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*The Collapse of the American Management Mystique* IGI Global  
Lean transformations are decidedly more challenging when the math is inconsistent with lean principles, misapplied, or just plain wrong. Math should never get in the way of a lean transformation, but instead should facilitate it. Lean Math is the indispensable reference for this very purpose. A single, comprehensive source, the book presents standard and specialized approaches to tackling the math required of lean and six sigma practitioners across all industries—seasoned

and newly minted practitioners alike. Lean Math features more than 160 thoughtfully organized entries. Ten chapters cover system-oriented math, time, the “ilities” (availability, repeatability, stability, etc.), work, inventory, performance metrics, basic math and hypothesis testing, measurement, experimentation, and more. Two appendices cover standard work for analyzing data and understanding and dealing with variation. Practitioners will quickly locate the precise entry(ies) that is relevant to the problem or continuous improvement opportunity at hand. Each entry not only provides background on the related lean principles, formulas,

examples, figures, and tables, but also tips, cautions, cross-references to other associated entries, and the occasional “Gemba Tale” that shares real-world experiences. The book consistently encourages the practitioner to engage in math-assisted plan-do-check-act (PDCA) cycles, employing approaches that include simulation and “trystorming.” Lean Math truly transcends the “numbers” by reinforcing and refreshing lean thinking for the very purpose of Figuring to Improve. REVIEWER COMMENTS “Hamel and O’Connor provide both the novice and experienced lean practitioner a comprehensive, common-sense reference for lean

math. For example, I know that our Lean Support Office team would have gladly used dozens of Lean Math entries during a recent lean management system pilot. The concepts, context, and examples would have certainly helped our execution and provided greater clarity during our training activities. Lean Math is a must have book for Lean Support Office people!” —Dave Pienta, Director, Lean Support Office, Moog, Inc. Aircraft Group “A practical math book may sound like an oxymoron, but Lean Math is both pragmatic and accessible. Hamel and O’Connor do an excellent job keeping the math as simple as possible, while bringing lean principles to the forefront of the

discussion. The use of insurance and healthcare industry examples especially helps simplify the translation for lean practitioners in non-manufacturing industries. Readers will be able to use the numerous tables and figures to clearly illustrate and teach lean concepts to others. Lean Math is a reference book that every lean practitioner or Black Belt should have in their library!”  
—Peter Barnett, MBB, Liberty Management System Architect, Liberty Mutual Insurance “Lean Math is a comprehensive reference book within which the lean practitioner can quickly find straightforward examples illustrating how to perform almost any lean calculation.

Equally useful, it imparts the importance of the relevant lean principal(s). While coaching some recent transformation efforts, I put Lean Math to the test by asking several novice practitioners to reference it during their work. They were promptly rewarded with deeper insight and effectiveness—a reflection of this book’s utility and value to the lean practitioner.”

—Greg Lane, international lean transformation coach, speaker, and author of three books including, “Made-to-Order Lean: Excelling in a High-Mix, Low-Volume Environment” “While the technical, social, and management sciences behind lean must be learned by doing, their conceptual bases are absolutely

validated by the math. This validation is particularly crucial to overcoming common blind spots ingrained by traditional practice. Hamel and O'Connor's text is a comprehensive and readable resource for lean implementers at all levels who are seeking a deeper understanding of lean tools and systems. Clear diagrams and real-world examples create a bridge for readers between theory and practice—theory proven by practice. If math is the language of science, then Lean Math is indeed the language of lean science." —Bruce Hamilton, President, Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership, Director Emeritus for the Shingo

Institute "Mark and Michael have done a tremendous service for the lean community by tackling this daunting subject. There are so many ways to quantify value, display improvement, and define complex problems that choosing the right methods and measures becomes an obstacle to progress. Lean Math helps remove that obstacle. Almost daily, operations leaders in every industry need the practical math and lean guidance in these pages. Now, finally, we have it in one place. Thank you." —Zane Ferry, Executive Director, National Operations, QMS Continuous Improvement, Quest Diagnostics "Too many lean books dwell on principles, but offer

little to address critical how-to questions, such as, 'How do I use these concepts to solve my specific problem?' With plain English explanations, simple illustrations, and examples across industries, Lean Math bridges a long-standing gap. Hamel and O'Connor's Lean Math is sure to become a must-have reference for every lean practitioner working to improve performance in any modern workplace." —Jeff Fuchs, Executive Director, Maryland World Class Consortia, Past Chairman, Lean Certification Oversight Committee "Lean Math fills a huge gap in the continuous improvement library, helping practitioners to translate data, activities, and ideas

into meaningful information for effective experimentation and intelligent decisions. This reference comes at a critical time for the healthcare industry as we struggle to improve quality, while controlling costs. Though we don't make widgets, our people, processes, and patients will benefit from the tools provided in this reference. The numerous examples, as well as the Gemba Tales scattered throughout the book, bring life to the principles and formulas. Lean Math is impressive in both scope and presentation of content." —Tim Pettry, Senior Process Improvement Specialist, Cleveland Clinic "Lean Math is a great book for those

times when only the correct answer will do. The math, along with the Gemba Tales, are helpful for those in the midst of the technical aspects of a transformation, as well as those of us who once knew much of this but haven't used it in a while." —Beau Keyte, organization transformation and performance improvement coach, author of two Shingo-Award winning books: "The Complete Lean Enterprise" and "Perfecting Patient Journeys" "Math and numbers aren't exclusively the domain of six sigma! Toyota leaders describe lean as an organizational culture, a managerial approach, and a philosophy. They also maintain that the last piece of lean is

technical methods, which includes the math we need for properly sizing inventory levels, validating hypotheses, gauging improvement, and more. Lean Math is a useful book that compiles important mathematical and quantitative methods that complement the people side of lean. Hamel and O'Connor are extremely qualified to deftly explain these methods. Lest you think it's a dry math text, there are Gemba Tales and examples from multiple industries, including healthcare, which illustrate these approaches in very relatable ways." —Mark Graban, Shingo-Award winning author, speaker, consultant, and blogger "When you begin a lean journey,



it's like starting an exercise regimen—the most important thing is to start. But as you mature, and as you achieve higher levels of excellence, rigor becomes increasingly important. Lean Math provides easy, elegant access to the necessary rigor required for effective measurement and analysis and does so in practical terms with excellent examples.”

—Misael Cabrera, PE,  
 Director, Arizona  
 Department  
 Environmental Quality  
Building Power,  
 Strength, and Value  
 CRC Press

"This book presents emerging research-based trends in the area of global quality lean six sigma networks and analysis through an interdisciplinary

approach focusing on research, cases, and emerging technologies"--  
 Provided by publisher.  
*Diverging Theories and New Industries around the World* CRC Press

How will autonomous agents, emergent systems, and chaos theory change the way we live and work in the twenty-first century?

As today's manufacturing and production systems grow increasingly complex, tomorrow's science of complexity will produce paradoxically simple solutions, argue technology experts Patricia Moody and Richard Morley in this astonishing vision of the year 2020. Containing both cutting-edge insights and simple truths that provide a roadmap to

the future of business - and illustrated by case examples from such companies as Motorola, Honda, GM, Solectron, Intel, Silicon Graphics, Modicon, Flavors, NeXT, Japanese Railway, and Andover Controls -- The Technology Machine challenges readers to understand the spirit and core drivers of growth: technology, knowledge, and individual excellence. By combining rigorous research with their extensive experience with technology advances that have changed industry, Moody and Morley are able to supply simple guidelines for future growth and detail their keen vision of future systems, leaders, and workers. They isolate the three bad business habits at the root of

manufacturing problems today -- shortsightedness, restrictive structures, and unbalanced improvement fads -- show how to break them, and supply four infallible predictors of the types of breakthrough technologies that will come to dominate the world of the future. In that world, customers and suppliers are linked by real-time, online systems; business is driven by customer-designed, point-of-consumption replication of product; and a wide gap grows between "The Island of Excellence" organization of the future -- with its holistic approach, including two-year apprenticeships, uniforms, and morning exercises -- and "The

Others," the non-elite, sweatshop-like, breakeven companies of the past. The book is eloquent, original, and essential reading for managers in every area of business and industry.

Lean Six Sigma in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Harnessing the Power of the Fourth Industrial Revolution McGraw Hill Professional

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**Lean Six Sigma Approaches in Manufacturing, Services, and Production** Taylor & Francis  
 Locke argues, that despite America's belief in the superiority of its managerial know-how, U.S. managerialism has never been more than a cultural peculiarity, one that has not been proved but assumed. Eliminating Human Errors in Production and Service Processes Springer  
 Light a match in a dark

room and watch as the light instantly overcomes the darkness. Observe the power, energy and grace of that single, solitary flame dancing with life. Now light several candles or kindle a fire and experience the added warmth and comfort extending from that first, vulnerable flame through others. This is the heart and soul of leadership the essence of inspiring people and awakening the spirit in work. Sage Leadership is about courageously casting off fear, doubt and limiting beliefs and giving people a sense of hope, optimism and accomplishment. It is about inspiring others by being in-Spirit. When you finish this book, you will no longer see things as you see them now. You

will see the world with higher awareness and new light, the light of sage leadership. Book Review In his latest book, John J. Murphy presents the reader with eighteen characteristics of sage leadership and highlights the skills necessary to transform company cultures and turn around inefficient operations. He opens by defining sage leadership as demonstrating and teaching ageless wisdom, spiritual virtue, and timeless, universal truth that connect with people at the soul level. According to Murphy, sage leadership requires an understanding of the role of Source Energy to create an environment where people work together

for a common goal; a transition from me to we thinking. Like the cells that make up our body, we are meant to work in harmony with one another for a greater good, he writes. Murphy develops his theory by creating building blocks to effective leadership. Leaders, he believes, must embrace characteristics like power, grace, integrity, and discipline. Each characteristic builds on the previous, leads to the next, and is based on the belief that people are spiritual beings who require clear thinking to develop understanding, self-motivation, respect, and responsibility. To develop teamwork in an organization, each member must

understand and love differences in personality. We need one another, and we are wise to accept this. The hostile teach us peace. The loud teach us quiet. The hurried teach us patience. The hateful teach us love. Contrast gives us a perfect, balanced world. In each chapter, Murphy defines the individual characteristics, discusses why they are important, and how they can be implemented. He offers ten ideas to practice and ends each chapter by challenging the reader to reflect upon his own values, strengths, and goals. Murphys writing style is clear and concise. As he discusses business process improvements, such as Lean Six Sigma, he thoroughly

explains the terms and concepts. His disciplined, structured approach offers comfort and understanding in a well-organized format. Murphy is a prolific author with ten business improvement books to his credit. He is a business consultant, leadership coach, public speaker, and the founder of Venture Management Consultants, Inc., a firm specializing in improving work cultures. In each of his books, he teaches that true cultural change begins with spiritual wisdom and development. *Sage Leadership* is a step-by-step blueprint for business owners, executives, and team leaders. Its the kind of book that the reader will refer to often to

renew his or her awareness and develop fresh ideas to inspire others. Pat McGrath Avery

*Gameful Project Management* CRC Press

While worker safety is often touted as a company's first priority, more often than not, safety activity is driven by compliance to legislation rather than any safety improvement initiative. Lean takes a proactive approach - it is not contingent on legislation. A serious Lean effort will tear apart an old inefficient entitlement-riddled culture and build it into something effective. *Lean Safety: Transforming your Safety Culture with Lean Management* takes lessons learned

from Lean and applies them to the building of a world-class safety-first organization. Based on 30 years of experience with successful implementation of continuous improvement, Robert Hafey focuses the power of Lean improvement on the universal topic of safety. In doing so, he shows how Lean and safety are linked; that the achievement of one is often dependent upon achievement of the other. In this book, written for managers and executives as well as workers on the line, Hafey: Challenges each stakeholder to think proactively and accept individual responsibility for safety Emphasizes that the building of a top safety program requires the building of

a world-class safety culture Demonstrates how basic Lean tools are as applicable to safety as they are to Lean, such as the A3 problem-solving process and the facilitated kaizen blitz Removes fear from the accident investigation process so that root causes are addressed rather than hidden Establishes standards and metrics for safety management that are clearly definable and measurable Any lasting improvement must become both institutionalized and perpetually capable of adaptation. World class safety is not about writing correct rules, but more about righting the culture responsible for the well-being of its stakeholders. Listen to what Robert Hafey has



to say about Lean Safety.  
*Proven, Practical, Profitable and Powerful Techniques for Making Lean Really Work*  
 McGraw Hill Professional  
 THE C-LEVEL GUIDE TO SUCCEEDING WITH LEAN "With 30 years of accumulated experience, Art Byrne is one of the rare few people who can speak with authority about the pitfalls of financial measurement systems, the importance of respect for people, the power of Lean in the marketplace, and the leverage from organizing people around value streams. When he writes 'Go to the Gemba and Run Your Kaizen,' we must take heed." -- MASAOKI IMAI, bestselling author of Kaizen and Gemba Kaizen "In this

wonderful and important book, Byrne shows us that Lean management, understood and practiced correctly, consistently delivers spectacular results." -- BOB EMILIANI, author, Better Thinking, Better Results, and Professor, Connecticut State University "A compelling picture of how Lean techniques and attitudes enable CEOs and senior executives to create a culture for transforming a company and putting it on a highperformance path." -- JERRY J. JASINOWSKI, former President of the National Association of Manufacturers "Art Byrne provides real-world examples of how he exhibited the wisdom and courage to do the right thing,

improving work practices at all levels of the organization to deliver the right results for all stakeholders. Which comes first, the wisdom or the courage? Read *The Lean Turnaround* to find out." -- JOHN SHOOK, Chairman and CEO, Lean Enterprise Institute "Lean is the closest thing to magic I have experienced in my 40 years in business. I recommend Lean and this book to everyone responsible for the performance of a business, particularly those in private equity like me, where leverage magnifies the importance of cash." -- JOHN CHILDS, founder and CEO, of J. W. Childs Associates L.P. "A must-read for any leader interested in understanding the strategic advantages

from focusing on activities that add value to the customer experience." -- GARY S. KAPLAN, MD, Chairman and CEO of the Virginia Mason Health System Lean isn't just for manufacturing anymore . . . Few business leaders in the world have applied Lean strategy as successfully as Art Byrne has--and none has the ability to explain how to do it with such succinctness and clarity. Famous for turning around the wire management company Wiremold, where he rethought every aspect of operations from the customer's standpoint--and got everyone else in the company to do likewise--Byrne has successfully implemented Lean strategies in more than 30 companies in 14

different countries. In The Lean Turnaround, this legendary business leader shares everything he has learned during his remarkable career and shows how anyone can achieve similar results. His primary message is this: Lean strategy isn't just for manufacturing. In fact, Byrne is using this very approach in his present position at a private equity firm. Whatever type of company you run, Lean can be used to improve virtually every aspect of operations, from training and leading employees to accounting and payroll issues. The Lean Turnaround explains all the ins and outs of applying Lean strategy to: Eliminate waste in every value-added operation Deliver consistent value to

customers Stimulate growth and add jobs Increase wealth for all your stakeholders Build a company culture of continuous improvement (kaizen) Instead of attempting to get customers to conform to your way of doing things--which is, sadly, what most managers are taught to do--you need to configure your company to be responsive to the customers. This is at the core of Byrne's method--and it always works.

#### The Power of Process

CRC Press

Encouraging a long overdue shift in thinking, this book gives managers and executives the means to maximize employee potential by first showing them how to increase the

improvement power of their HR departments. Cheryl M. Jekiel, who has been implementing Lean initiatives out of HR offices for 20 years, defines the people-related approaches and practices needed to alter any cultural dynamic that keeps employees from leveraging their peak abilities. She looks at why so many companies allow this sort of waste to exist, how traditional HR departments have not been especially effective in combating waste, and why today's HR department should be seen differently, as a partner delivering exceptional customer service to employees. Everyone Needs to Learn and Improve Everyone Needs to Participate and Be Involved Ultimately,

lasting change requires evolution in an organizational cultural and to achieve such change requires definitive changes in behavior. To ensure that changes are properly paced and effectively put into operation, the book puts forth a proven five-year plan that includes the building of improvement-linked competencies into each job. Everyone Can Lead Lead with the Customer in Mind Lead by Teaching and Coaching Lead by Creating More Leaders A final section is designed especially for CEOs who must address their own views of HR before addressing improvement. They must recognize that Lean HR strategies and methods can be used

to create a highly motivating place to work, and that anything less would be a waste of talent. To begin, an organization must realize the value of its HR staff and put it to use implementing improvement that is organic, fundamental, and self-perpetuating.

**The Spirit of Kaizen:  
Creating Lasting  
Excellence One**

**Small Step at a Time**  
PCS Inc.

Updated with new information, illustrations, and leadership tools, *Leading the Lean Enterprise Transformation, Second Edition* describes how the metrics used by Toyota drive every line item in a financial statement in the right direction. Rather than focus on Lean tools and

principles, the new edition of this bestselling reference focuses on what makes *The Roots of Lean* IGI Global. Organizations around the world are using Lean to redesign care and improve processes in a way that achieves and sustains meaningful results for patients, staff, physicians, and health systems. *Lean Hospitals, Third Edition* explains how to use the Lean methodology and mindsets to improve safety, quality, access, and morale while reducing costs, increasing capacity, and strengthening the long-term bottom line. This updated edition of a Shingo Research Award recipient begins with an overview of Lean methods. It explains

how Lean practices can help reduce various frustrations for caregivers, prevent delays and harm for patients, and improve the long-term health of your organization. The second edition of this book presented new material on identifying waste, A3 problem solving, engaging employees in continuous improvement, and strategy deployment. This third edition adds new sections on structured Lean problem solving methods (including Toyota Kata), Lean Design, and other topics. Additional examples, case studies, and explanations are also included throughout the book. Mark Graban is also the co-author, with Joe Swartz, of the

book *Healthcare Kaizen: Engaging Frontline Staff in Sustainable Continuous Improvements*, which is also a Shingo Research Award recipient. Mark and Joe also wrote *The Executive's Guide to Healthcare Kaizen*. [Hard-Won Lessons for Nonprofits and Social Entrepreneurs](#) Society of Manufacturing Engineers *Healthcare Kaizen* focuses on the principles and methods of daily continuous improvement, or Kaizen, for healthcare professionals and organizations. Kaizen is a Japanese word that means "change for the better," as popularized by Masaaki Imai in his 1986 book *Kaizen: The Key to Japan's Competitive Success* and through the books

of Norman Bodek, both  
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### **Quick and Easy**

**Kaizen** CRC Press

A groundbreaking and revolutionary book that will transform how lean is understood, practiced, and used within organizations A lean strategy is about gaining a competitive edge by offering better quality products at competitive prices and making a sustainable profit by eliminating waste through engaging employees in discovering deeper ways to think about their own jobs and smarter ways of working together. In its current form, lean has been radically effective, but its true powers have yet to be harnessed. Lean Strategy harnesses that power and delivers a new way of

creating value from lean. Leading lean experts address popular misconceptions about the basics of lean/TPS, showing the true purpose of tools, methods, and attitudes that leverage the intelligence of every employee doing the work. You'll learn how to think—and then act—differently, tapping the power of every person in your organization in a disciplined manner that generates unparalleled, sustainable success that is responsive to today's most pressing challenges

**The Cambridge International Handbook of Lean Production** McGraw-Hill Education  
"Toyota Kata gets to the essence of how

Toyota manages continuous improvement and human ingenuity, through its improvement kata and coaching kata. Mike Rother explains why typical companies fail to understand the core of lean and make limited progress—and what it takes to make it a real part of your culture." —Jeffrey K. Liker, bestselling author of *The Toyota Way* "[Toyota Kata is] one of the stepping stones that will usher in a new era of management thinking." —The Systems Thinker "How any organization in any industry can progress from old-fashioned management by results to a strikingly different and better way." —James P. Womack, Chairman

and Founder, Lean Enterprise Institute "Practicing the improvement kata is perhaps the best way we've found so far for actualizing PDCA in an organization." —John Shook, Chairman and CEO, Lean Enterprise Institute This game-changing book puts you behind the curtain at Toyota, providing new insight into the legendary automaker's management practices and offering practical guidance for leading and developing people in a way that makes the best use of their brainpower. Drawing on six years of research into Toyota's employee-management routines, *Toyota Kata* examines and elucidates, for the first time, the company's organizational



routines--called kata-- that power its success with continuous improvement and adaptation. The book also reaches beyond Toyota to explain issues of human behavior in organizations and provide specific answers to questions such as: How can we make improvement and adaptation part of everyday work throughout the organization? How can we develop and utilize the capability of everyone in the organization to repeatedly work toward and achieve new levels of performance? How can we give an organization the power to handle dynamic, unpredictable situations and keep satisfying customers?

Mike Rother explains how to improve our prevailing management approach through the use of two kata: Improvement Kata--a repeating routine of establishing challenging target conditions, working step-by-step through obstacles, and always learning from the problems we encounter; and Coaching Kata: a pattern of teaching the improvement kata to employees at every level to ensure it motivates their ways of thinking and acting. With clear detail, an abundance of practical examples, and a cohesive explanation from start to finish, Toyota Kata gives executives and managers at any level actionable routines of thought and behavior

that produce superior results and sustained competitive advantage.

**Succeeding at Social Enterprise** Simon and Schuster

Discover the power of KAIZEN to make lasting and powerful change in your organization

“Maurer uses his knowledge of the brain and human psychology to show what I have promoted for the past three decades—that continuous improvement is built on the foundation of people courageously using their creativity. Kaizen is much more than a world-class management practice; it is a technique to remove fear from our mind’s mind, enabling us to take small steps to better things. The process of change starts with awareness

and desire in our minds and then leads to action and change in the physical world.

Readers of this book will surely find new ideas and encouragement to make improvements in personal health, performance at work, and their own well-being.” —Masaaki Imai, Chariman, Kaizen Institute  
**KAIZEN: The Small-Step Step Solution for You and Your Company Today’s** businesses love the idea of revolutionary, immediate change. But major “disruptive” efforts often fail because radical change sets off alarms in our brains and shuts down our power to think clearly and creatively. There is, however, a more effective path to change. Change that is lasting and powerful.

Change that begins with one small step . . . It's The Spirit of Kaizen—a proven system for implementing small, incremental steps that can have a big impact in reaching your goals. This step-by-step guide from renowned psychologist and consultant Dr. Robert Maurer shows you how to: Lower costs—by offering little rewards Raise quality—by reducing mistakes Manage difficult people— one step at a time Boost morale and productivity— in five minutes a day Implement big ideas—through small but steady actions Sell more—in less time Filled with practical tips and ready-to-use tools for managers, innovators, and entrepreneurs, The

Spirit of Kaizen is the essential handbook for a changing world. You'll learn how to think outside the suggestion box, remove mental blindfolds, manage stress with one-minute exercises, and handle rising health-care costs. You'll discover the "small step" secrets for dealing with all kinds of people, from tough bosses and listless workers to stubborn clients and fussy customers. These simple but powerful techniques can be applied to almost any workplace situation, especially when you're trying to navigate the stormy waters of radical change, high-pressure deadlines, and cutthroat competition. These are the same methods of small, continual

improvement that have been tested by the largest companies, such as Boeing, Toyota, and the U.S. Navy—methods that will work for you, too. No matter how big the obstacle or how big the dream, The Spirit of Kaizen has a small-step solution to help you succeed.

Toyota's Global

Marketing Strategy

Simon and Schuster  
Competitive advantage is a key factor to the success of any business in modern society. To achieve this goal, effective strategies for process improvement must be researched and implemented into an organization. The Handbook of Research on Managerial Strategies for Achieving Optimal Performance in

Industrial Processes examines optimization techniques for improved business operations and procedures in the industrial sector. Highlighting management techniques, innovative approaches, and technological tools, this publication is an essential reference source for professionals, researchers, consultants, upper-level students, and academicians interested in the advancement of knowledge in industrial communities.

Lean Hospitals CRC

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Standardized Work with TWI: Eliminating Human Errors in Production and Service Processes presents the Training within Industry

(TWI) program and describes how it can influence and alter one's understanding of work standardization. Work standardization is the key to eliminating human errors from manufacturing and service processes. Work standardization is not just the creation of job instructions—it is a comprehensive approach in which employees are formally trained and their skills in the area of work improvement are developed by kaizen sessions. With poor instructions, though, the effectiveness of these two key activities in the work standardization process is practically impossible to achieve. The book introduces you to 41 rules for standard work instruction (SWI)

preparation. Following these rules will ensure that the instructions in your company are ideally suited to train operators and improve work. The author developed these rules based on his professional experience and practice within the TWI program in more than 120 manufacturing and service enterprises, while creating thousands of SWIs. These rules are a clear set of signposts that will help you develop a correct SWI on the first attempt without any unnecessary correction of errors. The quality of SWIs significantly affects how on-the-job training sessions are run, as well as how work analysis with respect to improvement is conducted.

*Lean Human Resources*  
Cambridge University  
Press

At present, how to develop industries is a burning issue in Africa, where population growth remains high and economic development has thus far failed to provide sufficient jobs for many, especially young people and women. The creation of productive jobs through industrial development ought to be a central issue in steering economic activity across the continent. The authors of this book, consisting of two development economists and five practitioners, argue that the adoption of Kaizen management practices, which originated in Japan and have become widely used by manufacturers

in advanced and emerging economies, is decisively the most effective first step for industrial development in Africa. This open access book discusses what Kaizen management is, why it is applicable to Africa, and why it can provide Africa with a springboard for sustainable economic growth and employment generation.

*Lean Math: Figuring to Improve The Kaizen Blitz*  
Accelerating Breakthroughs in Productivity and Performance  
Thousands of brilliant business ideas are launched into the world of work every day. But how can business leaders know which ideas are the ones that will really drive the business full steam

ahead? From scientific management to knowledge management and from the agile organization to the virtual organization, Des Dearlove describes each idea, shows how it has been applied practically and gives alternative interpretations and definitions from the sceptics.

The Key to Breakthrough

Improvement John Wiley & Sons  
Recent improvements at Enterride's Trail Rider Memphis Operation bought Pete Grant, the Trail Rider Plant Manager, and his team a little more time, but Pete knew much more was needed to save the plant. They needed a breakthrough, a true game changer. Then

someone told Pete about a process called 3P that could lead to unprecedented improvement when utilized during major change programs. Could this be just what he was looking for? Unleashing the Power of 3P: The Key to Breakthrough Improvement follows Pete and his team as they journey through Lean and the Production Preparation Process (3P). Using an easy-to-follow story, it allows readers to tag along as the team learns how to trim waste, increase efficiency, and bring their plant back from the brink. You'll learn from the team's mistakes and follow them as they visit a hospital and learn how Lean and 3P can be applied in any industry.

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