

Monthly Messenger

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The Customer-Centric Results of Our Quick Response Manufacturing

Recently, Spee-Dee President and CEO, David Navin, along with Project Managers Adam Mulder and Danny Harmann, spoke at the Center for Quick Response Manufacturing's 2017 International Conference about our journey so far implementing QRM and our Listen, SET, Go approach.

Spee-Dee started down the QRM road in early 2013, and by the end of that year, what would become our S manufacturing cell was beginning to take shape. The full SET (Sustain-Enhance-Transform) plan was developed over the course of 2014, and by 2015 we reconfigured our shop layout, and several departments had fully adopted a QRM workflow. Last year, we focused on implementing the E and T manufacturing cells.

We've come a long way, and customers are already seeing positive results. One of the main goals was to improve our lead times and on-time delivery by keeping larger projects from draining resources and attention from other client orders.

The Sustain cell has shown tremendous success. In 2015, it shipped 53 machines with an average lead time of 10-12 weeks. Last year, the Sustain cell shipped 81 machines with an average lead time of just 6-8 weeks.

The Enhance and Transform cells are also making great strides in terms of lead time. The average lead time has dropped by several weeks for both manufacturing cells, and we've also seen other positive changes internally. The new process has improved our core communication, which reduces downtime between departments so we can streamline the production process.

Trusting the individual cells to make decisions and take ownership of their work was key. Expectations and deadlines are now clearly communicated, and priorities and deadlines are set by the cells themselves. Management's weekly production meeting now takes only 15 minutes, instead of an hour; the sales team is more confident in handing off orders to engineering; and the engineering team understands more clearly what the production team needs.

The end result for every Spee-Dee customer, large and small, is faster delivery of higher quality machinery.

TWO NEW INNOVATIONS AT PACK EXPO LAS VEGAS



Spee-Dee will have two new products at PACK EXPO Las Vegas; both designed to help you improve your line efficiency:

Stand-alone checkweigher – This competitively priced unit has no electrical box and uses "magnetic force restoration" for maximized durability and accuracy.

3600 auger filler, integrated with an automatic conveyor line and an independent checkweigh feature – This space-saving system is a cost-effective solution for your dry fill packaging operation. This model will be shown with a changeover-friendly split hopper.

Spee-Dee is offering FREE registration to PACK EXPO Las Vegas, September 25–27.

Use these four easy steps to see these Spee-Dee exclusives for free!

1. Go to the PACK EXPO site: www.PackExpoLasVegas.com
2. Click on the REGISTER button.
3. Use complimentary code **56G71** when you register.
4. See both machines at booth C-4209.

Our filling experts will be there to guide you to your perfect packaging solution.