Lean Aerospace Initiative Plenary Workshop

Cycle Time Reduction through Integrated Supplier Networks: Overview and Introduction



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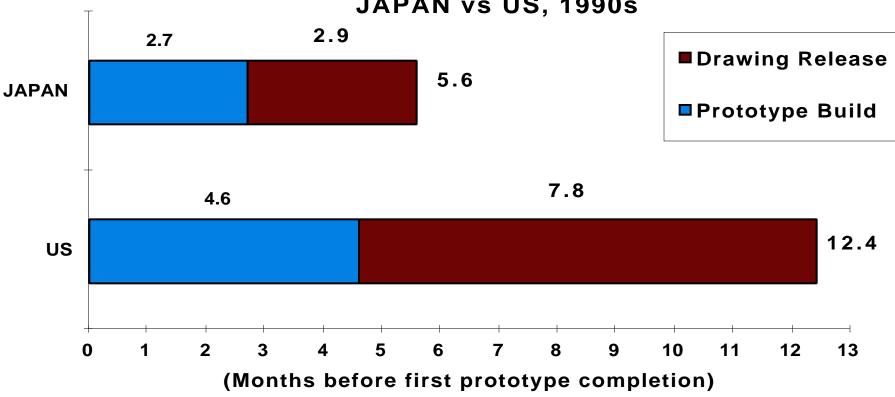
- Kick-off today's theme: Cycle time reduction through integrated supplier networks
- Introduce today's briefings



Cycle Time Key to Competitive Advantage

Focus on auto industry benchmarking results covering 1990s

MONTHS TO FIRST ENGINEERING PROTOTYPE, JAPAN vs US, 1990s



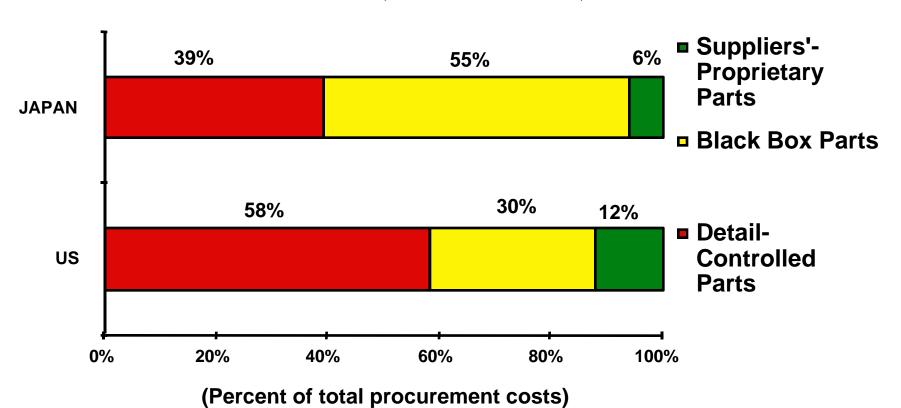
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Integrated Supplier Networks Critical to Cycle Time Reduction

Japanese auto suppliers delegated greater design responsibility ("Black Box" components)

SUPPLIER ROLE, JAPAN vs US, 1990s



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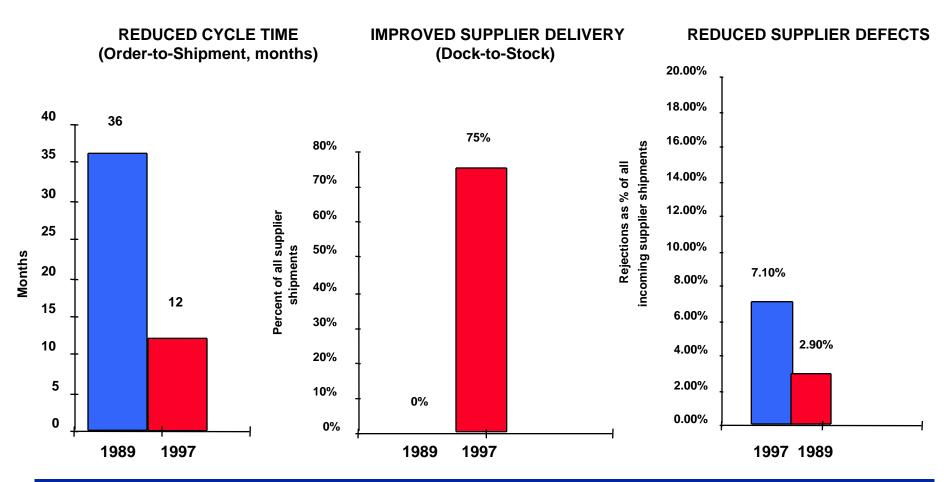
Major Lessons from Auto Industry

- Early supplier integration critical to sustained competitive advantage
 - Shorter cycle time
 - Faster introduction of new technology
 - Continuous improvement
 - More rapid market response
- Key success factors
 - Fewer first-tier suppliers
 - Strategic supplier partnerships
 - Major supplier role in design ("black-box" parts)
 - Up-front design/process integration
 - Close communications with suppliers
 - Target costing; supplier development



Aerospace Industry Learning Lean Lessons

Major producer of complex airframe structures achieved significant performance improvements by using lean principles





Key Practices

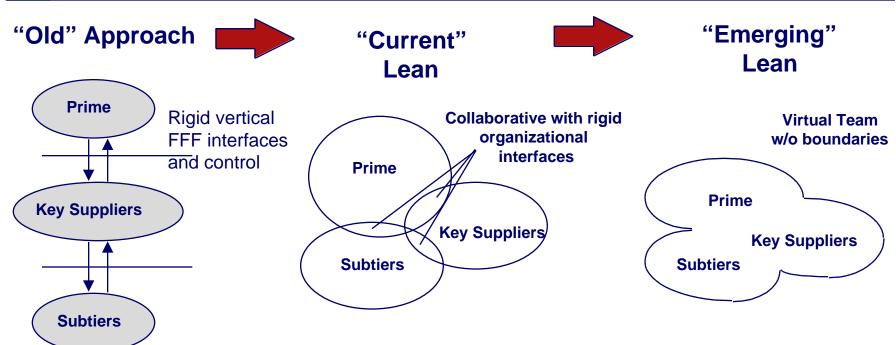
Integrated suppliernetwork linked to corporate strategic thrust

		Before (1989)	After (1997)
•	Redefined business mix		
	 Commercial sales as % of total sales 	48%	92%
•	Reduced supplier base		
	 Number of direct production suppliers 	542	162
•	Improved procurement efficiency		
	 Procurement personnel as % of total employment 	4.90%	1.90%
	 Subcontracting cycle time (days) 	13	7
•	Improved supplier quality and schedule		
	 Procurement (dollars) from certified suppliers 	0%	75%
	 Supplier on-time performance (% of all shipments) 	76.4%*	83.0%
•	Established strategic supplier partnerships		
	 Procurement (dollars) under long-term agreements 	0%	95%

NOTE: *Refers to 1991



Early Supplier Integration: Results from Other Case Studies



Arm's length; interfaces totally defined and controlled

Collaborative; but constrained by prior workshare arrangements

Collaborative and seamlessly integrated, enabling architectural innovation

- •Case studies demonstrate significant benefits: more than 30% cycle time reduction; 40%-60% cost reduction; significant quality improvements
- •Major benefits stem from architectural innovation in product development



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