Research Article

To study and analyze a production line of steering

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Abstract

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Keywords: Line balancing, cycle time, Process study

Introduction

Line Balancing: Line adjusting is a powerful apparatus to enhance the throughput of mechanical production system, which helps in lessening non-esteem included exercises and process duration. Line Balancing is the issue of doling out activity to workstation along a mechanical production system, such that task is ideal in some sense

Methodology adopted for line balancing



Figure Flow chart for line balancing

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Calculation

Cycle time

Cycle time = available time / desired output

Assigning work to workstation:

No. of workstation = sum of task time /desired actual time.

About the project

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Action plan for the fulfilment of project

Table 1

S. No.	Activities	January	February	March	April	Status
1	Part study and process study					completed
2	Cycle time study of pipe R and pipe L subassembly					completed
3	Cycle time study of main frame line and to find some more improvements					completed
4	5 S implementation					completed
5	Dissertation work					completed

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Placing of layout

Earlier process layout: In the earlier process layout batch production is used for manufacturing the product. Figures below show earlier process layout.



Layout of pipe R assembly(line 2)



Final welding(on single booth)



Figure Earlier process layout of pipe R and L subassembly

Placing of cycle time table

Cycle time study

Same approach as for pipe R and Pipe L is followed for the line balancing of the main frame, starting from the cycle time study of main frame assembly.

Main Frame										
Time in seconds										
Sr. No.	Tacking 1	Complete Weld 1	Complete Weld 2+Gusset	Chipping	Tapping					
1	45.18	51.21	46.3	22.86	20.20					
2	39.3	47.05	47.3	20.58	20.45					
3	42.45	54.35	45.2	25.10	19.20					
Average	42	51	46.26	22.84	19.95					

Table 2 Cycle time of main frame

Placing of table after implementation





Conclusion

Nothing is impeccable there is dependably an extension for changes. Same with assembling forms, there is dependably a degree for upgrades.

The ideas like line adjusting, process duration think about utilized here have all inclusive approach, as they have their application on one generation line as well as on each creation line.

Line adjusting idea is utilized on two generation line here, on both of the line it demonstrated great outcomes.

On one line it spared about 1/3 rd of the creation time if this efficient is changed over into cash, it factes a loads of sparing as it can spare one move work. Prior the work which is done in 3 movements can be effectively done in 2 shifts.

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