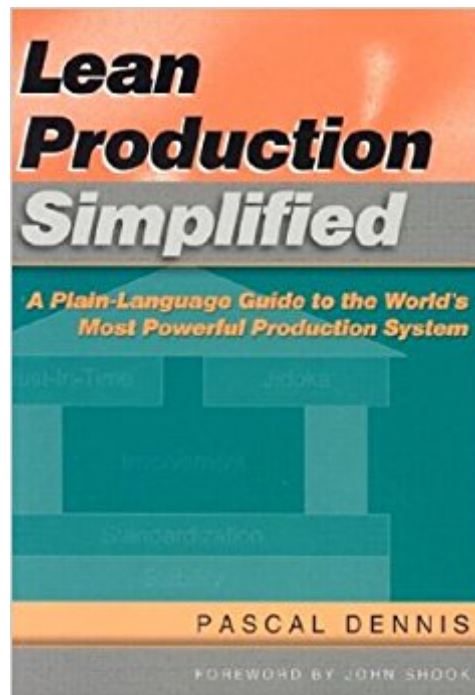


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Lean Production Simplified: A Plain-Language Guide To The World's Most Powerful Production System



Synopsis

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Lean Production Simplified is a plain language guide to the lean production system written for the practitioner by a practitioner. It delivers a comprehensive "insider's" view of lean manufacturing. The author helps the reader to grasp the system as a whole and the factors that animate it by organizing the book around an image of a "house of lean production." Highlights include:
An comprehensive view of Toyota's lean manufacturing system
A look at the origins and underlying principles of lean
Identifying the goals of lean production
Practical problem solving for lean production
Activities that support involvement - Kaizen circles, suggestion systems, and problem solving
Lean Production Simplified covers each of the components of lean within the context of the entire lean production system. The author's straightforward common sense approach makes this book an easily accessible "on the floor" resource for every operator.

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Customer Reviews

I have been a Lean Practitioner for over twenty years in manufacturing, healthcare and service organizations and have had the privilege of learning from some of the original teachers of Lean in the United States. "Lean Production Simplified" is simply the BEST introduction to the Toyota Production System and to LEAN Tools that exists today. If you have any responsibility for leading or implementing LEAN in your organization, this would be required reading. Lean Production Simplified is an excellent investment of your time and money. If you are a company owner or President, I would

recommend you start with "The Toyota Way to Healthcare Excellence", by John R Black (or his nonhealthcare text, "Lean Production"). To read the first CHAPTER of this book, perform an Internet search using the search terms: "open letter to healthcare executives John Black" and read the resulting pdf file. Beyond that, find a real lean TEACHER. There are still only a handful (literally) of Lean practitioners who really know what they are doing here in America. AVOID using a consultant just because he is near your location. Also don't be fooled by those universities who have put their otherwise good name on a group of people (Lean charlatans) who really can offer you nothing of value except a great looking "certificate". I recently called representatives from two of the universities who offer a five-day course on Lean in Healthcare. Both admitted that their course was a "basic introduction". One university at least conducted their exercises in a simulated clinical environment, that other university conducts their course in a generic conference room down the hall from a food court.

This is a very good introductory book. All components of lean manufacturing system have been explained. More importantly, the language is very simple and easy to understand. The sample templates are great. One aspect, I would like to see is the cost concept. Particularly, how an established factory can be transformed to lean system with respect to cell concept and layout change. The author has written about the cost benefit of lean system, however, no supporting evidence has been provided. But overall, this book is great.

I'll keep this book on my desk and make sure that it is part of changing the culture here. Thanks for making it easy to understand the whole system, instead of just some of the pieces.

This is an excellent overview and introduction to TPS. It is clear and concise without all of the case studies but it covers all of the basics of TPS. It is an easy read for the novice and will give a good grounding an overview of the key elements of TPS as a system that it is and should be understood as. In addition to the basic elements of TPS/Lean the author also adds the Toyota elements of the strategic planning process and roles played by the various levels of management. This is an added bonus and is an area of TPS that is not very well addressed in other literature I have read...at least not in any real detail. If you really want a good solid quick overview of TPS/Lean without all of the case studies, then I highly recommend this book.

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