

### The Zero Defects Strategy



# **The Zero-Defects Strategy**

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- What is a Zero-Defects Strategy?
- The Zero-Defects Canvas
- How can gaps in the current Zero-Defects Strategy be identified based on the Canvas
- Roadmap for the Implementation of Zero-Defects
- > Details on Zero-Defects Health Check
- Successes

# Defects definition What are Defects? Do we have the same understanding of Defects?

#### **Defects are deviations from requirements!**

To make no, or only a very few mistakes, the requirements must be known and fulfilled!

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- Requirements are formulated by external and internal customers.
- The external customer provides requirements for the products as well as for the delivery and service process.



Internal process customers provide requirements on the upstream process steps.

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#### Goal definition

What is the Goal of Zero Defects? Basis of a strategy definition is the goal setting!

Basically, the goal is Zero Defects! But...

- $\succ$  ...it is enough to fulfill the requirements.
- Requirements are described by specifications.
- > The aim is therefore to comply with these specifications.



#### How we can measure the Goal?

>>> Price of Non-Conformance (PONC; quality measure) associated with the requirements

# Strategy definition What is a Zero-Defects Strategy

#### The strategy describes how a goal should be achieved in the medium or long term

- It has to be described what to do
- It has to be described **how** to proceed (in which steps)
- It must be described who should take over this task
- It must be described how long each step takes and what effort is associated with it



#### What is to be done?

Before we address the question of what to do, let's briefly review the situation in practice

# **Current problems in practice:**

- Requirements incomplete or not known
- Wrong or missing measures
- Wrong or missing methods
- No defined processes to ensure zero defects
- No or not enough resources



- Employees are not aware, lack desire, lack knowledge or don't have the ability
- Not enough management-attention (including change management)

#### What is to be done?

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# A complete description of what needs to be done has to consider all these issues

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#### The Zero-Defects CANVAS ensures a complete description of a Zero-Defects Strategy



### What is to be done? How is it derived from the canvas, what to do?

#### A canvas-based ideal condition description can be compared to the company situation



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# What is to be done?

# With the help of the canvas logic, defective processes become defect-free processes

#### Many companies handle process after process in this way



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<u>Building block</u>	Key question
Requirements	Who is the customer and what does the customer want?
Quality-Contr.	How can the fulfillment of the customer's request be measured and do we fulfill it?
Methods	What methods are necessary to eliminate the errors?
Processes	What troubleshooting processes need to be established?
Func. & Res.	Which organizational unit is responsible for these processes?
Employees	Are the employees able to apply these methods?
Leadership	How must management support the Zero-Defect Initiative?

Ideal state What is ideal?

For example in the area of requirements management

Ideal is:

A full list of all requirements translated into

measurable or evaluable quantities



# REQUIREMENTS

# Ideal state What means "full" or "completeness"?

#### **Completeness exists in two dimensions!**



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# Ideal state vs. company situation How can the gap between ideal condition and company situation be determined?

#### Via a questionnaire developed from years of experience from such projects





#### Questionnaire

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All requirements are clearly and unambiguously



At the end of the development phase, it is systematically ensured that all requirements

The recorded request list is always confirmed



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Ideal state vs. company situation

Requirement at system level was passed on at component level. The specification here meets the requirement at the system level.

# Example cascaded request.

At the end of the development phase, it is systematically ensured that all requirements are met!

Requirement on system level: Oil consumption below 0.1% diesel fuel consumption



Technical specifications of Oil Ring (**component level**): for example

Spring rate results from:

- Geometry (Diameter, cross section, etc.)
- Material (E-Modulus, etc.)



How is to proceed?

What does the procedure look like to approach the Zero-Defects target?

#### The roadmap consists of five steps



PONC = Price of non-conformance

#### **Content and requirements of the Preparation Phase**



Result:

- decision for project
- Requirements for health check

Requirements for Health Check:

- Data bases for: Warranty / Recall / Repair / Scrap / Rework / cost (price) of non-conformance
- Management support: to support and enable Resources for project
- Resources (Quality department, Controlling, e.g.)

#### **Content of Health Check**



Result:

- Gaps
- Quality measure (PONC)

Gaps and quality measure:

- Reflection of current conditions on all 7 Building Blocks of the CANVAS based on the building block specific questionnaire
- Gap description and valuation
- Actual status for Price of Non-Conformance (PONC) as baseline

### **Content of Concept**

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Result:

- Actions to close Gaps
- Project Plan and requirements
- PONC to be

- Conceptual design per building block based on the gaps
- Estimated impact of each action on PONC
- Project planning for implementation (steps, schedule, ressources, controlling)
- Release of the implementation
- > Define actions to close individual gaps w. r. t. change management

#### **Content of Implementation**



Result:

- Closed Gaps
- control mechanisms

Depends on the Gaps, e.g.:

- Methods an processes for requirements engineering
- Adapted quality controlling (PONC and others)
- Selected methodologies
- Improved quality processes
- Activities to increase company wide awareness for Zero-Defects
- Enabled people to use the methods (training, project coaching)
- Achieve critical mass for continuous improvement

### Content of Control

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Result:

monthly success
 Check (PONC)

- define actions to ensure sustainability and reinforcement
- standard operation procedures
- establish processes for continuous improvements
- Continuous monetary control (PONC)
- Project check out

# Duration & effort – total Project?

What does the process look like to approach the Zero-Defects target?

### Duration and effort



#### Details of Zero-Defects Health Check?

The purpose of the health check is to find the gaps in the companies Zero-Defects concept

#### **Procedure of health check**



# Details of Zero-Defects Health Check? **Practical example of gap analysis on building block level**

# Example of Gap-Analysis result (anonymized)



#### Details of Zero-Defects Health Check?

Practical example of gap analysis in the area of requirements engineering

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Project benefit? What benefit can such a project generate?

**Conclusion – Project Benefit** 

Based on experience:

- If not better known assume industry range of external non-conformance cost = 2 5% of sales (internal 15 – 40%)
- at least 25% reduction of external & internal non-conformance costs (estimated in Health check Phase)
- external project effort for phase 1 3 approximately 47 consulting days (total)
- implementation / control phase depending on gaps and necessary external support