

Lean Thinking at Lantech

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Operations Management

LANTECH

Company Profile and Background

- Lantech founded the Stretch Wrapping industry in 1972
- It is the world's largest stretch wrapper Manufacturer
- Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky USA, with manufacturing and sales operations in the U.S. and Europe.
- Lantech products are sold and serviced by a worldwide network of 175 distributor locations.

In 1972 when Pat Lancaster (Company Founder) was 29, he had his big idea: a new way for manufacturers to wrap their products for shipment. He and his brother invested \$300 in simple metalworking tools to build their first wrapping machine, rented in a small warehouse, and went to work under the name Lantech.

Lancaster's idea was a device that would stretch-wrap pallets of goods with plastic film so that they could be shipped easily from plant to plant within a manufacturing system and then onward, as finished products, to wholesalers and retailers.

SOLUTION!

New Production Process

- Continuous Flow, Cell Production

New Order Process

- Continuous Flow

New Product Development

- Dedicated “*Kaikaku*” Teams work together in one location