#### PRINCIPLE 4 : LEVEL OUT THE WORKLOAD (*HEIJUNKA*)

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### **GLIMPSE : THE TOYOTA WAY**

#### THE TOYOTA WAY

RESPECT F	OR PEOPLE	CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT			
Respect • Respect others • Make every effort to understand each other • Take responsibility • Do our best to build mutual trust	<ul> <li>Teamwork</li> <li>Stimulate personal and professional growth</li> <li>Share opportunities for development</li> <li>Maximize team and individual performance</li> </ul>	Challenge Long term vision to meet challenges with courage and creativity to realize our dreams	Kaizen Improve business operations all the time by always trying for innovation and evolution	Genchi Genbutsu Go to the source to find the facts to make correct decisions and build consensus and trust	

#### **TAIICHI OHNO, 1988**

"The slower but consistent tortoise causes less waste and is much more desirable than the speedy hare that races ahead and then stops occasionally to doze. The Toyota Production System can be realized only when all the workers become tortoises."



## <u>3 M'S (MUDA, MURI, MURA)</u>



## Level out the Workload: <u>Heijunka</u>

Heijunka is a system of production-leveling that produces the right product mix as demanded by the customer by making optimal utilization of the available capacity



#### WHAT HEIJUNKA DOES?

 Stabilizes production volume and variety by consolidating total number of customer orders

 Spreads out the production in an even manner through-out the day

• Ensures high order fulfillment rate

Ensures internal production is balanced

Established capacity is not over or under-utilized

#### LEVELING OUT THE PRODUCTION



#### Why Implement Heijunka

 Many companies wants to produce what customers want and when they want

• They follow build-to-order approach

- However customer orders creates uneven production schedule becomes uneven
- This eventually leads to large amount of inventory, hidden problems and poorer quality

 And here arises the need for creating balanced lean workflow "Heijunka"

#### ACHIEVING HEIJUNKA



#### HOW DOES HEIJUNKA WORK



## TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION (UNLEVELED)



#### DRAWBACKS TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION (UNLEVELED)

• Customers do not buy products predictably

• There is risk of unsold goods

The use of resources is unbalanced

 Placing an uneven demand on upstream processes

#### MIXED MODEL PRODUCTION

(LEVELED)



#### BENEFITS MIXED MODEL PRODUCTION (LEVELED)

 Flexibility to make what customer wants when they want it

- Reduced risk of unsold goods
- Balanced use of Labor and Machines

 Smoothed demand on upstream process and the plant's suppliers

#### CHALLENGES OF HEIJUNKA

- Requires major tool redesign to gain flexibility
- Large inventory of finished goods
- Requires a predictable environment as well as timely-accurate data to implement
- Proper co-ordination with the customer to project better future demand

#### CHALLENGES OF HEIJUNKA

- High degree of discipline within the workforce
- Thought out work standards must be followed all the times
- As there is little operator leeway it can result to resistance due to lack of flexibility

#### THIS IMPLEMENTS HEIJUNKA



#### HEIJUNKA BOX AND BOARD

- Place where the production signals or Kanban in a leveled production system are kept.
- Visual tool to show the people what to be produced



## LEVELING THE SCHEDULE-INVENTORY'S ROLE

Heijunka builds inventory to safeguard against fluctuations. It categorizes inventory into :

Build-to-Order inventory Seasonal inventory buffer

Safety Stock

Buffer Stock

## "BUILD TO ORDER" YET HEIJUNKA

Heijunka in Service Operations

• Fit customer demand into a leveled schedule

 Establish standard times for delivering different types of service



#### JUST IN TIME VS. HEIJUNKA

#### <u>JIT</u>

- Meet customer demand upon request
- Reduce finished goods Inventory
- Unpredictable work schedules
- Overtime occasionally

#### <u>Heijunka</u>

- Meet customer demand in total over a given period of level production
- Finished goods inventory to make up for short periods of higher demands
- Predictable work schedules
- Overtime savings

#### CASE STUDY: 1

#### Wiremold



#### MTO / VGO HEIJUNKA LAYOUT



THIS WEEK is broken up into days for cards to be made each day this week 4 WEEKS & BEYOND is for cards scheduled months away.





## Building Aluminum Gutters on a Level Production Schedule



## RESULTS ACHIEVED BY IMPLEMENTING HEIJUNKA

- o 40% lead-time reduction
- 70% change-over time reduction
- 40% reduction in work in progress (WIP)
- o 60% reduction in inventory obsolescence
- 100% improvement in on-time customer delivery

#### **CONCLUSION**

# <u>Heijunka</u> is fundamental to eliminating *mura*, which is fundamental to eliminating *muri* and *muda*







#### EZDK Steel Plant (Egypt)



#### APPLICATION OF HEIJUNKA

Day 1	Day 2	Day3		
Pickled Product	Skin Passed Product	slitting Product		

Day 1			Day 2			Day3					
Pickled Product	Skin Passed Produ	Slitting Product	Sheets	Skin Passed Produ	Skin Passed Produ	Slitting Product	Pickled Product	Sheets	Sheets	Skin Passed Produ	Skin Passed Produ

#### IMPLEMENTING HEIJUNKA USING



Waiting Process-6 Waiting Process-4 Condition with Pull Prodcution

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