Critical Parameter Development & Management

The 12 Step Process to Develop Critical Parameters





Defining a process for CPD&M



- Post-launch Production & Ongoing Life cycle Management out to Discontinuance...
- The 12 Step process is designed to be used by Teams that are supporting products and services that are already in the field.
 - Development of CPs that are currently unknown
 - Reverse engineering of CPs
 - Can start at any focus point you want & develop CP data up & down the product & process relationship structure you need



Example of the General Flow Down Structure for Critical Parameter Management



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Requirements Flow Down and Capability Flow-Up





General Steps in Critical Parameter Development to prevent problems...







What makes a parameter Critical?

- Is it measurable?
- ➢ Is it stable?
- Is it <u>adjustable</u>?
- Is it interactive & statistically significant?
- Is it sensitive?
- ➢ Is it robust?
- Is it <u>capable</u>?

If any one or more of these is a significant problem or a shortfall – then the parameter is Critical & needs the extra effort to make it ECO!





Step 1: Create a CP Project Charter

- ✓ Establish the primary goal 1st then...
 - ✓ Specific objectives (CP Project <u>requirements</u>)
 - ✓ Essential team members
 - ✓ Roles & responsibilities
 - ✓ Project time line
 - ✓ Scope
- ✓ CP project results
 - ✓ clear, specific & measurable <u>deliverables</u>



Step 2: Create a cross-functional team of experts to help ID a thorough set of CPs



- Make sure they are well balanced
 - right mix of people (experience & judgment)
- Good at mistake-proofing the list of candidate Critical parameters



Step 3: Generate / Assess Requirement Clarity, Classification & Flow-down



- Define Critical System level functional Requirements & their tolerance limits (Target + USL & LSL)
 - "Big" Ys
- Define NUD (Critical) & ECO (non-critical) requirements as they flow down to subsystems, subassemblies, parts, materials and mfg. /assy./ packaging processes



Step 4: Generate I-O-C Diagrams, P – Diagrams, Noise Diagrams & the Boundary Diagram

- Identify high level mass, energy & information flows into and out of the system, subsystems & subassemblies
 - Define candidate System level CFRs = Ys to be measured
- Identify Critical functions, inputs, outputs, controllable parameters & noises
 - Define subordinate CFRs = ys to be measured
- Define leading & lagging indicators & their units of measure
- identify unit-to-unit, external / environmental & deteriorative noise parameters
- Preliminary documentation of required measurement systems



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Step 5: Structure a Critical Parameter Flow-down Tree



- > Define the relationships between Y, ys & their controlling xs
 - Function Trees & Functional Flow Diagrams
 - 1st Principles Math Models (<u>how</u> does it work?)
- Define macro-relationships aligned with Critical noise parameters; which are NUD?
- Plan to separate & define which Xs dominate & control the mean & which control s (or both!) for each Y & sub-y
 - Y as a function of the Xs
- Conduct Potential Problem Prevention & Impact Mitigation Analysis on the Functions
 - (P³IMA Table aka <u>Functional</u> FMEA)



Step 6: Identify unique sub-areas of focus; lean out, rank & prioritize the areas to work on

- Group prioritized CP flows with the biggest impact on the Project Goal & Objectives (reqts);
 - apply 6 Step Prevention Process to your Project Tasks
 - Mistake-proof your CP project plan!
- Select the appropriate groups of flows that matter the most; again – which are NUD?
- Align candidate Critical noise parameters with the appropriate sub-groups



Step 7: Prove measurement systems are capable



- Conduct Measurement Systems Analysis (MSA)
 - Gage R&R Studies for Critical Ys, sub-ys & controlling Xs (for both leading & lagging indicators)
 - Destructive & Non-destructive forms for measurable samples
 - what am I measuring?... mass?, energy? Information?)



Step 8: Design & conduct experiments (problem ID & prevention!)



- Screening experiments (separate signal from random noise)
- modeling experiments (linear & non-linear effects plus interactivity)
- > noise parameter strength experiments (what shifts the mean or spreads the variance?)
- robustness experiments
- tolerance sensitivity experiments



Step 9: Analyze data using ANOVA & other statistical methods that identify sensitivities & level of capability



> define statistical significance (p values)

- ➤ MS_{parameter} / MS_{total}
- Cp & Cpk values
- Capability Growth Indices (CGI maturation by development process phase)



Step 10: Establish & Verify tolerance ranges & % contribution to variation of critical Ys & sub-ys



USL & LSL for both nominal conditions & stressful conditions (robust tolerances)

Documented CP set points

Sestablish variance role-up model

- $(S^2_{total} = S^2_1 + S^2_2 + \dots + S^2_n)$
- verify & validate final design & processing set points



Step 11: Mfg. & Production Implementation Plan for Critical Parameters



- Establish production & assembly data requirements & data utilization plan
 - Agreement on what constitutes a production or assembly CP
 - In-process CPs on the process itself
 - Within-process or post-process CPs (on parts, sub-assy, sub-system or system during mfg., assembly, packaging or upon receipt)
 - Requirements/Specifications to measure production & assembly CPs against
 - SPC & Cp/Cpk Study requirements & procedures
 - Frequency of measurements & action based upon data
 - Critical Cpk>>>Cp Adjustment parameters (mean shifters)
 - Measurement system requirements & acceptable signal/noise resolution
 - Contingency & Corrective Action plans
 - Alternative action plan
 - Process specific LSS-based corrective action process plan
- Conduct CP summary reviews & make Cpk>>>Cp adjustments as needed during steady state mfg.
 - Kaizen event or 6s Project?



Step 12: Evaluate Quality and Implement Changes in a Control plan



- Develop and submit alternate acceptance plans that maintain or improve functional quality with reduced acceptance costs
 - Select acceptance plan that meets overall program needs
 - Verify performance of selected plan
 - Implement changes as supported by data per the control plan



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