applying simple tools, (5 S, 7W, SOP, visual. man.) rigorously
- Getting people who perform the process to improve the process
- Sustainability has become a major issue



## **Industry Forum Model for Blitz**

- Industry Forum (IF) is a group set up by the U.K. Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and various Automotive OEMs
- The IF has developed a model for blitz
- Comprises
  - 1-day prediagnostic (objectives)
  - 3-day diagnostic (analyze, map, identify)
  - 5-day event itself
  - Three 1-day follow up events over 3 months

### **Sustainability Model**





- Developed by Nicola Bateman



## **Class A and B Enablers**

- A formal way of documenting ideas from the shop floor
- Operators make decisions in a team about the way they work
- Time is dedicated to maintaining 5 S standard every day
- Measurements to monitor the improvements
- Cell leaders and immediate managers to stay focused on improvement activities

- Research by Nicola Bateman




## **Class A Enablers**

- Method changes formally introduced
  - Formal hands-on training by those involved in the improvement
- Direction given on improvement
  - For example, mapping, target changeover time
- An improvement or kaizen coordinator
- Senior manager involvement
- Senior managers retain focus on improvement
  - Built into review and assessment agendas





## **Workshop Topics Review**

- Views from the Gurus
- The Lean View and Kaizen
- Problem Solving and PDCA
- Types of Defect
- Sporadic Problems: The Seven Tools and Five Whys
- Chronic Problems and Six Sigma
- Improvement Types
- Improvement Events (Blitz)
- Holding the Gains and Sustainability



## **Workshop Objectives Review**

- To illustrate the symbiotic relationship between lean and quality
- To appreciate the application of some quality techniques in a lean context.
- To appreciate how lean and six sigma can work together.



### **Questions?**







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