

Leadership Panel Presentation

Hixson Metal
Finishing

1.1.4 Continuous
Improvement
Management

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- ✈ How does your organization select improvement priorities and review progress on improvement initiatives?
- ✈ How are process owners, master trainers, and strategic champions included in this process?
- ✈ How are improvement projects and teams selected and given direction?
- ✈ How is a standard problem-solving model deployed throughout the organization?
- ✈ How are recognition and sharing of key learning accomplished?
- ✈ How are process improvement ideas solicited, reviewed, approved, and implemented?
- ✈ How is a high level of workforce participation ensured?
- ✈ How are improvement suggestions recognized?
- ✈ How are suggestions made visible in work areas?

1.1.4 Continuous Improvement Management

✈ Or more simply put...

✈ How do we:

Select

Prioritize

Staff

Implement

Evaluate

(SPSIE for short)

Our Continuous Improvement Process

Our Key Practices

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✈ Kaizen Events

- ✈ Eliminating Waste (Rapid Improvement)



✈ 6S Events

- ✈ Organization & Cleanliness (Rapid Improvement)

✈ Lean Six Sigma Projects

- ✈ Reducing Variation (Long Term)



Our Key Practices

- ✈ Standard Work Training Programs
- ✈ C/I Project Prioritization Matrix
- ✈ Continuous Improvement Schedule

Our Key Practices

✈ C/I Communication Methods

✈ Kaizen Report Outs

✈ Department Dashboards

✈ Improvement Wall



✈ TV Monitors Throughout Production

✈ Graduation Ceremonies



Our Key Practices

Overarching Improvement Methodology

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Things We Did Right

- ✈ Monthly 6S Audits



- ✈ Measuring/Controlling Results (Dashboards)

- ✈ Process Owner Leadership



Things We Did Right

- ✈ Employee Involvement in Decision Making

- ✈ Employee Recognition – Graduation

Ceremonies, Improvement Board, TV Monitors

- ✈ Kaizen Event Follow-up

Things We Learned

- ✈ Plan your improvement project – then add 30% more time than you planned for!
- ✈ Spend 80% of your time on the **P** of **PDCA**.
- ✈ Don't implement improvements in a vacuum.

Questions

Thank you!

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