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Streamline data analysis with an intuitive, visual Six Sigma strategy Visual Six Sigma provides the statistical techniques that help you get more information from your data. A unique emphasis on the visual allows you to take a more active role in data-driven decision making, so you can leverage your contextual knowledge to pose relevant questions and make more sound decisions. You'll learn dynamic visualization and exploratory data analysis techniques that help you identify occurrences and sources of variation, and the strategies and processes that make Six Sigma work for your organization. The Six Sigma strategy helps you identify and remove causes of defects and errors in manufacturing and business processes; the more pragmatic Visual approach opens the strategy beyond the realms of statisticians to provide value to all business leaders amid the growing need for more accessible quality management tools. See where, why, and how your data varies Find clues to underlying behavior in your data Identify key models and drivers Build your own Six-Sigma experience Whether your work involves a Six Sigma improvement project, a design project, a data-mining inquiry, or a scientific study, this practical breakthrough guide equips you with the skills and understanding to get more from your data. With intuitive, easy-to-use tools and clear explanations, Visual Six Sigma is a roadmap to putting this strategy to work for your company.

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This Minibook is a brief guide for Green Belt during a Lean Six Sigma project management or for Kaizen Leader during a process improvement activity. Through both its theoretical concepts and practical examples it is a pocket book for a quick consultancy. Authors idea comes from companies needs in order to analyze information useful to know in depth different kind of processes. The set of Six Sigma tools are explained through Minitab 16, the last release of the most widely used statistical software.

Bring the miracle of Lean Six Sigma improvement out of manufacturing and into services Much of the U.S. economy is now based on services rather than manufacturing. Yet the majority of books on Six Sigma and Lean--today's major quality improvement initiatives--explain only how to implement these techniques in a manufacturing environment. Lean Six Sigma for Services fills the need for a service-based approach, explaining how companies of all types can cost-effectively translate manufacturing-oriented Lean Six Sigma tools into the service delivery process. Filled with case studies detailing dramatic service improvements in organizations from Lockheed Martin to Stanford University Hospital, this bottom-line book provides executives and managers with the knowledge they need to: Reduce service costs by 30 to 60 percent Improve service delivery time by 50 percent Expand capacity by 20 percent without adding staff The Six Sigma concept has enjoyed triumphant success throughout the business world for two decades, contributing to significant net income improvement for many companies. This successful concept has been supplemented with the tools of Lean Management, a set of strategies for improving product quality and delivery performance and reducing cost. Six Sigma+Lean links the tried-and-tested tools of both programs in the proven DMAIC process model. The chronology matches that of the approach taken in a Six

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Sigma+Lean improvement project.

SIX SIGMA Six Sigma is a method that provides organizations tools to improve the capability of their business processes. This increase in performance and decrease in process variation lead to defect reduction and improvement in profits, employee morale, and quality of products or services. Many companies are now realizing the benefits of incorporating Six Sigma training for their employees. Six Sigma has various important functions and roles within a company. One is to incorporate the basics of this management process into the company which affects profits and a lower rate of defects. About Belt levels, employees are able to move from belt to belt to the highest ranking, Master Black Belt certification. This book is very accessible and it explains the Design of Experiments of Six Sigma in an understandable way. It places the material in the context of process improvement, rather than in an academic context. For the effective implementation of Six Sigma projects, organizations must understand the critical success factors that will make the application successful. Critical success factors represent the essential ingredients without which a project stands little chance of success. This book presents some essential ingredients for Six Sigma implementation, generated from a pilot survey conducted in the manufacturing and service organizations. This book detailed the basics of Six Sigma, why companies are not taking advantages of six sigma, six sigma implementation of Methodology, Pros and Cons of Six Sigma and lots more. **CLICK ADD TO CART TO MAKE YOUR COMPANY WORKS BETTER**

This valuable pocket guide opens your team members' minds to the power of Six Sigma to close the value gap between you and your competitors... Increase your company's profitability...strengthen your market position...and make your company a happier, more successful place to work!

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Beginning with an overview and introduction to Six Sigma concepts, primary terminology, and the basics of the DMAIC method, this valuable pocket guide presents forty-one Six Sigma tools including the CTQ (Critical To Quality) Tree, FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis), Kano Model, MSA (Measurement Systems Analysis), process sigma, regression, SIPOC (Suppliers, Inputs, Process, Outputs, Customers), Six Sigma Storyboard, VOC Data-Collection System, and $y = f(x)$ formula. Easy-to-follow, step-by-step approach makes the Six Sigma process transparent to users. Speed bumps are identified and explained to aid immediate understanding. Text is enriched with diagrams, charts, and tables.

Maximise the quality and efficiency of your organisation with Lean Six Sigma Are you looking to make your organisation more effective and productive? If you answered "yes," you need to change the way it thinks. Combining the leading improvement methods of Six Sigma and Lean, this winning technique drives performance to the next level—and this friendly and accessible guide shows you how. The third edition of Lean Six Sigma For Dummies outlines the key concepts of this strategy and explains how you can use it to get the very best out of your team and your business. The jargon-crowded language and theory of Lean Six Sigma can be intimidating for both beginners and experienced users. Written in plain English and packed with lots of helpful examples, this easy-to-follow guide arms you with tools and techniques for implementing Lean Six Sigma and offers guidance on everything from policy deployment to managing change in your organisation—and everything in between. Gives you plain-English explanations of complicated jargon Serves as a useful tool for businesspeople looking to make their organisation more effective Helps you achieve goals with ease and confidence Provides useful hands-on checklists

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Whether you want to manage a project more tightly or fine-tune existing systems and processes, the third edition of Lean Six Sigma For Dummies makes it easier to achieve your business goals.

Lean Six Sigma is a method and strategy that supports individuals and project management teams as they pinpoint problems and implement work process improvements. You don't need to be an engineer to apply these practical principles and tools, and you can use them in any organization and industry. The fact is, applying Lean Six Sigma is easier to use than you think, and the guide will show you how. As the legendary management guru Peter Drucker said, "There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all." Lean Six Sigma takes the best of the Lean method for waste reduction and continuous improvement and pairs it with the variation and quality control methods of Six Sigma. The result is a comprehensive methodology that supports you in managing work processes for optimal success. This easy-to-use competency-based guide is a how-to manual. You can use it for self-paced learning and also in project teams. Each of the key concepts described in Unlocking Lean Six Sigma gives you a bite-sized chunk of key information. But the ideas are not just explained. Each concept includes:

- Worksheets showing how you can develop what you learned in your environment.
- Illustrations showing how an analyst would approach using the tools.
- Charts and other visual tools to ensure the highest, fastest levels of comprehension and retention.
- Several links to other professional resources such as videos and website with useful information.
- Process improvement case scenarios that highlight how the ideas you learned about were used by others.
- What to do tips to further cement your learning.
- Practice questions and places where you can document what you learned and how you might use it in your

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job. At the end of the guide, you'll find a 120-question knowledge test that allows you to self-test how well you understood the material. Optionally, if you want to earn professional development hours (PDHs) or a Lean Sigma credential, you can do so through Centrestar. For more information, see the Earn PDHs and a Lean Sigma Yellow Belt Credential section in the guide. In a jargon-crowded field, words like Lean and Six Sigma can be intimidating for both beginners and experienced users. Don't worry, Unlocking Lean Six Sigma is written in plain language and packed with straight-forward examples. This easy-to-follow guide provides you with tools and techniques for implementing Lean Six Sigma and managing change initiatives. Including Lean Six Sigma skills on your resume will get you noticed! Every organization seeks to provide exceptional products and service to customers, and to do it efficiently and cost effectively. This practical guide is for individuals who want to advance their professional skills, want rewarding careers, and want to have their coworkers and managers view them as effective contributors who step up to help guide projects and ensure success. Organizational leaders want individuals who are passionate about their jobs, can work collaboratively in a team, and strive to continuously improve. This book can help you do all those things. The Unlocking Lean Six Sigma approach has helped thousands of people and organizations achieve success. It will help you too.

Why is it that some improvement efforts succeed while others fail despite robust change management programs and the often do-or-die pressure to improve? Quite simply, there are three elements that separate those that succeed from those that fail. They are the 3Ms Measure, Manage to Measure, and Make-it-Easy. Complete with forms, templates, and case A brief introduction to Six Sigma for employees Six Sigma is today's most talked-about system for improving the quality of

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organizational processes. Written by bestselling author Peter Pande, *What Is Six Sigma?* is a concise summary of the core themes and processes of Six Sigma. Unlike almost all other books on Six Sigma, it is written for the employees of organizations rolling out Six Sigma not just managers. This helpful overview describes what Six Sigma is, why companies are implementing it, and how employees can make it a success in their own organizations. Based on the bestselling *The Six Sigma Way*, this accessible introduction to Six Sigma answers typical employee questions, concerns, and even skepticism about this revolutionary program. Includes: The six themes of Six Sigma A five-step roadmap to Six Sigma implementation The 10 basic tools of Six Sigma, with an entire page devoted to each

Vital tools for implementing Lean Six Sigma--what they are, how they work, and which to use *The Lean Six Sigma Pocket Toolbook* is today's most complete and results-based reference to the tools and concepts needed to understand, implement, and leverage Lean Six Sigma. The only guide that groups tools by purpose and use, this hands-on reference provides: Analyses of nearly 100 tools and methodologies--from DMAIC and Pull Systems to Control Charts and Pareto Charts Detailed explanations of each tool to help you know how, when, and why to use it for maximum efficacy Sections for each tool explaining how to create it, how to interpret what you find, and expert tips Lean Six Sigma is today's leading technique to maximize production efficiency and maintain control over each step in the managerial process. With *The Lean Six Sigma Pocket Toolbook*, you'll discover how to propel your organization to new levels of competitive success--one tool at a time. Achieve unparalleled customer satisfaction and greater profitability with this essential handbook! Six Sigma is a proven and highly effective business initiative for improving

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customer satisfaction and increasing the efficiency of processes. Rath & Strong's Six Sigma Leadership Handbook highlights the critical factors that make or break implementation, offers key best practices for getting it right the first time, and offers real-life examples and case studies that light the path to success. With Rath & Strong, you'll get an overview of the tools, methods, approaches, benefits, and risks that are associated with each element of the methodology.

The fast and easy way to understand and implement Six Sigma The world's largest and most profitable companies—including the likes of GE, Bank of America, Honeywell, DuPont, Samsung, Starwood Hotels, Bechtel, and Motorola—have used Six Sigma to achieve breathtaking improvements in business performance, in everything from products to processes to complex systems and even in work environments. Over the past decade, over \$100 billion in bottom-line performance has been achieved through corporate Six Sigma programs. Yet, despite its astounding effectiveness, few outside of the community of Six Sigma practitioners know what Six Sigma is all about. With this book, Six Sigma is revealed to everyone. You might be in a company that's already implemented Six Sigma, or your organization may be considering it. You may be a student who wants to learn how it works, or you might be a seasoned business professional who needs to get up to speed. In any case, this updated edition of Six Sigma For Dummies is the most straightforward, non-intimidating guide on the market. New and updated material, including real-world examples What Six Sigma is all about and how it works The benefits of Six Sigma in organizations and businesses The powerful "DMAIC" problem-solving roadmap Yellow, Green and Black—how the Six Sigma "belt" system works How to select and utilize the right tools and technologies Speaking the

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language of Six Sigma; knowing the roles and responsibilities; and mastering the statistics skills and analytical methods Six Sigma For Dummies will become everyone's No. 1 resource for discovering and mastering the world's most famous and powerful improvement tool. Stephen Covey is spot-on when he says, "Six Sigma For Dummies is a book to be read by everyone."

Your LEAN and mean guide to Lean Six Sigma Ready to implement better, faster, cheaper, more-profitable processes in your organization? Lean Six Sigma Demystified, Second Edition, shows you how to use proven techniques for simplifying, streamlining, and optimizing business practices for maximum productivity and profitability. Written in a step-by-step format, this practical guide covers the fundamental methods and tools of Lean Six Sigma. You'll get details on reducing defects and deviation, sustaining improvements, and achieving laser-focused process innovations.

Measurement systems analysis (MSA), Design for Lean Six Sigma, and statistical tools such as analysis of variance (ANOVA) are also discussed. Clear examples, helpful diagrams, and concise explanations make it easy to understand the material, and end-of-chapter quizzes and a final exam reinforce key concepts. It's a no-brainer! You'll learn about: The seven speed bumps of Lean Value stream mapping and spaghetti diagramming Control charts, Pareto charts, and Ishikawa diagrams to laser-focus improvements Excel power tools for Lean Six Sigma Lean Six Sigma tar pits Ways to implement Lean Six Sigma to maximize results and minimize costs Simple enough for a beginner, but challenging enough for an advanced student, Lean Six Sigma Demystified, Second Edition, is your shortcut to this powerful improvement methodology. You'll also get a 90-day free trial of Q1 Macros software for Lean Six Sigma.

Use Lean Six Sigma Strategies to Boost the Performance of

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Your Business! Are you interested in Lean Six Sigma but don't know where to start? Do you want to implement Lean Six Sigma strategies in your company? THEN THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU! IT GIVES A CLEAR AND DETAILED OVERVIEW OF LEAN SIX SIGMA METHODS AND STRATEGIES. Lean is a methodology that seeks to minimize waste and increase value during manufacturing or product development. Six Sigma implementation leads to an improved business process quality. Together, they create a business methodology that streamlines your business operations and accelerates the growth and profitability of your company. This book introduces the concepts of Lean Six Sigma in an easy and approachable manner well-suited for beginners. Implementing this methodology will bring a new set of functions and systems into your organization, ensuring tangible results. You will achieve your goals, and your customers will get exactly what they want. In this book, you will learn: What exactly is Lean Six Sigma Basics of Lean thinking and acting How to get certified for Lean Six Sigma Step-by-step implementation practices How to improve customer satisfaction Lean Six Sigma roles and management The 5S system - pros and cons AND SO MUCH MORE! Even if you're already familiar with this methodology, this book is a useful guide and tool for introducing your team to Lean Six Sigma. Beginners will benefit immensely from its straight-forward style and well-written instructions. Lean Six Sigma is a methodology, but should also become a part of your company's culture. It's important that you get it right! Ready to make more money and achieve your goals? Get Your Copy Now!

??? Get a 55% discount NOW for BookStores, DON'T miss this opportunity! ??? Are you looking to make your organization more productive? Obviously yes but, you need to change the way it thinks! The theory of Lean can be

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intimidating for both beginners and experienced users but, this easy-to-follow guide offers guidance on everything from policy deployment to managing change in your organization. This manual the key concepts of this strategy and explains how you can use it to get the very best out of your team and your business. Most startups fail but the Lean method change the way companies are built and new products are launched... Rather than wasting time creating elaborate business plans, the Lean offers entrepreneurs a way to test their vision continuously, to adapt and adjust before it's too late!!! ??? Get a 55% discount NOW for BookStores, DON'T miss this opportunity! ???

The following is a sample chapter from Lean Six Sigma, which explains how to impact your company's performance in each, by combining the strength of today's two most important initiatives--Lean Production and Six Sigma--into one integrated program. The first book to provide a step-by-step roadmap for profiting from the best elements of Lean and Six Sigma, this breakthrough volume will show you how to achieve major cost and lead time reductions this year; compress order-to-delivery cycle times; and battle process variation and waste throughout your organization.

Although the Six Sigma Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve-Control (DMAIC) methodology is a widely accepted tool for achieving efficient management of all aspects of operations, there are still many unwarranted concerns about its perceived complexity and implementation costs. Dispelling these myths, Six Sigma for Powerful Improvement: A Green Belt DMAIC A PLAIN ENGLISH GUIDE TO SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS WITH SIX SIGMA Six Sigma is one of the most effective strategies for improving processes, creating better products, and boosting customer satisfaction, but business leaders often balk at its reputation for being too complex.

Don't fall into that trap. Six Sigma is simple to understand and

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implement--if you have Statistics for Six Sigma Made Easy! Warren Brussee has helped businesses save millions of dollars with Six Sigma, and he explains how you can achieve similar results in this step-by-step guide. He presents a thorough overview of the Six Sigma methodology and techniques for successful implementation, as well as a clear explanation of DMAIC--the problem-solving method used by Six Sigma Greenbelts. Statistics for Six Sigma Made Easy! provides: A simplified form of the most common Six Sigma tools All the basic Six Sigma formulas and tables Dozens of Six Sigma statistical problem-solving case studies A matrix for finding the right statistical tool to meet your needs Basic Greenbelt training in one concise reference Best of all, no background in statistics is required--you can start improving quality and initiating costsaving improvements right away. Statistics for Six Sigma Made Easy! is the only reference you need to facilitate real-world application of Six Sigma tools. Project management strategies for meeting Six Sigma project goals--on time and on budget The Six Sigma Project Planner shows leaders how to use project management tools to complete Six Sigma improvements on time and on budget. The Planner provides dozens of reproducible project management tools for following the proven Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve- Control (DMAIC) process improvement format. Readers who follow its guidelines will be able to quickly and effectively: Determine a Six Sigma project's ROI Correct problems in current processes Develop and implement entirely new processes

About the Book : - The Six Sigma Handbook, Third Edition is the only comprehensive reference you need to make Six Sigma work for your company. The book explains how to organize for Six Sigma, how to use customer requirements to drive strategy and operations, how to carry out successful project management, and more. Learn all the management

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responsibilities and actions necessary for a successful deployment, as well as how to: Dramatically improve products and processes using DMAIC and DMADV Use Design for Six Sigma to create innovative products and processes Incorporate lean, problem-solving, and statistical techniques within the Six Sigma methodology Avoid common pitfalls during implementation Thomas Pyzdek is a Six Sigma consultant with 30 years of experience in the field. His clients include Ford, McDonald's, Intuit, Avon Products, and many other companies. Mr. Pyzdek is a recipient of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) Edwards Medal for outstanding contributions to the practice of quality management.

Lean Six Sigma is the single most effective problem solving methodology. It is a proven strategy that maximizes returns to the shareholder. This volume introduces the paradigm shift that steers businesses towards great successes.

A veteran GE manager explains the tools of Six Sigma--in plain English This is the first simple, low-level guide to using the powerful statistical tools of Six Sigma to solve real-world problems. Warren Brussee, a Six Sigma manager who helped his teams generate millions of dollars in savings, shows how to plot, interpret, and validate data for a Six Sigma project.

The basic statistical tools in the book can be applied to manufacturing, sales, marketing, process, equipment design, and more. Best of all, no background in statistics is required to start improving quality and initiating cost-saving improvements right away. Features dozens of Six Sigma statistical problem-solving case studies

Presents a simplified form of the most common Six Sigma tools Simplifies

Greenbelt training with one concise reference Explains how to use Excel to make Six Sigma problem-solving calculations

Includes all the basic Six Sigma formulas and tables

The New and Definitive User's Guide to Lean Six Sigma

If you're a business leader, you already know that Lean Six

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Sigma is one of the most popular and powerful business tools in the world today. You also probably know that implementing the process can be more than a little challenging. This step-by-step guide shows you how to customize and apply the principles of Lean Six Sigma to your own organizational needs, giving you more options, strategies, and solutions than you'll find in any other book on the subject. With these simple, proven techniques, you can:

- * Assess your current business model and shape your future goals
- * Plan and prepare a Lean Six Sigma program that's right for your company
- * Engage your leadership and your team throughout the entire process
- * Align your LSS efforts with the culture and values of your business
- * Develop deeper insights into your customer experience
- * Master the art of project selection and pipeline management
- * Tackle bigger problems and find better solutions
- * Become more efficient, more productive, and more profitable

This innovative approach to the Lean Six Sigma process allows you to mold and shape your strategy as you go, making small adjustments along the way that can have a big impact. In this book, you'll discover the most effective methods for deploying LSS at every level, from the leaders at the top to the managers in the middle to the very foundation of your company culture. You'll hear from leading business experts who have guided companies through the LSS process—and get the inside story on how they turned those companies around. You'll also learn how to use the latest, greatest management tools like Enterprise Kaizen, Customer Journey Maps, and Hoshin Planning. Everything you need to implement Lean Six Sigma—smoothly and successfully—is right here at your fingertips. Also included is a special chapter focusing exclusively on how to implement Lean Six Sigma in healthcare. When it comes to running a business, there is no better way to improve efficiency, increase productivity, and escalate profits than Lean Six

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Sigma. And there is no better book on how to make it work than *Innovating Lean Six Sigma*.

Two leading experts reveal the key concepts and techniques behind Six Sigma Process Management. *Six Sigma Process Management (SSPM)* is a structured set of tools and techniques to help executives and teams continually address their customers' expectations. *What Is Six Sigma Process Management?* explains the SSPM methodology, helping business leaders determine which efforts will most positively impact on their customers, employees, and shareholders. SSPM provides a system that guides leaders on what to improve first and how to establish a portfolio of the best improvement efforts in their business. The book also offers: Insights on process management, including identifying critical customer process metrics Guidelines to improve customer satisfaction by identifying customer-seen failures Ways to enhance overall business improvement strategy Insights on how future SSPM developments can address modern business challenges Step-by-step methods for training team members in the essential tools and techniques of Six Sigma required to make breakthrough performance improvements.

"The Lean Six Sigma Pocket Toolbook blends Lean and Six Sigma tools and concepts, providing expert advice on how to determine which tool within a

'family' is best for different purposes. Packed with detailed examples and step-by-step instructions, it's the ideal handy reference guide to help Green and Black Belts make the transition from the classroom to the field."--Resource description page.

Never before has a business initiative transformed corporations so dramatically. While it has been credited with improving productivity, slashing costs, and improving profit margins, it can cause much angst among employees who need to change the way they currently work and adhere to a new philosophy. That's where characters Joe and Larry step in to deliver *The Power of Six Sigma*. This fictionalized tale simplifies a complicated topic through the lives of two typical business professionals. Contrary to other books on the subject, *The Power of Six Sigma* explains the overall philosophy of Six Sigma effectively in a nonthreatening way, taking no more than two hours to read.

This is the first book to completely cover the whole body of knowledge of Six Sigma and Design for Six Sigma with Simulation Methods as outlined by the American Society for Quality. Both simulation and contemporary Six Sigma methods are explained in detail with practical examples that help understanding of the key features of the design methods. The systems approach to designing products and services as well as problem solving is

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Six Sigma DeMYSTiFieD, second edition, explains it all in a language you'll understand. This easy-to-understand reference teaches the methods of Six Sigma, explains their applications, and tests expertise--without confusing statistics and formulas. In no time, you'll develop the skills you need to solve problems, anticipate customer needs, and meet the demands of the most challenging markets. Filled with practical hands-on advice and essential organizational tips, Six Sigma DeMYSTiFieD provides a complete blueprint for developing strategies, plotting growth, and performing at peak efficiency for maximum profits. This fast and easy guide offers: Proven techniques for building a solid Six Sigma infrastructure Tips for deploying projects using DMAIC methodology Clear advice on when and how to use specific problem-solving tools Essential calculations and assumptions Case studies, quizzes, and a final exam that reinforce what you've learned Simple enough for a beginner but challenging enough for a more advanced student, Six Sigma DeMYSTiFieD is your shortcut to a solid foundation in this powerful improvement methodology.

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This book is written for the Six Sigma Black Belt who needs an understanding of many statistical methods but does not use all of these methods every day. It is intended to be used

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as a quick reference, providing basic details, step-by-step instructions, and Minitab statistical software instructions. Six Sigma Black Belts typically use a statistical program such as Minitab to perform calculations, but an understanding of the underlying statistics is still needed. Anybody can type data into a program; a Black Belt must be capable of understanding which hypothesis test is appropriate for a given use, as well as the assumptions that must be met to correctly perform the hypothesis test. The methods presented here are laid out according to the Six Sigma DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) phases in which they are typically used. However, these methods can also be applied outside of a Six Sigma project, such as when one simply needs to determine whether there is a difference in the means of two processes producing the same parts. A Six Sigma Black Belt using Statistics for Six Sigma Black Belts will be able to quickly zero in on appropriate methods and follow the examples to reach the correct statistical conclusions.

This chapter comes from Lean Six Sigma for Service, which provides a service-based approach to Six Sigma, explaining how companies of all types can cost-effectively translate manufacturing-oriented Lean Six Sigma tools into the service delivery process. Six Sigma expert Michael George reveals how easy it is to apply relatively simple statistical and Lean tools that will reduce costs and achieve greater speed in service processes. Here, for the first time, you'll read about how classic Lean tools such as "Pull systems" and "setup reduction" are being used in procurement, call centers, surgical suites, government offices, R&D, and much more. Lean? Six Sigma? or Lean Six Sigma? Which is the right approach for effective continuous improvement? While much has been written on merging Lean and Six Sigma initiatives, this is the first book to detail a logical alternative - a no-

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STEP POCKET GUIDE Whether you've been using Six Sigma for years or are just starting to, you know it takes hard work to get it right. But WorkOut, developed by General Electric, can increase Six Sigma's success. Rath & Strong's WorkOut for Six Sigma Pocket Guide shows you how, with an action-ready game plan that you can apply to your initiative - right now. Learn how to: Set the stage for Six Sigma's success Find out if you're in trouble - and get back on track Make a good Six Sigma initiative even better See actual results--in less than three months "If you want to bring the power of WorkOut to Six Sigma, this pocket guide is an invaluable tool."--Ron Ashkenas, co-author of The GE Work-Out Six Sigma: A data-driven approach to meeting customer requirements, solving process problems, and achieving bottom-line results. WorkOut: The revolutionary problem-solving program that brings management and workers together to bust bureaucracy. Companies worldwide use Six Sigma to measure and improve performance. Others use WorkOut to get quick bottom-line results and empower their workforce. But few enjoy the enormous success General Electric achieved by combining these approaches. Rath & Strong shows you how to get that synergy, with a handy pocket guide full of charts, checklists, assessment tools, and cases that help you: Prepare for, reenergize, or enhance a Six Sigma initiative Use a fast, simple alternative to Six Sigma Make your culture more participative, data-driven, and customer-focused Engage your front-line workers in Six Sigma

Applying this revolutionary management strategy to drive positive change in an organization Currently exploding onto the American business scene, the Six Sigma methodology fuels improved effectiveness and efficiency in an organization; according to General Electric's Jack Welch, it's the "most important initiative [they] have ever undertaken." Written

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by the consultant to GE Capital who helped implement Six Sigma at GE and GE's General Manager of e-Commerce, Making Six Sigma Last offers businesses the tools they need to make Six Sigma work for them--and cultivate long-lasting, positive results. Successful Six Sigma occurs when the technical and cultural components of change balance in an organization; this timely, comprehensive book is devoted to the cultural component of implementing Six Sigma, explaining how to manage it to maintain that balance. The authors address how to create the need for Six Sigma; diagnose the four types of resistance to Six Sigma and how to overcome them; manage the systems and structures; and lead a Six Sigma initiative. This book applies the Six Sigma approach to business operations across the organization--unlike other titles that focus on product development. Plus, it provides strategies, tactics, and tools to improve profitability by centering on the relationship between product defects and product yields, reliability, costs, cycle time, and schedule. George Eckes (Superior, CO) is the founder and principal consultant for Eckes & Associates. His clients include GE Capital, Pfizer, Westin, Honeywell, and Volvo. Eckes has published numerous papers on the topic of performance improvement and is the author of *The Six Sigma Revolution: How General Electric and Others Turned Process into Profits* (0-471-38822-X) (Wiley).

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