INTRODUCTION TO SEVEN WASTES

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Value and Waste

Value Added

- An activity that transforms or shapes raw materials or information to meet customers needs

Waste

- Activities that consume times, resources and space but do not contribute to satisfying customer needs

The Three Dimensions of Work

Value Added

- Any process that changes the nature, shape or characteristics of the product, in line with customer requirements
- Eg: Assembly, welding etc. (maximize)

Non Value Added

- Any work carried-out, which is necessary under current conditions, but dose not increase product value
- Eg: part movement, tools changing etc. (minimize)

Waste

- All other meaningless, non-essential activities
- Eg: 7 waste categories

Objective: To raise the ratio of VA to NVA and Waste





Toyota Waste

The Toyota Motor Company is credited as being the most efficient Automotive Manufacturer in the world, yet have 85% waste in their process

This clearly demonstrates the opportunities for other Automotive Manufacturer's



Waste Elimination

- Toyota Production System is driven by one guiding principle
- The elimination of waste, of which there are 7 types

Over production	Parts becoming obsolete, more storage area
Waiting	Parts shortages
Processing	Going beyond customer requirements
Transportation	Excessive distance between stores and line side
Motion	Poor process layout
Inventory	Poor stock rotation, increase handling
Rework	Delay to customer, area required for rework

Lean Manufacturing

The Elimination of Waste

Identify, Categorize, Eliminate all waste

Benefits:

- Reduced costs
- Encourage problem solving
- Improved production capacity
- Identify bottlenecks



Overproduction

What?

- Producing more than customer demands

Why?

- Hides manufacturing problem
- Creates inventory resulting in ALL other wastes
- Consumes resources ahead of schedule





What?

- Stocks of raw materials, WIP and finished goods

Why?

- Does not add value but adds costs





Transportation

What?

- Unnecessary moving or handling of parts
- Handling equipment moving with no part
- Raw material bath size not matching production batch size

Why?

- Transportation does not add value



Waiting (Idle Time)

What?

- Operator inactivity during cycle
- Machine inactivity during cycle

Why?

- When an operator or machine is idle, no value is being added to the product

Processing

What?

- Excessive set-up or downtime
- Inappropriate processes
- Excessive movement in process cycle

🕅 Why?

- Because it does not add value



Motion

What?

- Any unnecessary or excessive walking, bending, turning and reaching

Why?

 These activities do not add value to the product

Rework and Scrap

What?

- Producing scrap parts
- Reworking of parts

Why?

- It interrupts scheduled production
- It consumes resources
- Extra overtime required to replace bad quality production



Focus for Improvement

Less than 1% of activity is value adding

YET

Typically, we pile resources into improvement of the 1% and ignore the other 99% opportunity

Introduction Task

Using the 7 waste sheet, analyze a process which is undertaken within your work environment, eg:

- Machining operation
- Assembly operation
- Packing
- Despatch
- etc.

Waste Record Sheet

Waste	Observation	Sketch
1. Over production		
2. Waiting		
3. Processing		
4. Transportation		
5. Motion		
6. Inventory		
7. Rework		



