







Plant Floor Systems Implementation

Lean Manufacturing Assistant (LMA) Enables Improvements at Automotive OEM

Client:

Automotive OEM

Objectives:

- 1. Provide capability to track a variety of products through the manufacturing process
- Provide capability to plan for product changeover requirements in real time
- 3. Provide capability to successfully schedule and build small product batches with minimal interruption
- Reduce unscheduled downtime, increase scheduling flexibility and improve overall product throughput

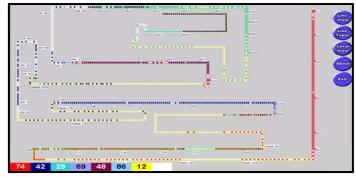
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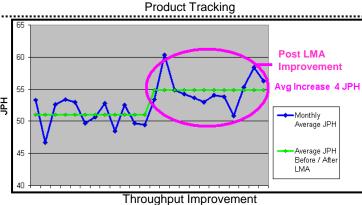
An OEM manufacturing facility with multiple products needed a method for tracking product flow and anticipating product changeover in a complex production system. Sandalwood plant floor systems specialists developed a real time system arming plant management and production team members with the data necessary to identify bottlenecks, track special product runs and minimize production interruptions due to product changeovers.

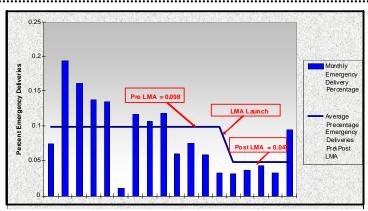
Results:

- Installed LMA system on manufacturing floor
- Trained plant management and production team members on LMA system
- Improved throughput 8%
- Reduced daily part shortage occurances 42%
- Reduced part shortage downtime 58%
- Empowered production team members to improve product changeover process and minimize interruptions to production flow

Similar results were obtained at other LMA installations







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