

Just-in-Time: Making It Happen: Unleashing the Power of Continuous Improvement

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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The book is an excellent guide to JIT implementation. By cgurski@ibm.net Just-In-Time: Making It Happen can be an invaluable guide to implementing JIT principles in the manufacturing environment. Although it is not a cookbook, it does provide a comprehensive step-by-step to understanding and implementing a workable JIT process. Perhaps the most valuable contribution of the book is the

way it demonstrates that JIT processes can coexist with MRP effectively. Sandra defines those functions that need to be incorporated in the MRP System to most effectively interface with and support JIT. However, he also describes how the MRP System can be manually augmented to allow their coexistence. But what I liked best was the practitioner's understanding of the problems facing the JIT implementer. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A great introduction to JIT world By Joseacute; A. Saacute;nchez Villanueva This is a great introduction to JIT. It covers main issues as the core knowledge of this technique as well as the implementation cornerstones. It's an easy to read way to get a handle on this planning and production control. It has also tried to get a compromise with MRP without forgetting currently popular topics as the link to suppliers and customers. As a plus, there are some chapters for problem solving using quality control techniques as storyboards which are actually useful in many others environments and areas. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good, mostly based on real life experiences By A Customer Gives a very good insight into JIT, making you aware of the zillion things manufacturing companies can (still!!) do to avoid waste. The book, however, does not prepare you for actual implementation. For that to happen, there is nothing to replace being an 'insider' in the manufacturing environment.

Based on his extensive experience Sandra reveals a complete procedure for successfully managing all of the challenges and possible obstacles in an actual implementation. Organizing the implementation team, developing a working Kanban system, restructuring the shop floor, creating efficient connections between suppliers and customers, measuring performance and integrating JIT with TQM are among the issues discussed.