

KAIZEN

Kaizen - continuous improvement - is an approach to productivity improvement. This approach combines Lean manufacturing tools to incorporate team empowerment, brainstorming, and problem solving to rapidly make improvements to a specific product or a part of an organization.

Goals of Kaizen -

- To eliminate waste
- To assist in the standardization of work
- To humanize the workplace
- To eliminate hard work (both mental and physical)
- To teach workers how to learn to identify and eliminate waste

A “Kaizen Blitz” or “Kaizen Event” is an intensive and focused approach to process improvement. During the event, participants use Lean techniques to rapidly make improvements to a specific area or process. The Kaizen event provides immediate tangible results and motivation for ongoing continuous improvements.

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