Engineering Specifications

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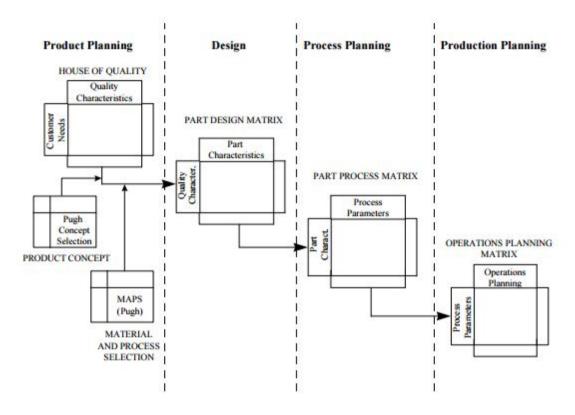


Figure: Houses of Quality incorporated for operations planning.

Quality Function Deployment (QFD) is a subsection of Quality Assurance used by engineers to connect priorities of interest between desired customer quality, quality characteristics, and process characteristics. Initially, this meant that an engineer would use a fishbone diagram with a quality as the "head" of the fish and relevant processes as the "bones". However, a more intricate combination of multiple fishbone diagrams lead to the creation of a comprehensive matrix known as the house of quality. The house of quality interrelates multiple processes of quality characteristics and using a mathematical model. This mathematical model is formed by weighing the value of a quality based on client feedback, helping the engineer prioritize certain processes over other processes. This deciphering of client necessities, market research, and specialized benchmarking organizes data into a proper number of engineering design targets [3].

There are multiple houses of quality (figure above) used in sequence to develop the work cell production process from the end users paint requirements. The house of quality used in this report begins with the initial end user requirements and compares the target technological process to that of other leading automotive manufacturers. By properly engaging in market research the work cell design team can optimize the work cell requirements for the end user rather than the manufacturing client. This approach was selected rather the traditional paradigm due to the shift in the consumer electronics and software industry domain. Replicating the success of these other industries means creating end products that exemplify quality and are less prone to recalls, i.e. regressions.

Using the QFD process enables the work cell design to attain higher levels of client satisfaction, increasing the speed and efficiency of the work cell design process, and increasing profits are goals to achieve while improving current work cells and developing new work cells.

House of Quality

The first phase house of quality requires market research that is based by segregation of region, i.e. climate, terrain, and unique regulations per national regulatory bodies [1]. For the Canadian client, focus will be put on rust resistant applications, opacity of paint, coating layers, number of paint options, paint thickness levels, point paint thickness checks, safety of the paint work cell, etc.







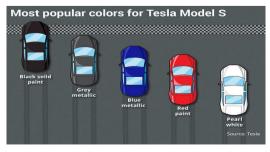


Figure: Pearlescent paints use iridescent pigments to create deeper colour and popularity chart indicating demand for paint colors is not equal.

There are three categories of paints that manufacturers use for various lines of vehicles. Solid paints have no sparkle effects except for the base color, most commonly used for industrial vehicles, ex. Heavy transportation vehicles, aircrafts, and construction equipment.

Part Design Characteristics

Please see the appendix for the relevant house of quality matrix

After the chassis is prepared by the previous work cell, the coating process is broken down by process, including a primer coat, base coat, mid coat (optional), and a clear coat [2]. The primer serves as a first coat and determines the leveling of paint as it fills in any gaps or indents in the chassis body, it is also the coat responsible for rust resistance, heat differences, deformities of the chassis, and UV lighting. The base coat is the source of color applied after the primer, this may contain a solid color with no sparkle effects or aluminum flakes for a metallic finish, or pearlescent paints, i.e. iridescent pigments. The clear coat is the final glossy finish that made to withstand UV light, abrasions, and hydrophobic for snow buildup resistance.

These segmentations of coating is the design characteristics optimized for when design the work cell, it functions to optimize what will be required and emphasized over the client targets and process requirements.

Process Operations

Please see the appendix for the chart

Timings were optimized in this tertiary level to the house of quality to establish machine parameters to optimize times for desired coat times, the calculations for these times are beyond the scope of this section and is instead incorporated in the material and paint process calculation section.

Production Planning Requirements

The production planning requirements are derived from the process operations characteristics and is provided by the manufacturing modelling specific guidelines. Based on targets acquired by the house of quality process we would recommend that the client choose appropriate suppliers from industry. As for the equipment, equipment from the major paint manufacturers need to correlate with the targets [2].

Automotive Paint Equipment Suppliers:

Taikisha TKS Industrial (US subsidiary of Taikisha) Durr Eisenmann FANUC

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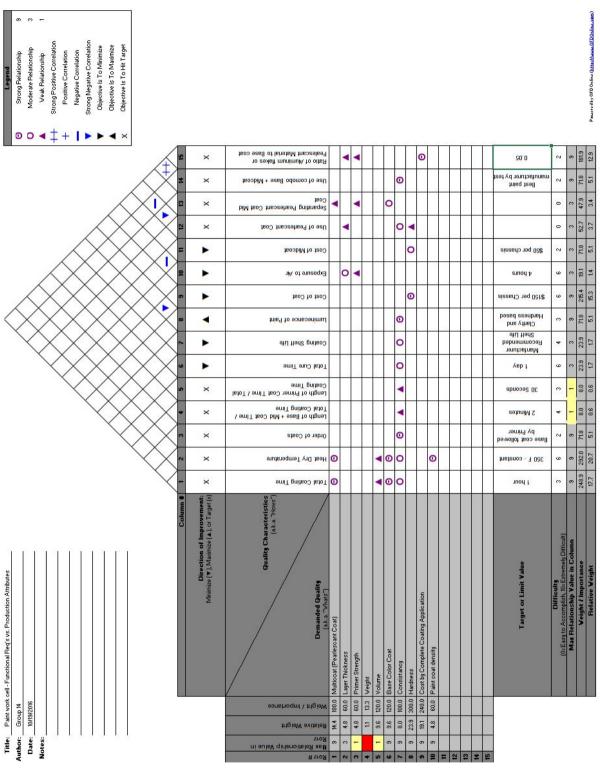
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