

World Class Manufacturing

Provides up-to-date information on computer-aided manufacturing from selection and installation to operation in a world-class manufacturing environment. Includes a wide range of process planning applications, shows how to use computer-automated process planning data, and reviews newly emerging techn

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.

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. 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. Each chapter in this accessible resource delivers essential information in five minutes or less. By scanning through the Overview, Key Ideas, Problems and Solutions and Management/Implementation issues, readers can rapidly perceive new ideas and advice which can be immediately applied to their situation. Approximately 40 international experts discuss such topics as product development, performance measurement, continuous improvement and quality, manufacturing and building loyal workforces.

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Today's manufacturing industry is not for the passive player, it requires the best in competitiveness, innovation, speed and agility. It is an industry where complexity and competition is ever increasing. As distributors and customers push industrial manufacturers to increase their flexibility, the rules of engagement are altering and the factors upon which companies compete are changing. This change has been increased the level of competition of manufacturing SMEs. The best way to response to this challenge of global competition is through the ideal of World Class Manufacturing. World class manufacturing is a collection of concepts, which set standard for production and manufacturing for another organisation to follow. World class manufacturing is a process driven approach where various techniques and philosophy are used in one combination or other. The aim of this work is to present establishments of application of World Class principles in the electronic industry in order to make products of the highest quality eliminating losses in all the factory fields an improvement of work standards.

"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 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.

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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.

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.

Today's manufacturing environment is in constant flux--good news for organizations flexible enough to adapt to the latest improvement techniques. This book helps readers gain a comprehensive understanding of what it means to be world-class in the current competitive climate.

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.

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.

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.

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-line 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.

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.

Since the invention of double-entry bookkeeping, managers have judged a company's worth by sales and profits. Now, a world-renowned scholar, theoretician, and guru of production and manufacturing exposes the fallacies of this timeless practice. Armed with new world-class benchmark data, Schonberger redefines excellence in terms of competence, capability, and customer-focused, employee-driven, data-based performance.

The first of a two-part series on world-class manufacturing, this book discusses the need for operating policies, practices and systems to eliminate waste and create value for the customer. By providing world-class quality to demanding customers and being Manufacturing managers are still focused on the short-term tactical issues related to their business. Strategic issues tend to receive less attention. However, manufacturing can play an important strategic role. Learning From World Class Manufacturers 2012 helps managers consider the strategic roles their operations can play and provides guidance as to what actions can be taken.

Becoming a world-class company demands agile manufacturing—a responsive method of expeditiously delivering products at a lower cost. For organizations which desire to increase profits while minimizing liability, this text is an invaluable guide. It explains how to introduce flexibility into manufacturing facilities through the modification of current computer software and systems. Rather than taking the cost-prohibitive approach of discarding the processes a company already has in play and starting from scratch, organizations can achieve their goal of becoming agile manufacturers by modifying existing systems. The author utilizes numerous case studies from companies such as Xerox, General Motors, Harley-Davidson, and Motorola to explore the current software movement, from MRP II (benefits and limitations) to alternative methods employed by companies attempting to align their software with new world class methodologies. For manufacturing managers and MIS employees struggling with inadequate systems, Software and the Agile Manufacturer offers the practical solutions they need to successfully navigate the difficult transitional period on the way to world-class status.

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