

# Ten Daily Tenets to Be Successful with Lean

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# What is a "tenet"?

- **tenet** (noun) · **tenets** (plural noun)
- a principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy:
- "the tenets of a democratic society"
- Origin - late 16th century (superseding earlier tenent): from Latin, literally 'he holds', from the verb tenere.



# What is Lean and Why is it important ?

The true purpose of lean is to create maximum **value** for customers by **eliminating waste, improving efficiency, and continuously enhancing processes**. Lean is not just about reducing costs or increasing productivity; it is fundamentally about delivering the **highest possible value** to customers through a systematic approach that **engages everyone** in the organization

Using tenets *daily*  
to *standardize*  
your approach

# Why do we need to standardize?

- **Reduces variation in everything that we do** and supports
  - Consistency and Quality Control through Uniformity and Defect Reduction
  - Safety and Compliance
  - Efficiency and Cost Savings including Process Optimization and predictable Outcomes
  - Interoperability and Compatibility on both the Component level and Global Trade
  - Customer Satisfaction by Meeting Expectations and Building Trust
  - Support Risk Management by Reducing Variability and Documenting Procedures
  - Supply Chain Coordination including supplier Integration and Streamlined Operations
- Overall, following standard processes in manufacturing is essential for maintaining quality, ensuring safety, achieving efficiency, and meeting both regulatory and customer requirements

# #1 Focus on Organization & Plant Values (SQDC)

- What is the difference between a value and a priority?
- Do values change?





## #2 Solve problems at the appropriate level



- Everyone should be viewed as a problem solver
- "Above my pay grade"
- Do you have a standard?

# #3 Utilize a System of Record

- Where are those "secret" spreadsheets?
- Is data a reality?
  - Quality records
  - Delivery performance
  - Costs
- Does not have to be complex or expensive but should be accessible





# #4 Be Metrics Based



- KISS
- Discrete vs. Continuous
- Define what is good and what is a good day

# #5 Manage Talent

- Total Leader
  - Everyone - and yes, I mean everyone, has talents to be utilized throughout their entire career
  - Organizations commit to developing those talents
- Do you need to do a whole new draft or just adjust the batting order?
- Are you flexible enough to move talent around?



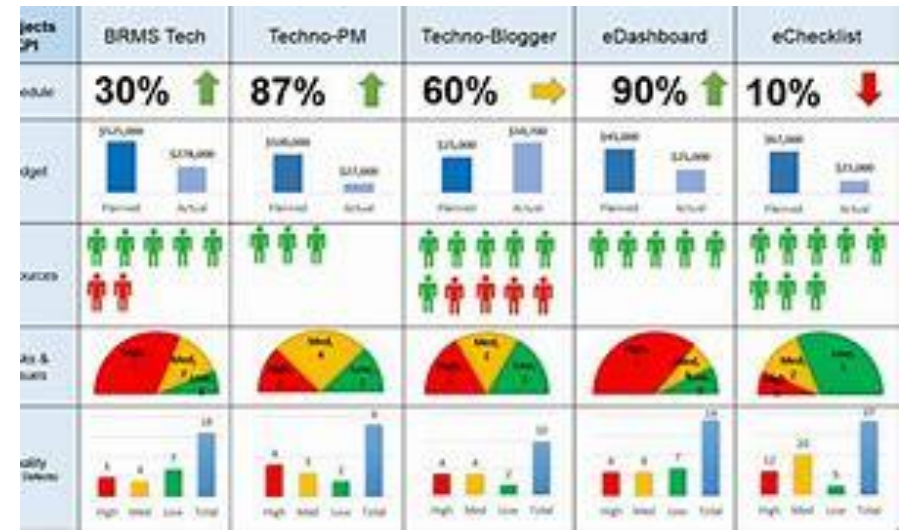
# #6 Take Responsibility & Maintain Accountability



- How can I be accountable if I don't control the whole process?
- Are expectations clear?
- Do you coach and empower your teams?
  - Commitment

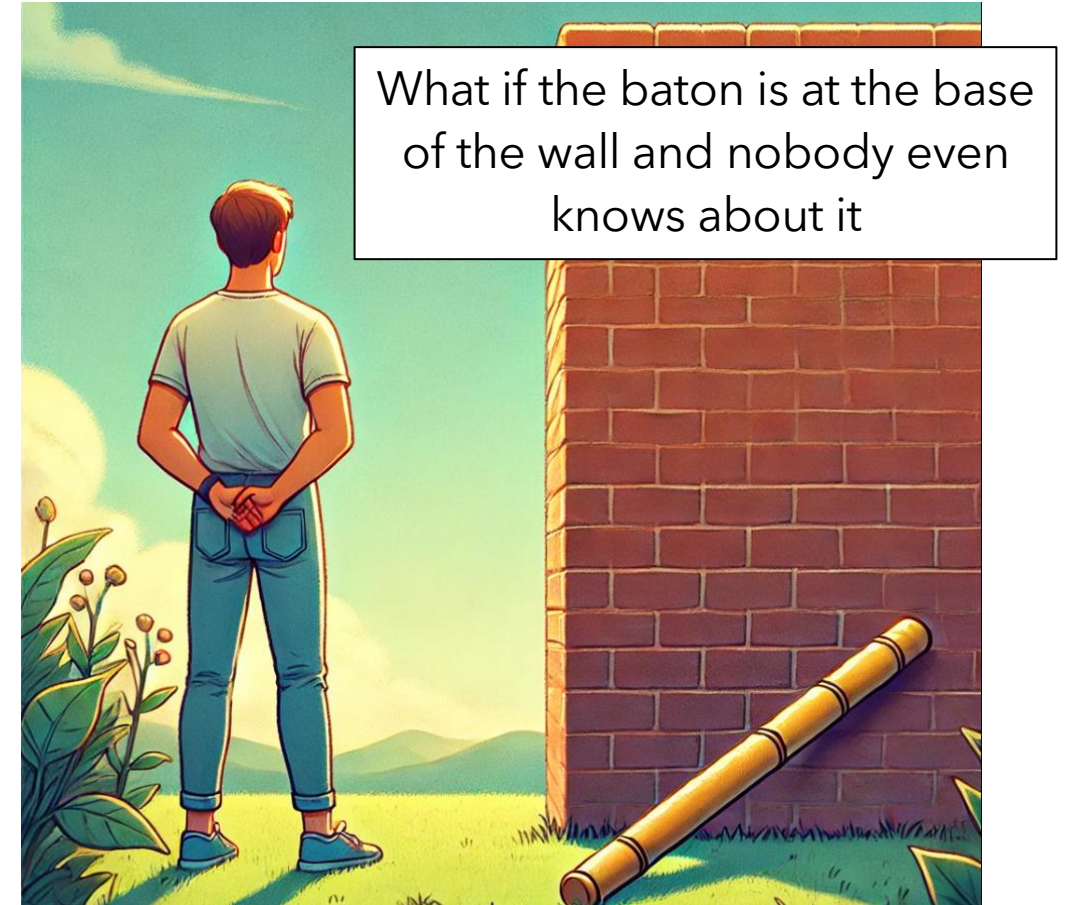
# #7 Be Visual

- Can you detect an out of tolerance condition?
- Be aware of visual overload
- Progressively add, if you want
  - Start slow - maybe 1,2 or 3 things but not 5
- What is the goal?





# #8 Minimize passive communication (email)





# #9 Act Fast!! AND #10 Think "Continuous"



- Are you able to adjust quickly or do you need a lot of discussion and approvals?
- Act fast but not reckless
- What is the definition of continuous? This is not a trick question...
  - Build a culture of seeking improvements daily

# SUCCESS

**What is it?**

# Success

Progressive  
Realization  
of Worthwhile  
Predetermined  
Personal  
Goals



***Objective is long-term positive behavior change***

# What can you start doing today?





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