

University of Kentucky Lean Systems Program

8 Step Problem Solving Method

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Learning Goals

- Deepen your awareness of the importance of the 8 step process to effective problem solving
- Apply the process to your own work situation during class discussion
- Experience how the A-3 tool communicates the process thinking
- Apply in the work environment

8 Step Problem Solving Process

8 Step Process for Problem Solving

Steps Depth	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
<p>Zero level</p> <p>Go deeply on each step</p> <p>Complete</p>				Root Cause				Toyota strength- standardize

Guiding Principles

Company Culture issue—follow each step completely

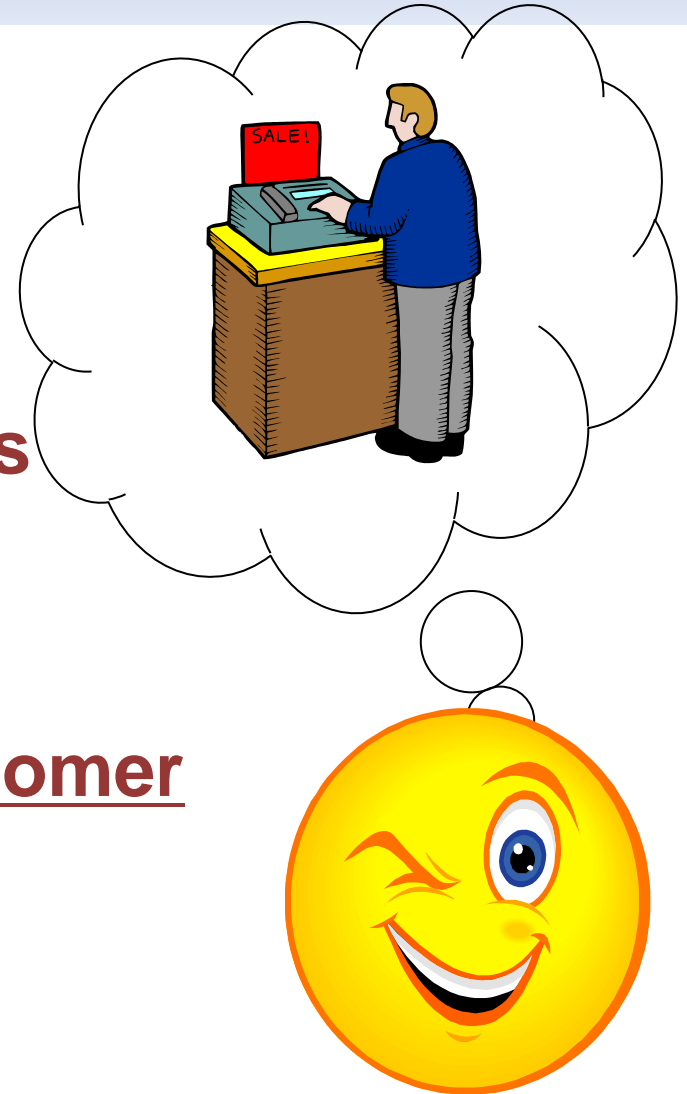
Use steps as a “check-sheet”

Guiding Principles

1) Customer viewpoint

Think and act for the customers

****Following process is the customer**



Guiding Principles

2) Confirm the Purpose of Your Work



Constantly question the purpose

Seek your own answers

**Keep the overall goal and purpose
in focus**



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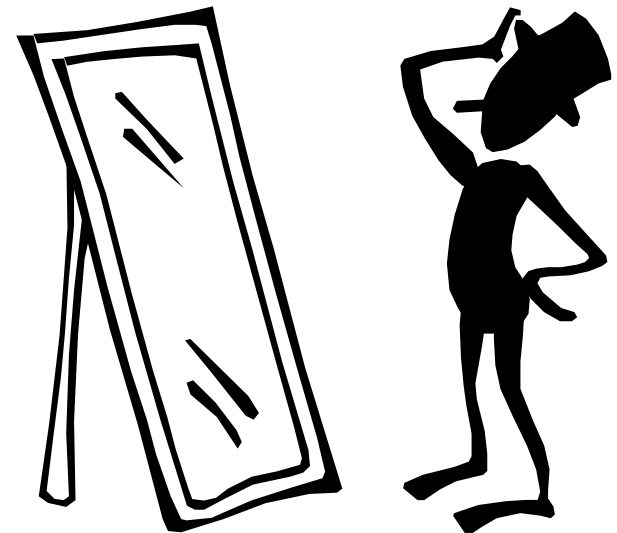
3) Ownership and Responsibility

You are responsible for your work success

Take pride in your work

Ask:

“What can we do something about - how can we improve our work?”



Guiding Principles

3) Ownership and Responsibility



When people detect problems,
× **Do not blame people**
○ **Appreciate people**

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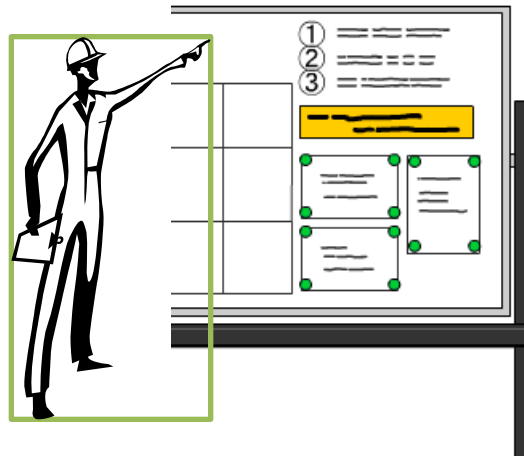
4) Visualization

Make results and data visible

Clarify problems for everyone to see

Information is timely

Data is understandable to the work group



Guiding Principles

4) Visualization

Any variation hints there is a problem:

- **Variation in the workload**
- **Team member has trouble**
- **Equipment or parts vary**

Key Point: look for early indicators “near miss” thinking



Guiding Principles

5) Judgment Based on Facts

**Without guessing or assuming
Go and See
at the work place,
get out of the
meeting room
(*Genchi Genbutsu*)**



“Get Your Boots on!”

Investigate



Guiding Principles

6) Think and Act Persistently

Think deeply

Complete each step of problem solving process

Don't give up until results meet goal

Good Process=Good Results!



Guiding Principles

7) Speedy Action in a Timely Manner

Be adaptable to the work process needs - take action quickly

Keep at it until TRUE countermeasures are in place

- that which if implemented prevents problem from returning

If necessary, use TEMPORARY measures

- when a problem occurs, take action quickly

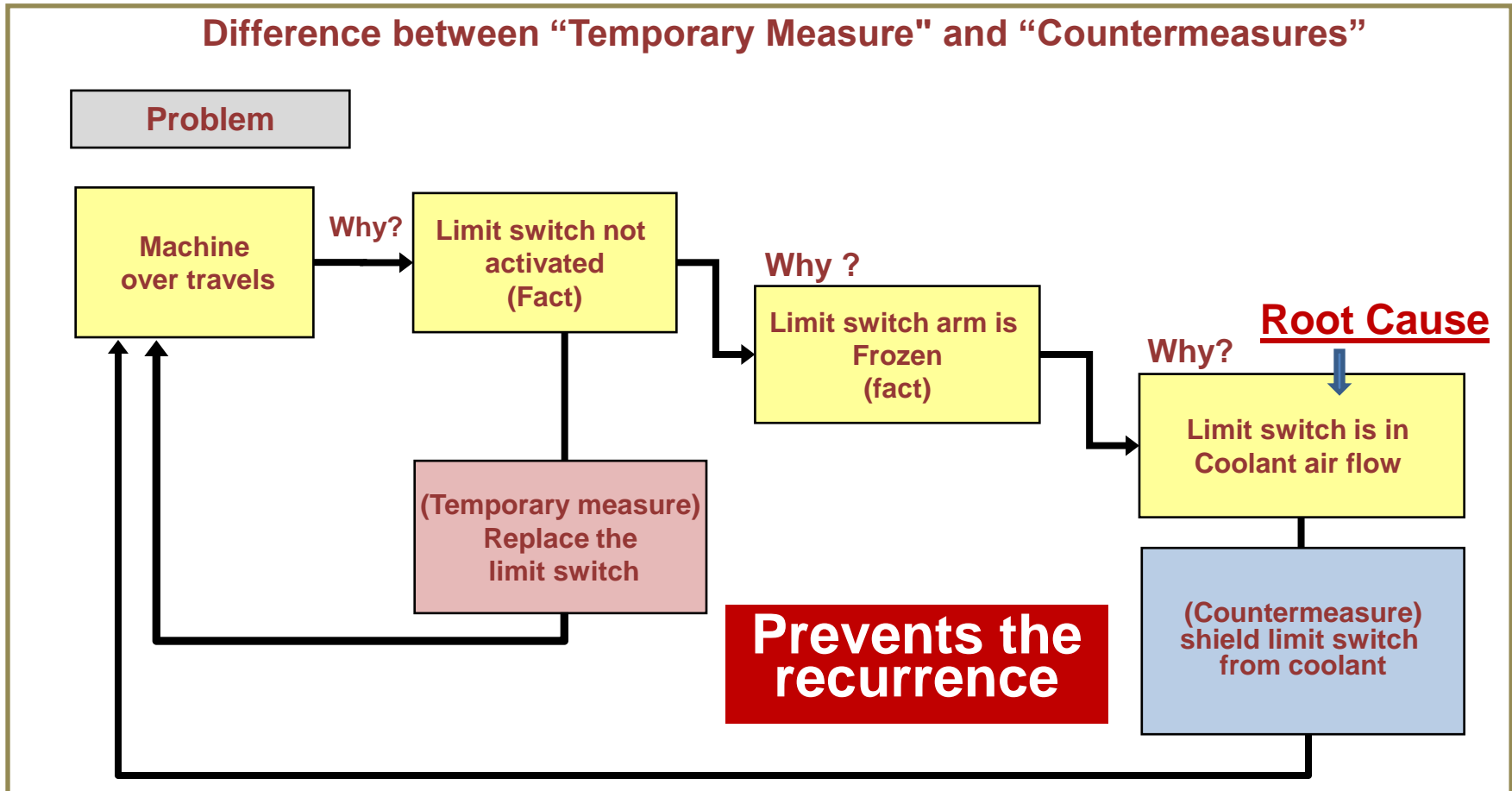


Temporary Measure

Action to stop or contain the problem--can add necessary extra work to the process
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- When a problem occurs, take action quickly
- Purpose is to contain the problem, not solve it

Temporary Measure Example



Temporary Measure Matrix

Select the optimal containment action on the following criteria:





- Simplicity
- Minimal modification to current process
- Time to implement

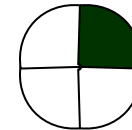
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Simplicity	10	8	7
Modification	9	10	5
Time	10	9	7
	29	27	17

Rate each option relative to each other for each criteria

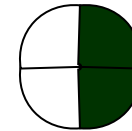
Sum the score and select the option with the highest score

Temporary Measure Implementation Plan

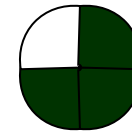
Containment / Temporary Measure	Owner	Date	Status
Quality Check at the last operation by Team Member	Team Leader	7/18/2006	
Team Leader Checking two bundles each shift as part of Standardized Work	Team Leader	7/18/2006	
			
			



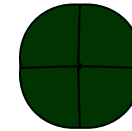
Problem Identified



Temporary Identified



Temporary Implemented



Follow up Complete

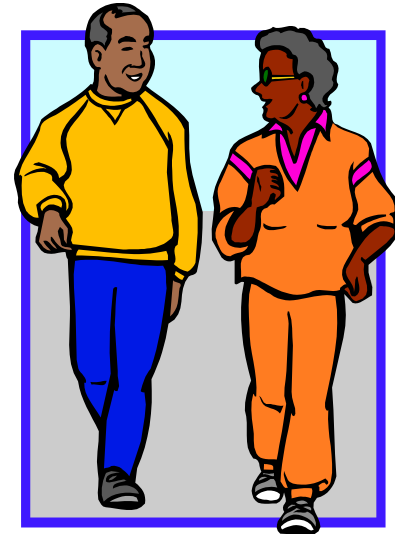
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8) Thorough Communication

**Thoroughly and sincerely
communicate**

Involve all stakeholders

**Japanese concept of
“*Nemawashi*”**

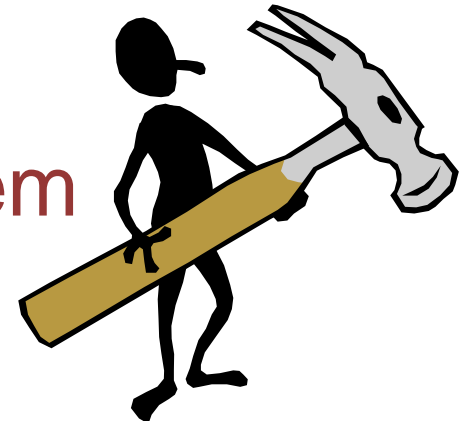


Guiding Principles



- Find the problem

- Fix the problem



- Keep the problem from coming back

What Defines a problem in the 8 Step method?

Problems are the path toward improvement

“No one has more trouble than the person who claims to have no trouble.”

(Having no problems is the biggest problem of all.)

by Taiichi Ohno

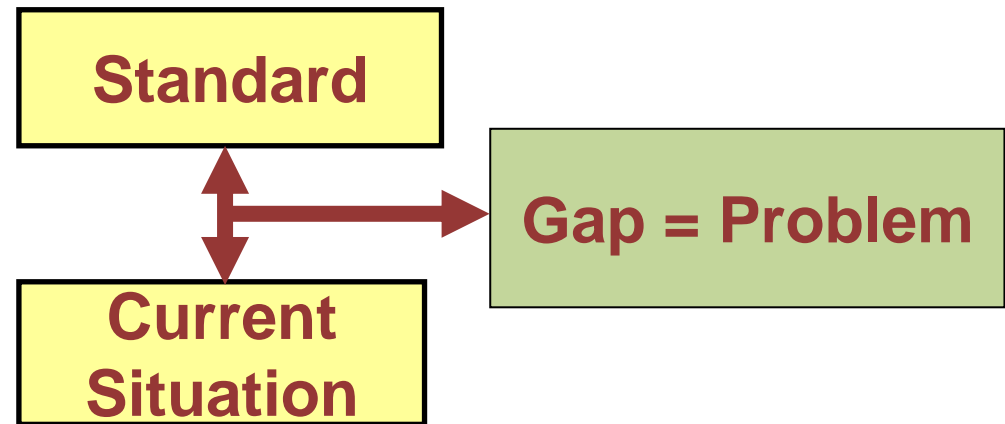


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A problem is ...

The current situation gap to the standard = PROBLEM

- Fact based
- Discovery driven



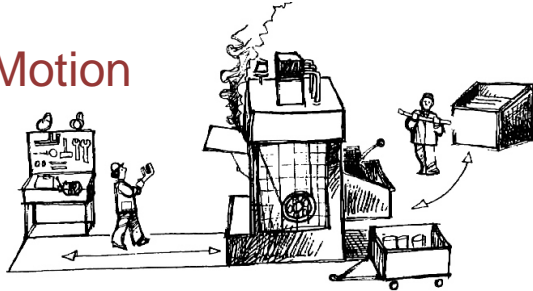
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Non Value Added Work = Waste

Waste is any factor which does not contribute to the process by adding value. The goal of Lean is to eliminate any factors which raise cost without adding value to the product.

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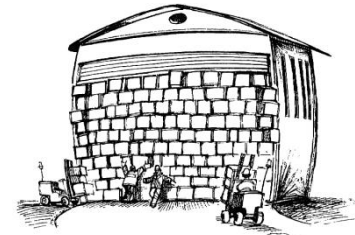
Motion



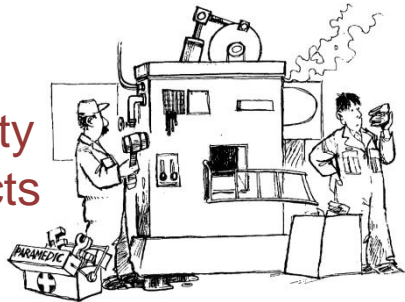
Overproduction



Inventory

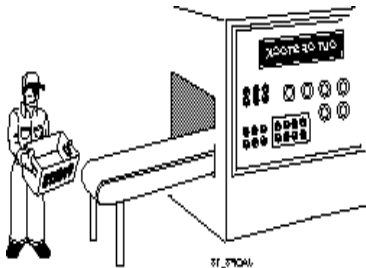


Quality Defects

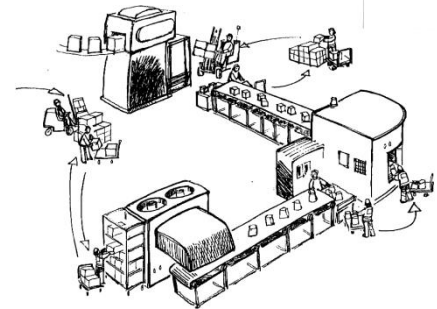


The 7 Wastes!

Waiting



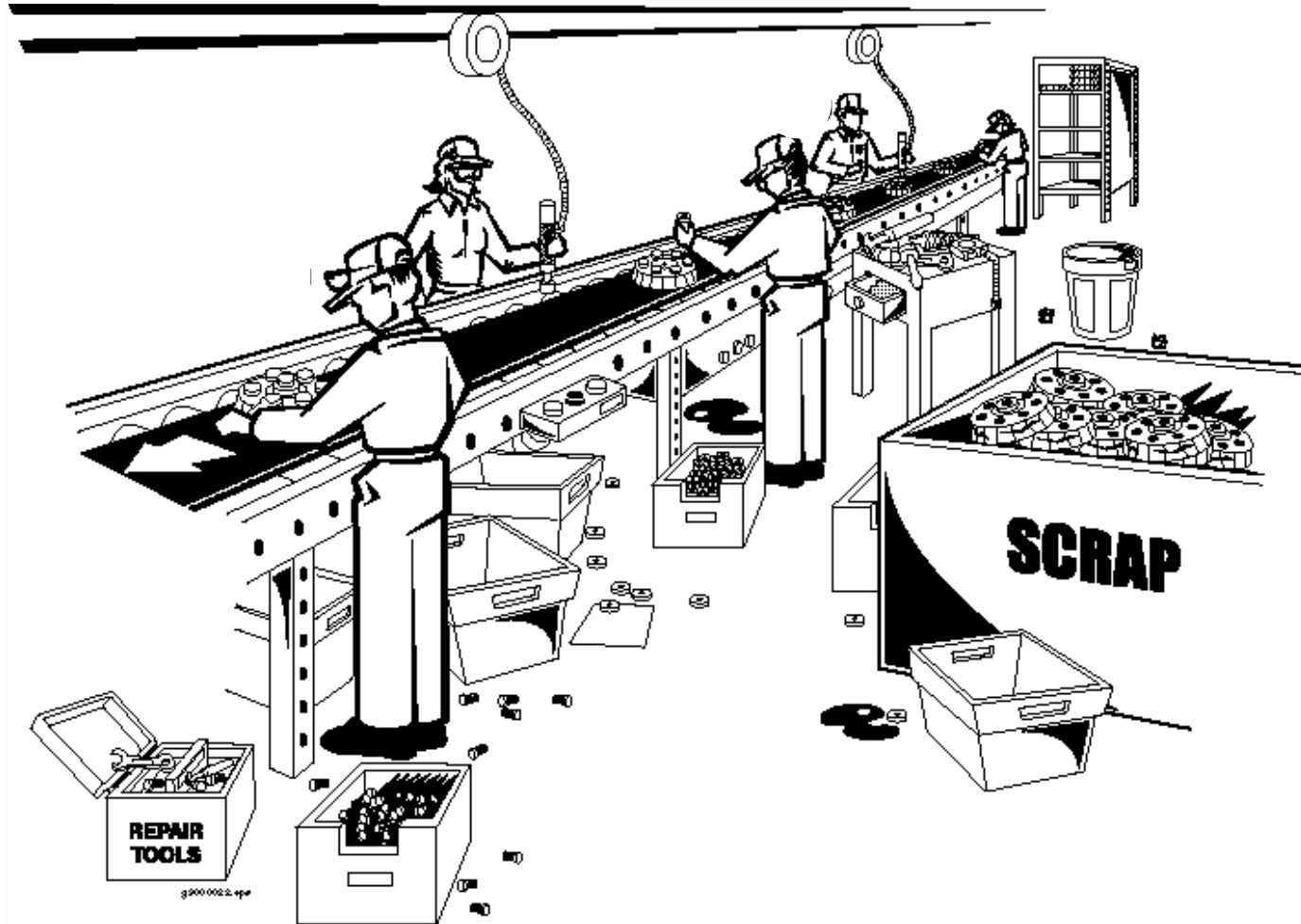
Over Processing



Transportation

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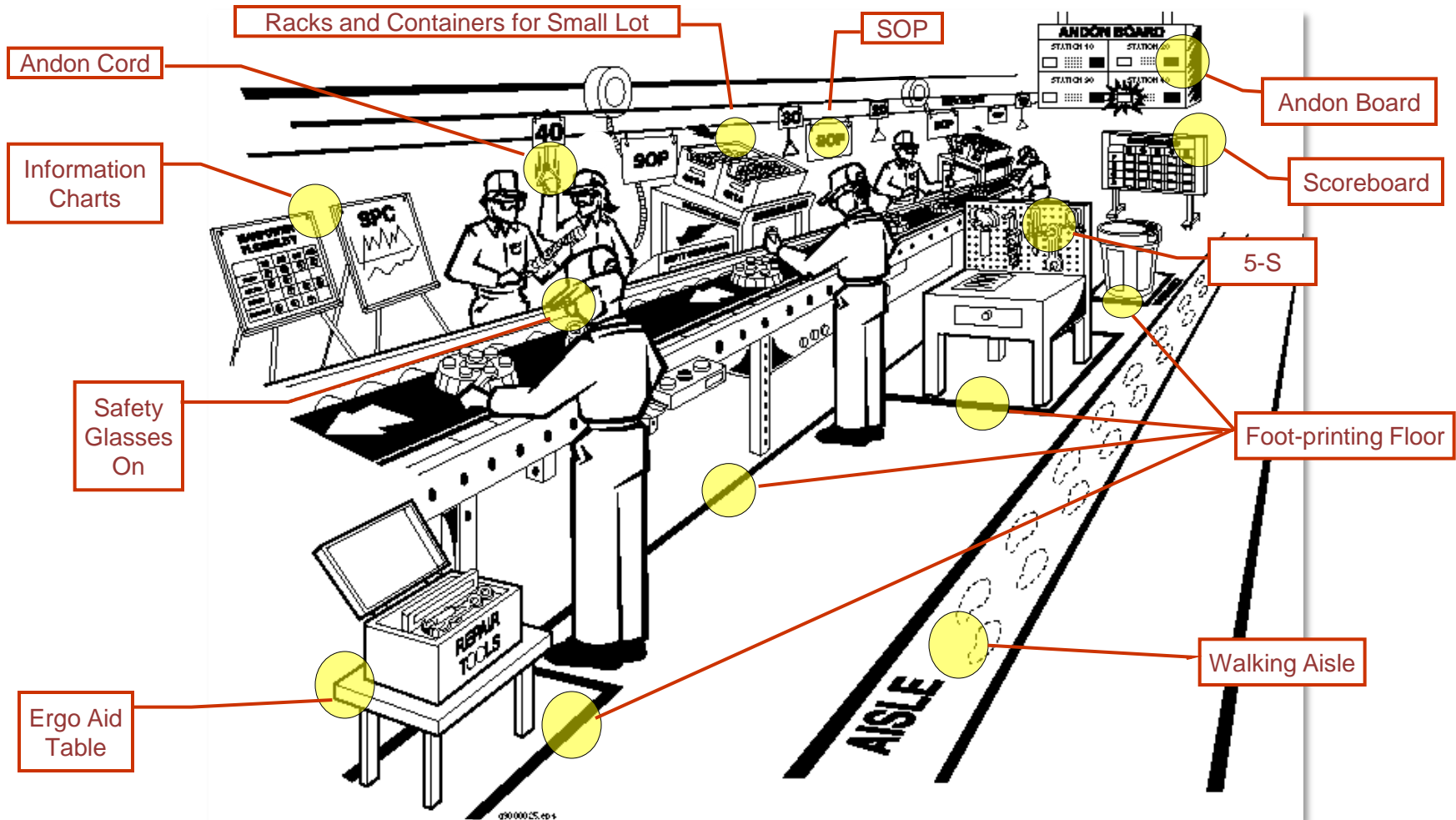
Would you like to work in this place?



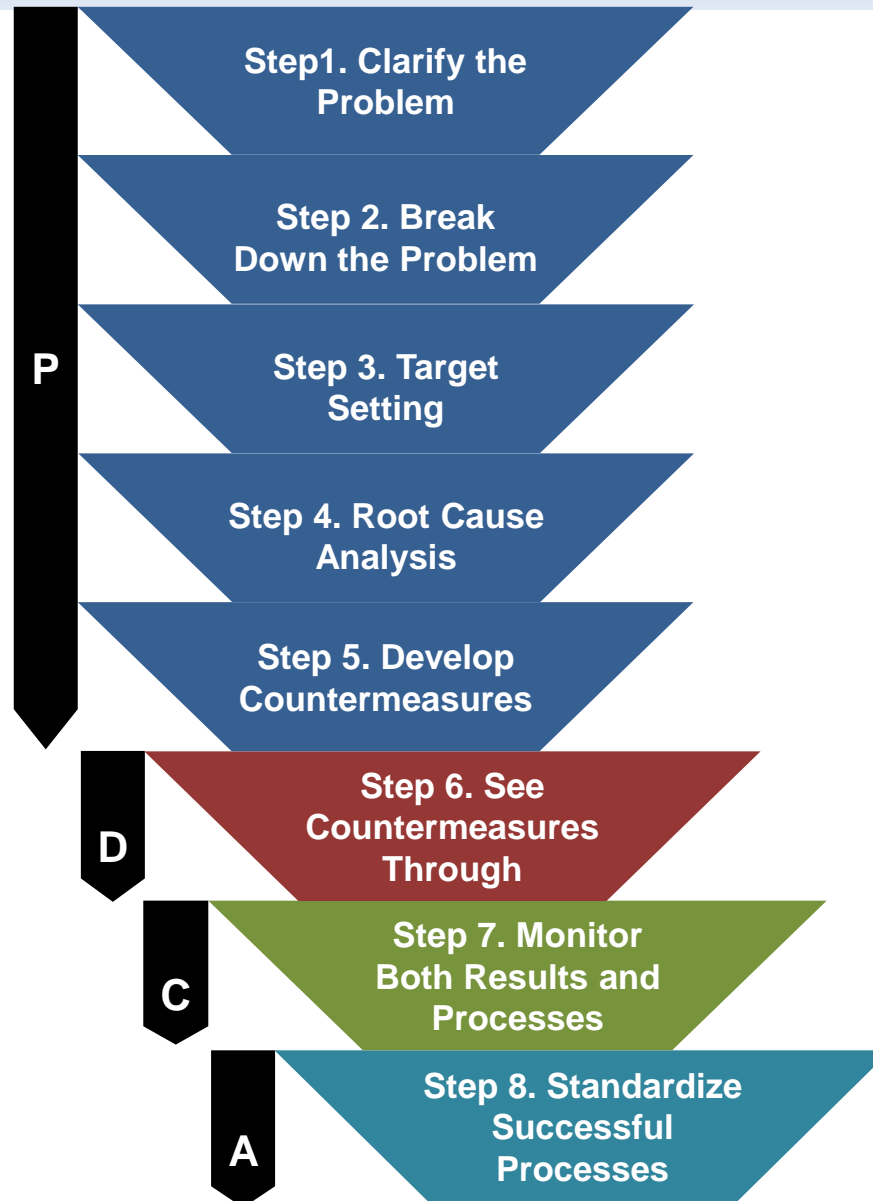
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After

See normal vs abnormal



8 Step Process for Problem Solving



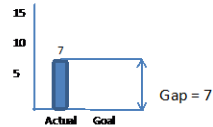
Example of Problem A-3 Report

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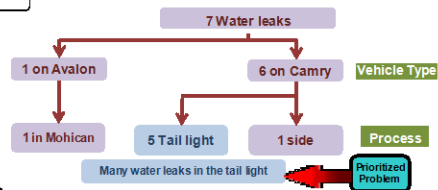
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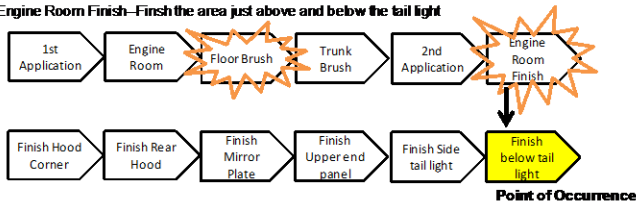
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Go and See Investigation for Point of Occurrence

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3. Target Setting

Target: Eliminate 5 tail light area water leaks on Camry by 7/29

4. Root Cause Analysis

5 water leaks in the tail light area

T/M leaving gaps in finish

T/M not turning spatula into the seam

T/M not instructed in proper angle of finish when trained

No specification in STW for proper spatula angle when finishing

ROOT CAUSE

5. Develop Countermeasure

R.C. No spec in standard work for spatula angle

	Effort	Cost	Safety	Effectiveness	Overall
Add inspection process	A	A	O	A	A
Train T/M's in correct angle to hold spatula	A	O	O	O	O
Repair in CART	X	X	O	X	X

Temp Action

Add inspection key points at quality gate and feedback to T/M's - 7/28

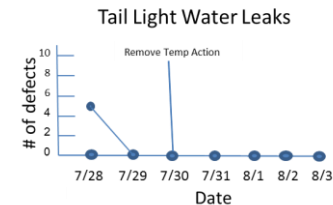
6. See Countermeasure Through

Countermeasure Plan - Train T/M's in correct spatula angle

What	Who	When	Status
Rewrite Standard Work	T/L	7/28	100%
Develop SWES with Key Points	T/L	7/29	100%
Train T/M's	T/L	7/30&31	100%
Check for 3 Shifts	T/L	8/3	100%
Remove Temp Action	T/L	7/30	100%

7. Monitor Both Results and Processes

Tail Light Water Leak Tracking	
7/28	5 defects
7/29	0 defects
7/30	0 defects
7/31	0 defects
8/1	0 defects
8/2	0 defects
8/3	0 defects



8. Standardize Successful Processes

Yokoten: Contact other NAMC's to confirm no problem

Follow-up: Have Pilot add special check for finish angle in Standardized work development

Example of Problem A-3 Report

Name: Dept. & Resp.: Date:	Title: Reducing Manual Check Printing	MGR: Asst. MGR: GL:	TL: TM: TM:
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GAP
 20% (660) paychecks need a manual check to correct errors



2. Break Down the Problem

20% (660/3300) manual checks being issued

Group Leader Error 35% (231/660)	Other 23% (151/660)	Salary Continuation 42% (277/660)
Time Execution 61% (142/231) Other 39% (90/231)		STD Not Paid 30% (83/277) FMLA PTO Not Paid 70% (193/277)

FMLA Process Flow

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      graph LR
      A[T/M obtains FMLA form] --> B[T/M submits form to TMR by deadline]
      B --> C[TMR reviews form - submits by deadline]
      C --> D[Payroll system updated by deadline]
      D --> E[T/M received paycheck with correct amount]
      
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Problem: FMLA paperwork is not received from TMR by the payroll deadline.

3. Target Setting

Target: Eliminate 100% late submissions of FMLA forms to meet payroll deadline by March 2009. (193 of 660 total gap)

5. Countermeasure Options & Evaluation

Options	Effectiveness	Budget	Speed	Quality	Overall Assessment	Comments
Post clearer instructions on T/M board	X	O	O	X	X	-Create awareness of enhancement -Help T/Ms who review board -Not helpful at home
Update instructions on form	Δ	O	O	Δ	Δ	-Would document enhancement as new standard -Dependent on T/M reading it
Have TMR instruct T/M	Δ	O	O	Δ	Δ	-Verbally communicate the enhancement -Cannot ensure that T/M will remember the instructions if not written down
Update instructions on form along with TMR communications	O	O	Δ	O	O	-Would document enhancement as new Standard while confirming the instructions

4. Root Cause Analysis

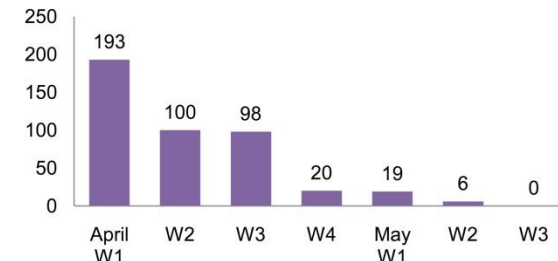
FMLA paperwork is not received from TMR by the payroll deadline

- Form doesn't pass review
 - Form was submitted incorrectly
 - Part "D" not complete
 - T/M thought HR was to complete
 - Instructions not clear in Part "D"

6. Action Plan

Item (What) (When)	Resp (Who)	Timing							
		Feb W1	W2	W3	W4	March W1	W2	W3	W4
Draft form with clearer instructions	TH	→	▼						
Sample T/M response; revise as needed	TH			→	▼				
Consensus/Approval throughout HR	RK					→	▼		
Coordinate communication method with TMR and roll out	SE								→

7. Monitor Both Results and Processes



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Document reason for adding additional instructions to form
 Standardize electronic form in database with revision date
 Yokoten: Share the new form with other NAMC's by June 30

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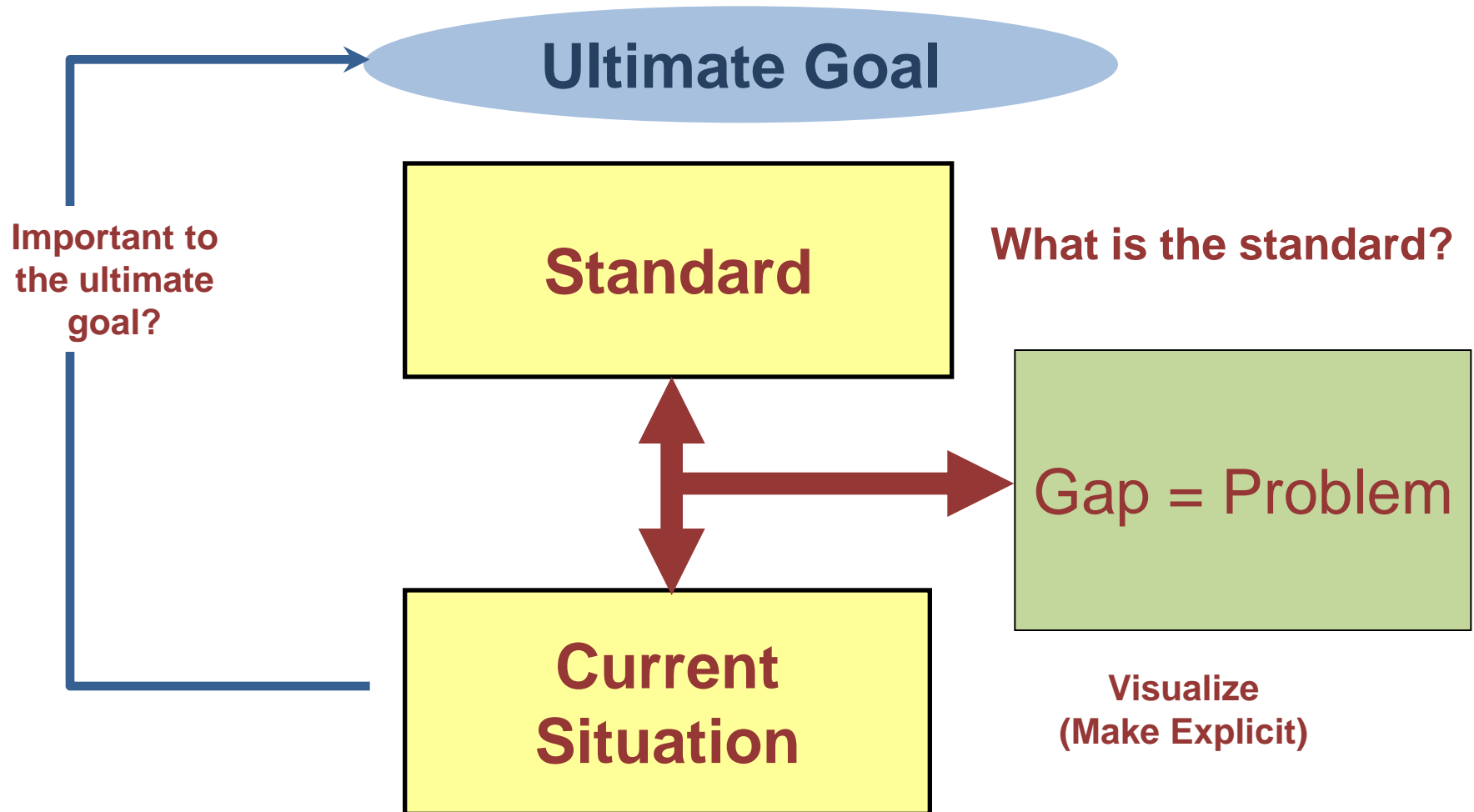
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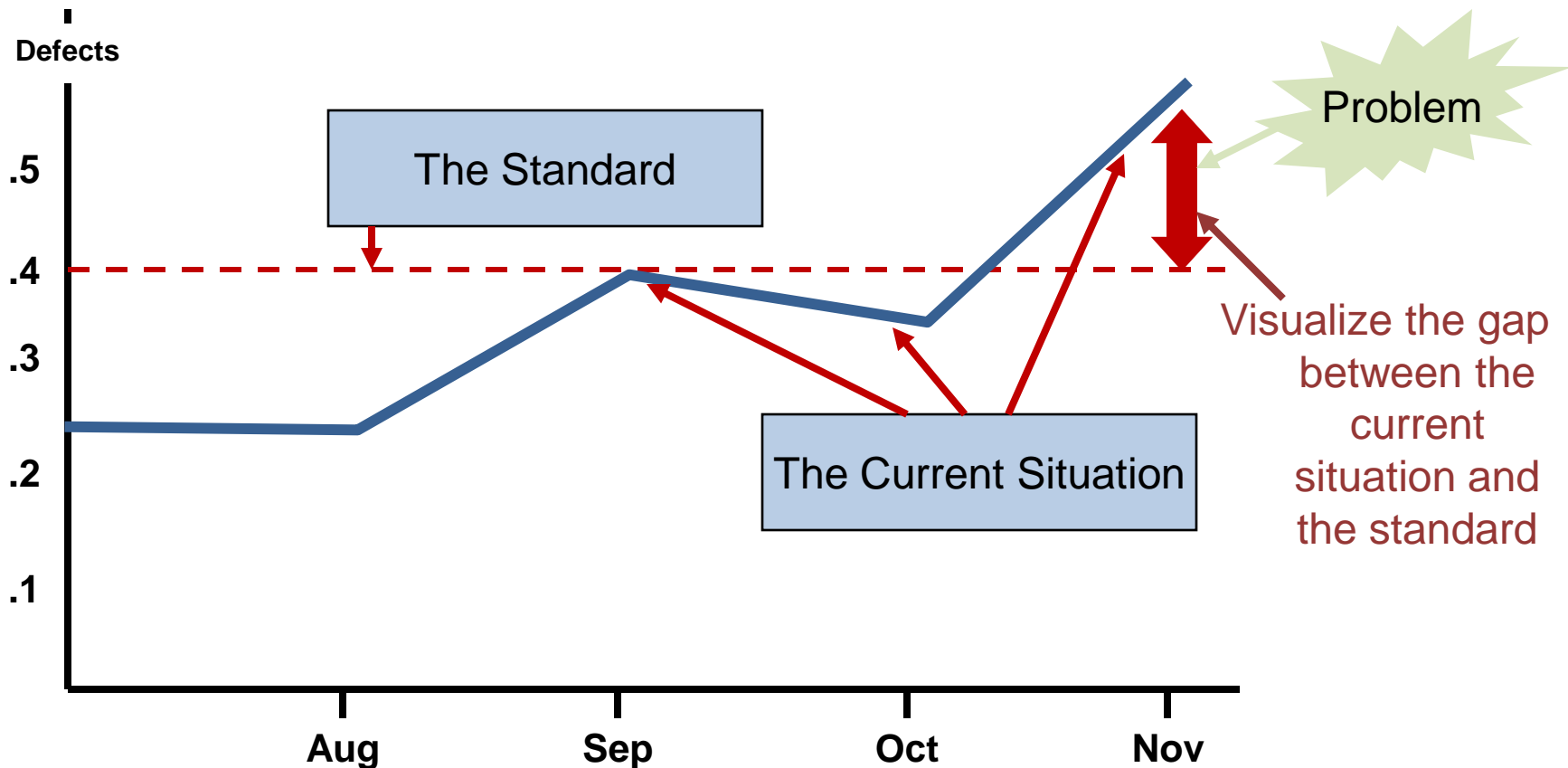
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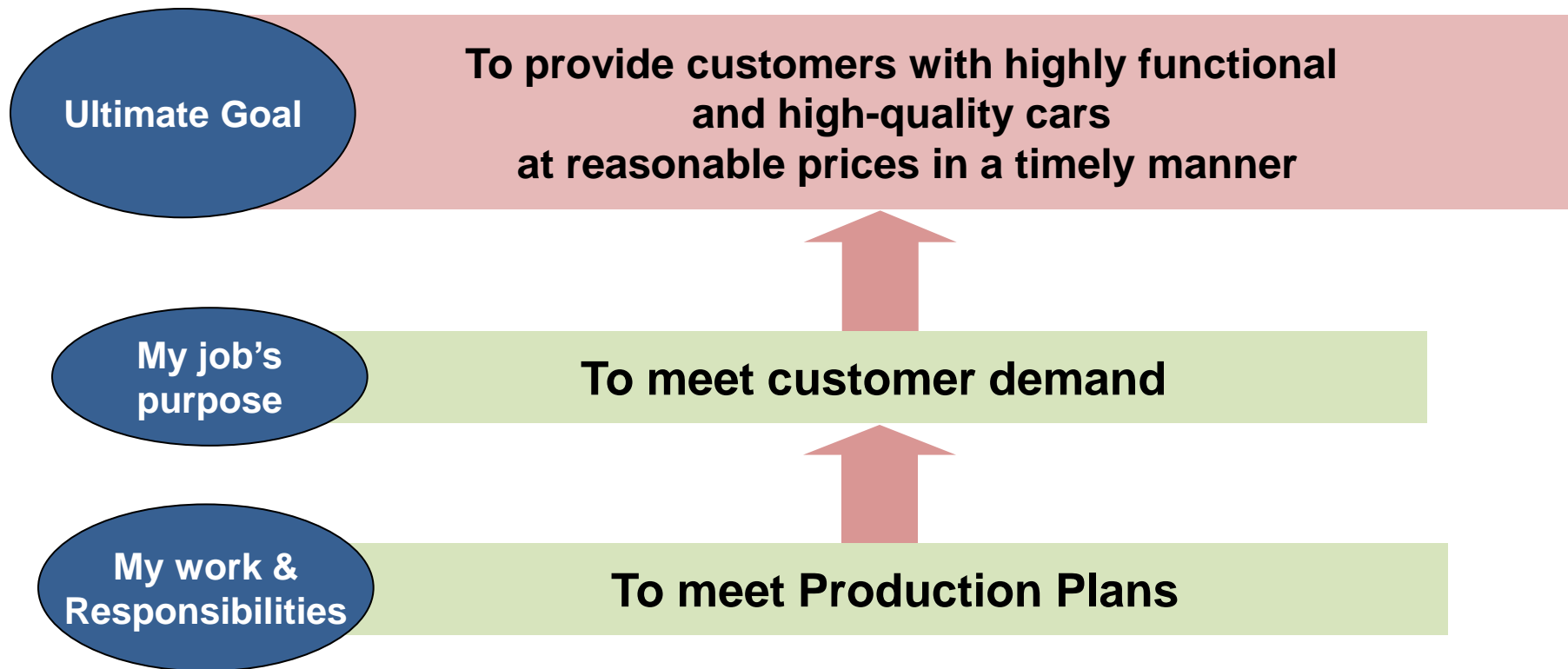
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Visualize the gap between the “Current Situation” and the “Standard”



Step 1) Clarify the Problem

Process1. Clarify the “Ultimate Goal” of your responsibilities & work



Example: Step 1

1. Clarify the Problem

Ultimate Goal:

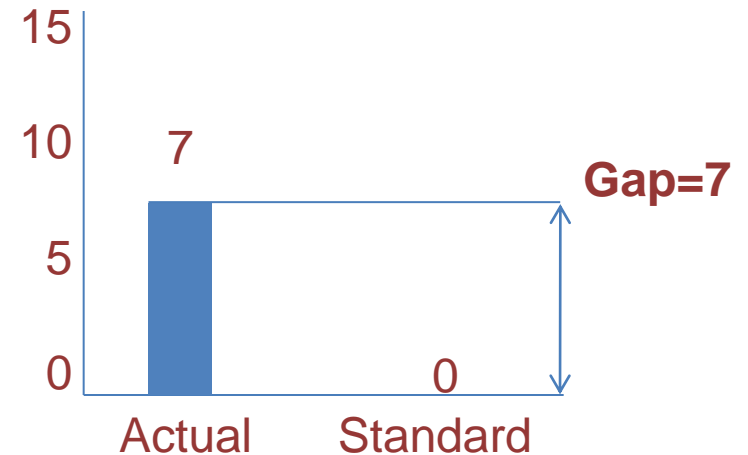
Assure TMMK cars meet customer requirement for quality

Standard:

Zero audit defects from sealer area

Current Situation:

7 water leaks on 7/28



Example: Step 1

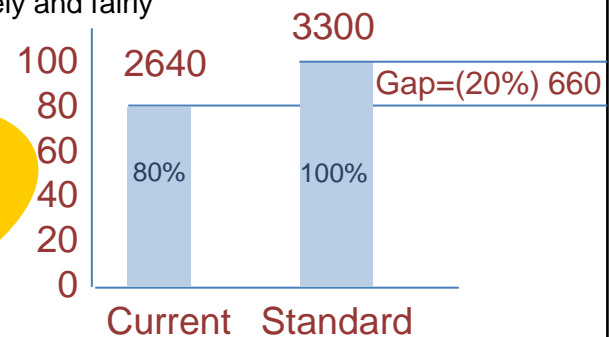
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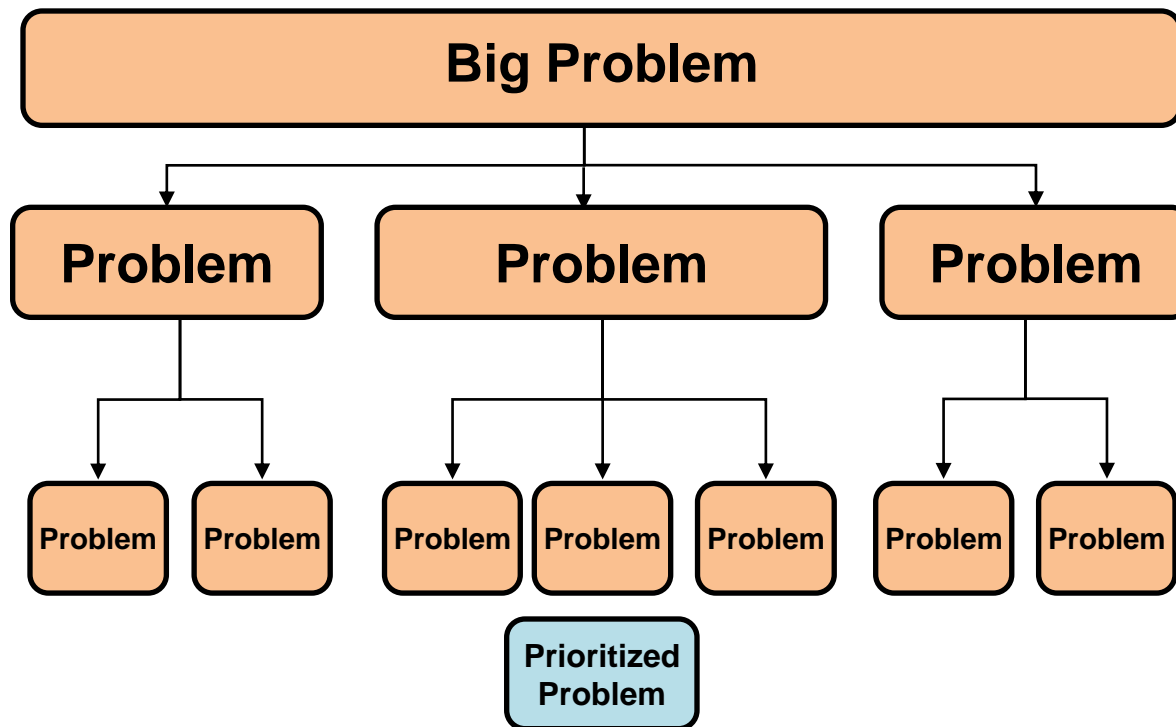
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Step 2: Break Down the Problem

- Formulating a clear, concise statement from your Gap
- The statement describes the difference between the standard and current situation
- During this step, break the large problem into smaller, more specific problems
- If you can't describe it, you can't solve it!

Step 2) Break Down the Problem



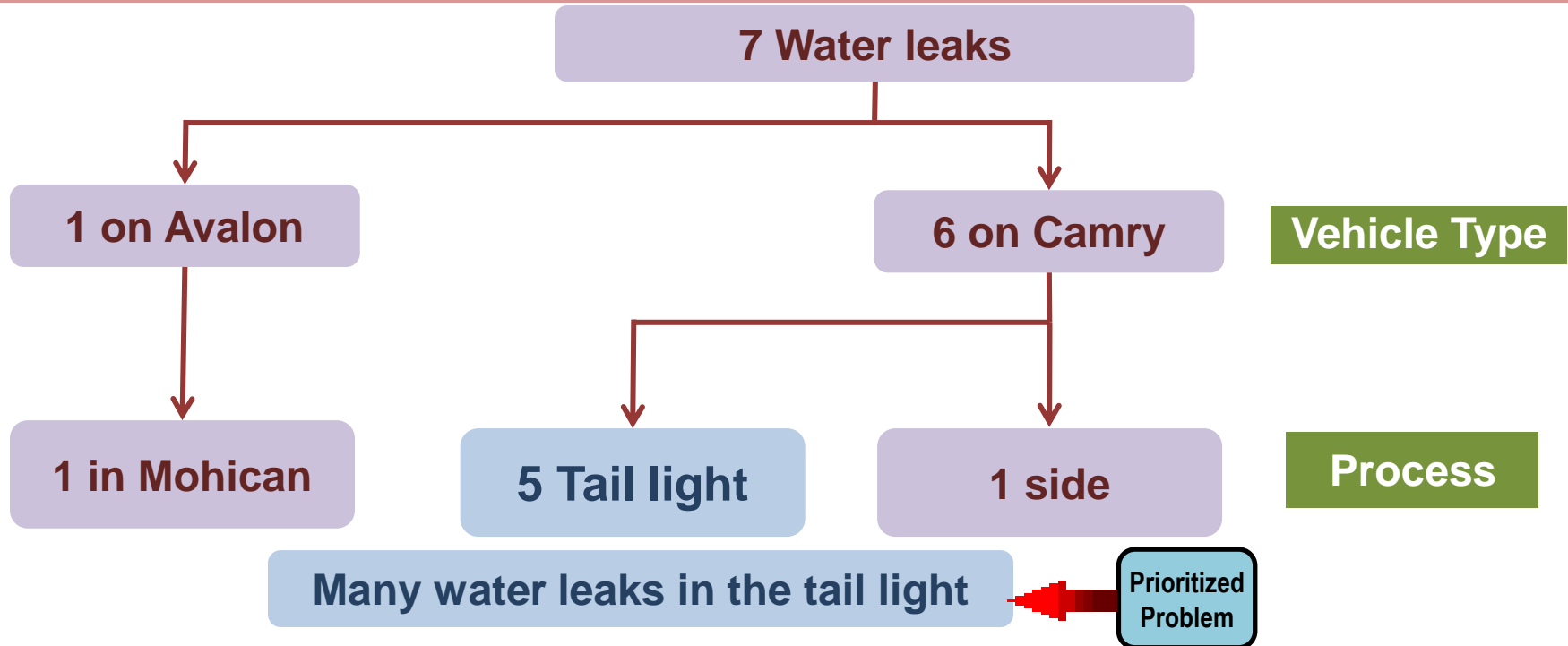
What
Where
When
Who

NOT Why!

Prioritized Problem at the Point of Occurrence (PoO)

Step 2) Break Down the Problem

Narrow the problem sufficiently
Classify and quantify



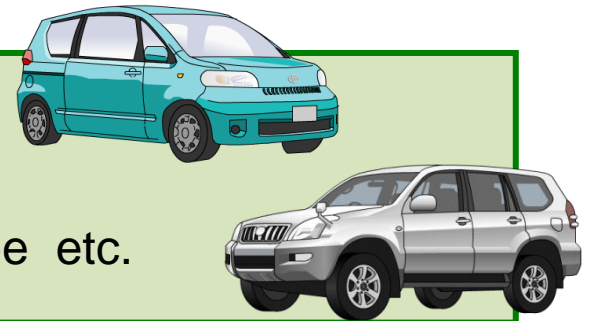
Priority decision: tackle the biggest impact problem FIRST

Step 2) Break Down the Problem

Division points to break down the problem (classify)

Car sales not meeting the target

- By region
- By age
- By vehicle model
- By gender
- By month
- By vehicle type etc.

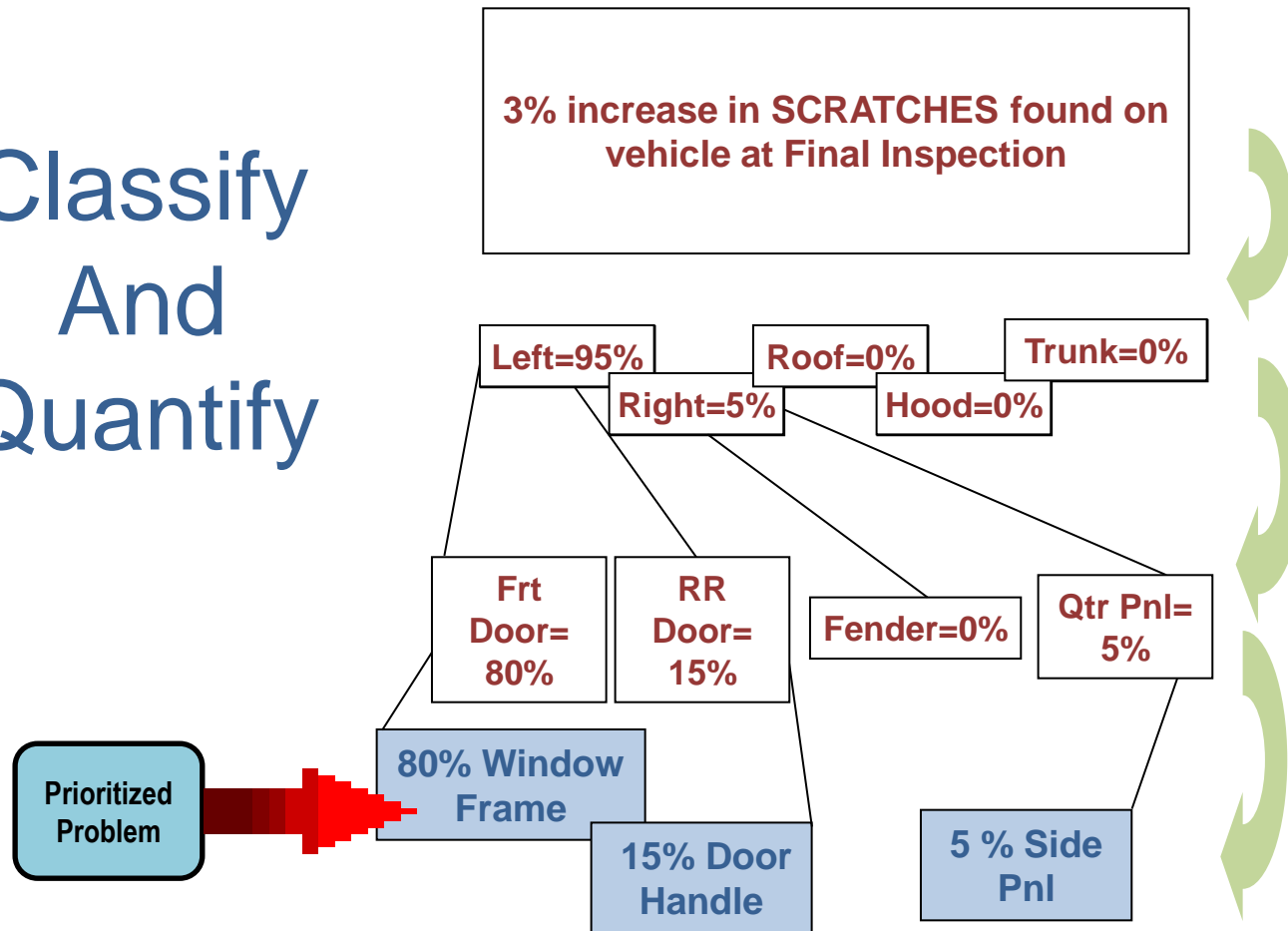


Not achieving cost targets

- By department (group)
- By process
- By equipment
- By expenditure type
- By month
- By types of cutting tools, etc.

Step 2: Break Down the Problem

Classify
And
Quantify

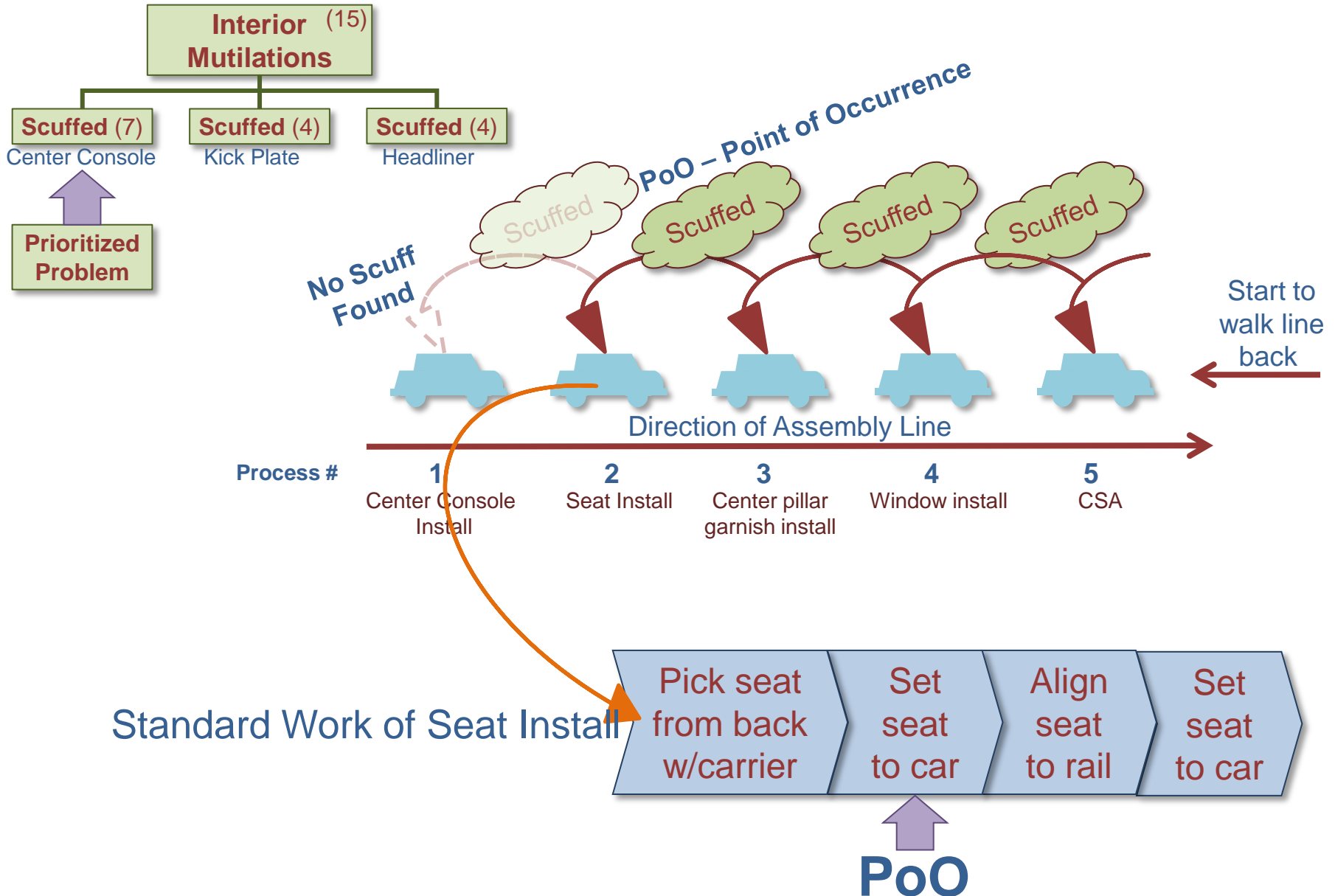


8 Step Problem Solving

(Locate Point of Occurrence)

- The point of occurrence (PoO) is the actual work element at the physical location where the problem is first seen
- For example, walk the line back. Check each work station, until you arrive at the station where the problem is no longer seen

Locate Point of Occurrence (PoO)



Step 2) Break Down the Problem

Where is Point of Occurrence?



Prioritized Problem at the Point of Occurrence



Why is Point of Occurrence important?

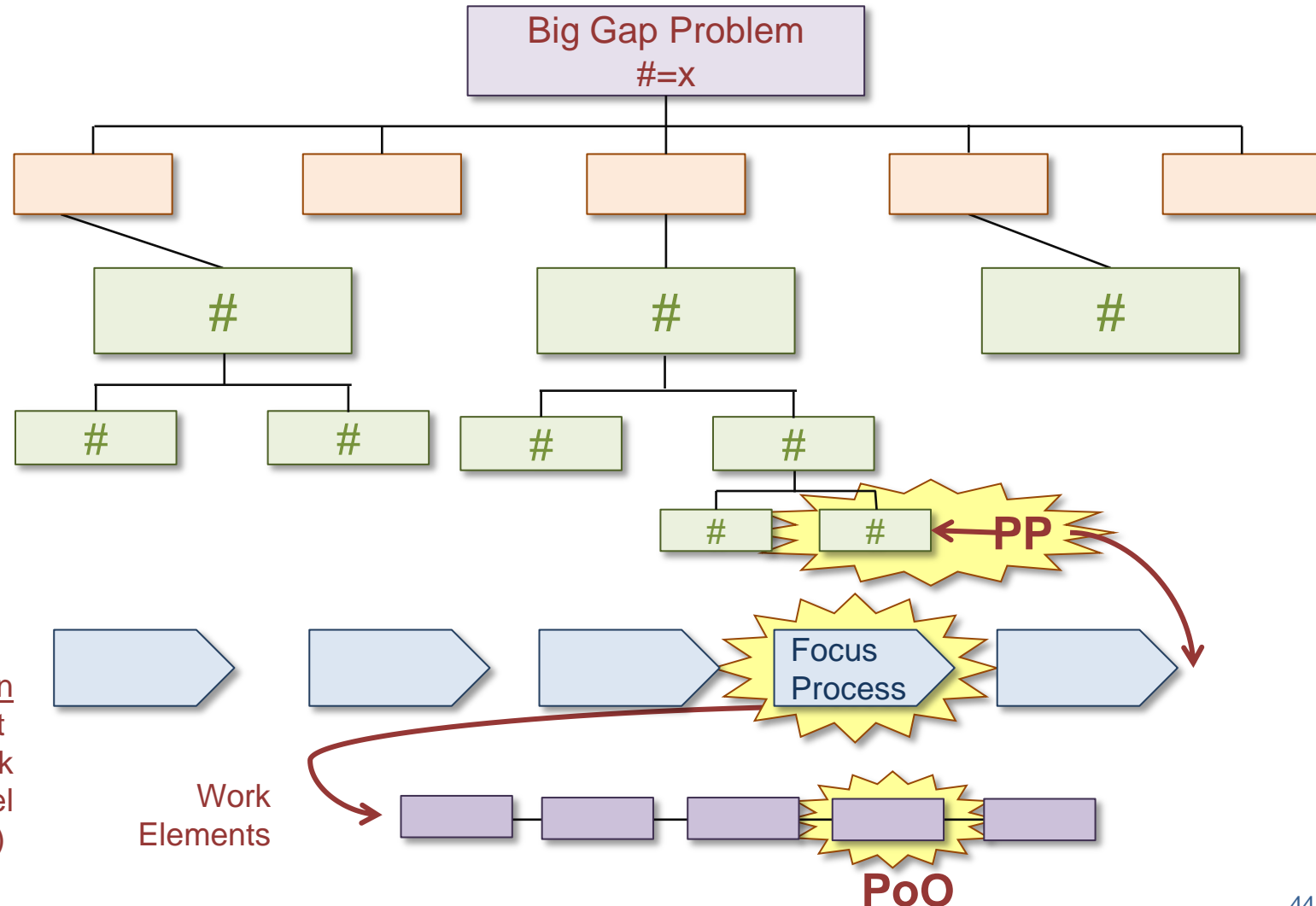


For efficient use of time & effort

How to Proceed with Step Two

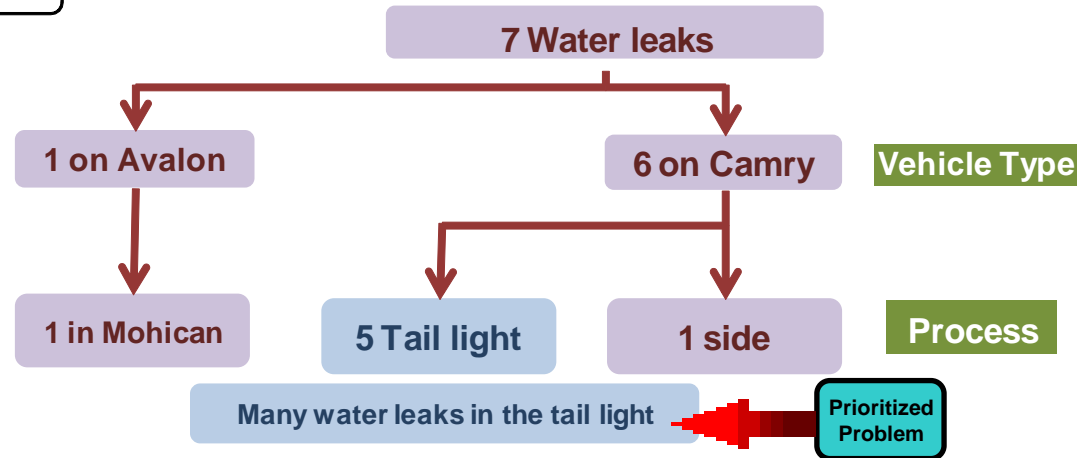
1st Action
List all possible
breakdown
classifications

2nd Action
Select highest
potential
classifications
to pursue and
quantify



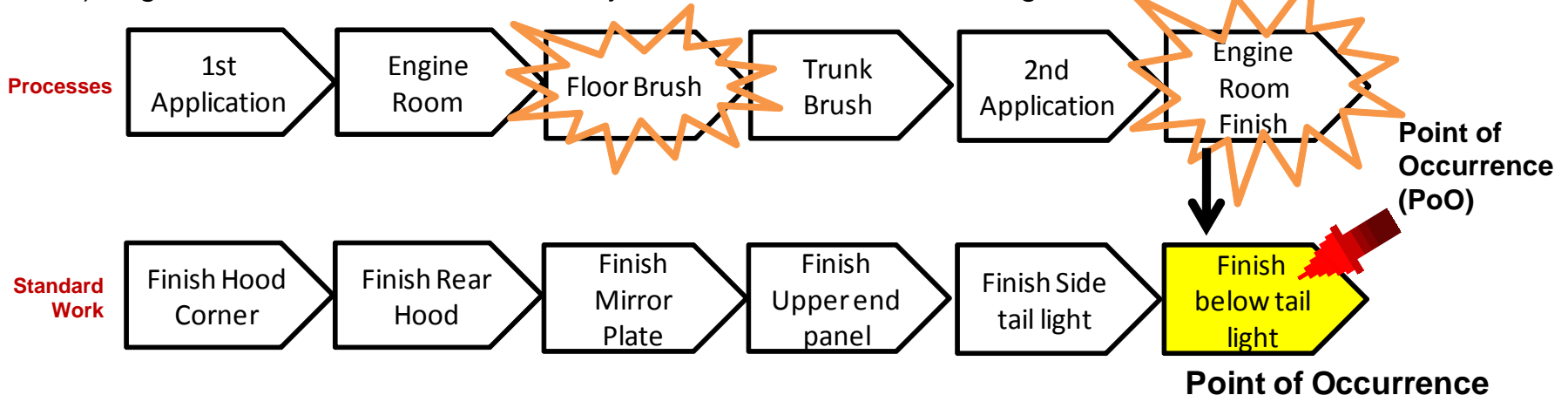
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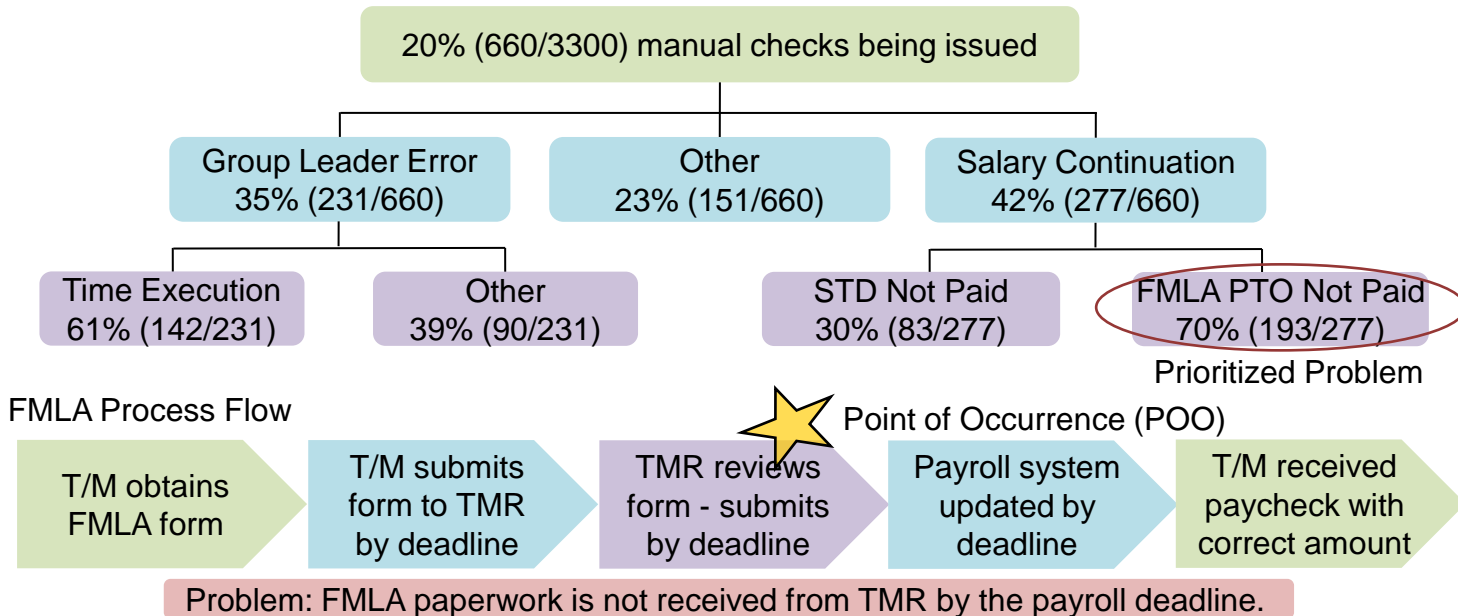
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Step 3) Set a Target

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**Step 3.
Set a target**

- (1) Make a commitment
- (2) Set measurable, concrete and challenging targets

Step 3) Set a Target

1. Do not merely write down “what to do” as a target

~~All Employees will participate in cost reduction activities~~

The cost of food will be reduced 15% within this calendar year

What

How much

When

Step 3) Set a Target

2. Do not set up the method as a target

~~Planning the rotation~~

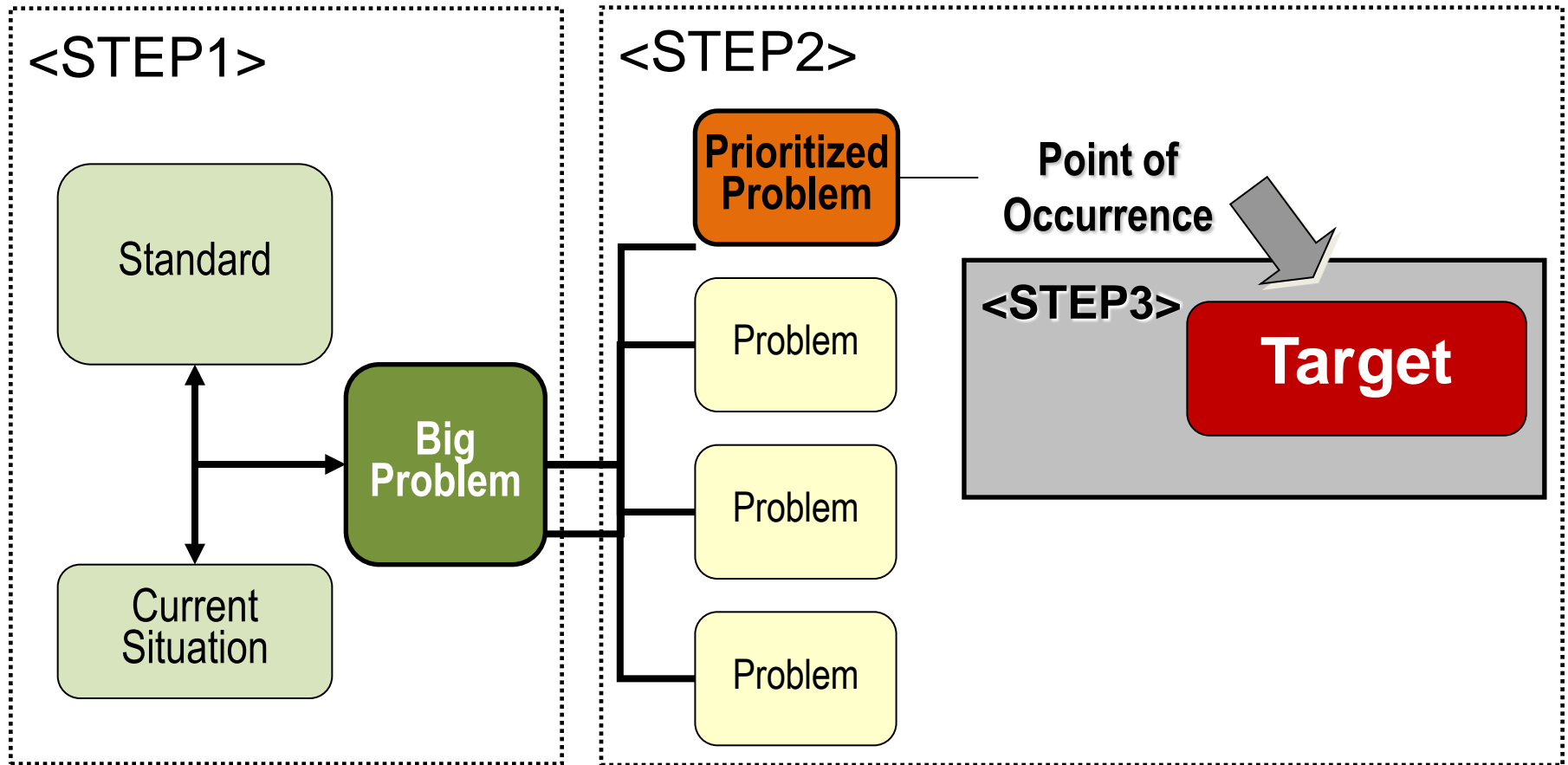
All employees will perform 5 evaluations per employee by March end

What

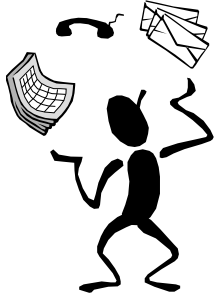
How much

When

Step 3) Set a Target



Step 3: Set a Target



**Improvement
of skills**



**All employees can find the 5 common
body surface defects by June 30**



**Improvement in
KAIZEN mind**



**5 or more suggestions per employee by
December 31**



Improvement in teamwork



**100% participation rate for safety activity
by July 31**

Example: Step 3

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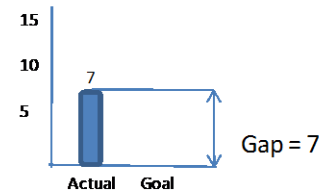
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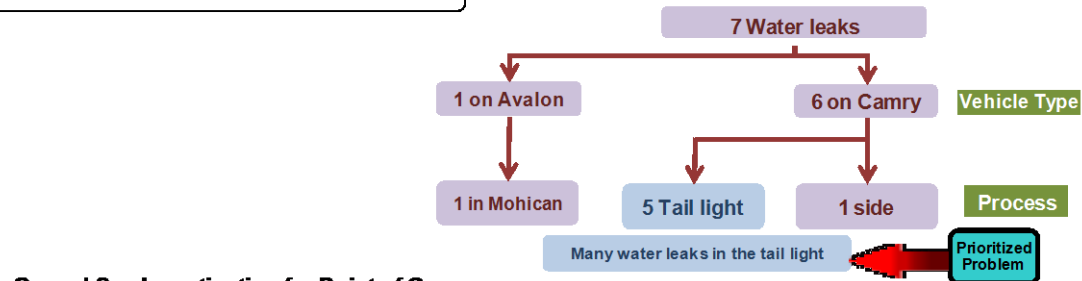
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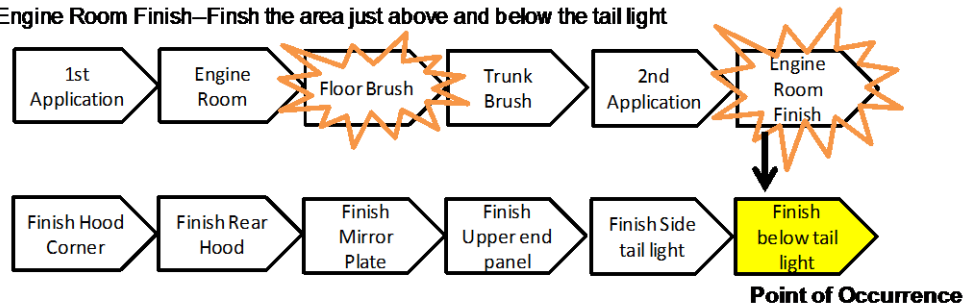


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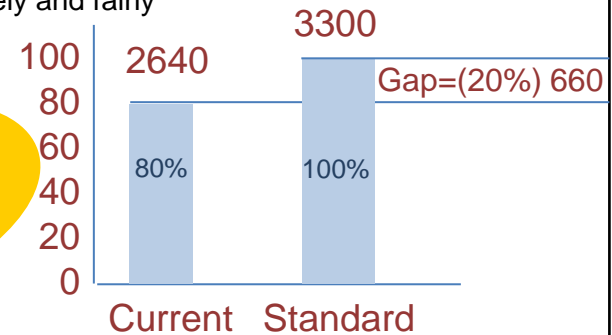
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Current Situation: 80% (2640) of TM's paychecks are deposited error free

GAP
20% (660)
paychecks need
a manual check
to correct errors



2. Break Down the Problem

20% (660/3300) manual checks being issued

Group Leader Error
35% (231/660)

Other
23% (151/660)

Salary Continuation
42% (277/660)

Time Execution
61% (142/231)

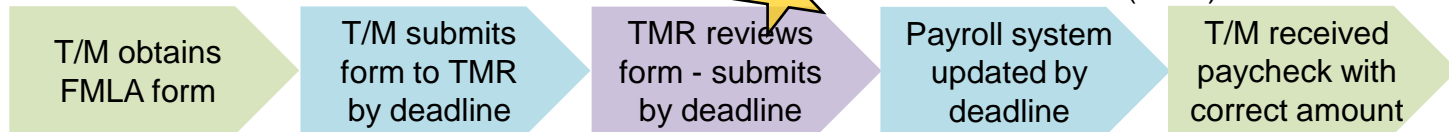
Other
39% (90/231)

STD Not Paid
30% (83/277)

FMLA PTO Not Paid
70% (193/277)

Prioritized Problem

FMLA Process Flow



Problem: FMLA paperwork is not received from TMR by the payroll deadline.

3. Target Setting

Target: Eliminate 100% late submissions of FMLA forms to meet payroll deadline by March 2009. (193 of 660 total gap)

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

8 Steps

Step 1.
Clarify the problem

Step 2.
Break down the problem

Step 3.
Set a target

Step 4.
Analyze the
Root Cause

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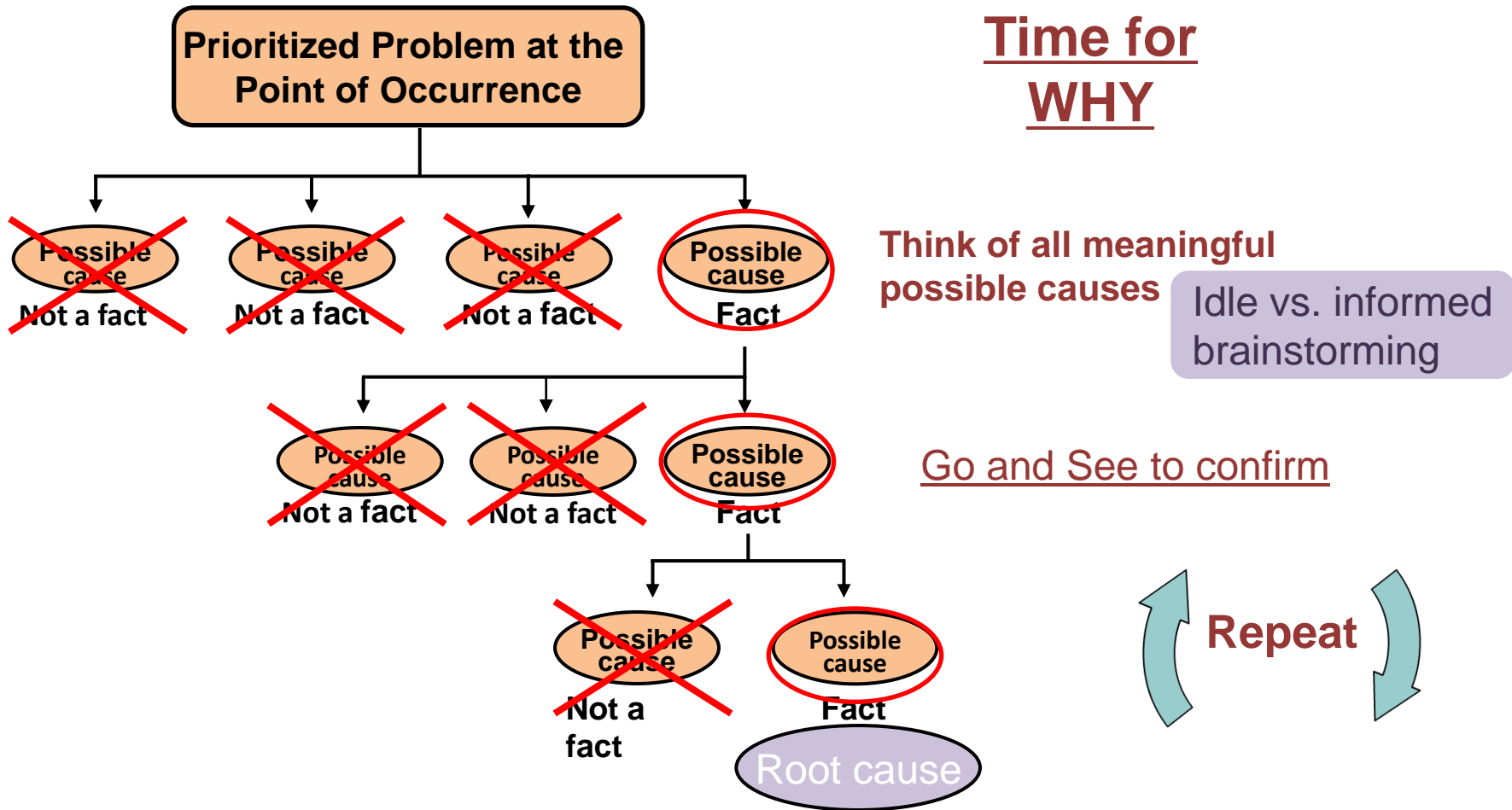
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Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

1) Confirm the situation at the point of occurrence

- Investigate the potential cause efficiently
- Problem occurs continuously or erratically?
- Problem occurs in repeatable cycles?
- Look at “connecting points” between processes
- Ask: “What has changed?”

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

2) Without any prejudice

- ✗ Highly skilled employee, so can't be the cause
- ✗ Always been this way, so can't be the cause
- ✗ I just do/don't feel this could be the cause

Experiences and intuition are important, but do not analyze root cause without thinking deeply

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

3) Use “4M1E” to think about possible causes

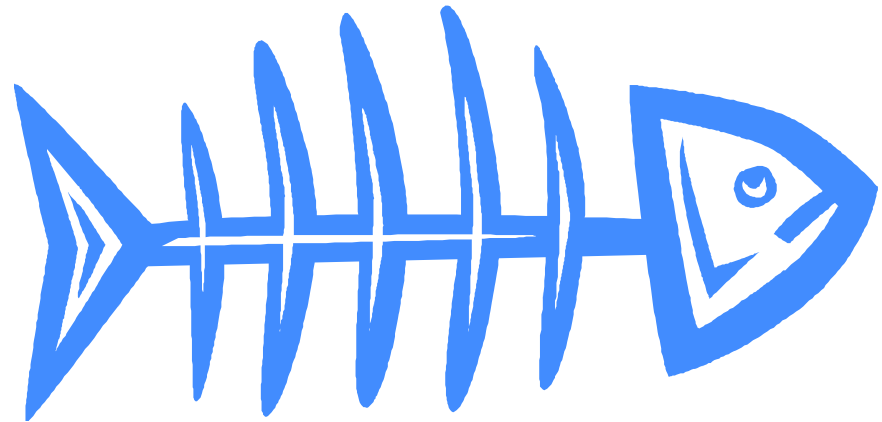
Man (Human)

Machine

Material

Method

Environment



Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

(Example) Bad polishing of painted parts

Man (Human):

Standard work being followed?

Machine:

RPMs correct?

Material:

Correct compound?

Method:

Polishing standard correct?

Environment:

Work place temperature correct?

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

Simply describe the facts

Example : Hand was caught in the clamp

(Why?)

X T/M was in a hurry, turned on the switch, then tried to adjust part after part had shifted

(Why?)

- Hand was under the clamp**
- The clamp moved**

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

Example: Welding robot stops in the middle of its operation.

Why?

A fuse in the robot has blown.

Why?

Circuit overloaded.

Why?

The bearings have damaged one another and locked up.

Why?

There was insufficient lubrication on the bearings.

Why?

Oil pump on robot is not circulating sufficient oil.

Why?

Pump intake is clogged with metal shavings.

Why?

Root Cause

No filter on pump intake (as designed)

How to Proceed with Step 4

Action Items	Do These Things		
<u>Item 1</u> Brainstorm possible causes	Think of all meaningful possible causes	Use best brainstorming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast paced • Time limited • Don't stop to discuss • Everyone participates 	Narrow the list (combine/eliminate) to select possible causes
<u>Item 2</u> Get input from job performers	Go to work area or bring key people to classroom start with prioritized problem at point of occurrence	Show the narrowed list of possible causes Ask: are these real/factual? What are other causes?	
<u>Item 3</u> Select the most likely cause	Decide which is factual and within your control	Ask why the selected most likely cause is chosen	Repeat at each level until arriving at root cause – make “decision tree”
<u>Item 4</u> Create “why chain” apply “therefore test”	Transfer results from “decision tree” into “5 Why chain”	Check logic with “therefore test”	Repeat/do over until logic flow is clear to the root cause

Two Products for Presenting Step 4

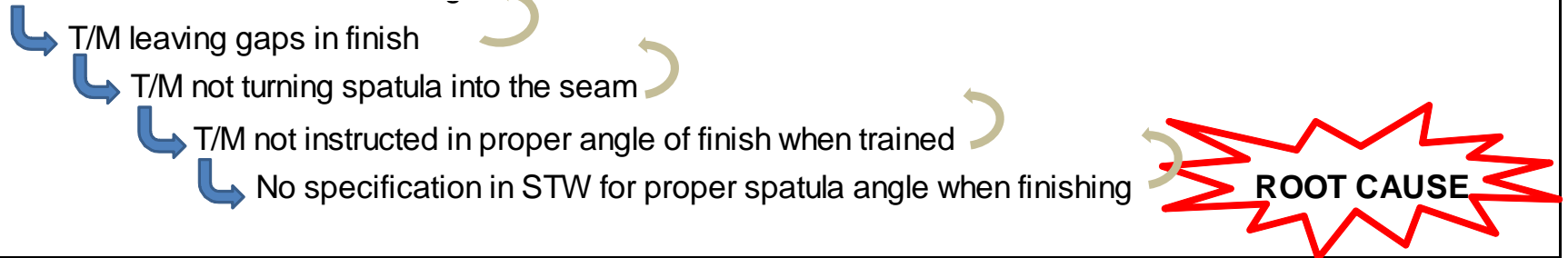
1. Root cause decision tree (result of brainstorming); be able to explain what was ruled out as well as what was selected
2. “5 Why Chain,” root cause clearly labeled, with “therefore test” (see slides 63 & 64)

Example through Step 4

Step 4) Analyze the Root Cause

4. Root Cause Analysis

5 water leaks in the tail light area



*Apply the “therefore” test to check thinking

Example through Step 4

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FMLA paperwork is not received from TMR by the payroll deadline

↳ Form doesn't pass review

↳ Form was submitted incorrectly

↳ Part "D" not complete

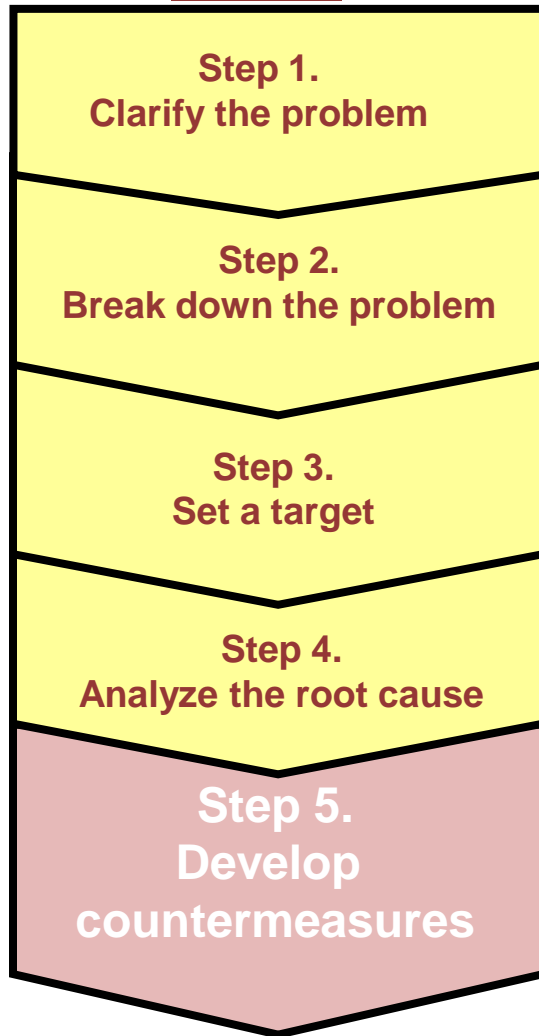
↳ T/M thought HR was to complete

↳ Instructions not clear in Part "D"

***Apply the “therefore” test to check thinking**

Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

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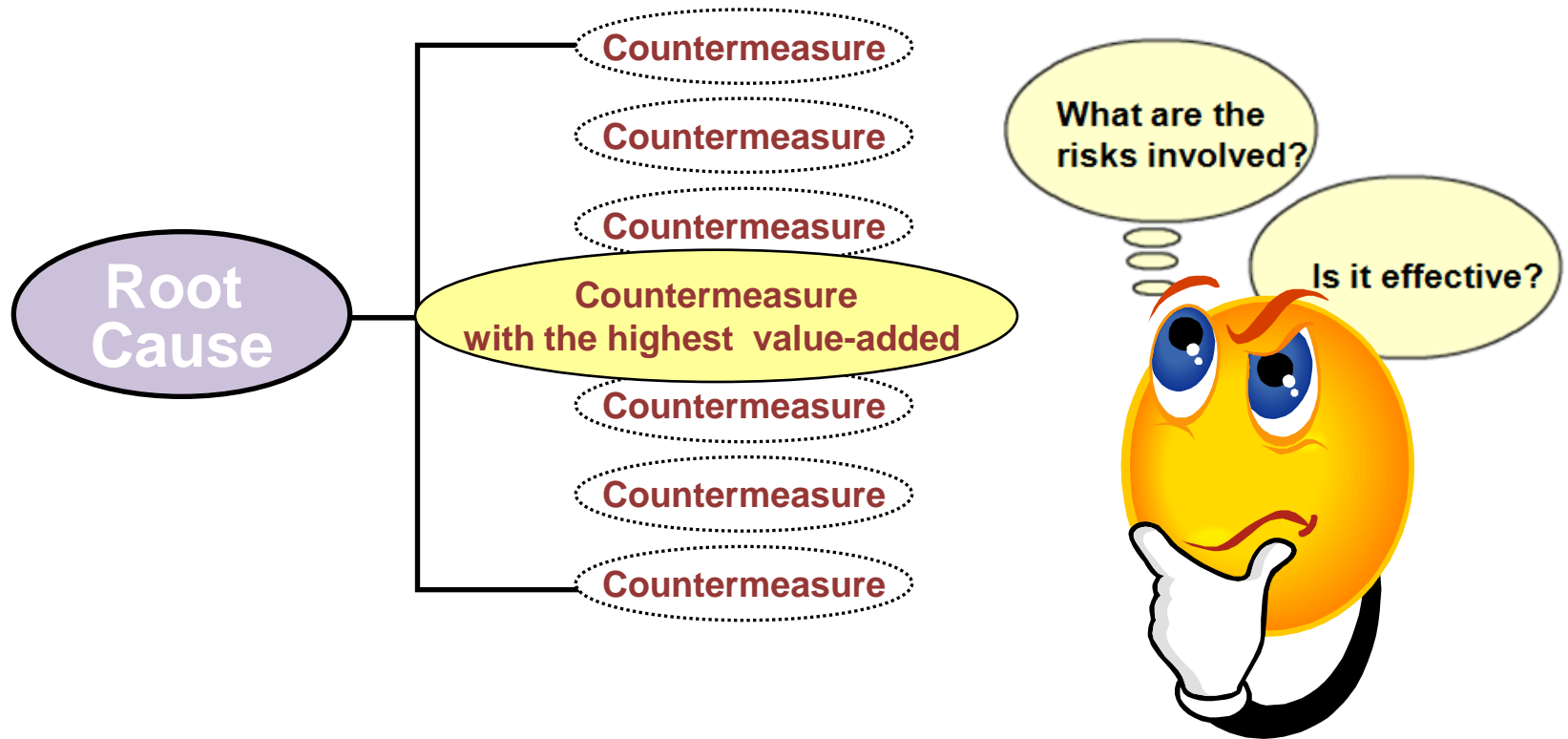


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Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Procedure for developing countermeasures



Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Develop as many potential countermeasures as possible

- **Think: “what will eliminate the Root Cause”**
- **Don’t deny potential countermeasures with preconceived ideas**
- **Key points when developing ideas**
 - **Clarify the variables/conditions**
 - **What can I change? Get advice from others**
 - **Are there any previously developed (and effective) countermeasures**



Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Develop as many potential countermeasures as possible

[Root cause]

The pallet storage area is not large enough



Perspective	Potential Countermeasure
Where	Move to a more spacious <u>place</u>
When	Reduce number of pallets by changing conveyance <u>timing</u>
What	Make more space by making pallet <u>shape</u> more compact
How	Make more space by <u>tidying up</u> pallets

Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Select the highest value added Countermeasures

Evaluate all potential Countermeasures

Consider	Question
Effectiveness	Does it truly eliminate the Root Cause? Does it meet the Target?
Cost/Manpower	Does it consider cost and time ? Does it consider the number of people required to implement/sustain
Risk	What are the risks when implementing Safety? Quality? Workability? What is the impact on previous or following work processes?

Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Select the highest value-added Countermeasures

Make an evaluation matrix: Countermeasure for assembling mismatched parts

<div>Factors</div> <div>Options</div>			Risk					
	Expected effort	Cost / Man-hour	Technical difficulty	Quality problem	Safety problem	Workability	Problems to other processes	Overall judgment
Change parts color	△	△	△	○	○	○	△	△
Change parts shape	X	X	X	○	○	X	X	X
Change sequence of operation	○	△	○	○	○	○	○	◎

○ Good
 △ Acceptable
 X NG
 ◎ Optimal

Confirm the facts by interviewing related people and departments

Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Build consensus with others

- Explain and discuss plans with all relevant parties
- Set up a cross functional committee
- Organize the meeting to present the analysis & ideas
- Hold update meetings to share latest info/progress



Present to management for approval to go forward—

A-3 format is a standardized and efficient tool

Note: thru Process step 5, planning phase is completed

Step 5) Develop Countermeasures

Develop a clear and detailed action-plan

When creating the action-plan, be sure to clearly identify the four W's of the countermeasures

Who – What – Where – When?

Clarify the roles and responsibilities of people and departments involved

Clarify the schedule and order of actions to implement

(Example) Action Plan

Action items	Operator	July				August			September		
		1W	2W	3W	4W	2W	3W	4W	1W	2W	3W
Determine the best color for parts per model	A	Discuss color		Discuss and decide in a team meeting							
Prepare trial parts	B			Request to prepare							
				Test by using trial parts					Confirm test results		
									Report to managers		

Example: Step 5

5. Develop Countermeasure

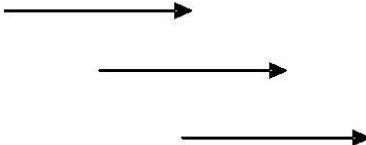
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Temp Action

Add inspection key points at quality gate and feedback to T/M's - 7/28

Make a Plan

WHAT	WHO	WHERE	WHEN
			

Example: Step 5

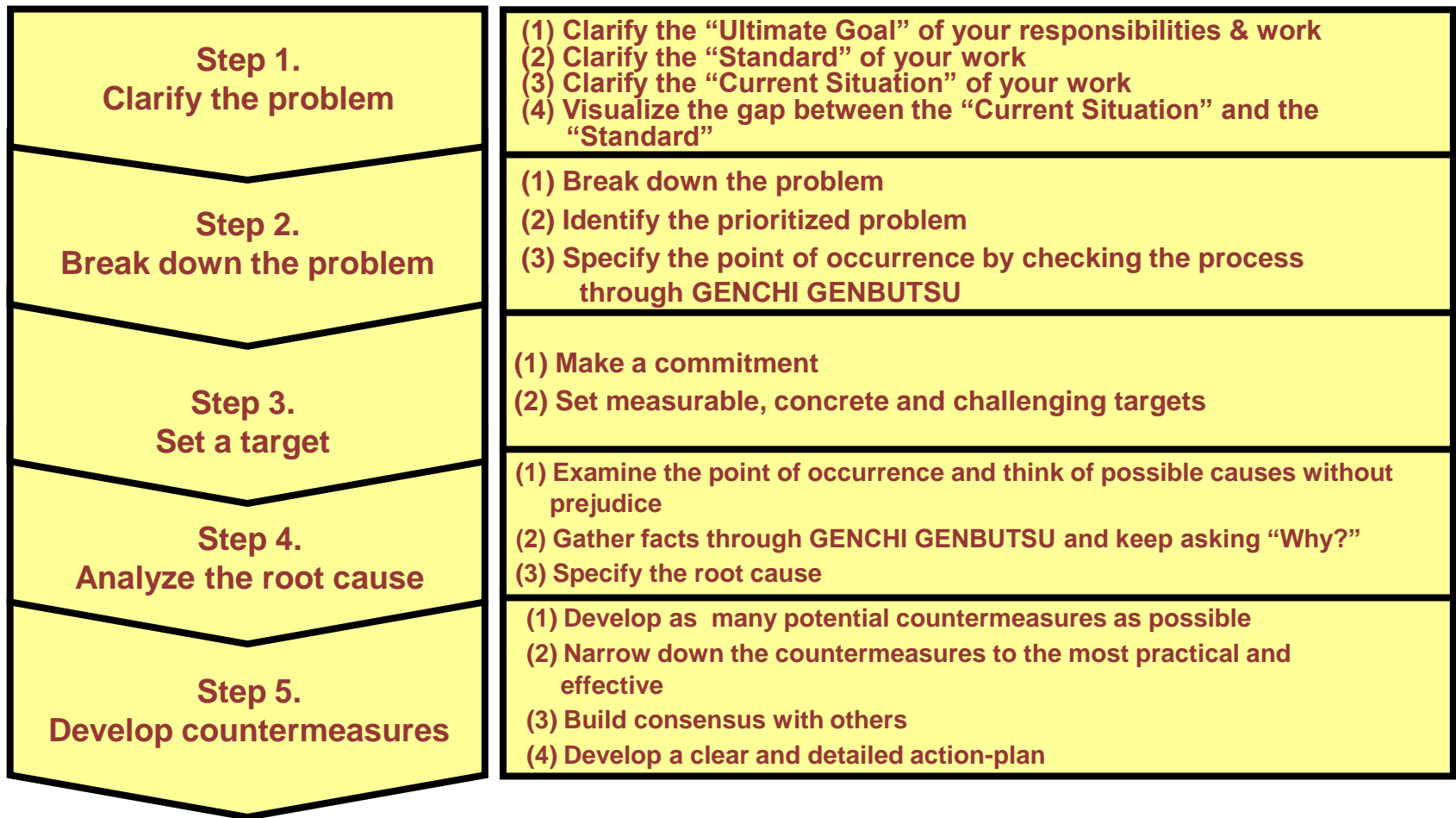
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Step 6) See Countermeasures Through

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Step 6) See Countermeasures Through

Prompt response from the team

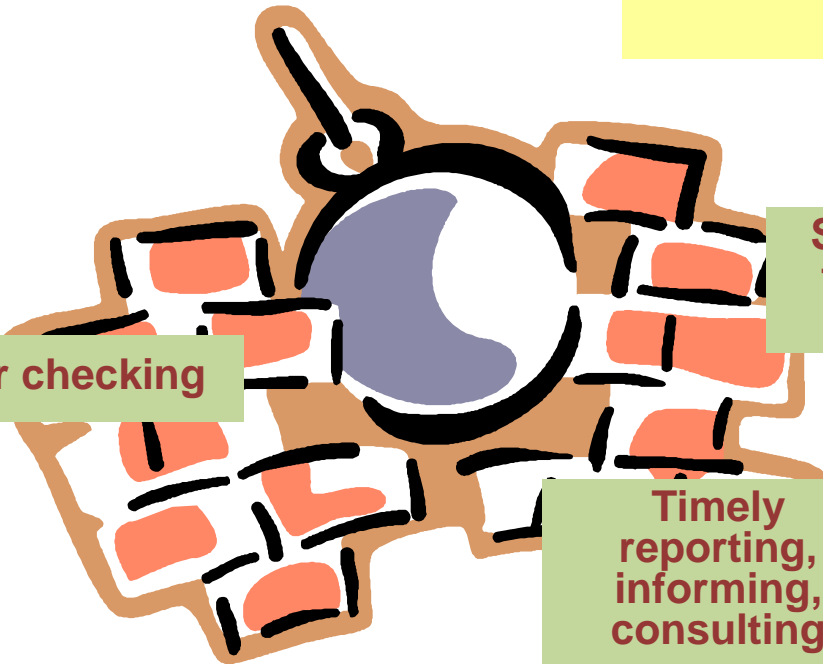
Be persistent

Never give up and act persistently

Speedy action together as a team

Timely reporting, informing, consulting

Proper checking



Step 6) See Countermeasures Through

Implement Countermeasures with speed and Persistence after consensus (*Nemawashi*) building

- 1) Concentrate efforts
- 2) Check progress regularly
“On-the-floor” standup at the progress boards —
relate to “jishuken” room



Step 6) See Countermeasures Through

Share information with others by informing , reporting and consulting

- Share bad news quickly
- Contingency plans for unforeseen risks/events



Step 6) See Countermeasures Through

Never give up. If you cannot achieve the expected results, try other countermeasure ideas

- 1.Planned trial and error is OK
- 2.Loop back in process if problem develops
- 3.Importance of the culture—keep going, don't pull the plug
- 4.Correct process = good results!!



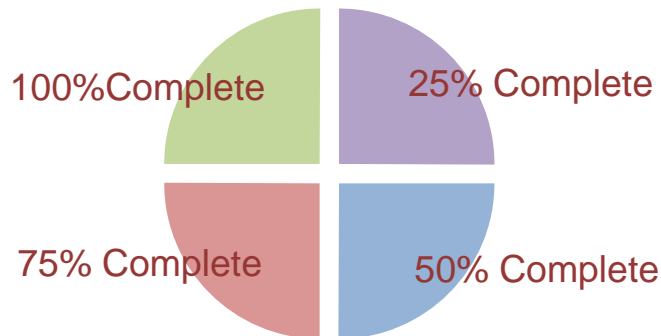
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6. See Countermeasure Through

Countermeasure Plan - Train T/M's in correct spatula angle

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Additional tracking method -



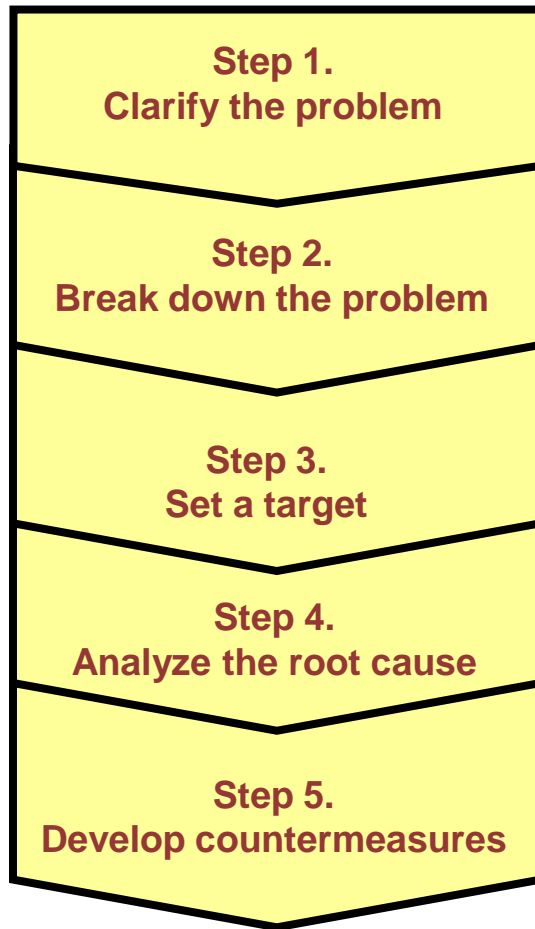
Example: Step 6

6. Action Plan

Item (What) (When)	Resp (Who)	Timing							
		W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8
Draft form with clearer instructions	TH	→ ▲							
Sample T/M response; revise as needed	TH				→ △				
Consensus/Approval throughout HR	RK						→ △		
Coordinate communication method with TMR and roll out	SE							→ △	
Progress Checks	BJ	▲	▲	△	△	△	△	△	△

Step 7) Evaluate Both Results and Processes

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Step 7) Evaluate Both Results and Processes

~ Evaluate both results and processes and learn from both success and failure ~

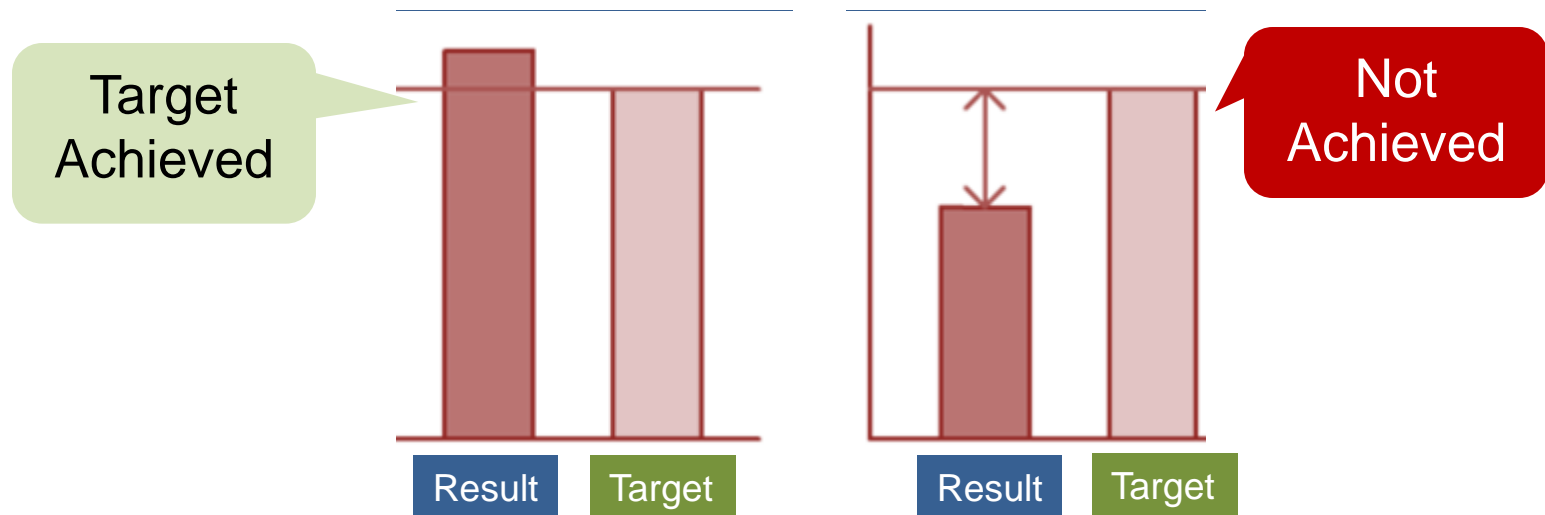


Step 7) Evaluate Both Results and Processes

Evaluate results and processes, and share it with stakeholders

1) Evaluate the results

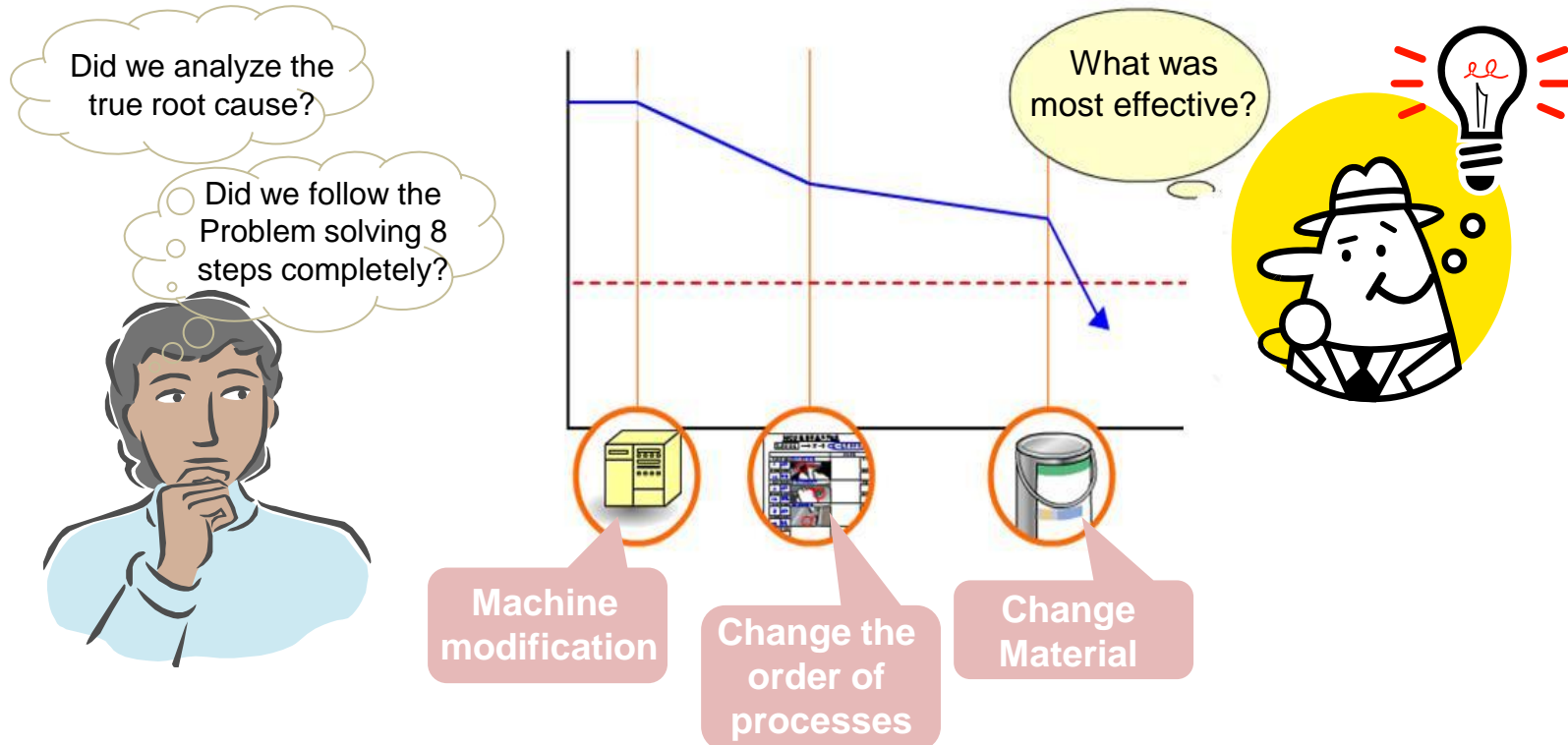
Evaluate whether or not the target was achieved



Step 7) Evaluate Both Results and Processes

Evaluate results and process, and share it with stakeholders

2) Evaluate the process for achieving the results



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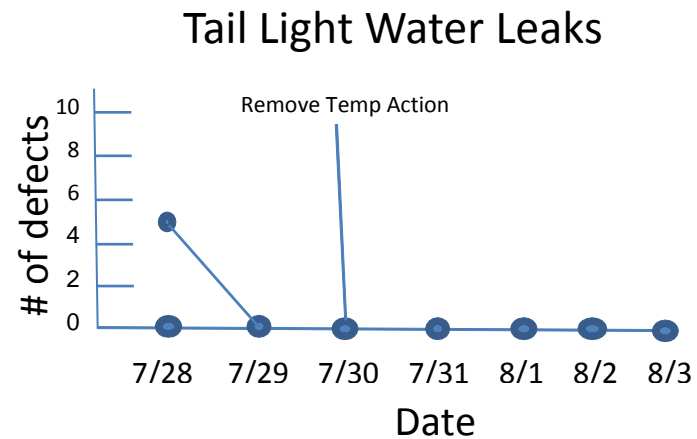
3) Confirm positive and negative effects



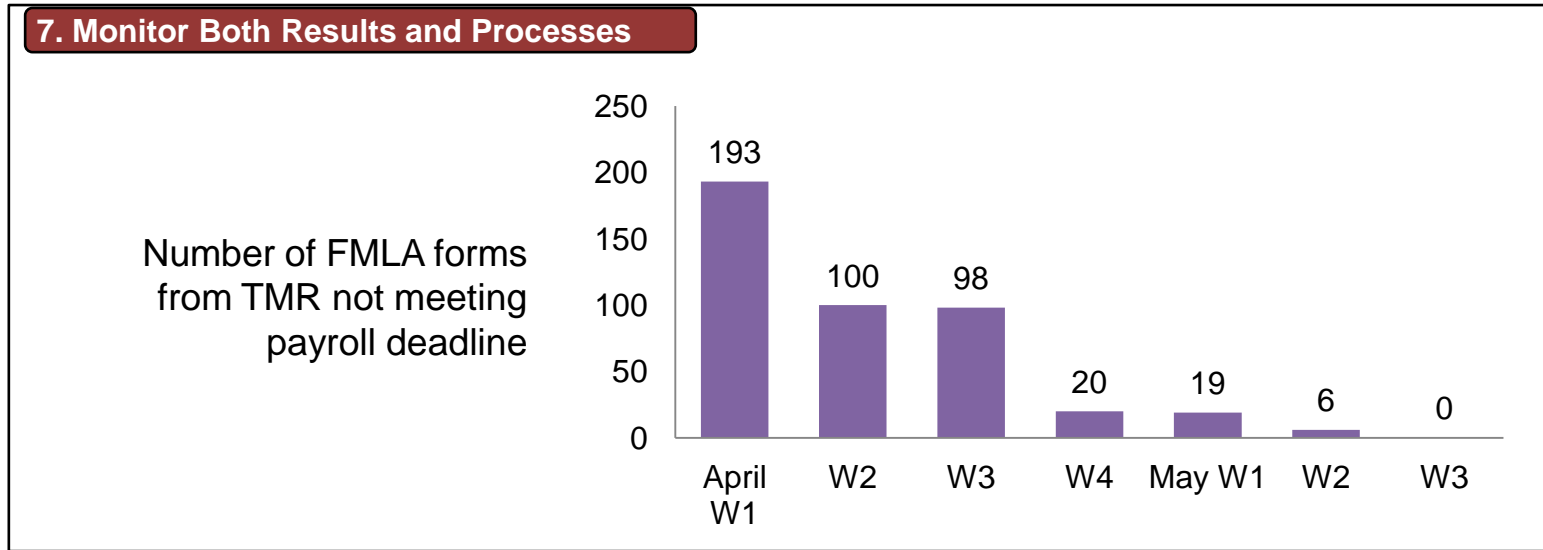
Example: Step 7

7. Monitor Both Results and Processes

Tail Light Water Leak Tracking	
7/28	5 defects
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Example: Step 7



Step 7 Expectation

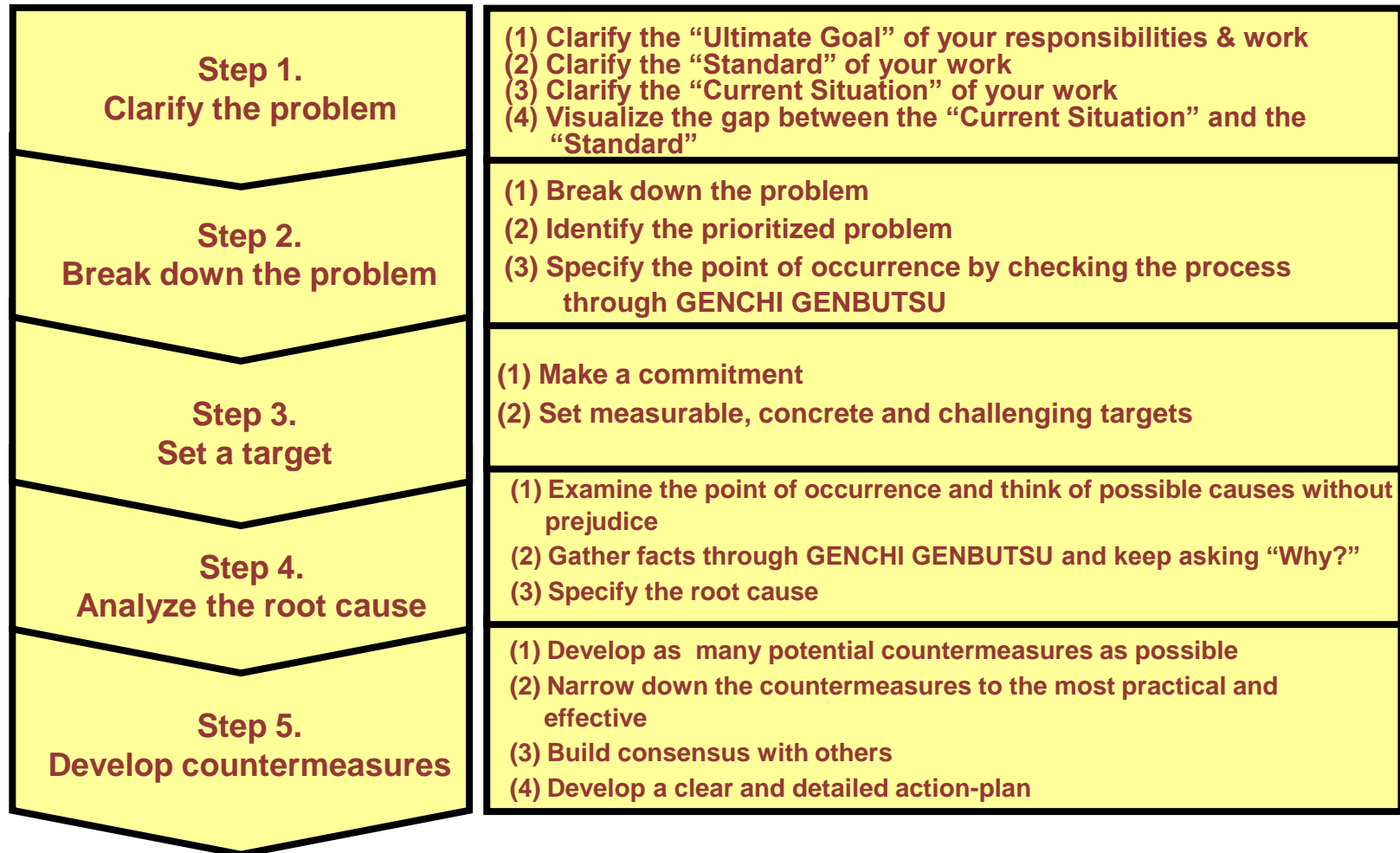
Develop a tracking chart or graph (make the standard/target easy to see)

- What data is needed?
- Where do we get the data?
- What is the required time period?
- Who will collect and summarize data?

Step 8) Standardize Successful Processes

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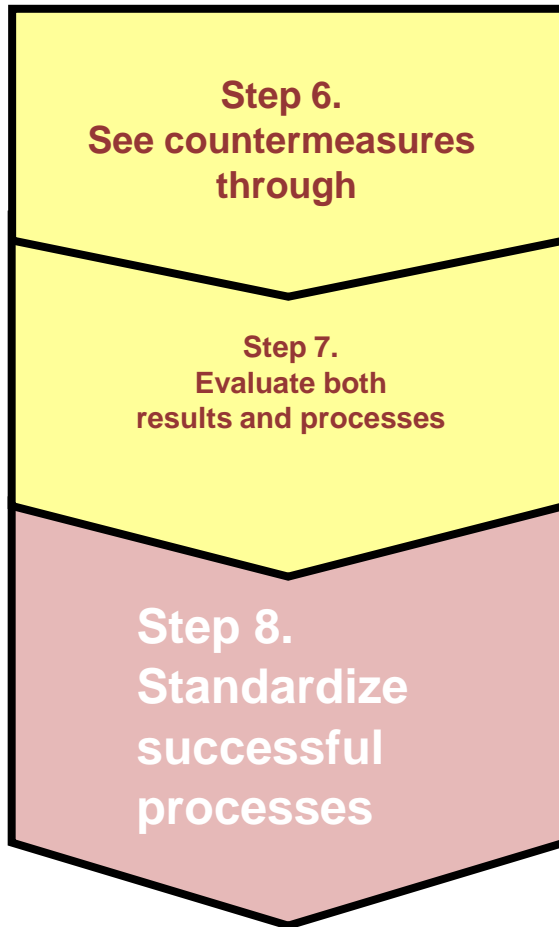
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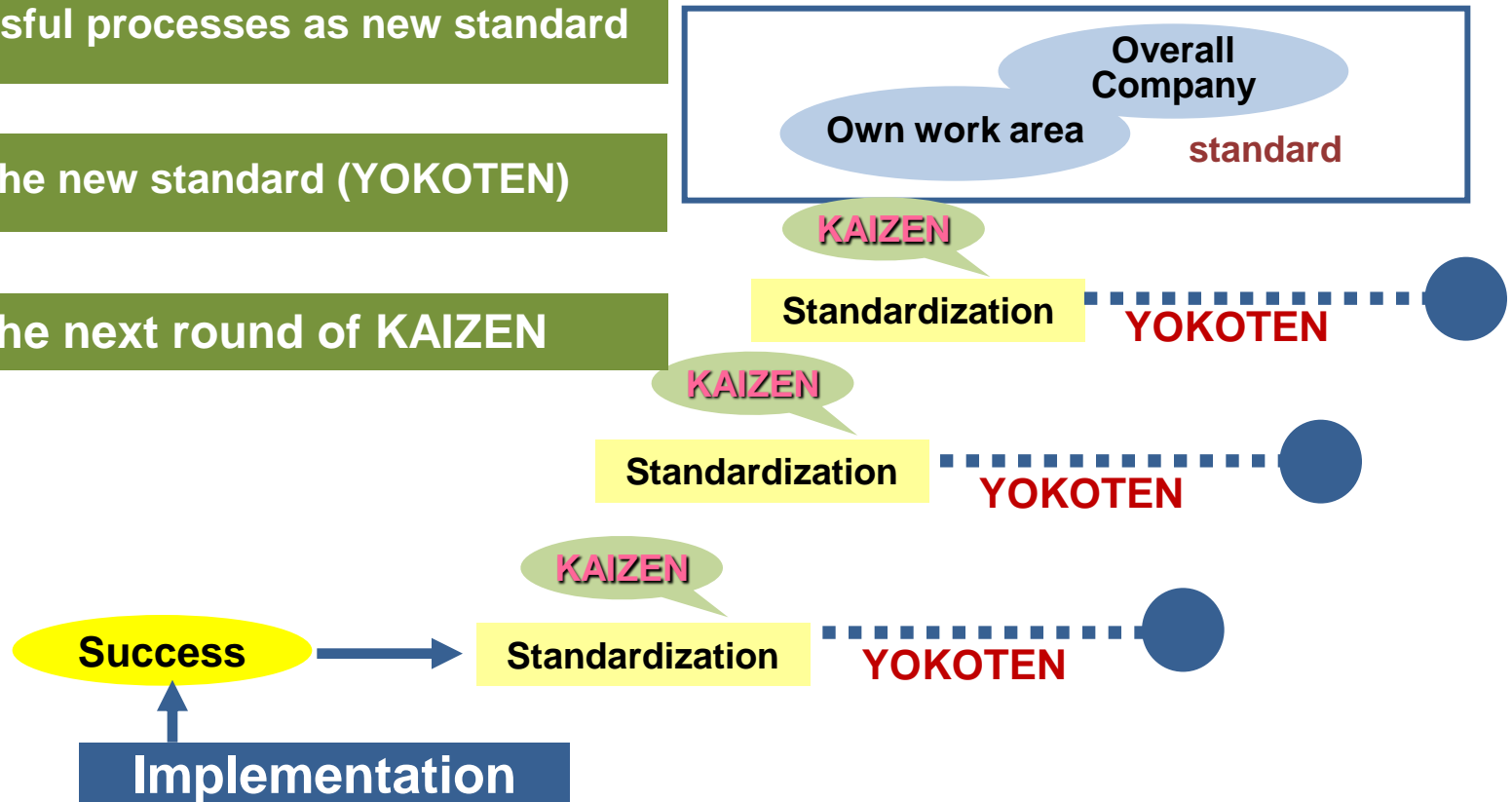
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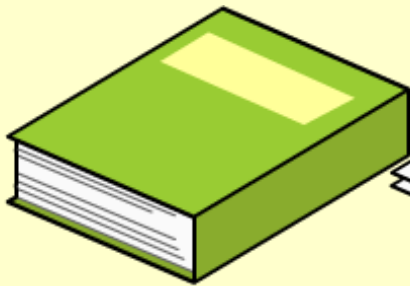


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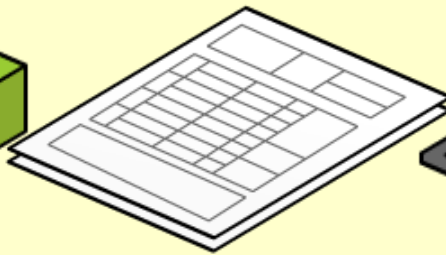
Set successful process changes as new Standards

Anyone, anytime, without muda, mura, or muri can implement the method/standard

< Examples of standardization >



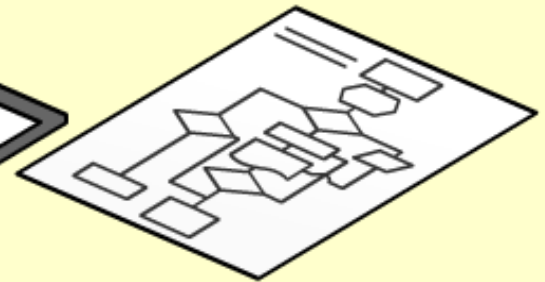
Manual



Forms



Checklists



Flow-chart

Step 8) Standardize Successful Processes

Share the new Standard (YOKOTEN)

<Examples of **YOKOTEN**>



To opposite shift



Meeting



Hard copy or
Electronic
Circulation

Step 8) Standardize Successful Processes

Process 3. Start the next round of KAIZEN

Kaizen

Standardize

Solve one problem

**Repetition of problem solving
Process to get best result**



Example: Step 8

8. Standardize Successful Processes

Yokoten: Contact other NAMC's to confirm no problem

Follow-up: Have Pilot add special check for finish angle in Standardized work development

Example: Step 8

8. Standardize Successful Processes

Document reason for adding additional instructions to form
Standardize electronic form in database with revision date
Yokoten: Share the new form with other NAMC's by June 30

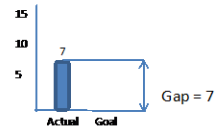
Example: Steps 1-8

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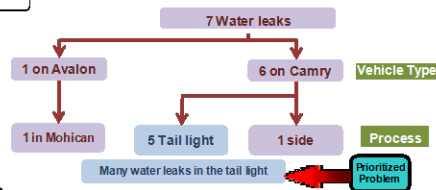
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Ideal Situation (Standard): Zero audit defects from Sealer area

Current Situation: 7 waterleaks on 7/28



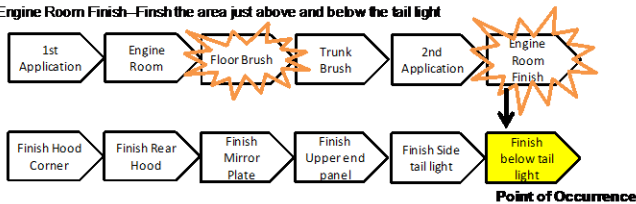
2. Break Down the Problem



Go and See Investigation for Point of Occurrence

1) Floor Brush-Finish lower seam on end panel

2) Engine Room Finish-Finish the area just above and below the tail light



3. Target Setting

Target: Eliminate 5 tail light area water leaks on Camry by 7/29

4. Root Cause Analysis

5 water leaks in the tail light area

T/M leaving gaps in finish

T/M not turning spatula into the seam

T/M not instructed in proper angle of finish when trained

No specification in STW for proper spatula angle when finishing

ROOT CAUSE

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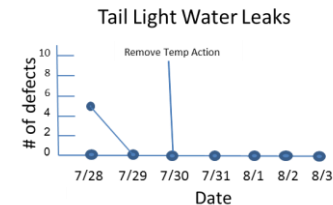
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Dept. & Resp.:

Date:

Title: Reducing Manual Check Printing

MGR:

Asst. MGR:

GL:

TL:

TM:

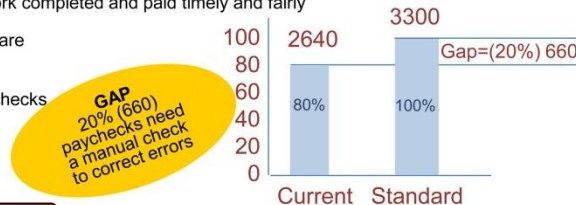
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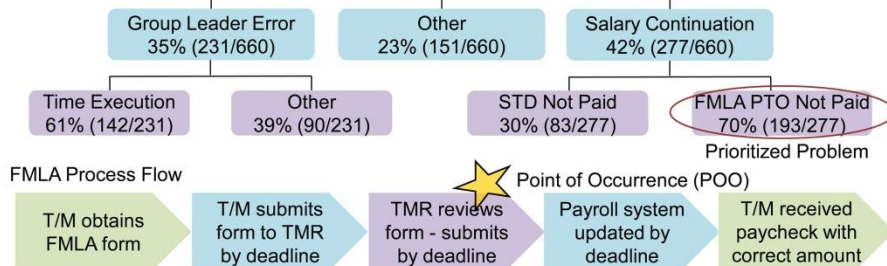
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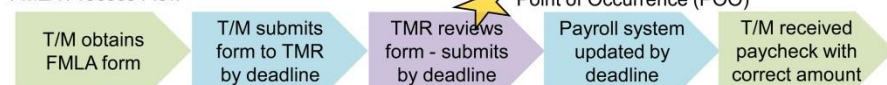


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FMLA Process Flow



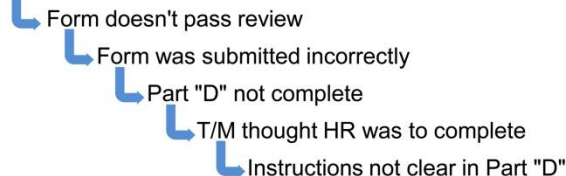
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5. Countermeasure Options & Evaluation

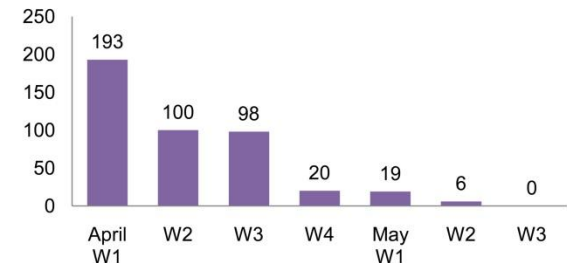
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Update instructions on form along with TMR communications	O	O	Δ	O	O	-Would document enhancement as new Standard while confirming the instructions

6. Action Plan

Item (What)	(When)	Resp (Who)	Timing
Draft form with clearer instructions	Feb W1	TH	→
Sample T/M response; revise as needed	W2	TH	→
Consensus/Approval throughout HR	W3	RK	→
Coordinate communication method with TMR and roll out	W4	SE	→

7. Monitor Both Results and Processes

Number of FMLA forms from TMR not meeting payroll deadline



8. Standardize Successful Processes

Document reason for adding additional instructions to form
Standardize electronic form in database with revision date
Yokoten: Share the new form with other NAMC's by June 30

Summary

The 8 Step Process...

**A systematic pattern of work that integrates the wisdom of all “team members”
resulting in continual growth and increased job satisfaction**



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