

# **Continuous Improvement**

Continuous improvement provides a fresh perspective across your manufacturing facility, helping you to increase safety, streamline processes, shorten lead times and maximize productivity. A successful continuous improvement program gives you a competitive advantage and allows you to focus on activities that add value to your organization.

"Our on time delivery improved from the low 30%'s to over 90%."

"The value stream mapping project was the start of an evolution in our business. It is driving on-time delivery and tremendous cost savings."

# Why Continuous Improvement?



Improve safety and workspace organization



Reduce defects and improve quality



Boost customer and employee satisfaction



Cut costs and eliminate waste

5 Principles of Lean

From Lean Thinking

**Specify Value** - Gain a clear understanding of your customer's wants and needs.



- Map the Value Stream Visualize the processes that bring a product to your customer.
  - **Establish Flow** Streamline processes to reduce lead-time.
- Implement Pull Produce only what the customer needs.
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Work to Perfection - Create a culture that seeks to continually improve.

# **Continuous Improvement Journey**

The implementation of a successful continuous improvement program requires support from upper management and engagement from employees. Manufacturers with this support can expect to see significant improvement in safety incident rates, product quality, lead-time, productivity and space utilization.

# **FastLane Boots on the Ground Program**

Training and coaching services plus on-site implementation support.



## Value Stream Mapping

Uncover opportunities to reduce waste and improve flow



### Quick Changeover

Standardize and streamline changeover steps, reducing setup time



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Organize workspace and tools with visual controls



### Plant & Cell Layout

Improve the flow of materials



# Problem Solving

Find solutions to difficult challenges

Manufacturers often feel frustrated or overwhelmed when they don't have what they need to solve a problem.

FastLane advisors get you to solutions faster to make your life easier.

## The Manufacturing Success Plan

- 1. Schedule a meeting with FastLane
- 2. Choose a problem or opportunity to work on
- 3. Get solutions faster
- 4. Cross it off your list



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