

How to Develop and Operate a Sustainment System

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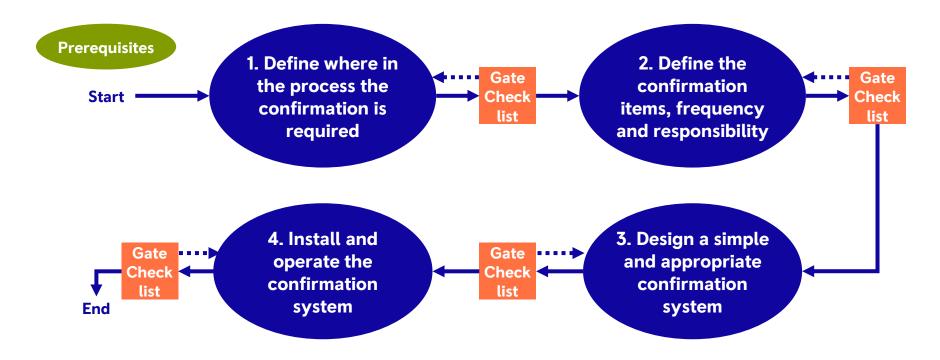


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Scope

Objectives & Principles











This 'How To' will enable you to:

 Define, install and operate a process confirmation system suitable to the process and environment

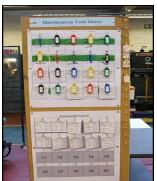


Objective and Principles





Sample Confirmation (Sustainment) Systems



- 1. Standards define how a process should be followed, or what condition an area (or item of equipment) should be in.
- To ensure customer satisfaction it is necessary to confirm that standards are being followed and there is no drift in behaviours.
- Confirmation allows a factual understanding of the actual status in comparison to the agreed defined standard.
- **4. Visual management** of this process gives an understanding of the "status at a glance", allowing quick management of the abnormality.
- 5. Process Confirmation Systems should be prioritised where there is the greatest business need and benefit



Prerequisites

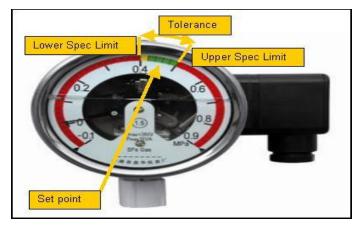


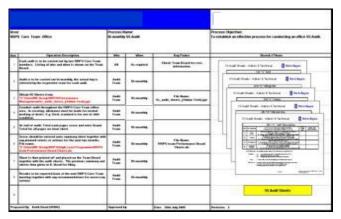




- Good understanding of the problem or activity to be checked
- A clear visual defined standard showing the 'OK' condition this allows a problem to be clearly identified without misinterpretation
- A clear understanding by all using the standard (including support functions) on what the standard exactly means
 - All users trained in the defined standard







Example: Boundary Samples can show acceptable levels for defects

Example: Standard and limits for pressure

Example: Standard Operating Procedure



1. Define where in the process the confirmation is required



Countermeasure existing known non-compliance (reactive use of the confirmation system)

- Review the history of non-conformances (reactive)
- Whenever systems or processes have failed, or standards have not been followed, review them for opportunities to introduce a confirmation system
 - Understand the customer perception
 - Understand the facts / data of any issues that may have arisen
- Confirmation covers operational and transactional processes

<u>Confirm adherence</u> to a standard (pro-active use)

- Wherever there is a standard and there are factors that could affect the output, use of a confirmation to ensure delivery to the standard
 - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Equipment asset care / Logistics processes
- Factors that could affect the output may include:
 - New employees under training
 - New or updated processes or standards
 - An ability to comply with a standard



Gate checklist 1: Define where in the process the confirmation is required





Opportunities for either a reactive or pro active usage of a process confirmation system have been confirmed









Define what the confirmation items are

- Decide on the nature of the confirmation items, considering whether it is as a result of reactive of proactive thinking:
 - Reactive customer concerns; supplier concerns; internal concerns
 - Proactive as a result of a need to continuously improve our standards
- Typical confirmation items might include:
 - Implementation of countermeasures for quality issues and proactively where issues could occur in similar processes
 - Process confirmation
 - Adherence to the SOP, Manufacturing Instruction, or set-up method
 - Safety issues confirmation of countermeasure implementation and sustainability
 - Workplace organisation (5S) status
 - Equipment status
 - Asset care activities have been completed
 - Gauge calibration within date, or machine parameters and key process variables
 - Visual Management confirming that performance management information up to date and appropriate?









Define the standard

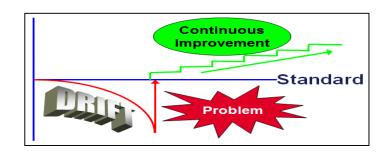
- For whatever is being checked, it is a requirement that a standard is available
 - Without a standard, you do not know if you have a problem!
 - Without a standard, you can not improve







Asset Care Standard







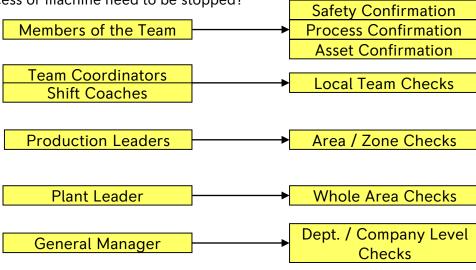






Frequency on the confirmation check

- Things to consider when defining the frequency of check:
 - What happens if there is a failure or escape? (the consequence)
 - Check frequency considering problem frequency to prevent escape
 - How easy is the checking activity to complete? Checks should be quick and simple
 - Working patterns Does it require confirmation every hour, shift, day or week?
 - Accessibility to carry out a check Does a process or machine need to be stopped?
- Distribute the checks evenly across the shifts / days / weeks, processes and areas at different levels of owners, eg.
- Things to consider when defining responsibility for the check include:
 - The ability to differentiate between Good and No Good conditions
 - Escalation process and hierarchy of responsibility and accountability











Define the escalation process for non-conformance (when a problem is found)

- The following consideration points should be addressed:
 - What happens if a non-conformance is found?
 - What communication needs to occur, and in what manner (phone, e-mail, go-see)?
 - Who needs to communicate the issue or status of resolving the problem?
 - Who needs to be communicated to who in the organisation needs to know?
 - In what period of time should the communication be made (e.g. within 10-minutes, etc.)
 - What should happen once the communication has occurred?
 - What feedback should be given to the person who raised the issue, etc.
 - What information is required before a process can be restarted if it has been stopped as a result of an issue
- Make a simple process flow chart to explain the steps in the escalation process, who is responsible and over what time period each action is required





Gate checklist 2: Define the confirmation items, frequency and responsibility



- The confirmation check items have been agreed, based on real **factual** data
- The **standards** have been defined for each confirmation check they are clear and easily understood and are not open to interpretation
- $oxedsymbol{oxed}$ The frequency of the check, along with responsibility for the check has been agreed
- A simple escalation process has been defined



3. Design a simple and appropriate confirmation system







- Any system should be:
 - Visual understand the status of confirmation checks "at a glance"
 - Simple quick to use anyone should be able to understand how it operates
 - Owned clear ownership and accountability is required
 - Maintainable it must be easily self-maintained with minimum documentation, or reliance on outside personnel to make graphs and status reports, etc.
 - Manually updated paper systems are better than those generated on a PC requiring a printer and other person to generate documentation
 - Don't over-complicate with too many forms to update
 - Flexible quick to adjust to suit changing requirements (frequency, additional new check items, customer incidents, etc.)



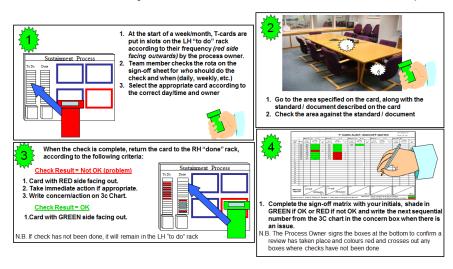


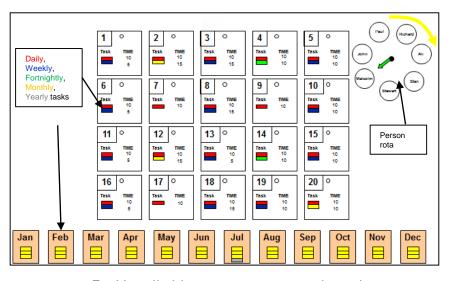
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Generate a concept for the conformation system

- Make a basic conceptual system to see how it will operate keep it dynamic / flexible
- Obtain buy-in from the users on the concept





Eg. Visually Management using 'T' cards

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3. Design a simple and appropriate confirmation system







Make the confirmation system

- Ensure all charts and documents within the system show
 - Document owner
 - Document filename
 - Document location (on electronic system)
 - Frequency of update
- Check that the process has a primary and back-up owner (for absence cover)
- Incorporate time into standard diaries for checks to be completed





Gate checklist 3: Design a simple and appropriate confirmation system



- The principles of visibility, simplicity and flexibility have been understood
- A concept showing how the system will operate in a simple manner has been generated
- The system is simple, visible, and has defined ownership

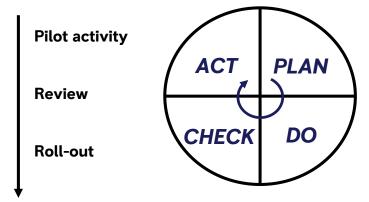


4. Install and operate the confirmation system



Make a plan for introducing the system

Don't just go and put a system in place, plan carefully – follow Plan-Do-Check-Act



- Engage and involve the right people in setting up the system
 - Ensure they have a good awareness and understanding
 - Involve the end-users
 - Brief the teams in the progress of the project at each step
- Gain commitment from key stake holders



4. Install and operate the confirmation system







Put the confirmation system in place

- Train all the users and support people in the correct use of the system the standard!
- Provide close support during start-up and support reviews. GO-LOOK-SEE.
- Have clear roles and accountabilities
 - System Owner:
 - Agrees responsibilities, adds / removes confirmation items, provides summary reports, chairs regular reviews of the system & countermeasure status
 - Checks that all confirmation activities completed, attends regular reviews, agrees addition / removal of items, ensures corrective action completed quickly (time-bound)
 - Confirmation Owner:
 - "Does" the checks, follows the "system" process, records the result
- Keep a simple record showing who has been trained in the use of the system



4. Install and operate the confirmation system

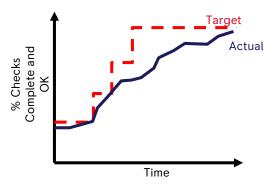






Operate the maintain the system

- Is the current situation what was expected?
- Involve the whole team in a review and gather feedback on performance and issues to resolve
- After a period of time operating the system to the agreed process, ask some simple questions:
- Can the system be simplified for the user, without increasing the time needed to do the confirmation activities?
- How can the process be made more robust?
- Is it possible to make the process, or confirmation result even more visible?
- How would improving the review of issues have a positive impact on the overall system?
- Is the frequency of the review of issues suitable for the nature of the issues raised?
- Are there new items to be added to / removed from the system?
- Check that the system is flexible enough to 'respond' to on-going non-conformance and customer satisfaction issues
- Remember though, before implementing improvements, to follow the PDCA cycle





Gate checklist 4: Install and operate the confirmation system



- The purpose of the system has been clearly communicated with all users or involved support people
- A visible plan is available and has been communicated, showing the actions, timing, and ownership of key items for putting the system in place
- Key Performance Indicators have been agreed so that everyone is aware of how success (performance) will be measured
- The users have been trained to the same standard, and the system is fully in place
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are reviewed to see actual status against a target condition is the result what you expected?
- Team review session held to generate improvement ideas