

Perfection - lean manufacturing rests on the concept of continually striving for perfection via continued process improvements. It involves targeting the root causes of quality issues and ferreting out and eliminating waste across the value stream.

Advantages of Lean Manufacturing

1. *Saves time and money*: more efficient workflows, resource allocation, and production can benefit businesses regardless of size or output. Time saving allows for reduced lead times and better service in providing products quickly to customers but can also help save money by allowing for a more streamlined workforce.
2. *Environmentally friendly*: removing unnecessary processes can save costs in energy and fuel use. This has an obvious environmental benefit as does the use of more energy efficient equipment which can also offer cost savings.
3. *Improved customer satisfaction*: improving the delivery of a product or service at the right cost to a customer improves customer satisfaction. This is essential to business success as happy customers are more likely to return or recommend your product or service to others.

Disadvantages of Lean Manufacturing

1. *Employee effort*: by focusing on removing waste and streamlining procedures it is possible to overlook the stresses placed on employees who are given the little margin for error in the workplace.
2. *Stops future development*: lean manufacturing's inherent focus on cutting waste can lead management to over focus on the present and disregard the future. However, these may be important to a company's legacy and future development.