

Lean or Six Sigma?

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These are some of the most frequently asked questions from those interested in improving.



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Much of what is seen in the press is about Six Sigma. Does that make it the best?



Or is it “Lean Six Sigma” we want?



- People often combine the toolsets, but they really are different
- Lean is helpful in reducing inefficiencies by reducing the time and space needed to perform required tasks
- Six Sigma’s strength is in reducing defects and variation; i.e., unwanted errors and swings in a process
- Lean is straightforward ... Six Sigma done correctly requires math

Our experience ...

What we see in most organizations ...
manufacturing or service ... is the ...



1. Need for stable, reliable operations
2. Need for de-cluttering, addressing wasteful motions
3. Need for analyzing and reducing variation
4. Need for setting stretch goals

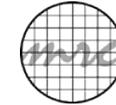
Our suggested implementation ...

1. Use Maintenance Excellence techniques like Predictive Maintenance and Condition Based Monitoring to establish stable/reliable operations
2. Use Lean Tools like 5S, Smart Changeover, and Standard Work to de-clutter and remove inefficiencies
3. Use Six Sigma to remove remaining variation once stable, efficient operations have been established
4. The bottom line: use the tools as they make sense!



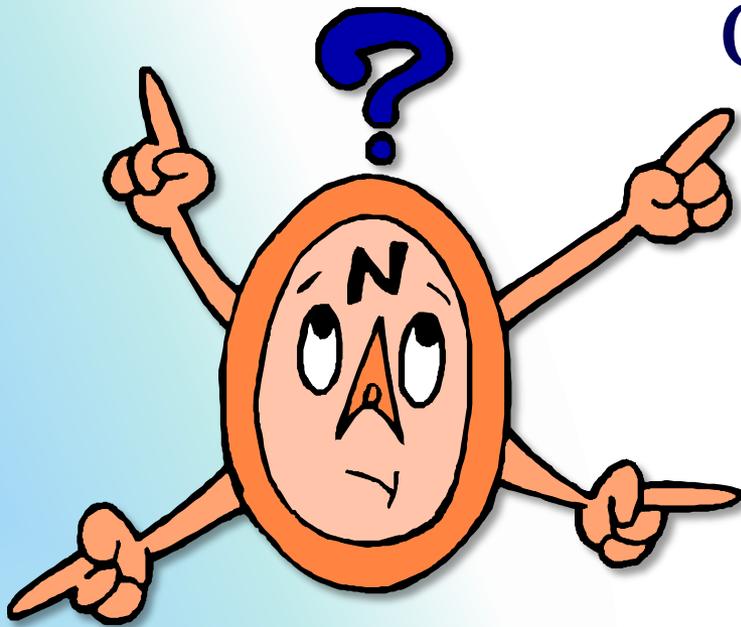
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