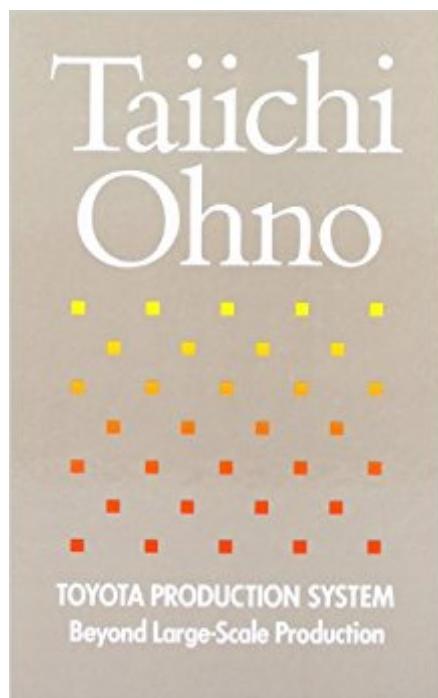


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Toyota Production System: Beyond Large-Scale Production



Synopsis

In this classic text, Taiichi Ohno--inventor of the Toyota Production System and Lean manufacturing--shares the genius that sets him apart as one of the most disciplined and creative thinkers of our time. Combining his candid insights with a rigorous analysis of Toyota's attempts at Lean production, Ohno's book explains how Lean principles can improve any production endeavor. A historical and philosophical description of just-in-time and Lean manufacturing, this work is a must read for all students of human progress. On a more practical level, it continues to provide inspiration and instruction for those seeking to improve efficiency through the elimination of waste.

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Just-in-Time (JIT) production methods are the rage, as non-Japanese companies attempt to mimic Oriental manufacturers (see Edward J. Hay, *The Just in Time Breakthrough*, LJ 4/15/88). These methods originated at the Toyota Co. after World War II, and Ohno is philosophical father of the techniques. This volume represents the English translation of his original commentaries, first published in Japan in 1978. More a philosophical commentary and history than an applications manual, it not only presents compelling examples of JIT implementation at Toyota, but also illustrates the mindset behind the system, especially the critical importance of teamwork and the premeditated effort to develop automation with a human touch. Recommended more for historians of JIT than practitioners. Gene R. Laczniak, Marquette Univ., MilwaukeeCopyright 1988 Reed

Text: English, Japanese (translation)

I am going to say - these things translated from Japanese are a trick to read. They don't flow like an English author - but the data in them reveals a different way of thinking - that I will say is the essence of the East. I see how the Japanese took Henry Ford's seminal 'eliminate waste' and took it to a new level, where Ford Motor Company didn't - they had to relearn it from the Japanese... (forgive my blasphemy!). It's Eastern thought applied to a production system and out comes something brilliant. Its 5-star data that you have to dig in and really digest due to the difference in the languages.

The delivery was highly on time; the book is brand new as expected. The rating chosen is consequently five stars. I appreciate the very fine service. Concerning the book I concluded that it is a classic on the topic; Ohno is very didactic explaining the Toyota production System, I'm a lecturer and I'm recommending this book to colleagues and students,

An excellent overview of the main concepts of lean manufacturing: finding waste, JIT, kanban, production leveling, flow, automation with a human touch, reduced set-up times, the "5 why", etc. Explanations are to the point and easy to understand. What makes this book unique is that the author was THE pioneer who brought most of these concepts to life. In the last chapters of the book he does a good job at putting his approach in perspective with earlier developments at Toyota, Ford, and GM.

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This book is full of incredible insights and teachings about manufacturing and specifically TPS. However if you are looking for a specific tool, rule or spreadsheet to help you this is not the book for you. The best stuff is woven into the fabric of the book as Ohno's goal was to teach people a management philosophy and approach to solving problems versus specific insights about a machine or particular manufacturing line.

Nice book. Best lean book out there today.

The book was in good conditions, as the seller said. Now, about the book, I believe it's a reference for all operation managers, will give you real inside on why was TPS developed and the importance of its implementation in more fields even 40 years later.

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