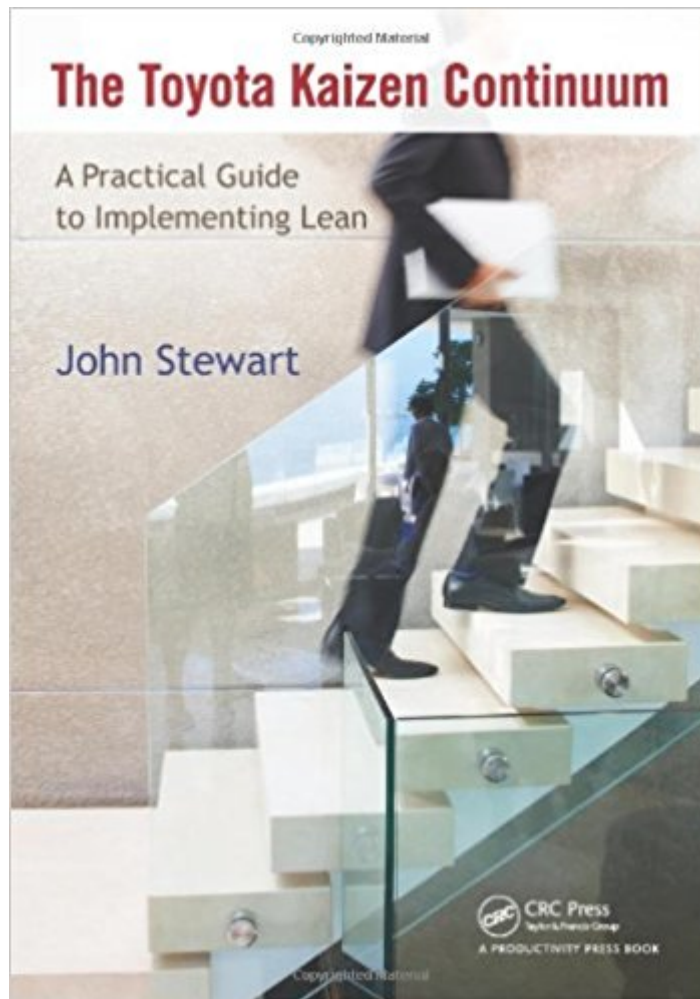


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# The Toyota Kaizen Continuum: A Practical Guide To Implementing Lean



## Synopsis

Written by a recognized leader in the manufacturing industry with nearly two decades of experience working for Toyota, this book supplies a firsthand account of the realities behind implementing the Toyota Production System (TPS). *The Toyota Kaizen Continuum: A Practical Guide to Implementing Lean* presents authoritative insight on how to use the TPS to drive operational value and improvement across all segments of an organization. Highlighting valuable lessons learned directly from the TPS masters at the Toyota factories in Japan, John Stewart provides a time-tested approach for implementing a process of continuous improvement. Delving into his wide-ranging experience that includes time as a team member on the assembly line and managing the vehicle assembly division for Toyota's largest European operation in the United Kingdom, he explains how to get the process started, how to get senior management excited about the possibilities, and details a process for implementing the TPS in your organization. Written by an industry veteran named one of the Top 10 Automotive Executives by *Automotive News* in 2007, Unveils the methods used within the walls of the world's premier manufacturing organization. Illustrates valuable lessons learned with real-world examples of TPS implementations. Describes five simple steps for executing change in any organization. The book includes case studies that illustrate real-life successes and failures behind the walls of the world's largest automobile manufacturing organization. Detailing a five-step process for executing improvement initiatives, it supplies you with the tools and understanding of the core principles of the TPS needed to implement and sustain a culture of continuous improvement in your organization.

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GREAT READ!!! Looking for a real business book about how to see real examples of lean manufacturing?? Buy this book. It was captivating seeing real examples of the Toyota Production System. The author's style is exciting and easy to follow. This is a real nuts and bolts book with an executive that mastered the tools and can explain it clearly. The greatest business people are technical masters. Scientia potentia est : Knowledge is power

John Stewart has the operating experience to write an effective book on TPS. He spent almost two decades in the trenches at Toyota and fully understands what works and what does not. This is not some "How To" guide written by some B-school consultant trying to drum up business. A definite must-read for anyone in manufacturing today.

I found the book to be excellent reading. On one hand it was easy for a layman to understand, on the other it provided the steps to implement real operational improvements in a business. This is a good book for both individuals in management to understand the process as well as for implementers to implement the process.

Success of any kind is built on a mastery of fundamentals.....as a result, successes of all kinds reflect their own special brand of simplicity. This book does an excellent job of conveying the "mastery of basics" thinking behind Toyota's success. It's an easy, enjoyable read and yet the lessons are powerful. I highly recommend it.

This is the first book that I have read that actually explains how TPS should be used by someone with the experience of putting TPS to use. Not only has J. Stewart used TPS in Toyota but also used the same guiding principles in other industries. Most of the other books only give the high level look at lean and TPS but this book gives the reader real world situations and solutions from the floor level. The book is not a bunch of technical garbage, the book is set up as if you were having a general conversation with Mr. Stewart, easy reading. Great book!

The Toyota Kaizen Continuum explained Toyota Production System or TPS very well. The

examples shown throughout the book are easy to understand. Mr. Stewart's commentary on the various C-Level explanations' really shows how Management can be disconnected from the manufacturing floor. The books focus on standardization as the foundation for starting the continuous improvement cycle is insightful and challenging. After completing this book I can see that application of these principles in a strategic manner the organization would certainly be a poised to perform at all new levels.

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