

WHAT ARE FLEXIBLE FACILITIES?

ORGANIZATIONS THAT PRODUCE THE SAME PRODUCT
REPEATEDLY CAN BENEFIT BY FOLLOWING JUST-IN-TIME
MINIMIZE MOVEMENT OF MATERIAL BY PLACING THE EQUIPMENT
IN CELLS

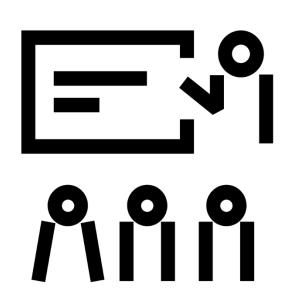
A CELL IS A GROUPING OF SEVERAL TYPES OF MACHINES IN WHICH EACH MACHINE PERFORMS A SINGLE OPERATION REPEATEDLY THIS REDUCES THE NEED FOR MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT, THEREBY REDUCING MATERIAL-HANDLING COSTS SUCH FLEXIBLE FACILITIES IMPROVE THE SPEED OF THE PRODUCTION THEREBY ALLOWING QUICK DELIVERIES.

WHAT IS MULTI-SKILLED WORKFORCE?

IN JIT, WORKERS MUST BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING MORE THAN ONE OPERATION

THE ENTIRE WORKFORCE IS TRAINED CONTINUOUSLY TO DEVELOP A VARIETY OF SKILLS TO SERVE ANY FUNCTION THE FIRM REQUIRES DEVELOP FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE THROUGH CROSS-TRAINING

A WORKER IS TRAINED TO PERFORM SEVERAL OPERATIONS THAN BEING LIMITED TO ONE CROSS-TRAINING & ESTABLISHING U-FORM CELLS MAKES PRODUCTION MORE FLEXIBLE



WHY U-FORM FACILITIES & SMALL LOT SIZES?

- IT MAKES IT EASY TO IDENTIFY DEFECTS THAT OCCUR AT ANY STAGE OF PRODUCTION
- CAUSES OF DEFECTS CAN ALSO BE IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED EASILY
- WHEN A DEFECTIVE ITEM IS FOUND THE JIT SYSTEM STOPS THE PRODUCTION PROCESS TO CORRECT THE DEFECT
- IF ANY WORK CENTER CAUSES A DEFECT IN THE PRODUCT, THEN ALL WORK CENTERS DOWNSTREAM AUTOMATICALLY STOP OPERATIONS AND HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM