- FY00 VSM, Takt time, and factory split (WAM and GMTC)
- → FY01 MCI & FGI Kanban initiated
- FY02 Re-layout & relocation of weld / assembly
- FY03 Backlog reduction, WAM transition, & Setup time reduction (GMTC CNC lathes)
- → Lean for FY04
 - Office Kaizen
 - Structure weld layout
 - Capillary line relocation and re-layout
 - Setup time reductions and fixture additions & enhancements
 - Customer Kanban and automated ordering system





- → PIC Office Kaizen Event March 8-10, 2004
- → Scope: Customer Service, Engineering, and Scheduling
- Goal: Reduce order cycle time from 1+ days to 30 minutes or less. Includes BOM modification product, excludes new drawing product.

- Move order from order receipt to mfg within Takt time.

- Used an outside consultant to facilitate a "Change Attitude"
- → Keith Johnson, J & A International, Inc.





- → Value stream map of the process
 - Process is inherently non-value added
 - Found to be at about 2% value added
- Identify non-value added and items that create extra work. Reduce as much as possible...keep it simple!
- Found that just by reducing and managing WIP, we can get to 1.5 hours from 1 day
- Output State Control Contro
- → 5 lines max per batch





Current State Map

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Future State Map





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→ Goals

- Move orders though the shop in a one-piece flow system
- Eliminate all NVA activities
- Deliver orders to manufacturing 4+ times per day
- Reduce cycle time for orders with nonforecasted seals from 1+ days to 30 minutes

Accomplishments

- Move orders in batches of
 5 lines at a Takt time of 30
 min/batch for continual flow
- Eliminated all identified NVA activities
- Delivering orders to manufacturing 8-10 times per day with a goal of 14
- Reduced cycle time for orders all orders to <1.5 hours (Based on WIP counts we showed a 860% cycle time reduction)





Current State		
Total sec min hrs	%	
Value Added 221 3.68 0.0	6 1.1%	
Non-value (w/o batches) 15312 255.20 4.2	5 79.4%	
Non-value (batch) 3749 62.48 1.0	4 19.4%	
Total time 19282 321.36 5.3	6	
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Future State		
Total sec min hrs	%	
Value Added 201 3.35 0.0	6 4.2%	
Non-value (w/o batches) 1784 29.73 0.5	0 36.9%	
Non-value (batch) 2846 47.43 0.7	9 58.9%	
Total time 4831 80.51 1.3	4	
Improvement		
Total sec min hrs	%	
Value Added 20 0.33 0.0	1 9.0%	
Non-value (w/o batches) 13529 225.48 3.7	6 88.4%	
Non-value (batch) 903 15.04 0.2	5 24.1%	
Total time 14451 240.85 4.0	1 74 9%	

- Value added Customer is willing to pay for this activity.
 We did not focus on this area.
 Small segment of the total.
 - Non-Value added Customer is NOT willing to pay for this activity.
 - Batch focus shows impact of moving to one piece flow.
 - W/O batch focus shows impact of eliminating queues from the process.





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- → Office re-layout
 - Load balancing
 - Cross training
 - WIP reduction and balance
- → Scheduling went from 1/day to 8+/day
- Current actions: Begin limited order automation, e-drawings for GMTC
- Next Phases: VSM of drawing process, Driving Takt time balancing into mfg



