

What is Lean Manufacturing?

Lean Manufacturing was first developed by the Toyota Motor Corporation in Japan in the 1950s and has since been introduced to Western businesses in the 1990s by Daniel Jones and James Womack. These guys realized that the principles applied by Toyota were systematic and transferable to other types of production

Lean Manufacturing is fundamentally a production methodology that concentrates its activities on banishing waste and focusing on continuous improvement. Monitoring the level of waste is an essential activity and crucial in a company's ability to identifying if Lean Manufacturing principles work. Once the wastes have been identified and monitored, then a series of lean tools can be applied to eliminate them.