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The second edition of the Food Processing Handbook presents a comprehensive review of technologies, procedures and innovations in food processing, stressing topics vital to the food industry today and pinpointing the trends in future research and development. Focusing on the technology involved, this handbook describes the principles and the equipment used as well as the changes - physical, chemical, microbiological and organoleptic - that occur during food preservation. In so doing, the text covers in detail such techniques as post-harvest handling, thermal processing, evaporation and dehydration, freezing, irradiation, high-pressure processing, emerging technologies and packaging. Separation and conversion operations widely used in the food industry are also covered as are the processes of baking, extrusion and frying. In addition, it addresses current concerns about the safety of processed foods (including HACCP systems, traceability and hygienic design of plant) and control of food processes, as well as the impact of processing on the environment, water and waste treatment, lean manufacturing and the roles of nanotechnology and fermentation in food processing. This two-volume set is a must-have for scientists and engineers involved in food manufacture, research and development in both industry and academia, as well as students of food-related topics at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. From Reviews on the First Edition: "This work should become a standard text for students of food technology, and is worthy of a place on the bookshelf of anybody involved in the production of foods." Journal of Dairy Technology, August 2008 "This work will serve well as an excellent course resource or reference as it has well-written explanations for those new to the field and detailed equations for those needing greater depth." CHOICE, September 2006

This text contains practical information for continually improving all aspects of an organization. It presents real examples from all types of organizations including schools, hospitals and private sector companies. It is designed to be easy to use with clear step-by-step instructions.

All business activities are subject to variability. As a consequence, managers and business students need the ability to think statistically about how to deal with the resulting uncertainty and its effect on decision-making in management and commerce. To give them that ability, there is a growing recognition that we must change the way business statistics is taught. Traditional texts tend to focus on probability, mathematical detail, and heavy computation, and thus fail to meet the real needs of future business managers. Statistical Thinking for Managers takes a very different, very practical, approach that presents even sophisticated statistics concepts with a minimum of mathematics. It focuses on statistical thinking and discusses a range of topics that specifically apply to managers in business. Its scenario-based, interactive format and integrated use of Excel facilitate and reinforce the learning experience. Through this innovative treatment, readers will gain the ability to: " Appreciate basic statistical ideas " Use a scientific approach to problem solving " Understand the nature of variability " Use meaningful information to make informed decisions " Think in terms of processes and systems and develop strategies for process improvement Designed as an introductory text in business statistics, Statistical Thinking for Managers challenges the way students look at business problems and issues. It shows them the importance of statistics in all aspects of business and equips them with the skills they need to make informed and effective decisions.

This popular title provides a sound practical guide to the complex world of management in psychiatric practice, and is essential reading for senior trainees and consultants. The editors have brought together a host of knowledgeable and well-known authors who write from their experience in the ever-changing National Health Service. Topics covered include the various skills necessary for running services, such as management of finances, resources and personnel issues, and topics central to today's changing scene, such as revalidation, service users' expectations and clinical governance. The book concludes with a section on personal development, addressing such issues as presentation skills, stress management, mentoring, managing committees and dealing with the media. A chapter on 'Surviving as a junior consultant' is included and the book is also very useful as a reference and survival guide for more senior psychiatrists. Third edition has been completely rewritten. Written by authors with direct, current experience.

It's the ideal go-to reference for the clinical setting! Compact and easy to use, Manual of Critical Care Nursing, 6th Edition presents essential information on approximately 80 disorders and conditions, as well as concepts relevant to caring for all critically ill patients and functioning in the critical care environment. Award-winning clinical nurse specialists Marianne Baird and Sue Bethel separate the content first by body system and then by disorder, with each disorder including a brief description of pathophysiology, assessment, diagnostic testing, collaborative management, nursing diagnoses, desired outcomes, nursing interventions, and patient teaching and rehabilitation. A concise format presents the material in a way that reflects a practicing nurse's thought processes. Coverage of approximately 80 critical care conditions/disorders includes those most commonly seen in critical care units. Chapter outlines provide easy access to disorders. A portable size makes it ideal for use in the unit or bedside, and is also easy to carry on campus. Unique! Gerontology icon highlights considerations relating to the care of older adults. Unique! Research briefs in special boxes discuss selected research studies for evidence-based patient care. Unique! The latest NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses increase familiarity with NANDA terminology. Appendixes provide quick reference to information needed in the critical care setting. Revised format mirrors a practicing nurse's approach to patient care, making it easier to find information. Newly formatted care plans incorporate diagnoses, interventions, and desired outcomes in a consistent, logical organization. Patient safety alerts and high alerts call attention to issues important to a patient's safety. Unique! Diagnostic Tests tables highlight the definition, purpose, and abnormal findings for each test. Unique! Collaborative Management tables concisely summarize key points while incorporating nationally recognized guidelines. Colored tabs mark the location of each body system, making topics easier to find. Smaller trim size increases portability for use in the unit or bedside, while enhancing readability.

Safety at Work is widely accepted as the authoritative guide to safety and health in the workplace and covers all aspects of safety management. The sixth edition has been revised to cover recent changes to UK practice and standards in health, safety, employment and environmental legislation. It also incorporates EU directives and references to harmonised and international standards. Reflecting the importance of the roles of directors and managers in health and safety, new chapters cover the management of risk, emphasising the need for a sound organisational structure to achieve effective risk management. Developments in the behavioural approach to risk management and current thinking on the development of an international standard on safety management are also covered. Quality of the environment is rapidly becoming part of the safety manager's responsibilities both in the workplace and in the context of global pollution. A completely new part consisting of five chapters has been added dealing solely with environmental issues (including ISO 14001). The increasingly important role of ergonomics in health and safety is reflected in a new chapter on Applied Ergonomics, dealing with the subject pragmatically, that will allow the manager and practitioner to design process and operations that are within the limits of the human body. The effects of stress, an emerging concern in health and safety, are covered in various chapters.

Implementing ISO 9001:2015 is a comprehensive guide to making the necessary transition to the new standard. The changes can also be used to stimulate transformation in organisations and their wider environments, coordinating processes to achieve both customer satisfaction and reduced operating costs.

This book captures current trends and developments in the field of systems thinking and soft operations research which can be applied to solve today's problems of dynamic complexity and interdependency. Such 'wicked problems' and messes are seemingly intractable problems characterized as value-laden, ambiguous, and unstable, that resist being tamed by classical problem solving. Actions and interventions associated with this complex problem space can have highly unpredictable and unintended consequences. Examples of such complex problems include health care reform, global climate change, transnational serious and organized crime, terrorism, homeland security, human security, disaster management, and humanitarian aid. Moving towards the development of solutions to these complex problem spaces depends on the lens we use to examine them and how we frame the problem. It will be shown that systems thinking and soft operations research has had great success in contributing to the management of complexity.

In the tradition of the bestselling Intellectual Capital, internationally recognized management and quality expert Rafael Aguayo shows how integrated mastery of many areas of knowledge -- MetaKnowledge -- can give corporate managers an edge, no matter what the future has in store. In today's world, the basis of economic power and wealth is rapidly shifting from physical resources to intellectual resources. Former powerhouses like U.S. Steel are now minor players, while modern giants such as Microsoft dominate industries that didn't even exist twenty-five years ago. The economy undergoes wild fluctuations. The Internet boom has come and gone. Through globalization, international boundaries are becoming less important every day. In such a dramatically changing environment, the management philosophy that endures must be based on principles that transcend daily occurrences and swings in the market. That's where MetaKnowledge comes in. Rafael Aguayo brings years of firsthand consulting experience to this book and galvanizes it with an impressive yet accessible body of academic study. A disciple of W. Edwards Deming, Aguayo studied with the man who brought quality to the Japanese. He has since expanded his field of expertise to encompass many subjects that contribute to successful business strategies, no matter what the industry. In The MetaKnowledge Advantage, Aguayo gives American managers an advantage by helping them break out of their narrow fields of expertise, synthesizing areas of knowledge as diverse as ecology, psychology, statistics, chaos theory, self-actualization, and the theory of multiple intelligences. Drawing on the work of Walter Shewhart (the father of Statistical Quality Control), W. Edwards Deming, Carl Jung, James Lovelock, Bertrand Russell, and many other luminaries, The MetaKnowledge Advantage offers a comprehensive -- and extremely flexible -- strategy for good management and ethical behavior in any industry.

Designed to update executives and operations managers in trends and new software tools for their professional growth and their company's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

The text addresses using an alternate approach to compare the effect of 'k' different treatments upon some response variable. The author argues that using a traditional approach will yield confusing and contradictory results. Material is presented in outline format and includes exercises, answers, and tables.

A new edition of a bestselling industrial and systems engineering reference, Handbook of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Second Edition provides students, researchers, and practitioners with easy access to a wide range of industrial engineering tools and techniques in a concise format. This edition expands the breadth and depth of coverage, emphasizing new systems engineering tools, techniques, and models. See What's New in the Second Edition: Section covering safety, reliability, and quality Section on operations research, queuing, logistics, and scheduling Expanded appendix to include conversion factors and engineering, systems, and statistical formulae Topics such as control charts, engineering economy, health operational efficiency, healthcare systems, human systems integration, Lean systems, logistics transportation, manufacturing systems, material handling systems, process view of work, and Six Sigma techniques The premise of the handbook remains: to expand the breadth and depth of coverage beyond the traditional handbooks on industrial engineering. The book begins with a general introduction with specific reference to the origin of industrial engineering and the ties to the Industrial Revolution. It covers the fundamentals of industrial engineering and the fundamentals of systems engineering. Building on this foundation, it presents chapters on manufacturing, production systems, and ergonomics, then goes on to discuss economic and financial analysis, management, information engineering, and decision making. Two new sections examine safety, reliability, quality, operations research, queuing, logistics, and scheduling. The book provides an updated collation of the body of knowledge of

industrial and systems engineering. The handbook has been substantively expanded from the 36 seminal chapters in the first edition to 56 landmark chapters in the second edition. In addition to the 20 new chapters, 11 of the chapters in the first edition have been updated with new materials. Filling the gap that exists between the traditional and modern practice of industrial and systems engineering, the handbook provides a one-stop resource for teaching, research, and practice.

This book is designed to assist industrial engineers and production managers in developing procedural and methodological engineering tools to meet industrial standards and mitigate engineering and production challenges. It offers practitioners expert guidance on how to implement adequate statistical process control (SPC), which takes account of the capability to ensure a stable process and then regulate if variations take place due to variables other than a random variation. Powerful engineering models of new product introduction (NPI), continuous improvement (CI), and the eight disciplines (8D) model of problem solving techniques are explained. The final three chapters introduce new methodological models in operations research (OR) and their applications in engineering, including the hyper-hybrid coordination for process effectiveness and production efficiency, and the Kraljic-Tesfay portfolio matrix of industrial buying. Provides innovative models in engineering, supply chain analysis, and operations management; Offers practitioners expert guidance on how to implement adequate statistical process control (SPC); Includes new methodological models, such as hyper-hybrid coordination for process effectiveness and the Kraljic-Tesfay portfolio matrix.

The methods and concepts presented in the bestselling first edition revolutionized the approach to the management and control of Lean companies. Enhanced with extensive end-of-chapter exercises and a CD-ROM with Lean accounting tools, the second edition of this preeminent practitioner's guide is now suitable for classroom use. Practical Lean Accoun

Practical-nontechnical-solutions to the problems of business forecasting Written in a nontechnical style, this book provides practical solutions to common business forecasting problems, showing you how to think about business forecasting in the context of uncertainty, randomness and process performance. Addresses the philosophical foundations of forecasting Raises awareness of fundamental issues usually overlooked in pursuit of the perfect forecast Introduces a new way to think about business forecasting, focusing on process efficiency and the elimination of worst practices Provides practical approaches for the non-statistical problems forecasters face Illustrates Forecast Value Added (FVA) Analysis for identifying waste in the forecasting process Couched in the context of uncertainty, randomness, and process performance, this book offers new, innovative ideas for resolving your business forecasting problems.

Public sector leaders are currently weighing up heart-wrenching decisions to slash public services. Worth shows that these dilemmas can be avoided without complex change programs, expensive IT projects, or extended training courses.

Mastering Statistical Process Control shows how to understand business or process performance more clearly and more effectively. This practical book is based on a rich and varied selection of case studies from across industry and commerce, including material from the manufacturing, extractive and service sectors. It will enable readers to understand how SPC can be used to maximum effect, and will deliver more effective monitoring, control and improvement in systems, processes and management. The common obstacle to successful use of SPC is getting bogged down with control charts, forgetting that visual representation of data is but a tool and not an end in itself. Mastering SPC demonstrates how statistical tools are applied and used in reality. This is a book that will open up the power of SPC for many: managers, quality professionals, engineers and analysts, as well as students, will welcome the clarity and explanation that it brings to understanding the use and benefit of SPC in a wide range of engineering, production and service situations. Key case studies include using SPC to:

- Measure quality and human factors
- Monitor process performance accurately over long periods
- Develop best-practice benchmarks using control charts
- Maximise profitability of fixed assets
- Improve customer service and satisfaction

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The authors argue that lean production should be driven by the desire to achieve optimal customer service by sensing and responding to the customer. The customer is at the centre of the process and the organisation needs to respond in a holistic way so that the customer can impact on the design and delivery of products and processes. The book is based upon substantial research and practice by leading practitioners and heralds a paradigm shift in thinking on these issues.

While there are numerous Lean Certification programs, most companies have their own certification paths whereby they bestow expert status upon employees after they have participated in or led a certain number of kaizen events. Arguing that the number of kaizen events should not determine a person's expert status, The Lean Practitioner's Field Book: Proven, Practical, Profitable and Powerful Techniques for Making Lean Really Work outlines a true learning path for anyone seeking to understand essential Lean principles. The book includes a plethora of examples drawn from the personal experiences of its many well-respected and award-winning contributors. These experts break down Lean concepts to their simplest terms to make everything as clear as possible for Lean practitioners. A refresher for some at times, the text provides thought-provoking questions with examples that will stimulate learning opportunities. Introducing the Lean Practitioner concept, the book details the five distinct Lean Practitioner levels and includes quizzes and criteria for each level. It highlights the differences between the kaizen event approach and the Lean system level approach as well as the difference between station balancing and baton zone. This book takes readers on a journey that begins with an overview of Lean principles and culminates with readers developing professionally through the practice of self-reliance. Providing you with the tools to implement Lean tools in your organization, the book includes discussions and examples that demonstrate how to transition from traditional accounting methods to a Lean accounting system. The book outlines an integrated, structured approach identified by the acronym BASICS (baseline, analyze, suggest solutions, implement, check, and sustain), which is combined with a proven business strategy to help ensure a successful and sustainable transformation of your organization.

Advanced Project Portfolio Management is a comprehensive book which presents a roadmap for the achievement of high value enterprise strategies and superior project management results. It provides methods for best project selection, faster completion, optimal project portfolio management, and how to explicitly measure the PMO for rapidly increasing project ROI.

This book, designed for students taking a basic introductory course in statistical analysis, is far more than just a book of tables. Each table is accompanied by a careful but concise explanation and useful worked examples. Requiring little mathematical background, Elementary Statistics Tables is thus not just a reference book but a positive and user-friendly teaching and learning aid. The new edition contains a new and comprehensive "teach-yourself" section on a simple but powerful approach, now well-known in parts of

industry but less so in academia, to analysing and interpreting process data. This is a particularly valuable enabler to personnel who are not qualified in traditional statistical methods to actively contribute to quality-improvement projects. The second edition also includes a much-improved glossary of symbols and notation.

This book provides techniques to become numerically literate and able to understand and digest data.

One of the greatest strengths of business ethics research lies in the diversity of backgrounds of those interested in knowing more about it. Where else could we find moral philosophers, industrial psychologists, political scientists, and organizational sociologists hard at work exploring the same issues? These scholars bring to the table an intriguing mix of skills and viewpoints, many of which may be quite different from--and complementary to--those trained in functional areas of business-like management. However, this diversity also reflects a weakness. Researchers from such different backgrounds may be either unable or unwilling to talk to and work with each other in understanding more about these issues. This book bridges the gap and provides a basic reference volume for current business ethics researchers. Second, it stimulates new ways of thinking about, and creating interest in, linking management and ethics among those researchers. Third, it triggers management and ethics researchers who do not currently study business ethics problems to consider the implications of each to their current interests. The central theme of the book is that efforts must be made to better integrate management and ethical theory. Although the market contains a number of good business ethics books, none combines management theory with ethical theory on a chapter-by-chapter, topic-by-topic basis. This book bridges the theoretical, empirical, and at times practical gap between management and ethical scholars.

Operations Management in Context is a straightforward and accessible text which provides students with a good grounding in the theory and practice of operations management and its role within organisations. The structure is clear and logical, leading the newcomer to the subject through the topics in a way to maximise comprehension, highlighting key issues and using case studies and examples from business to contextualise learning. Chapters are structured to enable incremental and progressive learning with a logical development of the content. Each chapter is linked and ends with a summary of the key points met in the text to aid revision. Exercises and self assessment questions are included to reinforce learning and maintain variety, with answers included at the end of the book. The text is accompanied by a lecturer's supplement.

In this provocative yet practical guidebook Steve Morlidge demonstrates why the approach and methods of performance reporting that all information professionals have been taught fails, and what we need to do differently to help us make sense of the dynamic, complex and data rich world in which we now live and work. Reporting on performance should not be treated as worthy but dull, requiring no more than routine comparisons of actual against targets. This traditional approach is based on the false premise organisations can be managed as if they were a simple mechanical system operating in a predictable environment. And the methods associated with it, such as variance analyses and data tables that are used to measure and communicate performance, are completely inadequate. Instead, Morlidge argues performance reporting should be reconceived as an act of perception conducted on behalf of the organisation, helping to make sense of the sensory inputs (data) that it has at its disposal. And to do so effectively performance reporters need to learn from and exploit the strengths of our own brains, compensate for its weaknesses and communicate in a way that makes it easy for their audience's brains to assimilate. Drawing on the latest insights from cognitive science in this book you will learn:

- how to bring a dynamic perspective into performance reporting
- how to deploy a set of simple tools to help speared the signal from the noise inherent in large data sets and to make sound inferences
- how to set goals intelligently
- about the grammar of data visualization and how use it to design powerful and simple reports

In this way information professionals are uniquely charged with the responsibility for creating the shared consciousness that is a prerequisite for organisations to effectively respond and adapt to their environments.

Business students need the ability to think statistically about how to deal with uncertainty and its effect on decision-making in business and management. Traditional statistics courses and textbooks tend to focus on probability, mathematical detail, and heavy computation, and thus fail to meet the needs of future managers. Statistical Thinking in For three decades, Henry Neave's Statistics Tables has been the gold standard for all students taking an introductory statistical methods course as part of their wider degree in a host of disciplines including mathematics, economics, business and management, geography and psychology. The period has seen a large increase in the level of mathematics and statistics required to achieve these qualifications and Statistics Tables has helped several generations of students meet their goals. All the features of the first edition are retained including the full range of best-known standard statistical techniques, as well as some lesser-known methods that can be hard to track down elsewhere. The explanatory introductions to each section have been updated and the second edition benefits from the inclusion of a valuable and comprehensive new section on an approach to simple but powerful investigation of process data. This will help the book continue in its position as the prime statistical reference for all students of mathematics, engineering and the social sciences, and everyone who needs effective methods for analysing data.

Operations Management in Context provides students with excellent grounding in the theory and practice of operations management and its role within organizations. Structured in a clear and logical manner, it gradually leads newcomers to this subject through each topic area, highlighting key issues, and using practical case study material and examples to contextualize learning. Each chapter is structured logically and concludes with summary material to aid revision. Exercises and self-assessment questions are included to reinforce learning and maintain variety, with answers included at the end of the text.

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of Machinery - Basic concepts and general principles \* Comprehensive coverage of all aspects of H&S management, updated to cover all the latest UK and EU regulations and directives \* Edited by two experienced and well-known H&S professionals, with contributions from leading experts in H&S research and practice \* Ideal reference for all students on degree level courses as well as for H&S and HR professionals

Written by an internationally-recognized expert in the field of quality management, this text is an essential guide for understanding how to plan and implement a successful quality measurement program in your healthcare facility. It begins by presenting an overview of the context for quality measurement, the forces influencing the demand for quality reform, how to listen to the voice of the customer, and the characteristics of quality that customers value most. Students will also learn how to select and define indicators to collect data and how to organize data into a dashboard that can provide feedback on progress toward quality measurement. Finally, this book explores how to analyze the data by detailing how variation lives in your data, and whether this variation is acceptable.

This practical text is an essential source of information for those wanting to know how to deal with the variability that exists in every engineering situation. Using typical engineering data, it presents the basic statistical methods that are relevant, in simple numerical terms. In addition, statistical terminology is translated into basic English. In the past, a lack of communication between engineers and statisticians, coupled with poor practical skills in quality management and statistical engineering, was damaging to products and to the economy. The disastrous consequence of setting tight tolerances without regard to the statistical aspect of process data is demonstrated. This book offers a solution, bridging the gap between statistical science and engineering technology to ensure that the engineers of today are better equipped to serve the manufacturing industry. Inside, you will find coverage on: the nature of variability, describing the use of formulae to pin down sources of variation; engineering design, research and development, demonstrating the methods that help prevent costly mistakes in the early stages of a new product; production, discussing the use of control charts, and; management and training, including directing and controlling the quality function. The Engineering section of the index identifies the role of engineering technology in the service of industrial quality management. The Statistics section identifies points in the text where statistical terminology is used in an explanatory context. Engineers working on the design and manufacturing of new products find this book invaluable as it develops a statistical method by which they can anticipate and resolve quality problems before launching into production. This book appeals to students in all areas of engineering and also managers concerned with the quality of manufactured products. Academic engineers can use this text to teach their students basic practical skills in quality management and statistical engineering, without getting involved in the complex mathematical theory of probability on which statistical science is dependent.

Describes how to build a competitive edge by developing superior operations This comprehensive, practice-oriented text illustrates how healthcare organizations can gain a competitive edge through superior operations – and demonstrates how to achieve them. Underscoring the importance of a strategic perspective, the book describes how to attain excellence in the four competitive priorities: quality, cost, delivery, and flexibility. The competitive priorities are interrelated, with excellent quality laying the foundation for performance in the other competitive priorities, and with targeted improvement initiatives having synergistic effects. The text stresses the benefits of aligning the entire operations system within the parameters of a business strategy. It equips students with a conceptual mental model of healthcare operations in which all concepts and tools fit together logically. With a hands-on approach, the book clearly demonstrates the “how-tos” of effectively managing a healthcare organization. It describes how to negotiate the different perspectives of clinicians and administrators by offering a common platform for building competitive advantage. To bring the cultural context of a healthcare organization to life, the book engages students with a series of short vignettes of a fictitious healthcare organization as it strives to achieve the status of a highly reliable organization. Integrated throughout are a variety of tools and quantitative techniques with step-by-step instructions to assist in problem solving and process improvements. Also included are mind maps linking competitive priorities and concepts, quick-reference icons, dashboards displaying measurement and process tracking, and boxed features. Several project ideas, team assignments, and creative thinking exercises are proposed. A comprehensive Instructor Packet and online tutorials further enhance the book’s outstanding value. Key Features: Includes mind maps to connect competitive priorities, concepts, and tools Provides an extensive tool kit for problem solving and process improvements Presents icons throughout the text to emphasize competitive priorities and tool coverage Emphasizes measurement with dashboards and includes data files for statistical process control, queuing, and simulation Demonstrates human dynamics and organizational challenges through realistic vignettes Presents boxed features of frequently asked questions an real-world implementations of concepts Provides comprehensive Instructor Packet and online tutorials

Responding to the demand by researchers and practitioners for a comprehensive reference, Handbook of Industrial and Systems Engineering offers full and easy access to a wide range of industrial and systems engineering tools and techniques in a concise format. Providing state of the art coverage from more than 40 contributing authors, many of whom a

Construction organisations worldwide are struggling with three issues: total quality management, supply chain management and knowledge management. Pressures from clients and recognition of the relatively slow growth in productivity in the sector are causing managers to focus on structural and strategic management issues. This book tackles each of these three themes, demonstrating their significance as strategic concepts for the construction sector and illustrating how development goals in each of these critical areas can be met. The book combines a theoretical basis with practical tools for management. Written by some of the world's leading experts, and illustrated with international case studies, Total Quality in the Construction Supply Chain offers students a clearly structured introduction to the concept of quality in the construction industry, while posing challenging questions for the most experienced professionals. -Key management techniques applied specifically to the needs of the construction industry. -International case studies discussed. -Demonstrates how to achieve real and lasting improvements in quality across the industry.

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