

PDCA



The Plan-do-check-act cycle is a four-step model used for carrying out change

- The PDCA cycle mainly aims to establish a continuous model for the continuous improvement of processes by identifying the problems
- PDCA is a model that is useful for any learning process and improvement

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Features

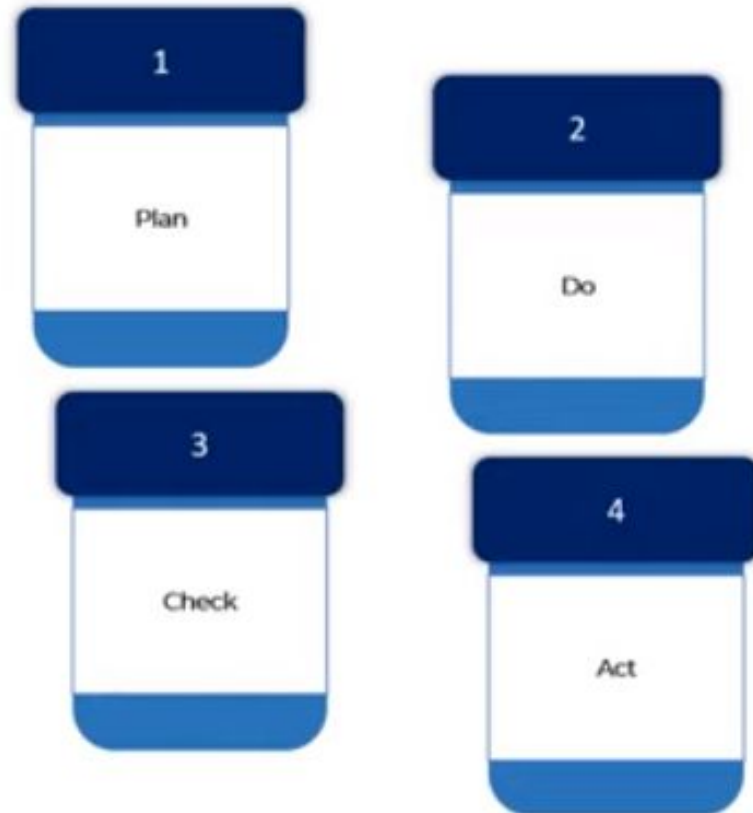
- 1 A simple and effective approach for solving problems
- 2 Helpful for implementing Total Quality Management or Six Sigma
- 3 Used in companies of all sizes to improve and optimize management
- 4 The iterative approach allows control and analysis
- 5 It encompasses much of the same framework as strategic management

Benefits

- 1 Greater efficiency and effectiveness
- 2 Useful for testing improvement measures on a small scale
- 3 Makes the decision-making by managers easier
- 4 Improves project risk management
- 5 Can be helpful in all situations

PDCA

How to build PCA?



Examples

Consider a manufacturing industry who want to produce a new product, then PDCA can be used as:



FMEA- Failure Mode and Effects Analysis

FMEA

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FMEA documents current knowledge and actions about the risks or failures to bring continuous improvement in their workplace

- Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) is a structured approach that is used to discover potential failures that may exist within the design of a product or process
- Failure modes are one of the ways in which a process can fail
- Effects are one of the ways that these failures can lead to many wastes, defects, or harmful outcomes for the customer
- So, Failure Mode and Effects Analysis is designed mainly to identify, prioritize and limit these failure modes

FMEA

Features

1

It provides a structured approach for evaluating, tracking, and updating the design

A systematic, proactive method for evaluating a process

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Tool for improving both product and process design

It is a qualitative and systematic tool

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Most effective low-risk techniques for predicting problems

Benefits

1

The higher capability of Verification and Validation of changes

Helps to find the possible causes of failures

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Improved Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DFM/A)

Lower cost solutions

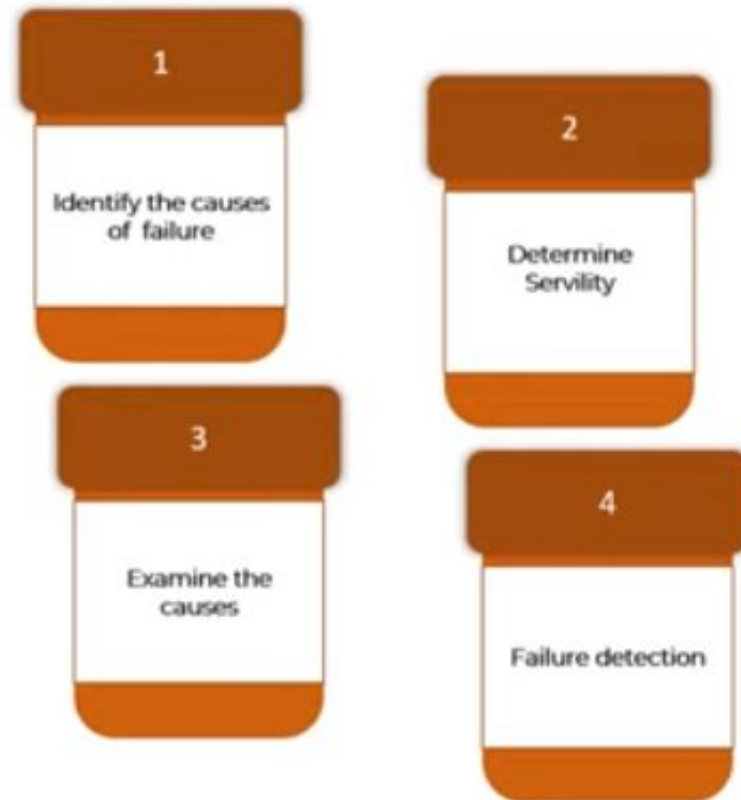
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Helps to document and identify wherein a process lies

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Example

Process	Severity (1-10)	Probability of occurrence (1-10)	Probability of detection (1-10)	Risk Preference Number (RPN)
Coffee beans ability to get powdered	5	2	4	40
Appropriate ratio of coffee and milk	5	8	9	360
Mixing ability of coffee Maker	3	9	7	189

Most of the failure is seen in the second process

RCA Techniques

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Barrier Analysis

Change Analysis

Events and Causal Factor
Analysis

Failure Mode and Effect Analysis

Fishbone Diagram

Pareto Diagram

