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This reference manual is designed to help those interested in passing the ASQ's certification exam for Six Sigma Green Belts and others who want a handy reference to the appropriate materials needed to conduct successful Green Belt projects. It is a reference handbook on running projects for those who are already knowledgeable about process improvement and variation reduction. The primary layout of the handbook follows the ASQ Body of Knowledge (BoK) for the Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB) updated in 2015. The authors were involved with the first edition handbook, and have utilized first edition user comments, numerous Six Sigma practitioners, and their own personal knowledge

gained through helping others prepare for exams to bring together a handbook that they hope will be very beneficial to anyone seeking to pass the ASQ or other Green Belt exams. In addition to the primary text, the authors have added a number of new appendixes, an expanded acronym list, new practice exam questions, and other additional materials. Every lean practitioner occasionally wishes for a simple, fun, and quick-read introduction to lean thinking to give acquaintances, associates, and family members -- even to our kids. If lean thinking often entails unlearning a plethora of bad habits, wouldn't it better if we learned better thinking -- and habits -- from the beginning? Everything I Know About Lean I Learned in First Grade is just that

sort of book. It brings lean back to its original simplicity by showing how lean is alive in a first grade classroom. The book connects common lean tools to the broader lean journey, shows how to identify and eliminate waste, and aids the reader in seeing lean for what it truly is: a way to create a learning and problem-solving culture. Written to educate the entire organization on the fundamentals of lean thinking, this is the perfect source to engage all team members at all levels of an organization. Originally self-published in 2008, LEI is proud to re-issue this book and make it available to the broader lean community.

Sailing through Six Sigma is the most user-friendly and comprehensive guide for implementing the Six Sigma performance improvement process. By the same co-authors of The Memory Jogger series, this book brings both the "Art" and "Science" of Six Sigma and is a great "how-to" book: How managers can implement it to improve their organization: AND "How teams can improve processes using the DMAIC model." Use it as a training guide, course pre-reader, or handy reference book.

The Quality Toolbox is a comprehensive reference to a variety of methods and techniques: those most commonly used for quality improvement, many less commonly used, and some created by the author and not available elsewhere. The reader will find the widely used seven basic quality control tools (for example, fishbone diagram, and Pareto chart) as well as the newer management and planning tools. Tools are included for generating and organizing ideas, evaluating ideas, analyzing processes, determining root causes, planning, and basic data-handling and statistics. The book is written and organized to be as simple as possible to use so that anyone can find

and learn new tools without a teacher. Above all, this is an instruction book. The reader can learn new tools or, for familiar tools, discover new variations or applications. It also is a reference book, organized so that a half-remembered tool can be found and reviewed easily, and the right tool to solve a particular problem or achieve a specific goal can be quickly identified. With this book close at hand, a quality improvement team becomes capable of more efficient and effective work with less assistance from a trained quality consultant. Quality and training professionals also will find it a handy reference and quick way to expand their repertoire of tools, techniques, applications, and tricks. For this second edition, Tague added 34 tools and 18 variations. The "Quality Improvement Stories" chapter has been expanded to include detailed case studies from three Baldrige Award winners. An entirely new chapter, "Mega-Tools: Quality Management Systems," puts the tools into two contexts: the historical evolution of quality improvement and the quality management systems within which the tools are used. This edition liberally uses icons with each tool description to reinforce for the reader what kind of tool it is and where it is used within the improvement process.

Six Sigma is not new, it's simply a new name for a set of principles and tools that have been developed over the last 100 years that are at the heart of being a world class manufacturing engineer. Principles that are based on the laws of physics and Mathematics to guarantee process knowledge and improvement. Principles that seem to have been forgotten or over looked in the modern world but that can give all Manufacturing Engineers the tools to fix any technical

problem, these are must have approaches. Its a book therefore for anyone who wants to use Six Sigma and be a world Class Engineer..

A jargon-free project-management guide outlines a variety of tools for planning, process improvement and quality control while providing illustrative examples and sharing recommendations for implementing specific steps.

Effectively Execute Lean Six Sigma Projects using SigmaXL and Minitab Written by a Six Sigma Master Black Belt and a Ph.D., this practical guide to Lean Six Sigma project execution follows the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control) roadmap. The many real-world examples used in the book offer in-depth theoretical analyses and are implemented using the two most popular statistical software suites--SigmaXL and Minitab. This expert resource covers Lean topics ranging from basic data analysis to complex design of experiments and statistical process control. Harness the power of SigmaXL and Minitab and enable sustained positive operational results throughout your organization with help from this authoritative guide. Lean Six Sigma Using SigmaXL and Minitab explains how to: Define the project goals, project manager, value statement, stakeholders, and risk Schedule tasks using the Gantt chart, critical path analysis, and program evaluation and review technique Capture the voice of internal and external customers Assess the cost of quality Gather data and measure process performance Perform process capabilities analysis Apply Lean Six Sigma metrics to determine baseline performance Implement analysis techniques such as Pareto analysis, value stream mapping, failure mode and effect analysis (FMEA), and regression analysis Identify constraints via factorial experiments,

and implement process improvements Monitor production performance using statistical process control

This book offers a comprehensive guide to implementing a company-wide management system (CWMS), utilising up-to-date methodologies of lean-six sigma in order to achieve high levels of business excellence. It builds the foundation for quality and continuous improvement, which can be implemented in any organization. The book begins with an introduction to and an overview of CWMSs, and reviews the existing literature on various management systems. It then discusses the integration and implementation of lean-six sigma in supply chain management. The integration approach presented highlights the link between the existing management systems and shows how continuous improvement methodologies are incorporated. The book then examines the components of CWMS, comparing them to other systems. It also explores Kano-based six sigma and concludes with further recommendations for reading. This book covers five management systems integrated into one novel approach that can be followed by organizations wishing to achieve quality and business excellence. Covering lean-six sigma - an essential element of management systems - it is a valuable resource for practitioners and academics alike.

With the renewed emphasis on Strategic Planning effectiveness, the need is greater than ever before for a strategic planning, deployment and audit system that can help to successfully lead an organization into a competitive future. The Hoshin Kanri methodology offers a means to focus an organization on what is critical for its future and to deploy those goals in such a way that the organization is aligned both vertically and hori-

zontally in its effort to achieve success. In addition, the Hoshin Kanri system provides the visibility to track progress of the strategic plan strategies and projects so that the leadership of the organization is able to respond to unexpected challenges and roadblocks as they arise. Hoshin Kanri is the key to driving Lean and Six Sigma initiatives across the organization.

FOSTER AND SUSTAIN A "KAIZEN" CULTURE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION
 FOREWORD BY JOHN TOUSSANT, CEO OF THE DACARE
 Transforming a culture is far more about emotional growth than technical maturity. Co-written by leaders at the Kaizen Institute, "Creating a Kaizen Culture" explains how to enable an adaptive, excellent, and sustainable organization by leveraging core "kaizen" values and the behaviors they generate. The proven methods presented in this book will dramatically increase your chances of success in implementing a "kaizen" culture by closing the biggest gaps in the correct understanding of: WHAT KAIZEN CULTURE IS AND WHY WE NEED IT HOW EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE CAN PRACTICE "KAIZEN" EVERY DAY THE LEADER'S ROLE IN TURNING KAIZEN CULTURE INTO COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE-
 Based on more than 50 years of combined experience from experts who have successfully used "kaizen" to lead real transformation in a wide variety of industries, "Creating a Kaizen Culture" reveals how to propel rapid and sustainable performance improvement. It provides a detailed and illustrated road map to organized "kaizen" implementation through kaizen events. Real-world examples demonstrate "kaizen" culture in action at Toyota, Zappos, Wiremold, and many other companies. Featuring valuable insights from Kaizen Institute leaders, this practical resource covers: WHY

WE NEED A "KAIZEN" CULTURE THE TRUE MEANING OF "KAIZEN" THE ORIGIN OF THE "KAIZEN" EVENT "KAIZEN" AS A STRATEGY IN PRACTICE DAILY "KAIZEN" SUSTAINING A "KAIZEN" CULTURE ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS FOR "KAIZEN" TRANSFORMATION FACING UP TO THE CULTURE MONSTER CASE STUDIES OF REAL-WORLD "KAIZEN" IMPLEMENTATION IN ORGANIZATIONS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND INDUSTRIES.

Spend analysis is a key component of strategic supply management. This book provides in-depth guidance on what spend analysis really is, what it specifically involves, and how to use it to help your organization achieve its full potential.

Outlines a systematic process for improving the value of a project through the analysis of its functions while explaining how to reduce costs and maximize quality in products, processes and services in manufacturing, construction and management.

"Randy has crafted an invaluable book, no matter where you are in the journey of organizational change management. A must-have guide you will refer to again and again." - Marshall Goldsmith, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller, Triggers. "Randy Kesterson recognizes that much of the energy that organizations put into Lean and Six Sigma improvements is wasted when the results are not applied effectively due to the organization's resistance to change." - Ellen Domb, Ph.D. PQR, one of the world's top 50 quality experts at QualityGurus.com "Finally, a book that recognizes that most organizations are on the left side of the FAT-LEAN continuum. Far too many organizations think they are Lean/Six Sigma mature only to realize that they aren't even close." - Gerhard

Plenert, Ph.D., serves as Director of Executive Education, Shingo Institute, Home of the Shingo Prize The Intersection of Change Management and Lean Six Sigma: The Basics for Black Belts and Change Agents is for Lean and Six Sigma professionals working inside organizations with low Lean maturity and significant resistance to change. Written by a business executive and certified Lean Six Sigma black belt, this book: Provides sound, innovative practices for those interested in successfully navigating organizational change. Focuses on culture change and mindsets, not just tools and applications. Stresses effective communication ensuring that various stakeholders understand the reasons for the change, the benefits, and the details. Illustrates how the benefits of Lean and Six Sigma initiatives can benefit the change management process. This book pinpoints and examines the intersection of change management and Lean Six Sigma. It features interviews with change management practitioners (executives, project managers, and black belts) and provides pertinent case studies detailing successful and failed changes.

It is no secret that Lean Six Sigma (LSS) is not as popular with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as it is with larger ones. However, many SMEs are suppliers to larger entities who are pushing for superior quality and world-class process efficiencies from suppliers. Lean Six Sigma for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises: A Practical Guide provides a roadmap for the successful implementation and deployment of LSS in SMEs. It includes five real-world case studies that demonstrate how LSS tools have been successfully integrated into LSS methodology. Simplifying the terminology and methodology of LSS, this book makes the implementation process accessible. Supplies a gen-

eral introduction to continuous improvement initiatives in SMEs Identifies the key phases in the introduction and development of LSS initiatives within an SME Details the most powerful LSS tools and techniques that can be used in an SME environment Provides tips on how to make the project selection process more successful This book covers the fundamental challenges and common pitfalls that can be avoided with successful introduction and deployment of LSS in the context of SMEs. Systematically guiding you through the application of the Six Sigma methodology for problem solving, the book devotes separate chapters to the most appropriate tools and techniques that can be useful in each stage of the methodology. Keeping the required math and statistics to a minimum, this practical guide will help you to deploy LSS as your prime methodology for achieving and sustaining world-class efficiency and effectiveness of critical business processes.

A comprehensive reference for developing and managing precise software requirements shares guidelines for fostering communications between business and technical teams to maximize accuracy at the request and developmental levels.

Based on the original Memory Jogger, this pocket guide provides basic tools for problem solving and continuous improvement. Team techniques and collaborative decision-making tools, including the seven management and planning tools, are also included. Read it cover to cover and refer to it often.

The purpose of this book is to provide the practitioner with the necessary tools and techniques with which to implement a systematic approach to process improvement initiatives using the Six Sig-

ma methodology.

If the question, "How can I design a process that is capable of delivering six sigma products and services?" keeps you awake at night, we have the answer that will let you rest easy. Based on the Define-Measure-Analyze-Design-Verify (DMADV) model, *The Design for Six Sigma Memory Jogger™* guides you, step-by-step, through the process and clearly and concisely presents tools for: identifying the Voice of the Customer, prioritizing Critical to Quality Characteristics, and creating High-Level and Detailed Design Elements, assessing risks, testing designs and validating process capability. Using *The Design for Six Sigma Memory Jogger™* as both a teaching tool and performance support aid, team members will hit the ground running, map their next steps, use tollgate reviews to report progress, and document their project through storyboards. Portable, concise, easy to read and packed with wisdom, *The Design for Six Sigma Memory Jogger™* allows team members to know how they "fit in" and enables them to make a maximum contribution to the project team. At a Glance - Why do you need Design for Six Sigma - Overview of DMADV with an explanation of the differences between DMADV and DMAIC Six Sigma Methods - Detailed tools and methods for performing each DMADV step - Resources for advanced and industry-specific applications

Shares an overview and introduction to Six Sigma concepts, terminology and methods, outlining 41 Six Sigma tools including the "Critical To Quality" tree, the "Failure Mode and Effects Analysis" and the VOC Data-Collection System, detailing step-by-step approaches for specific needs from strengthening a market position to increasing profits.

A Six Sigma mentoring guide presents a

clear outline of the DMAIC model and guidelines for implementing specific teaching and leadership methodologies into an organization within a specific timeline.

Praise for *The Lean Six Sigma Guide to Doing More with Less* "At Frito Lay, we have applied many of the concepts and tools in this book, and we are realizing a five to seven times return on our annual Lean Six Sigma investment." —Tony Mattei, Lean Six Sigma Director, Frito Lay "Ecolab has experienced a sustainable, competitive advantage through Lean Six Sigma. The principles in this book are helping us drive greater value for our shareholders, better service for our customers, and talent development opportunities for our associates." —Jeffrey E. Burt, Vice President and Global Deployment Leader, Lean Six Sigma, Ecolab "This book gives excellent insights into Lean Six Sigma and its strong impact within different industries. We used Lean Six Sigma in numerous process improvement projects, which, in turn, helped to create momentum and set up a process improvement culture. Amid a challenging economic environment, we are accelerating this initiative globally." —Satheesh Mahadevan, Directeur des Processus, Société Générale "Our Lean Six Sigma deployment of the concepts and tools described in this book is transforming our business—with tangible benefits for our employees, customers, suppliers, and shareholders." —Jeffrey Herzfeld, Sr. Vice President and General Manager, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA "We have deployed the holistic Lean Six Sigma strategy described by Mark George across our enterprise. It is providing remarkable returns for Unum." —Bob Best, Chief Operating Officer, Unum "The Lean Six Sigma Guide to Doing More

with Less presents a comprehensive view of operations transformation, the approaches required for success, leadership's role, and the competitive advantage that results. Transformational changes are enabling us to do more with less, by investing and working smarter." —Ted Doheny, President and COO, Joy Mining Machinery

Updated to correspond with A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, a second edition outlines proven tips and techniques for effective project management and is augmented by new coverage of such topics as project communications, organizational change management and project contingencies.

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Although Lean and Six Sigma appear to be quite different, when used together they have shown to deliver unprecedented improvements to quality and profitability. The Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Handbook: Tools and Methods for Pro-

cess Acceleration explains how to integrate these seemingly dissimilar approaches to increase production speed while decreasing variations and costs in your organization. Presenting problem-solving tools you can use to immediately determine the sources of the problems in your organization, the book is based on a recent survey that analyzed Six Sigma tools to determine which are the most beneficial. Although it focuses on the most commonly used tools, it also includes coverage of those used a minimum of two times on every five Six Sigma projects. Filled with diagrams of the tools you'll need, the book supplies a comprehensive framework to help you for organize and process the vast amount of information currently available about Lean, quality management, and continuous improvement process applications. It begins with an overview of Six Sigma, followed by little-known tips for using Lean Six Sigma (LSS) effectively. It examines the LSS quality system, its supporting organization, and the different roles involved. Identifying the theories required to support a contemporary Lean system, the book describes the new skills and technologies that you need to master to be certified at the Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (LSSBB) level. It also covers the advanced non-statistical and statistical tools that are new to the LSSBB body of knowledge. Presenting time-tested insights of a distinguished group of authors, the book provides the understanding required to select the solutions that best fit your organization's aim and culture. It also includes exercises, worksheets, and templates you can easily customize to create your own handbook for continuous process improvement. Designed to make the methodologies you choose easy to follow, the book will help Black Belts and

Senseis better engage their employees, as well as provide an integrated and visual process management structure for reporting and sustaining continuous improvement breakthroughs and initiatives.

The Lean Memory Jogger™ for Healthcare is designed for you to use as a convenient and quick reference guide on the job or on the go. Our What is it? Why use it? and How do I do it? format is crucial for understanding and retention of the tools. Put your finger on any individual tool within seconds! Use this guide as part of a self-study program or as a reference before, during, and after your training to learn the different types of tools and their uses.

Goes beyond the systems of familiar methodologies to explain how companies can turn process performance into a competitive advantage while sustaining excellence, outlining philosophical strategies to such topics as recognizing what is valuable to customers, promoting cross-functional cooperation and aligning IT systems with processes.

The Problem Solving Memory Jogger™ Second Edition is designed for you to use on the job or in the classroom. This book uses a problem-solving model based upon a variety of data and knowledge-based tools. The emphasis of this model is on root cause analysis and innovative solutions. Use this book as part of a self-study program or as a reference before, during, and after training to learn the concepts, methods, and basic tools for effective problem solving. Each step in The Problem Solving Memory Jogger™ details the key concepts and the practical skills that you should master. The book also highlights a case example that demonstrates how the tools are used in each step in the process. You'll also find

page references to supporting books that include step-by-step details on tool construction and the team process.

An updated edition applies the original text's concepts to both services and transactional organizations, outlining strategies on how to attract and retain customers through superior service delivery, in a guide that explains the specific needs of service-related practices and how they differ from manufacturing philosophies.

Ever needed a quick reminder to one of those Six Sigma tools you were taught in Green Belt class but can't seem to find a precise description of it quickly? Then this latest addition to the GOAL/QPC Memory Jogger series is a must have. The spiral bound pocket guide follows the DMAIC model, describing the tools and techniques applicable to each phase in the renowned GOAL/QPC format: Why use it? What does it do? and How do I do it? As a quick reference, it will help keep your projects on track. As a teaching tool for team members, it has no equal; there are numerous examples, illustrations, and tips throughout the book. Comprehensive yet concise, it is written from a training perspective so that every topic and every page goes quickly to the critical point of interest. With over 100 graphics it covers topics such as, Critical To Flowdown, Measurement Systems Analysis, Rolled Throughput Yield, Process Capability, Central Limit Theorem, Hypothesis Testing, and Control Charts.

A low cost tool that can bring you Six Sigma success. Help all of your Black Belts become the teachers, mentors, and leaders you know they can be. Starting with a clear depiction of the DMAIC model and the roles and responsibilities that help ensure that Six Sigma methodologies become ingrained in the organiza-

tion, The Black Belt Memory Jogger clarifies concepts and tools, from Critical To Flowdown through Control Plans, illuminating these methods in 25 detailed chapters for Six Sigma know how.

Lean production, has long been regarded as critical to business success in many industries. Over the last ten years, instruction in six sigma has been increasingly linked with learning about the elements of lean production. Introduction to Engineering Statistics and Lean Sigma builds on the success of its first edition (Introduction to Engineering Statistics and Six Sigma) to reflect the growing importance of the "lean sigma" hybrid. As well as providing detailed definitions and case studies of all six sigma methods, Introduction to Engineering Statistics and Lean Sigma forms one of few sources on the relationship between operations research techniques and lean sigma. Readers will be given the information necessary to determine which sigma methods to apply in which situation, and to predict why and when a particular method may not be effective. Methods covered include:

- control charts and advanced

- control charts,
- failure mode and effects analysis,
- Taguchi methods,
- gauge R&R, and
- genetic algorithms.

The second edition also greatly expands the discussion of Design For Six Sigma (DFSS), which is critical for many organizations that seek to deliver desirable products that work first time. It incorporates recently emerging formulations of DFSS from industry leaders and offers more introductory material on the design of experiments, and on two level and full factorial experiments, to help improve student intuition-building and retention. The emphasis on lean production, combined with recent methods relating to Design for Six Sigma (DFSS), makes Introduction to Engineering Statistics and Lean Sigma a practical, up-to-date resource for advanced students, educators, and practitioners.

A process improvement guide details steps for enabling streamlined operations and a total organizational effort geared toward bottom-line performance, providing coverage of such topics as improving customer satisfaction, shortening cycle times and eliminating non-value-added activities.