



The WMEP 5S System



Do you need to find ways for your people to save time and be more productive?

Have you noticed that the shop floor is in a state of disarray and that workers are having a hard time finding tools and/or parts?

Have you been considering making some improvements on the shop floor, but are hesitating because you don't have the time or resources to accomplish them?

The WMEP 5S System is a series of activities designed to improve workplace organization and standardization.

A minimal commitment of resources can provide an immediate return on investment. So even if you're convinced that you're too busy, there's a solution that's simpler than you think.

5S stands for:

- **Sort:** Clean out the work area, keeping what is necessary in the work area, relocating or discarding what is not.
- **Set in Order:** Arrange needed items so they are easy to find, use and return, to streamline production and eliminate time searching for them.
- **Shine:** Religiously clean and care for equipment and areas, and inspect everything while doing so.
- **Standardize:** Make all work areas similar so procedures are obvious and instinctual, and defects stand out.
- **Sustain:** Make these "rules" natural and instinctual through training, communication and total employee involvement. Once they are habits, the total benefit of 5S will be achieved.

The improvement payback of 5S

WMEP has worked with many companies to help them apply 5S and has witnessed dramatic results. We've seen companies:

- Increase on-time shipping to 99%
- Reduce overtime by 45%
- Reduce inventory turns by 67%
- Reduce inventory by 25%.

The direct effect is a bottom-line impact of reducing overtime or increasing customer satisfaction through improved on-time shipping.



WHO WE ARE

As a private non-profit corporation, we focus fully on generating positive results for our clients.

Our team of manufacturing experts work side-by-side with hundreds of manufacturers each year, helping them develop and implement effective solutions that address their biggest challenges.

We closely monitor trends and best practices in manufacturing, and proactively develop solutions that meet the existing and emerging needs of manufacturers.

WMEP Manufacturing Solutions is part of the MEP National Network™, a public-private partnership that advances U.S. manufacturing. MEP Centers are located in all 50 states and draw on the talents of over 1,400 trusted advisors and experts.

WE HELP MANUFACTURING COMPANIES BECOME MORE PROFITABLE & VALUABLE

WHAT WE PROVIDE

WMEP Manufacturing Solutions recognizes that manufacturers face various challenges and we provide proven solutions to these challenges in the following areas:

- Operational Excellence
- Growth & Strategy
- Industry Certifications
- Human Capital
- Automation & Technology
- Sustainability

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