Deliver quality products and meet exact customer requirements

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Importance of Quality Function Deployment

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Key Benefits of Quality Function Deployment for Businesses

- It is very customer focused, and the Voice of the Customer is translated into technical design specifications.
- The design specifications are controlled throughout the production and assembly processes to assure the customer needs are met.
- The QFD “House of Quality” tool allows for direct comparison of how your design or product stacks up to the competition in meeting the VOC.
- It promotes shorter development time and lowers the overall cost by preventing valuable project time and resources from being wasted on the development of non-value added features or functions.
- QFD provides a structured method and tools for recording decisions made and lessons learned during the product development process which can aid future projects.

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Target Audience for Quality Function Deployment Training

Job roles that can take up Quality Function Deployment course, but are not limited to:

• Product Development Personnel
• Project Managers
• Marketing and Sales Teams
• R&D Personnel
• Design Product & Process Team
• Manufacturing Engineers and Managers
• Service Teams
• Quality Personnel
• Quality Consultants
• Individuals involved in QFD procedures

About Quality Function Deployment Training Course

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Quality Function Deployment Course Overview

**Introduction to Quality Function Deployment (QFD)**
- Define Quality Function Deployment
- Understand how QFD creates a system for product development
- Outline the history of QFD
- Restate the focus within each of the four phases of a QFD process
- Relate the benefits of QFD
- List at least four potentials uses of QFD

**Pre-Planning a QFD Project**
- Describe the process for completing a QFD project
- Know the key questions needed to plan and complete a QFD project
- State the definition for the Voice of the Market
- Comprehend the components of a great QFD team
- Know which departments should be on a QFD team
- Know the documentation needed for each phase of a QFD project

**The Voice of the Customer**
- Describe the difference in the 3 levels of quality in the Kano Model
- Identify where customer information could be collected within your organization
- Explain how to determine the number of customer to interview
• Understand the different types of customers
• Know how to create a customer selection matrix
• Understand what the term “Gemba” means

Needs vs. Features
• Understand the two basic requirements for collecting the Voice of the Customer
• Differentiate between a need and a solution or feature
• Know what to do when a customer gives you a solution rather than a true customer need
• Understand the definition of the term “level of abstraction.”
• Know how to turn a verbatim statement into information that can be measured

Calculating a QFD Matrix
• Recognize the difference between the what’s and the how’s
• Identify the stages in calculating a QFD matrix
• Understand the methodology behind the relationship matrix
• State the meaning of the symbols used in a QFD matrix
• Calculate a simple House of Quality

Rooms in the House of Quality
• Define the different rooms in the House of Quality
• Know the steps in creating a House of Quality
• Build a House of Quality
• Recognize what to look for when evaluating a House of Quality
• Evaluate an existing House of Quality and make recommendations

**Beyond the House of Quality**
• Define the steps needed to create a product design matrix
• Know the steps for creating a process design matrix
• Understand the rational in creating a control matrix
• Construct a product design and process planning matrix
• Evaluate production planning concepts

**Tools Needed for QFD: Affinity Diagrams**
• Define affinity diagrams
• Identify when to use an affinity diagram
• State the steps for affinitizing information
• Describe the critical guidelines for using an affinity diagram

**Tools Needed for QFD: Tree Diagrams**
• Identify the meaning of a tree diagram
• Understand when to use a tree diagram
• Identify the steps needed to create a tree diagram
• Recognize critical guidelines needed for creating a tree diagram
Tools Needed for QFD: Cause and Effect Diagrams

• Define a cause and effect diagram
• Understand when to use a cause and effect diagram
• Define the steps in creating a cause and effect diagram
• Identify the guidelines for using a cause and effect diagram

Tools Needed for QFD: Flow Charts

• Define flow charting
• Understand when to use a flow chart
• State the different uses for flow charting
• Identify the different symbols used in simple flow charting
• Describe the guidelines for flow charting