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New Supplier Introduction. Risk Minimization through Supplier Quality Management using the Example of a Chinese Automotive Supplier Oct 26 2022 Diploma Thesis from the year 2018 in the subject Engineering - Mechanical Engineering, grade: 1.3, University of applied sciences Frankfurt a. M., language: English, abstract: This thesis will examine supplier risk management and provide prospects to minimize these risks. Thus, the thesis will identify latent quality risks for automotive companies by introducing unknown suppliers and discloses methodological measures to minimize proactively such risks through the systematic of supplier quality management. The research is going to contribute a solution approach on this research problem that can be applied as a guideline to minimize supplier quality risks. Consequently, the theoretical framework for quality management and risk management will be examined by this thesis and existing tools and methods are compiled. A research study will be elaborated with findings and analysis from expert's knowledge. These research findings will be combined subsequently with the theoretical framework and will culminate in a recommended approach to achieve supplier risk minimization. With an increasing demand, the automotive industry must deal with the reliability of vehicles and components. The success of many companies is based on the quality of their products, especially for companies operating successfully on the global market. In fact, all the car manufacturers as well as their suppliers are expanding their production capacities in the growth region China. Thereby new, innovative suppliers need to be established which are quality-capable. Of great importance is high quality, absolute delivery reliability together with unrivaled low prices. Stable partnerships are required with suppliers to rely on in the long-term. A New Supplier Introduction represents a risk for quality particularly when the supplier starts from a Greenfield. The major problem when nominating new suppliers is that th

Proceedings of the International Symposium for Production Research 2019 Dec 04 2020 This book discusses the conference that forms a unique platform to bring together academicians and practitioners from industrial engineering and management engineering as well as from other disciplines working on production function applying the tools of operational research and production/operational management. Topics treated include: computer-aided manufacturing, Industry 4.0, big data and analytics, flexible manufacturing systems, fuzzy logic, industrial applications, information technologies in production management, optimization, production economy, production planning and control, productivity and performance management, project management, quality management, risk analysis and management, and supply chain management. The Ignition Switch from Hell Nov 22 2019 in 2014, automakers in the United States more than doubled their previous all-time record for automotive safety recalls. The most prominent recall was for a defective ignition switch in General Motors vehicles that caused cars to stall and airbags to fail in a crash, prompting a legal, financial and public relations problems that led to the defective part. The

prominent recall was for a defective ignition switch in General Motors vehicles that caused cars to stall and airbags to fail in a crash, prompting a legal, financial and public relations nightmare for the company. "The lgnition Switch from Hell" examines the engineering, managerial and supplier relations problems that led to the defective part. The book provides suggestions on how GM management can improve vehicle quality assurance, including case studies of quality assurance systems from Japanese suppliers. Sustainable Supply Chain Management Nov 03 2020 This book presents the current causes and effects of implementing sustainable supply chain management (SSCM) as well as green supply chain management (GSCM) strategies in the automotive industry. The reader is provided a detailed scientific review on SSCM and GSCM and presented the advantages of sustainable development concepts as well as factors causing the implementation of SSCM such as buyers' behavior, governmental regulations, and competitiveness. The book then analyses the current situation of SSCM development, particularly in the automotive industry. It shows challenges, barriers, successes, and benefits that automotive companies obtain from implementing GSCM. Through case studies on leading German car manufacturers VW, BMW, and Daimler, the necessary activities of these companies to implement green development in the entire supply chain, including green supplier selection, green materials, green transportation, and reverse logistics, are defined. Moreover, a benchmark with companies from Asian markets such as Toyota from Japan and Geely from China is performed.

Beyond the Iron Rice Bowl Apr 27 2020 A unique account of labor relations in the modern Chinese economy, Beyond the Iron Rice Bowl brings together more than thirty indepth case studies of key multinational, Chinese, and overseas Chinese enterprises in the automotive, electronic, and garment industries. Analyzing the regimes of production

and their segmentations in the context of global and national production networks, the authors discuss Chinese and international industrial relations theory and labor sociology and explore the perspectives of collective bargaining, trade union reform, and democratic workplace representation in China.

Model Development of Logistical and Economic Performance Evaluation as Decision Support Jul 23 2022 Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 2008 in the subject Business economics - Supply, Production, Logistics, grade: erfolgreich bestanden, University of Bratislava, language: English, abstract: The competitive environment of the supplier industry has changed vitally during recent years. Significant changes of the market environment result from increasing complexity and dynamics due to increased equipment diversity and the reduction of the model lifespan of the OEM's vehicles. Additionally, the cost pressure is growing and the in-house production depth and the customer individual ways of supply are reduced, which results in extensive changes to the supply chain. In order to meet dynamic requirements in the changed competitive environment and to react on the related necessary modifications of company structures with appropriate measures, a significant improvement of the changeability and velocity of the supplier companies regarding the current market situation must occur. However, these demanded changeability, or designing exercise of influence, and velocity imply primarily that companies have knowledge about the own technical and economics effects based on the dynamic demands of the OEM. Furthermore, an active, realistic decision finding always implies the consideration of interrelations both of internal (inside the production plant) and external supply chains (for instance the delivery concept between supplier and customer) of a logistical system. Additionally, the demand of a flexibly designed supply chain applies. From this perspective, the impression arises that logistical systems for decision-making and support do not require isolated standard tools but individual models and development methods that comply with their specific character. As a result, a procedure for model development including the realisation of an industry specific, system supported logistical cost effect model to illustrate and evalu

Quick Die Change Nov 15 2021 Quick die change is a complex process that is vital to the modern press shop and essential for maintaining product uniformity, quality and profitability. This book, written by industry press and die expert, David Smith, is filled with engineering know-how, sound management principles, and the history and theory behind quick die change. The book is an excellent reference tool for advanced die setters, engineering managers, production managers, manufacturing engineers, and anyone interested in improving die setting and changing operations.

The Tale of Two Supply Chains Oct 22 2019 Toyota and General Motors have a long and competitive history in Automotive products and a unique supply chain structure between them. The Tale of Two Supply Chain connects the dots between the the success and pitfalls of these unique Supply Chains, contrasting their philosophies, strategies and tactics. The book is about how to position YOUR COMPANY by choosing the right mix. The book is divided into two parts - a narrative and the Supply Chain theory. Together the two elements provide the context for each action. The background narrative follows the parallel story of two men, Steven and Kevin Radue, managing the supply chains at two large Automotive companies. The first company is struggling to find its way back to lead in quality, after an astounding 30% growth since 2001. In growing its supply base across oceans, it has lost its quality controls and customer focus. The second company is struggling to meet its new product launches and reach leader status in cost margins, after the company's recent financial reorganization. This is their story, their struggles, and their way forward. The book is based on an outside-in perspective from the results of a multi-year study with in-depth supplier surveys, conducted in the US and in Asia. While each company, goes through a painful evolution in products and supply chain, this book is presented in an easy to digest format, so that businesses can learn the linkage between the supply chain philosophies, strategies and the tactics. By tuning in this process, business can learn how to: - Improve Supply Chain processes and speed of execution, two to three times.- Build-in quality with every employee, every supplier, and at every process.- Eliminate costs due to waste in the supply process.- Build quality into workplace systems and make standard processes.- Apply counter-intuitive solutions, such as through Lean, One-piece flow and Theory of Constraints.- Understand how to develop supply chain into a competitive advantage.

Factors Affecting the Implementation of a Total Productive Maintenance System (TPM) Jan 05 2021 Inhaltsangabe:Abstract: Modern manufacturing requires that organisations that want to be successful and to achieve world-class manufacturing must posses both effective and efficient maintenance. One approach to improve the performance of maintenance activities is to implement a Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) system. The aim of this dissertation is to prove that the introduction of a TPM system is by no means an easy task, because there are several barriers that encumber the implementation process, the driving forces to success have to be identified and well understood, and a process of organisational change has to be managed successfully. The study analyses impediments, barriers and obstacles to the implementation procedure and discovers key success factors concluding with a conceptual framework for a successful TPM implementation. The dissertation also examines the challenge of managing change within the TPM context and identifies that such a TPM journey requires employee and management commitment to be successful. Through a case study of implementing TPM in an automotive supplier company, the practical aspect within and beyond basic TPM theory and problems encountered during the implementation are discussed and analysed. The paper concludes that the implementation of TPM is definitely not an easy task, which is considerably burdened by organisational, behavioural and other barriers, and necessitates the difficult mission to change peoples mindsets from a traditional maintenance approach. Inhaltsverzeichnis: Title page01 Declaration and Word Count02 Abstract03 Acknowledgements04 Table of contents05 List of figures09 CHAPTER IINTRODUCTION10 1.1Importance of TPM10 1.2Problem statement and objectives11 1.3Research methods12 1.4Structure of the study13 CHAPTER 2LITERATURE REVIEW14 2.1Defining TPM14 2.2Basic concept14 2.3Performance measurement17 2.4New roles of operators and maintenance staff19 2.5The JIPM s 12 step

Handbook of Research on Digital Transformation, Industry Use Cases, and the Impact of Disruptive Technologies Jul 31 2020 Companies from various sectors of the economy are confronted with the new phenomenon of digital transformation and are faced with the challenge of formulating and implementing a company-wide strategy to incorporate what are often viewed as "disruptive" technologies. These technologies are sometimes associated with significant and extremely rapid change, in some cases with even the replacement of established business models. Many of these technologies have been deployed in unison by leading-edge companies acting as the catalyst for significant process change and people skills enhancement. The Handbook of Research on Digital Transformation, Industry Use Cases, and the Impact of Disruptive Technologies examines the phenomenon of digital transformation and the impact of disruptive technologies through the lens of industry case studies where different combinations of these new technologies have been deployed and incorporated into enterprise IT and business strategies. Covering topics including chatbot implementation, multinational companies, cloud computing, internet of things, artificial intelligence, big data and analytics, immersive technologies, and social media, this book is essential for senior management, IT managers, technologists, computer scientists, cybersecurity analysts, academicians, researchers, IT consultancies, professors, and students.

Skills Development for Sustainable Manufacturing May 21 2022 Globally, manufacturing facilities have taken a new turn with a mix of advanced robotics to fully unify production systems. Today's era of manufacturing has embraced smart manufacturing techniques by delving into intelligent manufacturing system of advances in robotics, controllers, sensors, and machine learning giving room for every aspect of the plant to be constantly accessible, monitored, controlled, redesigned, and adapted for required adjustments. Skill development within the manufacturing sector presents the advantage of high-quality products and can as well address long-term employment concerns through job creation. The development of skills for sustainable manufacturing is crucial to ensuring an efficient transition to a competitive economy by matching supply and demand for key skills. A number of factors ranging from green innovation, climate change, advances in technology, and global economic downturn are driving the need for a competitive and sustainable manufacturing value chain. The complexity of today's factories calls for new and existing workers to up-skill in order to influence design changes and production efficiency toward sustainable manufacturing.

Strategic Supply Management Feb 24 2020 Supply management, the management of suppliers, and improved supply base relationships are hot topics. This highly readable book presents a framework for achieving sustainable competitive advantage through progressive supply management leadership and approaches. It presents in a concise yet informative manner the need for supply leadership, the organizational enablers that must be in place, and the strategies and approaches that leading organizations pursue to achieve advantages in price and cost, quality, cycle time, technology, flexibility, and end customer responsiveness. Strategic Supply Management includes a logical and comprehensive framework that features findings and insights gained from over seven major supply management research projects and dozens of case visits with leading companies.

High Integrity Die Casting Processes Apr 20 2022 "It's about time that a practicing engineer with casting and academic experience has written a book that provides answers to questions about squeeze casting and semi-solid molding/forming that many engineers and students of casting need answered." —Joseph C. Benedyk, PhD, Consultant and retired technical director, Alcoa High Integrity Die Casting Processes provides a comprehensive look at the concepts behind advanced die casting technologies, including vacuum die casting, squeeze casting, and several variants of semi-solid metalworking. Practical applications for these processes are illustrated in numerous case studies. This single-source reference tool presents the latest material in five sections: Basic concepts of die casting and molten metal flow High integrity die casting processes with case studies Product design considerations Controlling quality and avoiding defects Future advances under development Key coverage includes a survey of liquid metal flow, strategies to overcome the limitations of conventional die casting, and potential defects unique to high integrity die casting processes. Also featured are methods for minimizing porosity, reducing cost by design, practical applied statistical process control techniques, designing for manufacturability, and containment methods for potential processing defects. Several chapters present detailed real-world examples illustrating the broad range of applications possible using high integrity die casting processes. Included with this book is a CD-ROM containing PowerPoint(r) presentations for each chapter. These presentations can be used for training purposes in conjunction with numerous study questions designed to practically apply the content of the book to real-world situations. Selected PowerPoint(r) slides can be used to support engineering proposals, marketing presentations, or customer education seminars. High Integrity Die Casting Processes is a valuable reference for both component producers and component

The Takeover Dispute between Schaeffler Group and Continental AG (Case Study) May 09 2021 Bachelor Thesis from the year 2010 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,0, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Institute for International Marketing Management), language: English, abstract: Case Summary The German based Schaeffler Group is privately owned by Maria Elisabeth Schaeffler and her Son Georg Schaeffler. In 2007 the company was the world's second-largest manufacturer of ball bearings. In order to become the world leader in the automotive components industry, on 15 July 2008, Schaeffler launched a bid to acquire publicly-held Continental AG, the world's six-largest automotive components supplier. After fiercely opposing the bid, Continental ultimately accepted Schaeffler's offer, but compelled Schaeffler to sign an investment agreement which was largely in its favor. Schaeffler's bid was a bold move, considering the fact that it was nearly three times

smaller than Continental. Also, financing the acquisition and taking over Continental's businesses during times of severe global financial and economic crises was a big challenge. Key Issues The student's task is to analyze the case from the point of view of Schaeffler's Owner Maria Elisabeth and Georg Schaeffler on January 6, 2010, after Continental's share issue of 31 million new stocks. The reader will learn why it is useful for companies to buy others and with which strategy Schaeffler used for its takeover. Furthermore an analysis of the share price will show the student how mergers influence the company's value on the stock exchange.

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The Japanese Automotive Industry Mar 19 2022 As the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies reflected on the deteriorating position of the domestic auto industry in the fall of 1980, and the strong competitive threat being posed by the Japanese automakers, we were struck by the extraordinary low quality of the public discussion of these critical issues. The national importance of the issues seemed only matched by the superficality of the analyses being offered. The tendency to think in terms of scapegoats was particularly evident. The Japanese as the basic cause of our problems has been a particularly notable theme. To be sure, cooperation with the Japanese in formulating a rational overall trade policy may be an important part of the solution. It has also been fashionable to blame it all on American auto industry management for not concentrating on the production of small cars when "everyone knew" that was the thing to do. Alternatively, government meddling was blamed for all our problems. Clearly, the complex problem we faced required more penetrating analyses. It seemed therefore, that the time was ripe for a public seminar which moved beyond the rhetoric of the moment and probed some of the deeper causes of our problems and possible directions for future policy. In holding the January 1981 auto conference, the Center took it as their task to begin addressing the critical issues facing the industry, with particular, but not exclusive, attention to examining the role of the Japanese auto industry. They had in mind not to simply conduct a rational discussion of the trade issue but to probe the sources of Japanese competitive strength, especially those features whose study might profit them. In these proceedings, they bring those discussions to a wider audience. Question and answer sessions at the conference were necessarily short and a few speakers delivered abbreviated remarks; this volume restores a number of omissions, and provides additional answers to some pertinent questions put by the audienc

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New Advances in Vehicular Technology and Automotive Engineering Jan 17 2022 An automobile was seen as a simple accessory of luxury in the early years of the past century. However, in the present days it's undeniable the amount of technology and human effort applied by the vehicular industry for developing high?quality vehicles, but still, cheap for the common person. In this context, this book tries not only to fill a gap by presenting new and updated subjects related to the vehicular technology and to the automotive engineering but also to provide guidelines for future research. This book is a result of many valuable contributions from worldwide experts of automotive's field. The amount and type of contributions were judiciously selected to cover as possible the widest range of research. The most recent and cutting?edge subjects can be found in this book, e.g., electronics, mechanics, materials, and manufacturing.

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New Frontiers of the Automobile Industry May 29 2020 Analysing developments in digital technologies and institutional changes, this book provides an overview of the current frenetic state of transformation within the global automobile industry. An ongoing transition brought about by the relocation of marketing, design and production centres to emerging economies, and experimentation with new mobility systems such as electrical, autonomous vehicles, this process poses the question as to how original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and newcomers can remain competitive and ensure sustainability. With contributions from specialists in the automobile sector, this collection examines the shifts in power and geographical location occurring in the industry, and outlines the key role that public policy has in generating innovation in entrepreneurial states. Offering useful insights into the challenges facing emerging economies in their attempts to grow within the automobile industry, this book will provide valuable reading for those researching internationalization and emerging markets, business strategy and more specifically, the automotive industry.

Operations Management in Automotive Industries Dec 16 2021 This book has proved its worth over the years as a text for courses in Production Management at the Faculty of Automotive Engineering in Turin, Italy, but deserves a wider audience as it presents a compendium of basics on Industrial Management, since it covers all major topics required. It treats all subjects from product development and "make or buy"-decision strategies to the manufacturing systems setting and management through analysis of the main resources needed in production and finally exploring the supply chain management and the procurement techniques. The very last chapter recapitulates the previous ones by analysing key management indicators to pursue the value creation that is the real purpose of every industrial enterprise. As an appendix, a specific chapter is dedicated to the basics of production management where all main relevant definitions, techniques and criteria are treated, including some numerical examples, in order to provide an adequate foundation for understanding the other chapters. This book will be of use not only to Automotive Engineering students but a wide range of readers who wish to gain insight in the world of automotive engineering and the automotive industry in general.

Supply Chain Resilience Management: Is the Japanese Automotive Supply Chain resilient enough? Sep 25 2022 Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Business economics - Supply, Production, Logistics, grade: Distinction, University of Manchester (Manchester Business School), language: English, abstract: Since 1980's the Japanese car manufacturing industry has been celebrated as the most efficient car industry in the world regarding production systems and processes. However, on 16 July 2007 this efficiency of the entire Japanese automotive industry was challenged when an earthquake hit the Chuetsu region in Japan and decimated a small but critical portion of its supply chain. Riken Corp., a supplier of automobile engine components such as piston rings, was this critical sup-ply chain bit. Its failure to operate after the event caused a chain reaction of plant closures of the main eight Japanese car manufacturers and parallelised nearly 70 per cent of the world biggest auto production industry. The underlying qualitative study adopts some conceptual supply chain resilience management models available in the academic literature as theoretical lenses to analyze the Riken Corp. case. The main argument of this research paper is that while the Japanese automotive supply chain is capable of delivering an efficient and effective response to and recovery from an interruption, it, however, lacks the capability of event readiness, which is the active resilience preparation for a supply chain disruption.

The Automotive Body Manufacturing Systems and Processes Jul 11 2021 A comprehensive and dedicated guide to automotive production lines, The Automotive Body Manufacturing Systems and Processes addresses automotive body processes from the stamping operations through the final assembly activities. To begin, it discusses current metal forming practices, including stamping engineering, die development, and dimensional validation, and new innovations in metal forming, such as folding based forming, super-plastic, and hydro forming technologies. The first section also explains details of automotive spot welding (welding lobes), arc welding, and adhesive bonding, in addition to flexible fixturing systems and welding robotic cells. Guiding readers through each stage in the process of automotive painting, including the calculations needed to compute the number of applicators and paint consumption based on vehicle dimensions and demand, along with the final assembly and automotive mechanical fastening strategies, the book's systematic coverage is unique. The second module of the book focuses on the layout strategies of the automotive production line. A discussion of automotive aggregate planning and master production scheduling ensures that the reader is familiar with operational aspects. The book also reviews the energy emissions and expenditures of automotive production processes and proposes new technical solutions to reduce environmental impact. Provides extensive technical coverage of automotive production processes, discussing flexible stamping, welding and painting lines Gives complete information on automotive production costing as well as the supplier selection process Covers systems from the operational perspective, describing the aggregate and master production planning Details technical aspects of flexible automotive manufacturing lines Methodically discusses the layout and location strategies of automotive manufacturing systems to encompass the structural elements Features topic-related questions with

Brand Intimacy Jul 19 2019 From Patagonia to Apple, Whole Foods to New Balance, we love our favorite products--and, by extension, the companies that provide them. The emotional connections we form with our beloved brands and services are important relationships-relationships that are potentially worth billions. In the fast-paced, constantly-changing world of the modern marketplace, brands must adapt or perish—strategies, methods, and techniques must evolve to remain effective and relevant. Are you using yesterday's thinking for tomorrow's challenges? Brand Intimacy details ways to build better marketing through the cultivation of emotional connections between brand and consumer. The book provides lessons for marketers and business leaders alike who are seeking to understand these ultimate brand relationships and the opportunities they represent. Divided into three sections, Brand Intimacy starts with Context and Understanding. This explains today's marketing landscape, the effects of technology, consumer behaviors and the advancements around decision making. Through research we discovered that people form relationships with brands the same way they develop relationships with other people. This section provides guidance on how to think about complimentary concepts such as loyalty, satisfaction and brand value. We then explore and compare established approaches and methodologies and showcase why intimacy is a compelling new and enhanced opportunity to build your brand or market your business. The second section, Theory and Model reveals and dimensions the brand intimacy model and dissects it into steps to help you better factor it into your marketing approaches or frameworks. Here you will learn the core concepts and components that are essential to build bonds and the role emotion can play to help you achieve greater customer engagement. You can also review the rankings of the best brands in terms of Brand Intimacy. A summary of our annual research reveals the characteristics of best performers, the most intimat

marketing paradigm for the modern marketer.

Software Quality. Complexity and Challenges of Software Engineering in Emerging Technologies Jun 17 2019 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 9th Software Quality Days Conference, SWQD 2017, held in Vienna, Austria, in January 2017. The SWQD conference offers a range of comprehensive and valuable information by presenting new ideas from the latest research papers, keynote speeches by renowned academics and industry leaders, professional lectures, exhibits, and tutorials. The 4 full papers and 7 short papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 21 submissions. They were organized in topical sections named: model-driven development and configuration management; software development and quality assurance; software quality assurance in industry; crowdsourcing in software engineering; software testing and traceability; and process improvement. The book also contains one keynote talk in full paper length.

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The American and Japanese Auto Industries in Transition Mar 07 2021 This report was prepared for the Policy Board by the U.S. and Japanese research staffs of the Joint U.S.—Japan Automotive Study under the general direction of Professors Paul W. McCracken and Keichi Oshima, with research operations organized and coordinated by Robert E. Cole on the U.S. side, in close communication with the Taizo Yakushiji on the Japanese side. [preface] In view of the importance of stable, long-term economic relationships between Japan and the United States, automotive issues have to be dealt with in ways consistent with the joint prosperity of both countries. Furthermore, the current economic friction has the potential to adversely affect future political relationships. Indeed, under conditions of economic stagnation, major economic issues inevitably become political issues. With these considerations in mind, the Joint U.S.—Japan Automotive Study project was started in September 1981 to determine the conditions that will allow for the prosperous coexistence of the respective automobile industries. During this two-year study, we have identified four driving forces that will play a major role in determining the future course of the automotive industry of both countries. These are: (1) consumers' demands and aspirations vis-à-vis automobiles; (2) flexible manufacturing systems (FMS); (3) rapidly evolving technology; and (4) the internationalization of the automotive industry. [exec. summary]

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Entrepreneurs hip and Innovation in Automobile Insurance Oct 02 2020 Entrepreneurs play a central role in economic growth and development, but how they do so is the subject of considerable debate. This book explains that process through an historical case study of an automobile insurance entrepreneur, Samuel P. Black, Jr., and Erie Insurance, the company he helped build. It also recounts the largely untold history of American automobile insurance. One of this study's central themes is the role of innovation in the entrepreneurial process. The rise of Erie Insurance from a four-person enterprise in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1925 to the fourteenth largest property-casualty insurer today was the result, in part, of Black's relentless push to innovate. His continual efforts to cut costs, develop new products, satisfy customers, increase sales, and improve operations, all contributed greatly to the company's growth. A second theme is the automobile's dramatic impact on modern America. Its takeover of mass transportation provided the basis for the development of the automobile insurance industry and created many of the opportunities that Black and Erie Insurance capitalized on. These themes combine in the history of Black and Erie Insurance to illuminate the dynamic process by which the cultural, social, economic, and technological environment creates opportunities that entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial firms exploit, and how entrepreneurial actions stimulate economic growth.

Overcoming Knowledge Sharing Barriers through Communities of Practice Jan 25 2020 Managing knowledge for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of processes and for accelerating innovations is widely recognized as a major source of sustained competitive advantage. The growing importance of knowledge sharing has fostered the development of a growing body of research in different disciplinary areas and in different sectors. The analyses of the barriers that obstruct knowledge flows are paramount for improving organizational performance. The researcher has analyzed the literature on this argument and he has found that knowledge sharing barriers can be grouped into three main macro-dimensions: socio-psychological, technological and organizational. The author has analyzed the predicting power of the barriers that make knowledge sharing ineffective and the subsequent relationship with new product development performance in a big automotive R & D supplier. Raffaele Filieri adopts both qualitative and quantitative methods in an innovative way. The regression analysis and the analysis of a firms' proprietary process were used to measure the strength of knowledge sharing barriers on knowledge sharing efficacy and new product development performance. The social network analysis was used to map the intra-firm knowledge sharing network and to identify and to solve organizational problems. Through social network analysis, the researcher has obtained a better understanding of the informal work in the organization, showing how effectively engineers and scientists work, and how they structured their knowledge sharing networks. The recognition of a hidden network of collaboration has several implications; one of these is the creation of a community of practice for solving the problems previously identified.

Supply Chain and Logistics Management: Concepts. Methodologies, Tools, and Applications Jun 29 2020 Business practices are constantly evolving in order to meet growing customer demands. Evaluating the role of logistics and supply chain management skills or applications is necessary for the success of any organization or business. As market competition becomes more aggressive, it is crucial to evaluate ways in which a business can maintain a strategic edge over competitors. Supply Chain and Logistics Management: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a vital reference source that centers on the effective management of risk factors and the implementation of the latest supply management strategies. It also explores the field of digital supply chain optimization and business transformation. Highlighting a range of topics such as inventory management, competitive advantage, and transport management, this multi-volume book is ideally designed for business managers, supply chain managers, business professionals, academicians, researchers, and upper-level students in the field of supply chain management, operations management, logistics, and operations research.

Applied International Corporate Finance Dec 24 2019 Corporate Finance in der Praxis. The authors present all core aspects of Corporate Finance: M&A, Private Equity, Acquisition Financing, IPO, and Going Private. Furthermore, the techniques Due Diligence and Valuation are scrutinised. The book includes various case studies, which help to get a practical understanding and apply the techniques in the user 's day-to-day business. Investment bankers, lawyers, accountants, experts working in strategic departments, consultants, shareholders, management professionals, professors, and students seeking in-depth knowledge of Corporate Finance will profit from the book's practice oriented approach. The information supplement includes - for students: samples of final written examinations - for professors: Excel solutions for the final written examinations as well as a a course syllabus - for business professionals: a fully integrated Excel valuation model covering all spreadsheets analyzed in the valuation section of this book The authors Dr. Dr. Dietmar Ernst is Professor for International Finance at Nürtingen University (Germany) and Director of the German Institute of Corporate Finance. Dr. Dr. Joachim Häcker is Professor for Finance at Munich University. the University of Louisville (USA), as well as Director of the German Institute of Corporate Finance.

Automotive Disruption and the Urban Mobility Revolution Aug 12 2021 This book provides an integrated perspective of the automotive market for the next decade. It shows how customers and producers are shaping the market simultaneously and contends that the first steps of the mobility revolution have already been taken. It compels automotive companies to strike new paths to participate in this journey. The authors provide a comprehensive analysis of the automotive industry, including prevailing business models of OEMs and 'tier-n' automotive suppliers, the competitive environment they are embedded in as well as socio-economic changes affecting future market conditions. Subsequently, elements of the automotive disruption are presented; these enable the provision of novel urban mobility concepts and offer a new source for additional services accompanying the user. A comprehensive insight into consumer behavior, potential automotive business models which can be sustained by 2030, smart city models, transformation strategies, and diverse market penetration scenarios are also provided in the book. It also outlines the challenges and key actions that shape the automotive sector even beyond 2030 as well as knock-on effects across different industries arising from the technological and economic changes in the automotive market are projected. How To Diagnose and Repair Automotive Electrical Systems Aug 20 2019

Lean Six Sigma for Engineers and Managers Mar 27 2020 An in-depth introduction, Lean Six Sigma for Engineers and Managers: With Applied Case Studies presents a detailed road map and industry examples to help you understand and implement the LSS system. It discusses the LSS process to define improvement needs, measure current business performance, analyze performance results using statistical tools, im

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Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) and Control Plan Sep 01 2020