

- 1. Pareto Chart — Automotive fasteners (manufacturing)**
Problem: High defect rates across multiple defect types.
Action: Pareto analysis to identify top defect types.
Outcome: Identified ~70–80% of defects coming from one cause; targeted corrective actions cut defects substantially.
- 2. Fishbone (Ishikawa) + Five-Whys — Packaged snacks (food industry)**
Problem: Recurrent contamination incidents in snack packaging lines.
Action: Fishbone diagram (6M categories) + Five-Whys root-cause sessions with operators.
Outcome: Found cleaning/maintenance lapses; revised SOPs and schedules → contamination fall by ~50–60%.
- 3. Control Charts (\bar{X} & R) — Textile dyeing process**
Problem: Inconsistent fabric shades causing customer rejections.
Action: Implemented X-bar and R control charts to monitor dye concentration & batch parameters.
Outcome: Detected assignable causes early; process variation stabilized and complaints dropped significantly.
- 4. Process Capability (Cp/Cpk) — Automotive assembly / crimping operation**
Problem: Need to confirm if a process meets customer tolerances.
Action: Conducted capability study (Cp, Cpk) with production data.
Outcome: Process found capable after centering and reduced variation; specification compliance improved.
- 5. FMEA (Failure Mode & Effects Analysis) — Healthcare process rollout**
Problem: Risk of failures when introducing new clinical process or device.
Action: Multidisciplinary FMEA to identify potential failure modes and mitigation actions.
Outcome: Early identification and mitigation of high-risk steps; reduced adverse events during rollout.
- 6. 5S Implementation — Small manufacturing / SME plant**
Problem: Poor workplace organization, long search times, and cluttered flows.
Action: 5S (Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain) pilot in shop floor.
Outcome: Improved space utilization, shorter lead times, fewer process delays — measurable productivity gains in SMEs.
- 7. Six Sigma DMAIC — Large enterprise & scaled lessons for MSMEs**
Problem: Chronic process variation and cost of poor quality.
Action: DMAIC projects (Measure → Analyze → Improve → Control) targeting high-cost defects (Motorola/GE examples).

Outcome: Documented millions in savings at large firms; MSMEs adopt scaled DMAIC projects for targeted ROI.

8. Design of Experiments (DoE) — Pharmaceutical method / formulation optimization

Problem: Optimize formulation/process parameters for consistent product performance.

Action: DoE (full/fractional factorial) to screen and optimize key factors.

Outcome: Faster route to robust formulation and reduced development time/variability.

9. Pareto + P-Control Chart + Fishbone — Consumer goods sachet production

Problem: High defect counts in sachet filling & sealing.

Action: Pareto to prioritize defects, P-control charts for attribute monitoring, fishbone for root cause.

Outcome: Targeted fixes reduced defect rates significantly (case documented in industry paper).

10. SPC (Statistical Process Control) — Electronics board assembly

Problem: High rework and soldering defects in PCB assembly.

Action: Implemented SPC (control charts) on soldering temperature, wave parameters, and throughput.

Outcome: Early detection of shifts, reduced rework and scrap. (Industry SPC best practices & case references).

11. Root Cause & Kaizen Blitz — Food supply chain / urban farming resilience

Problem: Distribution losses and inconsistent yields for urban farms.

Action: Root cause mapping (fishbone) + Kaizen blitz to improve handling & packaging.

Outcome: Waste reduction and improved resilience in supply chain operations.

12. Kanban / Visual Management — Small assembly MSME

Problem: Overproduction and inventory piles.

Action: Implemented Kanban pull system and visual work boards for small production lines.

Outcome: Reduced WIP, lower inventory carrying cost, improved on-time delivery. (Common lean case examples — scalable to MSMEs).

13. DOE + SPC — Chemical process scale-up

Problem: Variation during scale-up from lab to pilot plant.

Action: Use DoE to determine key parameters and SPC for process control in pilot runs.

Outcome: Controlled scale-up with predictable quality and fewer pilot failures.

14. Multimodal RAG-style approach — Documented QA improvements (digital)

Problem: Operators lack quick access to SOPs and defect history.

Action: Digital indexing + retrieval (RAG) of QA documents and case notes; recommend tools based on content.

Outcome: Faster problem diagnosis and standardization of corrective actions (matches your system approach).

15. Inspection Plan + Control Chart — Textile finishing line

Problem: End-of-line rejections due to finishing variability.

Action: Implemented inspection plan with control charts for key finishing parameters.

Outcome: Reduced batch rejections and better supplier/customer satisfaction.

16. Lean + 5S + Visual SOPs — Plastic bag manufacturing SME

Problem: Low throughput and chaos in material flow.

Action: Combined 5S and visual SOPs with Kaizen events.

Outcome: Notable improvement in throughput and process discipline; documented in industrial case study.

17. FMEA + Checklists — Medical device production

Problem: Risk of assembly errors causing safety incidents.

Action: FMEA for assembly steps + operator checklists and poka-yoke devices.

Outcome: Reduced assembly errors and regulatory risk.

18. Pareto for Service Defects — Call-centre / service MSME

Problem: Frequent complaint categories leading to churn.

Action: Pareto of complaint types, targeted training and process changes for top causes.

Outcome: Improved first-call resolution and reduced repeated complaints. (Service-sector Pareto application is common).

19. Measurement System Analysis (MSA) + Cp/Cpk — Precision machining shop

Problem: High reported variation from measuring equipment.

Action: MSA (gage R&R) then capability study to separate measurement vs process variation.

Outcome: Improved measurement reliability; accurate Cp/Cpk evaluation led to targeted process improvements.

20. Case: Small Food Processor — Combined QC tools

Problem: Multiple quality issues (fill weights, foreign particles, sealing).

Action: Quick Pareto to prioritize, control charts for fill weight, fishbone for foreign particles, 5S for line cleanliness.

Outcome: Rapid improvements across all problem categories within months (research-backed case studies exist).

21. Case: Pharma stability & shelf-life studies — DoE + SPC

Problem: Drug shelf-life variability across batches.

Action: DoE to select formulation/process variables, SPC for ongoing batch control.

Outcome: More robust shelf-life performance and regulatory compliance.

22. MSME Lean Transformation — Footwear cluster / industrial park examples

Problem: Fragmented MSME operations lack standardized QA.

Action: Shared common facility centres, training in lean/5S and Kaizen across cluster.

Outcome: Improved productivity, shared QA resources — model used in regional MSME clusters.