

Training

5S — The Basics of Workplace Organization

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What Is the Goal of 5S?

5S is a Lean method intended to implement order in the workplace.

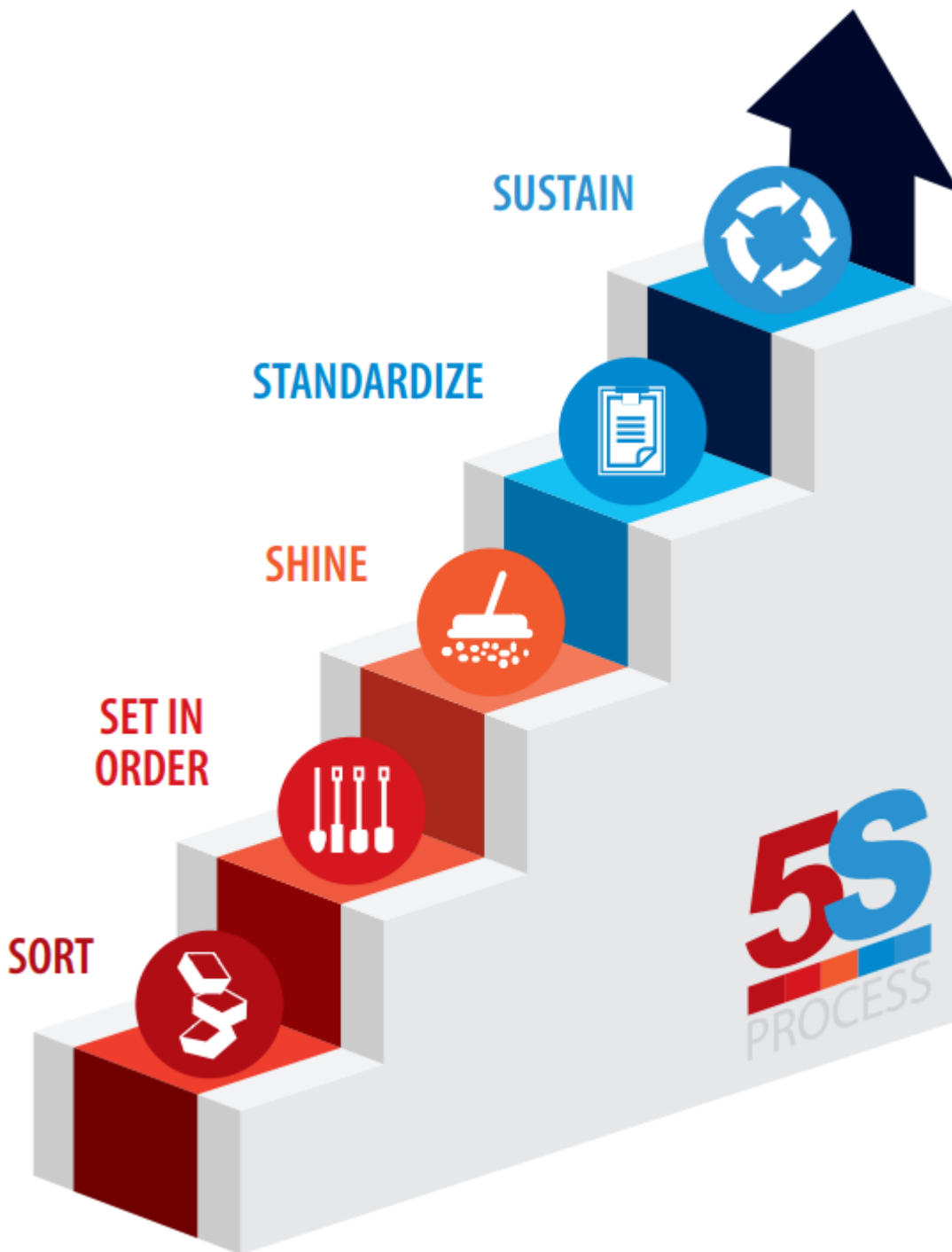
- The goal of 5S is to improve efficiency by eliminating various wastes, including the waste of motion and time spent looking for tools, materials or information.
- Other benefits include improved safety and morale due to a more effective work environment.

What Is the 5S Process?

- **SORT**
Purge and organize work area.
- **SET IN ORDER**
Understand where items belong to be easily accessible when needed.
- **SHINE**
Clean work area to be free of dirt and clutter.
- **STANDARDIZE**
Document and enforce/reward successful 5S behaviors.
- **SUSTAIN**
Continuously audit and improve process.

Follow every step with Safety!

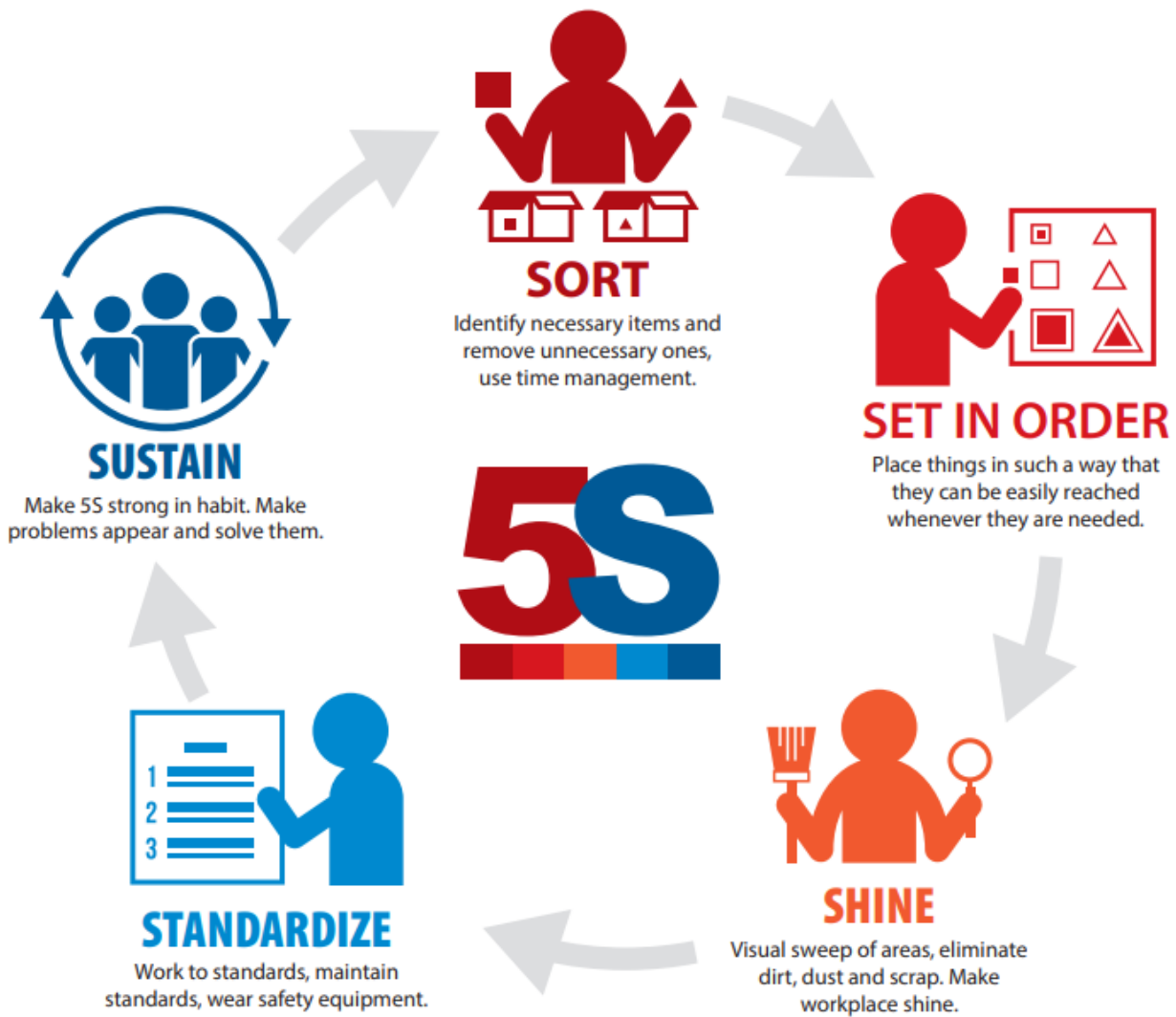
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Why Use 5S?

- Remove waste from the workplace.
- Provide an environment where continuous improvement is encouraged and embraced.

- Create a culture of discipline.
- Improve safety.
- Improve quality.



The 8 Lean Manufacturing Wastes — 5S Addresses Downtime

- Defects
- Over-production
- Waiting
- Non-utilized people
- Transportation
- Inventory in excess
- Motion
- Extra processing

1) SORT — Decide What Is Needed

Definition

- To sort necessary and unnecessary items.
- ~~Store~~ Store items:
 - Often-used items remain in the work area.
 - Infrequently used items move away from the work area.
 - Not needed items are disposed of.

Why?

- Remove waste.
- Create a safer work area.
- Increase space.
- Visualize the process easier.

Things to Remember

- Start in one area, then sort through everything.
- Discuss use of items with all persons involved.
- Use appropriate decontamination, environmental and safety procedures.
- Items that cannot be removed immediately should be tagged for later removal to a red tag holding area.
- If necessary, use movers and riggers.

What Is a Red Tag Holding Area?

- A designated, central storage location for all workplace 5S activity. It holds rarely used items that are managed and sorted by an assigned employee.

How to Use the Red Tag Method:

- Place items with red tags from sorted areas into the Red Tag holding area.
- Keep items highly visible.
- Clearly label items.
- Assign a Red Tag Manager.
- Document rules for:
 - Placing items in Red Tag area
 - Removal of items
 - Disposition of items



2) SET IN ORDER — Arranging Necessary Items

Definition

- To arrange all necessary items in a designated place that is easily visible and accessible.

Why?

- Visually show what is required or is out of place.
- Efficiently find items and documents (silhouettes/labels).
- Save time by not having to search for items.
- Travel shorter distances.

Things to Remember

- Things used together should be kept together.
- Use labels, tape, floor markings, signs, and shadow outlines.
- Shareable items are kept at a central location (eliminates excess).

A place for everything and everything in its place.



3) SHINE — Cleaning the Workplace

Definition

- To clean everything and develop the process to make keeping it clean a part of your everyday work.

Why?

- A clean workplace indicates a quality product and process.
- Dust and dirt cause product contamination and potential health hazards.
- A clean workplace helps identify abnormal conditions.

Things to Remember

- "Everything in its place" frees up time for cleaning.
- Use an office or facility layout as a visual aid to identify individual responsibilities for cleaning. This eliminates "no man's land."
- Cleaning the work area removes the "grime" of the day to start fresh for success tomorrow.

4) STANDARDIZE — Creating Consistency

Definition

- To set expectations and processes to make 5S the everyday standard for your workplace.

Why?

- Maintain the workplace at a level that uncovers problems and makes them obvious.
- Sustain sorting, storage and shining activities every day.
- Continuously improve your office or facility by continuous assessment and action.

Things to Remember

- Always keep the workplace neat enough for visual identifiers to be effective in uncovering hidden problems.
- Develop a system that enables everyone in the workplace to see problems when they occur.

5) SUSTAIN — Maintaining the 5S

Definition

- To maintain and encourage the implemented 5S procedures on a daily basis through regular checks and recognition programs.

Why?

- Build 5S into our everyday process.
- Allow the 5S process time to flourish.
- Create opportunities for workplace and production improvement.

Things to Remember

- Develop schedules and checklists.
- Good habits are hard to establish.
- Commitment and discipline toward housekeeping are essential first steps toward being world class.

5S Cheat Sheet

1		SORT	Remove all items that are not used or needed in the work area.	“When in doubt, move it out!”
2		SET IN ORDER	Find the best location for remaining items, set inventory limits, and place temporary labels, lines and signboards.	“A place for everything and everything in its place!”
3		SHINE	Clean, repair, and paint everything, inside and out. Prevent dirt, grime, and contamination from reoccurring. Inspect while cleaning.	“Make it clean and keep it clean”
4		STANDARDIZE	Write 5S SWIS for maintaining and controlling the first 3.	“Quality processes on time every time!”
5		SUSTAIN	With Management support, use 5S Board, Monthly audits and recognition.	“The most difficult – just do it!”