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	Total quality management		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Graphic Enterprises	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
Harley-Davidson	Just-in-time manufacturing		
Heineken	Product design for global markets		
Heinz	Facilities location decision		
Hermann Miller	Environmental issues and operations mgmt		
Hershey	Customer service, satisfaction and success		
Hewlett Packard	Product design for global markets		
	Concurrent engineering		
	Environmental issues: Reuse and recycling		
	International manufacturing		
	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Hino	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
Hitachi Seiki	Core manufacturing competencies		
Home Depot	Supply chain management		
Honda	Concurrent engineering		
	Cost analysis for purchasing		
	Product design for global markets		
Honeywell	Agile manufacturing		
	Facilities location decision		
	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
IBM	Agile Logistics		
	Customer service, satisfaction and success		
	Environmental issues: Reuse anrecycling		
	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Total quality management		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Ikea	Product design for global markets		
Imperial Chemical	Facilities location decision		
Individual, Inc.	Mass customization and manufacturing		
Institute of management Accountants	Activity-based costing: An evaluation		
Intel	JIT evolution and use the United States		
	Virtual manufacturing		

Organization	Article where discussed		
ISO	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
J.B. Hunt	Electronic data interchange in supply chain		
J.C. Penny	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
J.D. Edwar	Enterprise resource planning (ERP)		
JIPE	Total productive maintenance		
JIPM	Total productive maintenance		
John Crane Limited	Core manufacturing competencies		
John Deere	Agile manufacturing		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Johnson and Johnson	Facilities location decision		
JUSE	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
Kawasaki	Just-in-time manufacturing		
Kia (Korea)	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
K-Mart	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
Kodak	Facilities location decision		
	Environmental issues and operations mgmt		
Komatsu	Total quality management		
KPMG	Balanced scorecard		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Electronic data interchange in supply chain		
Lawson Software	Enterprise resource planning (ERP)		
	Activity-based costing		
Lego	Mass customization: Implementation		
	Product design for global markets		
Levi-Strauss	Agile Logistics		
	Human resource issues in manufacturing		
	Mass customization: Implementation		
	Product design for global markets		
Lockheed Corporation	Learning curve analysis		
Lutron Electronics Company	Mass customization and manufacturing		
MacDonnell Aircraft/Aerospace	Manufacturing flexibility		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Mack Trucks	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
MANTECH	Virtual manufacturing		
Marks and Spencer	Supplier partnership as strategy		
Marriott	Product design for global markets		
Mars	Product design for global markets		
	Agile manufacturing		
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Flexible automation		
Matlack	Electronic data interchange in supply chain		
Matsushita	Target costing		
	Agile manufacturing		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Virtual manufacturing		

Organization	Article where discussed		
Mazda	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
McDonalds	Product design for global markets		
McKesson	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
Mercedes Benz	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Target costing		
Metro Bank	Balanced scorecard		
Mobil	Facilities location decision		
Motorola	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Product design for global markets		
	Purchasing: The future		
	Statistical process control using control		
	Supplier relationships		
	Total quality management		
NAPM	Purchasing: Acquiring the best inputs		
Nashua Corporation	Just-in-time manufacturing: Implications		
	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
	Statistical process control using control		
National Association of Accountants	Capital investment in advanced technology		
National Bureau of Standards	Virtual manufacturing		
National Insurance	Balanced scorecard		
National Semiconductor	Logistics: Meeting customer's real needs		
Navistar International	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
NCPDM	Logistics: Meeting customer's real needs		
Nestle	Facilities location decision		
Nissan	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
NIST	Total quality management		
Northern Telecom	Environmental issues and operations mgmt		
Nokia	U-shaped assembly lines		
NUMMI	Core manufacturing competencies		
	Just-in-time manufacturing		
	Total quality management		
Nuskin	Customer service, satisfaction and success		
Olympus Optical Company	Target costing		
Omark Industries	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Setup reduction		
Oracle	Enterprise resource planning (ERP)		
	MRP implementation		
Oxford	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
PACCAR, Inc.	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
Packard Electric	Manufacturing strategy		
Panasonic	Agile manufacturing		

Organization	Article where discussed		
Peoplesoft	Enterprise resource planning (ERP)		
	MRP implementation		
Pininfarina, Italy	Outsourcing of product design		
Pizza Hut	Product design for global markets		
Polaroid	Product design for global markets		
Portsmouth Block Mill	History of manufacturing management		
Pratt and Whitney	Supplier performance measurement		
Procter and Gamble	Global manufacturing rationalization		
	Supply chain management		
Quaker Oats	Facilities location decision		
RCA	Facilities location decision		
Reebok	Mass customization and manufacturing		
Renault	International manufacturing		
RJR Nabisco	Electronic data interchange in supply chair		
Roadway Express	Electronic data interchange in supply chair		
Ross Controls	Mass customization		
Ryan Transport Management Systems	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
Samsonite	Theory of constraints in manufacturing		
Samsung	International manufacturing		
SAP	Activity-based costing		
	Enterprise resource planning (ERP)		
	MRP implementation		
Schrader Bellows	Activity-based costing: An evaluation		
Seagate Technologies	Facilities location decision		
Siemens	Kanban-based manufacturing systems		
Skoda	Manufacturing analysis using Chaos,		
Sony	Virtual manufacturing		
	Environmental issues and operations mgm		
Space Electronics, Inc.	Mass customization and manufacturing		
Standard Oil Company	Facilities location decision		
Stanford University	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
Subway	Product design for global markets		
Sun Microsystems	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
Sundstrand Corporation	Flexible automation		
Surgical Focused Care	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
Taco Bell	Reengineering and process view of		
Target	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
Tektronics	New product development through		
Telco (India)	Mass customization and manufacturing		
Telepad, Inc.	Virtual manufacturing		
Tennant	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
Texas Instruments	Concurrent engineering		
	Learning curve analysis		

Organization	Article where discussed		
	Reengineering and process view of		
	Supplier performance measurement		
The Gap	Logistics: Meeting customer's real needs		
Thomas Register	Purchasing: Acquiring the best inputs		
Thomson Consumer Electronics	Concurrent engineering		
Timkin Company	Performance measurement		
Toronto Plastics Ltd.	ISO 9000/QS 9000 quality standards		
Toyo Ink	International manufacturing		
Toyota	Core manufacturing competencies		
	Customer service through system		
	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
	Kanban-based manufacturing systems		
	Lean manufacturing implementation		
	Mass customization and manufacturing		
	Product development and concurrent		
	Product innovation		
	Supplier relationships		
	Target costing		
	Total quality management		
Toys-R-Us	Supply chain management		
Trident Precision Manufacturing	Performance excellence: The Malcolm		
Tyco	Product design for global markets		
U.S. Air Force	Flexible automation		
	Virtual manufacturing		
U.S. Department of Defense	Electronic data interchange in supply chair		
•	Environmental issues: Reuse and recycling		
U.S. Navy	History of manufacturing management		
U.S. Postal Service	Performance excellence: The Malcolm		
UCAR Composites	Virtual manufacturing		
UNEP	Environmental issues in operations mgmt.		
Unilever	Logistics: Meeting customer's real needs		
United Airlines	Supplier performance measurement		
UPS	Electronic data interchange in supply chair		
USCAR	Agile manufacturing		
	Virtual manufacturing		
Valic	Facilities location decision		
Volkswagen	Outsourcing of product design		
	Purchasing: Acquiring the best inputs		
Wal-Mart	Bullwhip effect in supply chain		
	Electronic data interchange in supply chair		
	Logistics: Meeting customer's real needs		
	Purchasing: The future		
	Supplier partnership as strategy		

Organization	Article where discussed		
	Supply chain management		
	Virtual manufacturing		
War Department	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
War Production Board	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
Watertown Arsenal	Scientific management		
Western Textile Products	Theory of constraints in manufacturing		
Westinghouse	JIT evolution and use in the United States		
Whirlpool	Activity-based costing: An evaluation		
World Trade Organization (WTO)	Global facility location analysis		
	Product design for global markets		
Xerox	Customer service, satisfaction and success		
	Environmental issues: Reuse and recycling		
	Quality: The implications of Deming's		
	Supplier relationships		
	Total quality management		
Yamaha	Concurrent engineering		
Yamazaki Machinery (Japan)	Capital investment in advanced technology		
Yellow Freight	Electronic data interchange in supply chain		
Yokohama Corporation (Japan)	Target costing		



Foreword

In the last 20 years, we have witnessed the historic resurgence of manufacturing in the United States. This has been due, in part, to the power of emerging ideas in production and manufacturing management. The widespread use of these new developments has made American manufacturers lean, aggressive and successful competitors.

At the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), we represent and promote the interests of 14,000 manufacturing firms and organizations. Having worked with manufacturing firms for decades, I am convinced that in this age of heightened global competition, the need for manufacturers to be informed and prepared for the challenges of the global economy is more acute and immediate than ever. The *Encyclopedia of Production and Manufacturing Management* is a valuable contribution by Dr. Paul Swamidass to that end. It provides timely, useful data to managers and manufacturing economists on issues ranging from industrial trends to recent progress in manufacturing management. I expect this single volume encyclopedia to become a standard reference work for managers and students of production and manufacturing management.

Dr. Paul Swamidass has collaborated with the National Association of Manufacturers since 1990 in studying the use of manufacturing technology for improving manufacturing processes in the United States. So far, in collaboration with the National Science Foundation, we have jointly completed three such studies, which are now available as the NAM's "Technology on the Factory Floor" series of reports. Industrial leaders and policy makers have used these reports for nearly ten years. Dr. Swamidass' work reflects a clear understanding of the needs of practicing managers and provides them with useful information that enhances their decision-making and professional performance.

Dr. Swamidass is exceptionally qualified to bring a well-rounded perspective to this complex subject. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering and has done graduate work in production management. He has seven years of industrial experience in production management and for decades has taught production management to students in American universities. I have long found that his strong academic background has complemented his real-world grasp of the problems of practicing managers.

This encyclopedia is an important work. It deserves widespread use by everyone who cares about American manufacturing at the dawn of the new century. I am pleased to commend it to persons who work in manufacturing management and to everyone who cares about the future of American industry.

Washington, D.C. July 18, 1999

President

The National Association of Manufacturers

Preface

The Encyclopedia of Production and Manufacturing Management is a specialized encyclopedia developed to serve as a basic reference resource for the practitioner, researcher, and student. Because of its specialized focus, this one-volume work is able to cover the entire field of production and manufacturing management. It contains factual and conceptual information for fundamental understanding while serving as a starting point for a deeper researched investigation. The material is state-of-the-art, covering the field of operations management and its exciting recent developments. These developments are covered extensively in this volume.

CONTENT AND PURPOSE: In the past twenty years, the field of production and operations management has grown with incredible speed, stretching its boundaries in all directions. For example, in the last two decades, production and manufacturing management absorbed in rapid succession several new production management concepts, including manufacturing strategy, focused factory, just-in-time manufacturing, concurrent engineering, total quality management, supply chain management, flexible manufacturing systems, lean production, and the list goes on. These considerable changes and developments in manufacturing highlight the critical need for an efficient, authoritative reference tool for manufacturing management students and practicing managers. Today's manufacturing managers are now expected to think more broadly than their counterparts two to three decades ago. The most notable change has been the need for manufacturing managers to think in technological, strategic and competitive terms. As a matter of record, technological and strategic developments have been the instrumental factors in the resurgence in manufacturing worldwide. The entries in this encyclopedia focus on these on-going technological and strategic changes in production and manufacturing management.

In addition to the technological advances in manufacturing, a special feature of this encyclopedia is the number of successful manufacturers and manufacturing organizations illustrated and examined in the encyclopedia. Throughout the volume, "real-world" examples are drawn from more than 100 international firms whose business operations originate from a variety of countries in Asia, America, and Europe. Moreover, the practices of an array of major manufacturers, including Chrysler, Ford, GM, and Toyota are examined in a number of the topical entries. To assist the reader in locating these operational examples, the table provides an easy-access list of the references of where these "real world" examples can be found in the encyclopedia.

Added to the encyclopedia's entries are two valuable appendixes, each with unique bibliographies. Appendix I is a bibliography organized alphabetically and includes writings on all topics covered by the encyclopedia. Appendix II is a topical bibliography covering 21 broad topics from Capacity Planning to Supply Chain. The second bibliography can greatly speed the search for publications on a given topic. These two appendixes should serve as valuable research tools.

ORGANIZATION: The encyclopedia's topical treatments vary in length. The longer articles on important concepts and practices range from three to ten pages. There are about 100 such articles written by nearly 100 authors from around the world. In addition, there are over 1000 shorter entries on concepts, practices and principles. The range of topics and depth of coverage is designed to fit the needs of students and professional managers. The shorter entries provide digests of unfamiliar and complicated subjects. Difficult subjects are made intelligible to the reader without oversimplification.

While some entries – because of their special nature – present a free-form discussion of the topic, the majority of the encyclopedia's entries are structured to provide the following: *introduction or description, historical context of the topic, seminal works, a strategic perspective, a technological perspective, significant analytical models,*

short examples or cases from real-life, implementation issues and references. The material in these articles is arranged in sections using the titles below:

This encyclopedia is an organized summary of basic knowledge and important information in production and manufacturing management. One of the goals of this encyclopedia is to make

Content Title of the Section What is it? Description or Introduction How did it evolve and seminal works? Historical perspective Why is it important? Strategic perspectives How is this practiced or implemented? Implementation What technologies are essential? Technology perspective significant analytical models Problem solving with analytical models Effect on performance Effect When is it appropriate? Timing Where is it used or practiced? Location What results and problems to expect? Results Who uses them? Cases Collective wisdom CaveatsReferences References to Seminal works

A variety of entries examine a strategic perspective on the topic. *The Strategic Perspective* includes some or all of the following:

- 1. Long-term implications of the process/issue.
- 2. Its contribution to the organization's competitiveness.
- 3. The competitive advantages bestowed by the process or practice to the user.
- 4. Examples, short cases and illustrations.

There are topical entries that require a technological examination of the topic. *The Technological Perspective* includes some or all of the following:

- 1. The nature and magnitude of investments in specific technologies needed.
- 2. Historical evolution of the technology.
- 3. Recent advances in the technology.
- Benefits of the technology, and illustrative cases.

Driving manufacturing competitiveness has been the strategic and technological responses of manufacturing firms to the increasing level of world wide competition. These two factors – increasing competition and the strategic implementation of manufacturing technology – are inextricably tied together. Hence strategy and technology are examined in the longer entries of the encyclopedia. In addition with the increasing use of hard and soft manufacturing technologies, examining the technological perspectives in appropriate topical entries provides an essential framework for understanding the "on-going technological revolution" in manufacturing and its future developments.

the large volume of material easily accessible to its users. A network of cross-references enables the reader to start from a topic and move speedily to several related topics. Entries are arranged alphabetically (letter-by-letter) for ease of access with each entry ending with generous cross-references. An Index of all entries is provided at the beginning of the encyclopedia, followed by an alphabetical list of longer articles and their authors.

For those interested in pursuing a topic beyond the encyclopedia, longer articles contain several references to seminal and authoritative books and articles. All these references and additional reading materials are listed alphabetically in a comprehensive Bibliography in Appendix I. Appendix II is a topical bibliography covering 21 broad topics. Appendix III is an information resource of selected journals and periodical on production and manufacturing management.

The combination of my many years of teaching university level production and manufacturing management courses and my work with numerous manufacturing firms has underscored to me the need for a functional reference tool for the field. I hope that our efforts in producing the *Encyclopedia of Production and Manufacturing Management* represent an important step in satisfying this need.

CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS AND BOARD OF ADVISORS: The Advisory Board, composed of internationally known experts, provided guidance

during the development of the encyclopedia. Collectively, the Board of Advisors for this encyclopedia represents hundreds of years of experience in the research, teaching and practice of production and manufacturing management. The Board's members have published numerous books on the subject, and they know the field intimately. Their input has measurably improved this volume. This distinguished Board of Advisors provided input in selecting the encyclopedia's topical treatment based on each topic's importance, usefulness and currency. Our objective was to be as comprehensive as possible within a one-volume framework. We have made choices realizing that this is a fast moving field and on its horizon there are new developments underway that will need to be addressed in future editions.

Through this encyclopedia, I am delighted to present to the reader the works of over one hundred experts and scholars. The authors of articles are international experts with a record of research, teaching and publications on the topic. The scholarship of the authors ensures the reliability of the entries. It was my privilege to work with each author.

It was a pleasure to work with Gary Folven, OR/MS publisher, who was also associated with the *Encyclopedia of Management Science and OR*. His experience with encyclopedia development and production provided me with the necessary assurance to undertake the project. Nevertheless, preparing an encyclopedia is a formidable undertaking but I was fortunate to have access to Linda Patillo's skills at Auburn, and the talents of Carolyn Ford and Kristin Piper at the editorial offices of Kluwer.

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