OREGON TOOL

2022 MECOP

Manufacturing Engineering Internship

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About Me

- 1. Phuong Tran Boone
- 2. 3rd year Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering major @OSU
- 3. 1st MECOP Internship
- 4. Oregon Tool in Portland, OR
- 5. Work was a blend of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering

Agenda

1. Company Overview

Company History

Wage and Benefits

Reporting Structure

- 2. Projects
- 3. Helpful Courses
- 4. Overall Impression of Internship



Company History

- 1947 An avid inventor, Joe Cox designed the modern saw chain after witnessing a timber beetle larvae chewing through some timber in a Pacific Northwest forest.
- 1965 Manufacturing plant established in Portland, OR.
- 2021 Blount, Inc. renamed to Oregon Tool to remind us of our origins.
- Present Oregon Tool is the #1 chainsaw manufacturer in the world.
 - Produce enough chainsaw in a year to circle the globe 1.5 times



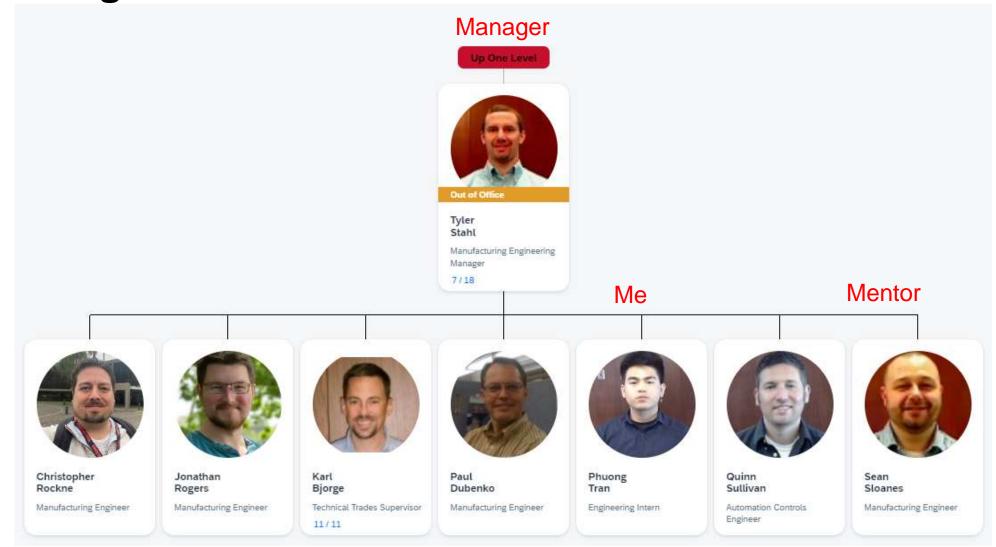




Wage and Benefits

- Working Hours 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
- 40 hours per week, \$25 per hour
- Benefit options for healthcare, life insurance, and disability insurance
- 401(k) match options
- Onsite gym
- Free snacks in the morning

Reporting Structure

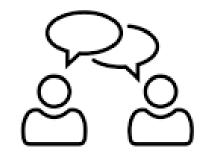




Project Overview

- 10 total projects
- 6 Major projects (~ Months)
 - Data Collections, Test / Experiment, Root Cause Analysis
 - Idea Review I → Idea Review II → ...
 - Prototype → Test / Experiment → Adjustments → Fabricate → Document Solution using Company ECR (Engineering Change Request) System
- 4 Minor projects (~ Weeks)
 - Small tasks + Urgency
- Departmental Interaction
 - Assembly
 - Part Processing / Heat Treat
 - Blanking
 - Cutter Grinder

- Continuous Improvement (CI)
- Manufacturing Department (MFGE)
- Die Maintenance
- CAD Design





Machine Build

Production Maintenance

Pan Splitter – Background (~3 months)

- Problem Statement: Cone type divider unequally distributed between 3 pans created scrap at FKS35 in Part Processing Department
- Stakeholders: Part Processing / Heat Treat, Manufacturing Engineer, CAD Design
- Financial and Physical Impact:
 - Yearly scrap (2016 2022): Increased from 125.6 lb to 1118.5 lb
 - Costing at least \$2,800 per year*
- Scope:
 - Define requirements
 - Document design and hold design review meeting
 - Issue engineering drawings suitable for internal and external build





Yearly Scrap (lb) 2016 - 2022

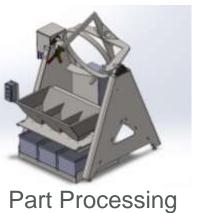
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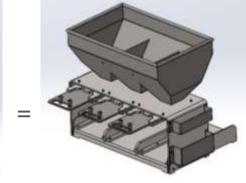
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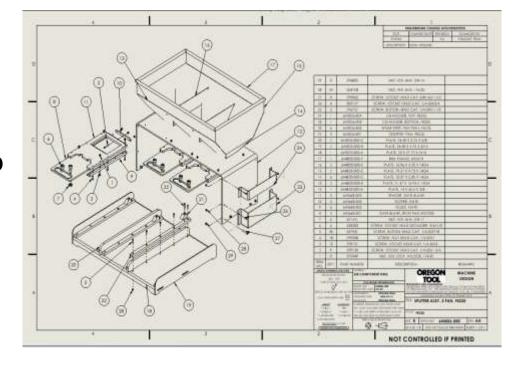
Pan Splitter – Solution

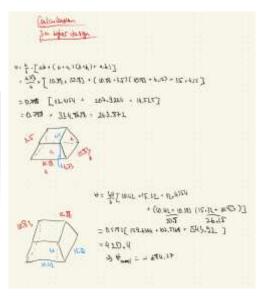
- Redesign a new Pan Splitter based on the 2 latest models in CAD file:
 - Requirements:
 - Evenly distribution between 3 pans => Reduce scrap
 - Reduce cleaning and distribution time
- What I learned:
 - CAD Design, Communication and Investigation skills
 - Calculating and Measuring Volume of geometrically non-standard objects











Press Conveyor Lifter – Background (~3 month)

- Problem Statement: The Conveyors on Press 4, 7, and M3 need to be repositioned to properly collect parts from the Die Output Chute
- Stakeholders: Blanking, Manufacturing Engineering, Maintenance Mechanist, CAD Design Department
- Financial and Physical Impact: Each press generated \$750 of scrap per year on average. Required labor intensive cleaning and left a disorderly work environment

• Scope:

- Leverage existing concepts
- Produce CAD & Drawing for Lifter Assembly
- Procurement, Fabrication, Assembly of Mechanism
- Deployment and Testing of lifting mechanisms







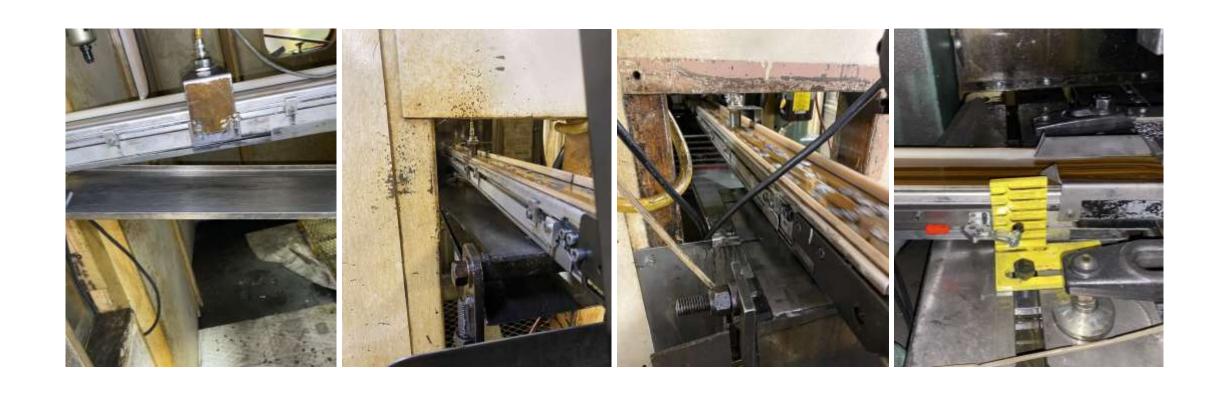


Before









After

Press Conveyor Lifter - Solution

- Design a Conveyor Lifter for leveling and Ramp for scrap reduction
 - Reduce scrap, expecting each press save \$600/year on average
 - Solution cost for each press: \$165
 - Break-even in 3 months
 - Received thanks from Operators: Austin, Dan, J-Moon
- What I learned:
 - How to create a universal solution that fits all machines.









Cutter Grinder Changeover – Background (2 months)

- **Problem Statement:** The Changeover Process from 4 Cutter Grinders 18HX and 19HX (48, 49, 80, 81) took 3 hours per machine on average.
- Stakeholders: Manufacturing Engineering, Machine Build, Cutter Grinder Department
- **Financial impact:** 3 hours down time per machine during changeover, leading to slow productions for both Cutters, affecting Operator's and Machine Build's time
- Scope: Document changeover procedure and reduce the changeover time.











Cutter Grinder Changeover – Solution

Document the changeover procedure:

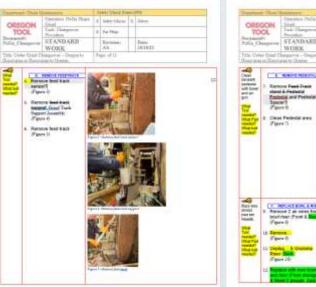
- Seperated Internal vs External Activities:
 - ~ 1.03 hours (34%)
- Reduced problem solving and adjustment time:
 - ~ 30 minutes (16%)

Implement a Bowl lifter:

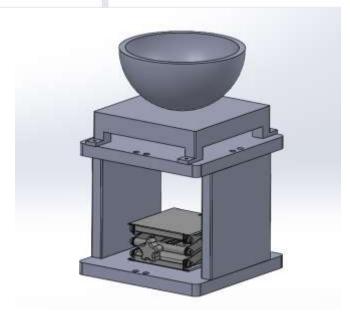
- Adjusting Bowl's height instead of replacing Bowl + Bowl Riser:
 - ~ 10 minutes (5%)

What I learned:

Lean Manufacturing / SMED / Kaizen
 Eliminate the waste in production







Assembly Machine Data – Minor Project

- Problem Statement: In the Cockpit's Chain Assembly raw data, it shows only the number of faults for each
 machine while we want to see the number of faults / hour.
- Stakeholders: Continuous Improvement, Assembly Department, Manufacturing Engineers.

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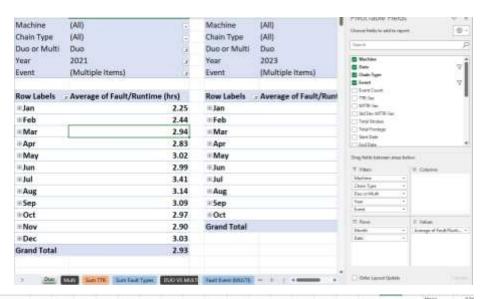
Assembly Machine Data - Solution

Filtering a high amount of data:

- Filtered out over 500,000 rows of data (Number of Faults, Stroke, Runtime, Performance over 3 years)
 - The data is normalized by run-time hour so that performance can be compared between various machines

What I learned:

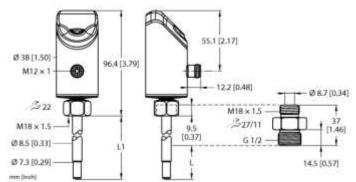
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- Excel: Data filtering, Excel formulas, Pivot Table, A3

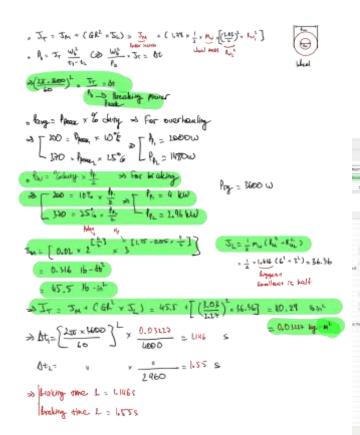


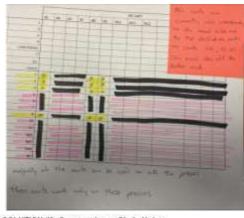


OTHER PROJECTS

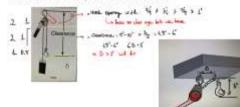
- Major projects (~ Months)
 - CNC Grinder Flood Control: Root Cause Analysis (No Data Collected)
 - SMED Table: Lock Cart to SMED Table
 - Nitrogen Block Handling: Applying Mechanical Advantage on lifting Nitrogen block ~80lb
- Minor projects (~ Weeks)
 - Burr: Sliver
 - Braking Resistor Calculation: Decision on Braking Resistor for Cutter Grind machines by calculating Braking time from each Braking Resistor
 - L2L Data Collection: Analyze and conclude major errors from L2L data by comparing L2L with actual Cutter Grinder data

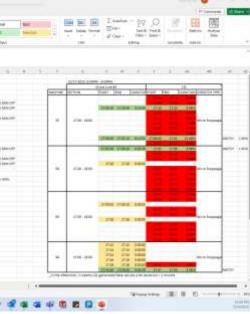






SOLUTION #3: Compact Lever Chain Hoist





Useful Courses

- ENGR 248 Engineering Graphics and 3D Modeling
- ENGR 250 Machine Design
- ENGR 211 Statics

Impression

- Operators, MFTM, Supervisor, Engineers, and Maintenance all exhibit a high level of friendliness.
- Each individual contributes their unique approach to create a pleasant workplace environment.
- I was greatly impressed during our idea review session, even when my ideas faced challenges and issues, everyone remained committed to finding solutions.
- They are always eager to impact their knowledge and help me learning how to navigate challenges effectively.

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