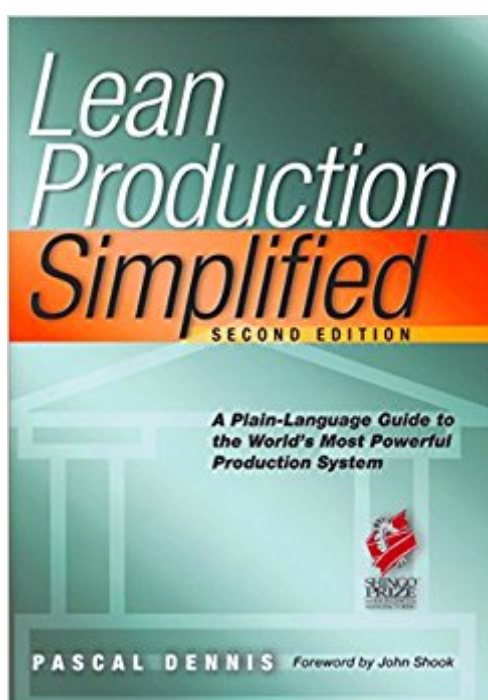


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# Lean Production Simplified, Second Edition: A Plain-Language Guide To The World's Most Powerful Production System



## Synopsis

Winner of a Shingo Research and Professional Publication Award Lean Production Simplified, Second Edition is a plain language guide to the lean production system written for the practitioner by a practitioner. It delivers a comprehensive insider's view of lean manufacturing. The author helps the reader to grasp the system as a whole and the factors that animate it by organizing the book around an image of a house of lean production. Highlights include: A comprehensive view of Toyota's lean manufacturing system A look at the origins and underlying principles of lean Identifying the goals of lean production Practical problem solving for lean production Activities that support involvement - Kaizen circles, suggestion systems, and problem solving This second edition has been updated with expanded information on the Lean Improvement Process; Production Physics and Little's Law - the fundamental equation for both manufacturing and service industries ( $\text{cycle time} = \text{work in process} / \text{throughput}$ ); Value Stream Thinking - combining processes required to bring the product or service to the customer; Hoshin Planning -- using the Planning and Execution Tree diagram and Problem Solving -- including the "Five Why" method and how to use it. Lean Production Simplified, Second Edition covers each of the components of lean within the context of the entire lean production system. The author's straightforward common sense approach makes this book an easily accessible on-the-floor resource for every operator.

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The author tried so hard to make a boring topic interesting and I applaud him for that. Things that would have been helpful would be the definition of the Japanese words he used to be present more than once and in the glossary (ie in parentheses next to the word would have been more helpful). As a beginner I felt that much of those references were lost on me if I didn't refer to the glossary for the definition constantly.

I thought this was a great read. I have read the book twice. The book goes into greater detail vs. a typical book that simplifies things. How can I put it, enough detail to not bog a person down but enough to wet ones appetite to learn more. I'm reading this book to "learn" about the production system for APICs CPIM certification.

Great book for anyone beginning their Lean journey.

The major advantage of this book is the breadth of its topics, as noted by other reviewers. Some concepts such as poka-yoke or hoshin planning are particularly well explained, in only a few pages. What annoyed me a little is that, in the early chapters, the author mentions some concepts that are only explained in later chapters. For someone who discovers lean, reading this book twice would probably be necessary.

Very good and simple explanation of the lean environment. Explains just-in-time, jidoka, and stability. A must have for anyone working in a lean environment.

I've read many of the more popular lean books (see our other reviews), and have been doing lean full-time since 2000. In my view this book has the best, most complete field of view of them all, touching on several concepts that get no attention in any other lean overview text. It should be noted that as far a depth goes however, the name says it all... Lean Production Simplified. Pro:-Shingo prize winner-Brief yet complete coverage of lean topics-Coverage of several topics not found elsewhere, including the much ignored hoshin kanri-Decent chapter summaries,

ample examples and figures. Con: I guess about the worst you can say is there's too many misspellings for a 2nd edition. Perhaps too many sentences that start with, "At Toyota" which create some repetitive reading. Bottom line: Highly recommended for exposure to the basics.

Received it as expected condition.

All my shop supervisors read this book as part of our lean book club. It is very well written and very much worthwhile for anyone in manufacturing or production. Michiel Schuitemaker

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