Special Issue

Implementing Lean Manufacturing in Engineer-to-Order Industries

Message from the Guest Editors

In the last few years, in recognition of the success of the lean manufacturing approaches in the manufacturing sector, the amount of papers implementing lean manufacturing outside the repetitive production environment, especially in engineer-to-order (ETO) industries, has increased. However, while lean principles can be applied in any industry, in an ETO environment, the implementation of both methods and tools must be adapted, and often, new ones have to be embraced. Only by conceiving different new methods and tools is it possible to overcome the major constraints to unfold the full potential of lean manufacturing in nonrepetitive manufacturing environments. With the primary goal of extending the toolbox available to all practitioners in ETO companies, this Special Issue focuses on the development and implementation of new lean manufacturing tools and methods for manufacturing efficiency in ETO industries.

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