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Optimizing Factory Performance: Cost-Effective Ways to Achieve Significant and Sustainable Improvement *Modelling Techniques for Business Process Re-engineering and Benchmarking* **Just-in-time and Other Manufacturing Practices, and Market Environment Production Development** Improving Manufacturing Performance in South Africa **Operations Management** Performance of Manufacturing Firms in Africa *21st Century Manufacturing A Study of Operational and Strategic Performance Measurement Systems in Selected World Class Manufacturing Firms* **Making Common Sense Common Practice Business Performance Measurement**

Some 70 percent of U.S. manufacturing output currently faces direct foreign competition. While American firms understand the individual components of their manufacturing processes, they must begin to work with manufacturing systems to develop world-class capabilities. This new book identifies principles-termed foundations-that have proved effective in improving manufacturing systems. Authored by an expert panel, including manufacturing executives, the book provides recommendations for manufacturers, leading to specific action in three areas: Management philosophy and practice. Methods used to measure and predict the performance of systems. Organizational learning and improving system performance through technology. The volume includes in-depth studies of several key issues in manufacturing, including employee involvement and empowerment, using learning curves to improve quality, measuring performance against that of the competition, focusing on customer satisfaction, and factory modernization. It includes a unique paper on jazz music as a metaphor for participative manufacturing management. Executives, managers, engineers, researchers, faculty, and students will find this book an essential tool for guiding this nation's businesses toward developing more competitive manufacturing systems. Production development is

about improving existing production systems and developing new ones. The production system should be developed in integration with the product, as a part of the overall product realization process, and not in sequence after the product has already been designed. Production Development: Design and Operation of Production Systems takes a holistic viewpoint on the production system and its design process during the whole system life cycle. A working procedure demonstrating how to design and realize the production system is presented, together with a number of related production development aspects. Production Development: Design and Operation of Production Systems is illustrated with a large number of figures and industrial examples. The book can be used as a reference for teachers and students, or as a manual for professionals within the field of production. Since the invention of double-entry bookkeeping, managers have judged a company's worth by sales and profits. Now, Richard J. Schonberger, the architect of the worldwide Just-In-Time revolution, reaches beyond "financials" to redefine excellence -- and reveals, with new benchmark data, how pioneers become dynasties. Schonberger's pathbreaking new research reveals that, from 1950 to 1995, while "financials" dipped and soared repeatedly, industrial decline and ascendancy correlated perfectly with inventory turnover -- one of two key nonfinancial indicators and a bedrock measure, along with customer satisfaction, of a company's power, strength, and value. In this immensely readable book, he captures these new metrics -- the true predictions of future success -- in 16 customer-focused principles created from self-scored reports supplied by over 100 pioneering manufacturers in nine countries. Armed with new world-class benchmark data, Schonberger redefines excellence in terms of competence, capability, and customer-focused, employee-driven, data-based performance. For front-tine associates to senior executives, Schonberger has written manufacturing's action agenda for the next decade. This book will

be indispensable reading for manufacturing and general managers in all industries, as well as for pension fund managers, institutional investors, stock analysts, and stockbrokers. The most thorough, valid set of findings on global manufacturing and winning practices worldwide. This eye-opening resource sets a new standard for how manufacturing practices are viewed in today's business world. The results of an extensive research project spanning 164 factories in the United States, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom determine the best path to high performance manufacturing. This is one of the first books to offer comparisons of manufacturing in these five countries, addressing their current issues and providing insights that affect manufacturing worldwide. Researchers from such universities as the London Business School, Wake Forest University, Yokohama University, and the University of Minnesota detail how manufacturing leaders are raising the bar on practices in product development, organizational alignment, quality management, and more. Covering the vital areas of machinery, electronics, and auto components, they examine the most effective methods and techniques across a host of functions within manufacturing—looking at how everything from new technology and information systems to human resource practices and manufacturing strategy should be introduced into a plant environment to achieve high performance manufacturing. Using data from companies such as Texas Instruments, Honda, Sony, Prince, John Deere, and Caterpillar, High Performance Manufacturing takes a comprehensive view by showing how to select and integrate the practices that best fit a plant's particular situation—the most critical and difficult task to achieve in practice. With its strong research base and high caliber of contributors, this unique volume will inspire managers of any country or industry to set their own path to high performance manufacturing. The definitive guide to the latest tools & techniques for achieving performance excellence in manufacturing, distribution, and planning Now

completely revised and expanded, *World Class Production and Inventory Management* presents the latest information on the unique tools and techniques needed to manage the planning and production of a manufacturing enterprise. Including a completely new chapter on Efficient Consumer Response (ECR), updated case studies, and additional information on manufacturing integration, this comprehensive reference includes:

- \* Step-by-step implementation techniques in each key area of production and inventory management
- \* Fresh perspectives on manufacturing integration and multiple demand stream management
- \* Best-in-class examples from companies such as Abbott Laboratories, Boeing, and Martin Marietta
- \* Proven guidelines for avoiding the most common problems and for achieving continually higher levels of performance
- \* Self-assessment questions helpful in measuring the performance of your company in each operating area

Comprehensive and accessible, *World Class Production and Inventory Management* is an invaluable resource for APICS members seeking CPIM certification, as well as for all those in charge of managing a successful manufacturing enterprise.

Explaining how to implement and sustain a top-down strategy for manufacturing excellence, *The 12 Principles of Manufacturing Excellence: A Leader's Guide to Achieving and Sustaining Excellence* provides a comprehensive, proven approach for delivering world-class performance while also cultivating the right culture through leadership and mentoring. Tapping into four decades of leadership experience, 35 years of it in the manufacturing industry, Larry Fast explains how to achieve vertical and horizontal alignment across your organization. He details a clear pathway to excellence via the 12 Principles of Manufacturing Excellence and provides a method for tracking progress—plant by plant and function by function. Emphasizing the importance of using Lean and Six Sigma tools to improve your business, the book:

- Integrates strategy and leadership development
- Paves a path for culture change
- Operator-Led

Process Control (OLPC)—that prepares hourly employees to take control of their processes and prepares management to enable them to do it Details an audit process for tracking progress and ensuring sustainability Includes a CD with color versions of the images in the book as well as a sample Manufacturing Excellence Audit, a sample Communications Plan, and a sample Training Plan that can all be easily customized for the reader's use This resource-rich book will allow you to spell out leadership expectations and provide your employees and associates with a clear understanding of their individual roles. Helping you keep everyone in your organization focused during the quest towards sustainable manufacturing excellence, the accompanying CD supplies the tools you and your team will need to pursue it with passion, confidence, and urgency. Listen to what Larry Fast has to say about his new book, *The 12 Principles of Manufacturing Excellence*. Part One — Part Two This work presents management philosophies and techniques in a user-friendly way. Describing key concepts in a non-technical business style, it offers practical advice on getting started, emphasizes the importance of involving the whole workforce and suggests ways of overcoming resistance. In today's competitive world, the companies are aspiring to acquire a 'world-class' status. They are looking to manufacturing to attain the competitive advantage in the market by pursuing different performance enhancing strategies. The realization has dawned on them that the key to the long-term success is being able to do certain things better than your competitors can. One of the most powerful techniques for gaining and maintaining this competitive advantage is 'benchmarking'. It is a standard of business excellence, against which others can measure and compare their performance. Once the measurement hurdles are overcome, the organization can strive not only to achieve the 'standard' and close the gap but also to surpass it and improve its performance everyday. But to achieve full benefits of benchmarking by leaps forward, the firms must adopt a rational

and rigorous framework. Only then world class manufacturing goals, itself a moving target could be realized. This book shows how to improve manufacturing by the use of process control. It shows specifically how improved economic performance in chemical manufacturing can be achieved and sustained through the application of process control and statistics to reduce process variability and improve quality, yield, throughput, energy utilization, and cycle time --i.e., the world class performance metrics in manufacturing. Because the technique is used to identify and assess process control improvements in terms of meeting business needs, it can also be directly applied to related processes in such industries as food and drugs, agricultural products, rubber, plastics, fibers, petroleum refining and petrochemicals, and film. Covers topics such as assessing variability; assessing control performance; process analysis to identify control opportunities; estimating benefits; prioritizing improvements for reduced resources; implementing automatic controls for reducing variability; inferential measurements; sustaining the benefits; and process design for improved controllability. For business managers, manufacturing supervisors, process engineers and applied statisticians responsible for improving the performance of their business. Total productive maintenance (TPM), a Japanese management protocol developed to alleviate production losses caused by machine breakdowns has moved on. Through TPM, more companies accept the concept of Zero Breakdowns as achievable. From the foundation of zero breakdowns, world class plants are able to run for complete shifts without the need for intervention. TPM is still pushing back the boundaries of what was thought possible. Driven by the proven principles of TPM, the book emphasises the need to build on existing good practices and to win commitment by delivering results. The book provides a practical guide to delivering TPM benefits and is based on the authors' first hand experience of seeing TPM in Japan. It adapts

these benefits to suit the strategic needs of companies across four continents. "TPM A Route to World Class Performance" builds on Peter Willmott's earlier book, "TPM the Western Way", updating the scope of applications and tools. The TPM route map is updated to include the journey to zero breakdowns and beyond. It also provides a systematic structure to evolve from the classic Total Productive Maintenance towards Total Productive Manufacturing and deliver a Totally Productive Operation capable of world leading performance. Today enterprises must strive to improve their competitiveness in a changing environment. To reach this objective it is necessary for companies to evaluate their performances and to combine modelling, business process re-engineering and benchmarking techniques. This book demonstrates the successful combination and implementation of these various techniques. Taking Control The book that bridges the gap between the shop floor, engineering, and management. Written in simple to understand language, Taking Control takes you step by step to turn average performance into world-class performance. Read stories of individuals and how they met and overcame challenges to be their best. Test your knowledge using the workbook and study guide. Aimed at introducing the subject of benchmarking to the process industries, this book is based on practical experience of over 2000 process plants. It provides guidance on how to benchmark, where to find the benchmarks, how to quantify the gaps intended and suggests the impact of improving manufacturing in the process industries. This book provides the framework, measures and industry world-class targets to allow organizations to maximise its potential. Here's the first book to give you a complete manufacturing strategy. Based on an in-depth study of the strategies and operating practices of dozens of leading manufacturers, this book describes a common framework for world-class manufacturers. In his best-selling book Japanese Manufacturing Techniques, Richard J. Schonberger revolutionized American manufacturing theory and,



more important, practice. In that breakthrough book, he revealed that Japanese manufacturing excellence was not culturally bound. Offering the first demystified explanation of the simple techniques that fueled Japan's industrial success, he demonstrated how the same methods could be put to work as effectively in U.S. plants. Now, in *World Class Manufacturing*, Schonberger returns to tell the success stories of nearly 100 American corporations -- including Hewlett-Packard, Harley-Davidson, General Motors, Honeywell, and Uniroyal -- that have adopted the famed just-in-time production and "total quality control" strategies. Based on his firsthand experience as a major consultant to American industry, he examines how they did it -- and illustrates how the same concrete, specific steps used by these top companies can be implemented in any factory today. What's more, Schonberger shows that his bold concepts and reforms apply equally to all industries, whether the product is computers, pasta, or trucks, and to all divisions -- from manufacturing and engineering to accounting and marketing. According to Schonberger, world-class manufacturing depends on blended management -- rather than domination by a separate group of managers -- which marshalls resources for continual rapid improvement. To achieve world-class status, companies must change procedures and concepts, which in turn leads to recasting relations among suppliers, purchasers, producers, and customers. Acknowledging the difficulty inherent in such changes, Schonberger stresses that employee involvement and interaction, both on the shop floor and in the decision-making/problem-solving process, is key. Wary of those who view improvement in terms of modernizing equipment, he points out that making maximum use of people and current machinery is a company's first priority; automation, if necessary, should come much later. *World Class Manufacturing* also includes Schonberger's 17-point action agenda to guide innovators toward manufacturing excellence, from getting to know the customer to

cutting the number of suppliers, reducing error in production, and deciding when and how to automate. Indispensable for all manufacturing innovators who aim to keep ahead of the competition, this inspiring, groundbreaking volume does much more than just recommend or theorize about the new manufacturing approach. Plainly, realistically, and logically, it explains how it's done. "This newly-revised and greatly expanded volume aims to provide a readable, real-world roadmap for putting into place the indispensable strategy and tactics managers need to make lean work and move their organizations - whether manufacturing or service-based - toward a world-class production system. Drawing upon decades of experience in the front lines of lean production and organizational transformation, the author provides cases, anecdotes, examples, rationales, and concrete tools to help business leaders stop talking about lean production and actually make progress toward achieving it. It's the perfect resource for leaders at all levels who are interested in improving their competitiveness, building more successful operations, and moving toward world-class performance in customer satisfaction, profitability, and employee satisfaction."--

BOOK JACKET. This casebook, designed as a companion volume to Richard J. Schonberger's "World Class Manufacturing: The Lessons of Simplicity Applied," contains 26 cases that let students of WCM concepts solve actual JIT and TQC implementation problems in a wide variety of manufacturing and corporate settings. For readers with specific concerns, each case lists the topics covered (i.e., kanban, total preventive maintenance, partnership with customer) and each case includes questions on issues that companies commonly face in implementing WCM concepts. Dr. Schonberger also explains two JIT and TQC concepts not previously published -- micro-JIT analysis of shop-floor conditions by ratios and the "naturalistic" approach to quality improvement. Collects the best thinking of over 60 experts in a highly readable, user-friendly format. The authors present

entries of each of ten main subject areas, consisting of a succinct overview and sections on key ideas, management and implementation issues, important definitions, and information sources. Discover the comprehensive 'Operations Management' e-Book designed specifically for MBA II Sem students at Anna University, Chennai. Published by Thakur Publications, this essential resource offers in-depth insights, practical strategies, and real-world case studies to enhance your understanding of operations management principles. Master the art of optimizing processes, improving productivity, and achieving operational excellence with this must-have e-Book for MBA students. Get your copy today and gain a competitive edge in the world of business.

In his best-selling book *Japanese Manufacturing Techniques*, Richard J. Schonberger revolutionized American manufacturing theory and, more important, practice. In that breakthrough book, he revealed that Japanese manufacturing excellence was not culturally bound. Offering the first demystified explanation of the simple techniques that fueled Japan's industrial success, he demonstrated how the same methods could be put to work as effectively in U.S. plants. This book presents empirical analyses of manufacturing firm performance in Africa based on the World Bank Enterprise Survey and on a one-time quantitative survey conducted for the World Bank by the Center for the Study of African Economies of Oxford University. This book provides some regional aspects considered by manufacturing firms in their decisions to gain competitiveness and have effects on the performance of their supply chains (SC). Some of the main aspects considered are: government's policies, fixed costs, the availability and quality of infrastructure services. This book also discusses the risks for the SC; based on a perception approach, some aspects studied are: demand, suppliers and production processes and how these are related to other elements of the SC. The authors use structural modeling to analyze the evaluation of some manufacturing practices and their impact on customer

service satisfaction, agility and flexibility of the SC. The context of this study is immersed in the Mexican manufacturing industry of exportation, also known as maquiladora industry of Ciudad Juárez, México. This borderland is among the top 10 manufacturing Mexican cities. World class industries are located in this region and have been recognized around the world for their competitiveness and high performance. Therefore, the methods and results exposed in this book may be valuable and useful for readers and researchers of the SC worldwide. This book deals with World Class Operations Management (WCOM), detailing its principles, methods and organisation, and the results that this approach can bring about. Utilising real-world case studies illustrated by companies that have adopted this model (interviews with Saint-Gobain, L'Oréal, Tetra Pak, Bemis, and Bel Executives), it describes common patterns drawn from decades of hands-on experience, so as to present a theoretical approach together with the concrete application of its principles. WCOM, adopted by several multinational companies, is one of the more innovative management practises, as it integrates the best Continuous Improvement approaches (Lean, Total Productive Management, World Class Manufacturing) as well as the most innovative approaches in human dynamics like Change Leadership, Performance Behavior, Shingo Model, to name a few. Every book's chapter has been authored by an expert in these different fields, thus revealing the synergy among the different practices, which is one of the distinguishing and successful aspects of WCOM Maximising reader insights into the successful implementation of such an approach, and explaining not only its potentialities, but also its implementation dynamics, the critical points and the ways it can be integrated into different situations, this book is also about how to create a culture of excellence that is sustainable over a long period of time and delivers consistent (or ever-improving) results. World-class manufacturing (WCM) emphasizes excellence through lean production practices of

continuous improvement and is incorporated within the broad definitions of just-in-time (JIT) and total quality management (TQM). Increased profitability from implementation of these practices is generally assumed, yet empirical studies examining WCM practices and firm profitability report mixed results. One reason suggested for the lack of reported improved firm performance is the deficiency of management accounting systems to reflect appropriately operational improvements. This research examines whether the use of JIT and TQM, in conjunction with the use of non-financial performance tools for evaluating these practices, affects firm profitability. The survey data provide empirical evidence that investments in WCM practices of JIT and TQM, coupled with the complementary use of non-financial performance measurement tools, such as benchmarking and tracking manufacturing efficiency, contribute to higher financial performance. Academic research has identified several operational drivers in manufacturing companies that have an effect on either the physical production of goods or its distribution: working capital requirements, manufacturing performance, supply chain performance and supply chain risk. Despite the fact that these four operational drivers have been operationalized in empirical studies and theoretical discourses, no-one has yet conducted a holistic study of how they interrelate and what specific contribution they make to overall firm performance. The key question addressed by this study is therefore how companies should align these operational drivers of excellence to achieve superior firm performance. The results are based on a universe of 274 top-class manufacturing companies based in Germany, Switzerland or Austria and more than 15 interviews with top executives. By consequence, a trade-off exists: Strong firm performance requires a significant level of supply chain risk at the expense of working capital performance. Companies that accept a reasonable level of supply chain risk while maintaining high manufacturing and supply chain

performance outperform the lowest-performing reference group by 14% in terms of sales, sales growth, profitability and market share ("firm performance"). Financial measures have traditionally been the cornerstone of the performance measurement system. In recent years, there has been a shift from treating financial figures as the foundation for performance measurement to treating them as one among a broader set of potential financial measures. Changes in cost structures and the manufacturing and competitive environment have been responsible for the change of emphasis. In today's worldwide competitive environment companies are competing in terms of product quality, delivery, reliability, after-sales service and customer satisfaction. None of these variables are measured by traditional financial measures, despite the fact that they represent the major goals of world-class manufacturing companies. By focusing mainly on financial variables there is a danger that the performance reporting system will motivate managers to focus exclusively on cost reduction and short-term profitability and ignore many of the critical factors that determine long-term business success. The key to success, in today's global economy, is total customer satisfaction. To achieve this, companies must develop performance measures that drive employees to control processes that satisfy customer expectations. In particular, performance measures should provide process-level information that motivates employees to achieve the responsiveness and flexibility that companies require to compete on a global basis. Responsiveness is achieved by building relationships that lead to satisfied customers, suppliers and employees. Flexibility is achieved by reducing output variation in processes; for example, the reduction of lead times and delays are both necessary for sustained competitive excellence and long-term profitability. If your company is adopting world class manufacturing techniques, you'll need new methods of performance measurement to control production variables. In practical terms, this book describes the new methods of

performance measurement and how they are used in a changing environment. For manufacturing managers, as well as cost accountants, it provides the theoretical foundation for these innovative methods and is supported by extensive practical examples. A multidisciplinary book on performance measurement that will appeal to students, researchers and managers. TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM) - A COMPETITIVE EDGE In the context of the European and Western manufacturing challenge being set by the 'Far Eastern Machine', it is of critical importance that manufacturing competitiveness is improved in Western companies. The ability to export successfully is becoming even more critical to the economic well-being of developed countries worldwide. The Japanese domination of the motor cycle and domestic consumer markets has had a significant impact on the balance of payments in Western Europe and the USA. All the signs are that Japanese companies are ready and able to enter other markets aggressively, through takeovers, acquisitions and off-shore manufacturing facilities. In Western Europe, the creation of the 'Single Market' in 1992 has provided major opportunities for companies to increase their market share. Unfortunately, many companies in the West have shown an inability to succeed even in their market when faced with tough, well-organized opposition, such as that from the Far East. There is very little time left for Western companies to catch up - the challenge is becoming more fiercely competitive daily. The time to improve competitive edge may be too late for many companies, as the European frontiers are dismantled and the Japanese companies continue to build off-shore plants in Europe. For example, it is a fact that companies are increasingly x PREFACE being forced to achieve world class manufacturing capability in order to compete and, in many cases, survive. Improving Manufacturing Performance in South Africa This book addresses key issues pertaining to World-Class Manufacturing (WCM) (the sole mantra for survival) the relevance and basics of WCM; the

current state of Indian manufacturing; issues of performance measurement; and the road map for WCM. Now companies that are searching for the best ways to make more money in their manufacturing business can turn to "Making Common Sense Common Practice" to show them how. By disclosing the best practices of the best manufacturing companies in the world, this book presents models for achieving world-class performance. TQM, Reengineering, Theory of Constraints, JIT, Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing . . . These are just some of the methods that, over the past five decades, have promised to transform any manufacturing firm into a lean, mean, moneymaking machine. While each incorporates certain fundamental truths, strengths, and benefits, they are not panaceas. Nor do they necessarily provide much-needed insight into the science that underlies factory performance. James Ignizio, Ph.D., an internationally recognized performance optimization expert, believes that only a balanced approach will provide the significant and sustainable improvement required of firms who will survive and prosper in the twenty-first century. In this breakthrough guide, Dr. Ignizio picks up where such concepts as Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing leave off to provide you with a holistic, three-dimensional approach to mastering the art and science of manufacturing. Focusing on the three primary enemies of factory performance—complexity, variability, and lackluster leadership—Optimizing Factory Performance cuts to the heart of the problem of less-than-world-class performance and demonstrates how those enemies manifest themselves in companies across manufacturing sectors. Ignizio also explores the insidious effect company politics and flagging commitment to manufacturing performance have on competitiveness. Emphasizing the all-important, often overlooked third dimension of manufacturing—factory protocols—Ignizio describes the types of strategic and tactical changes to physical plant and operating procedures any company can make to achieve performance



improvements. In addition, he arms you with powerful, original metrics for measuring and comparing factory performance, as well as a set of interactive simulation models, available online at [www.mhprofessional.com/ignizio](http://www.mhprofessional.com/ignizio). Running throughout the book is an often amusing, always instructive account of the fictional high-tech firm, Muddle, Inc., which helps support the concepts discussed in the real world of manufacturing, while reinforcing key lessons learned. Read *Optimizing Factory Performance* and find out how to transform your organization into the kind of fast, agile manufacturer that delivers the right products to the right customers at the right time— every time.

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