



8-D Problem Solving Worksheet

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Overview

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Audience

Oracle employees and suppliers

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Tracking Number:		Customer Number: NCAT#			Response Due Date:			
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Step	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Action	Establishing the Team	Problem Definition/Statement & Description	Developing Interim Containment Action	Identifying & Verifying Root Cause	Identifying Permanent Corrective Actions (PCA)	Implementing and Validating PCA	Preventing Recurrence	Recognizing Team Efforts
1	Establishing the Team Establish a small group of people with the process/product knowledge, allocated time, authority, and skill in the required technical disciplines to solve the problem and implement corrective actions.				Team Goals: Team Objectives:			
	Department		Name		Skills		Responsibility	
2	Problem Definition/Statement & Description Provide a concise description of the problem. Quantify it with actual performance values and lastly provide a priority rating using FMEA score methods Part Number(s): Customers(s):				Sketch/Photo of Problem			

	Problem Description: (low possible level)	
	Prepare Process Flow Diagram for problem Use a separate sheet if needed	
	Provide an estimated FMEA score: Occurrence Score = Severity Score = Detection Score = Total Score - _____ This defines the priority.	Go to FMEA Appendix “A”, page 6
3	Developing Interim Containment Actions – Create SSP if required. Temporary actions to contain the problem and “fix” until permanent correction is in place – document actions in Action Item table	
4A	Identifying & Verifying Root Cause Analyze for “Root Cause” of the problem. Identify and verify the Escape Point	
	Brainstorm the top possible causes of the problem. Use separate attachment for more space; ppt or visio works great). After completion of fishbone, take a silent vote with each Team member getting three votes. All votes can be applied to one cause or divided up between two or three top possible causes. Now you have two top causes, one for cause one for why not detached.	
4A	Cause and Effect Diagram	
<div>Top causes for issue?</div> <div><div>People</div><div>Machine</div><div>Measurement (Optional)</div><div>Method</div><div>Materials</div><div>Environment</div><div><div></div><div>Problem Statement</div></div></div>		

4B	2x5 Why Analysis – For ‘Cause’ and for ‘Why not detected’ (Ea. Q&A, 10 – 15 words or less; Q&A should follow the process element path.	
<div><div><div>To Cause? _____ (from fishbone) _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div></div><div><div>To Why Not Detected Cause? _____ (from fishbone) _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div><div>Why Question: _____</div><div>Answer: _____</div></div></div>		
4C	Action Plan Based on the team’s determined root causes, begin to complete the Root Cause Action Plan. Plans need to correct the cause(s) and the detectability.	
5	Identifying Permanent Corrective Actions (PCA) Solutions that address and correct the root cause and detection. Solutions determined to be the best of all the alternatives. Document and verify the Permanent Corrective Action (PCA) in the Action Item Table.	
6	Implementing & Validating PCA Implement and validate to ensure that corrective action does “what it is supposed to do.” Detect any undesirable side effects. At this point, recalculate the FMEA score taking the PCAs into effect. If the score is > than (7) points, then additional actions need to be considered because there is still too much risk. Use Appendix “A” for scoring.	
	Original Priority FMEA Score: Occurrence Score =	Provide a final Risk FMEA score: Occurrence Score =

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	Severity Score = Detection Score = Original Priority Score = _____	Severity Score = Detection Score = Remaining Risk Score = _____ (Must be <8pts. or additional c/a's are needed)		
7	Preventing Recurrence Typically true root causes point to system deficiencies. Determine what improvements in systems and processes would prevent problem from recurring. Determine what business process documentation/procedure needs to be revised. Ensure that corrective action remains in place and successful.			
7A	Address Similar Systems			
	Process/Item	Who Responsible	When	
7B	Review the following documents/systems			
Document		Who Responsible	Completion Date	
			Planned	Actual
Management System Manual				
Manufacturing Work Instructions				
Inspection Work Instructions				
Process Flow Charts				
Process Control Plans				
Design FMEA				
Process FMEA				
Test Procedure				
PPAP				
Engineering Change Approval				
Equipment Programs				
Training Procedure/Methods				
8	Recognizing Team Efforts			

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	Use all forms of employee recognition and document as necessary	
Was this problem solving exercise effective? Has it been verified with a follow-up?		
Yes No	Signature/Title/Date	Findings

2B Optional Step

2B – One **optional** step to help better define the problem “IS and IS NOT”

2B	IS	IS NOT
Who	Who is affected by the problem? Who first observed the problem? To whom was the problem reported?	Who is not affected by the problem? Who did not find the problem?
What	What type of problem is it? What has the problem (part id, lot #s, etc)? What is happening with the process & with containment? Do we have physical evidence of the problem?	What does not have the problem? What could be happening but is not? What could be the problem but is not?
Why	Why is this a problem (degraded performance)? Is the process stable?	Why is it not a problem?
Where	Where was the problem observed? Where does the problem occur?	Where could the problem be located but is not? Where else could the problem be located but is not?
When	When was the problem first noticed? When has it been noticed since?	When could the problem have been noticed but was not?
How Much/Many	Quantity of problem (ppm)? How much is the problem costing in dollars, people, & time?	How many could have the problem but don't? How big could the problem be but is not?
How Often	What is the trend (continuous, random, cyclical)? Has the problem occurred previously?	What could the trend be but is not?

Appendix A – FMEA Scoring

FMEA Scoring for initial problem priority and final risk assessment

Score Definition

Probability of occurrence:

- 1 – Remote possibility – similar parts have been used for similar functions in previous designs or processes, and there have been no failures. (Cpk > 2.0)
- 2 – Low failure rate with similar parts having similar functions in previous designs or processes. (Cpk – 1.67)
- 3 – Moderate failure rate with similar parts having similar functions in previous designs or processes. (Cpk – 1.0)
- 4 – Frequent failure rate with similar parts having similar functions in previous designs or processes. (Cpk – 0.67)
- 5 – High probability of failure – it is almost certain to occur in a significant proportion of cases. (Cpk < 0.33)

Severity:

- 1 – Failure of a minor nature which may or may not be detectable by the customer; causes only slight annoyance without any noticeable degradation in system or subsystem performance.
- 2 – Failure **with** prior warning which causes customer dissatisfaction and customer is made uncomfortable or is annoyed by the failure; some system or subsystem degradation noted.
- 3 – Failure **without** prior warning which causes customer dissatisfaction and customer is made uncomfortable or is annoyed by the failure; some system or subsystem degradation noted.
- 4 – Failure **with** prior warning which causes major customer dissatisfaction, because of an inoperable system, or an inoperable convenience subsystem.
- 5 – Failure **without** prior warning which causes major customer dissatisfaction, because of an inoperable system, or an inoperable convenience subsystem.

Probability of detection:

- 1 – Very high probability that the defect will be detected before reaching the customer. The defect will most probably be detected during manufacturing and assembly, as a result of inspections and tests. (1/10,000)
- 2 – High probability that the defect will be detected before reaching the customer. Test and inspections during manufacturing will catch most defects. This defect will rarely reach a customer or supplier. (1/2000)
- 3 – Moderate probability of detection before reaching the customer. The defect will not often be detected during manufacture. Final inspections, out-of-box audits, and customer installations will detect most of the remaining defective units. (1/500)
- 4 – Low probability of detection before reaching the customer. The customer will accept the unit with an indication of minor defects. There will be latent failures. (1/50)
- 5 – Very low probability of detection before reaching the customer. The customer will probably accept installation of the system, and the defect will be detected sometime after this. (1/10+)

Related Information

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