

Big advantages for small companies: 10 facts about lean management in SMEs



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Small businesses are at an advantage – they can transition to lean management structures much faster than large companies.

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The FIFO principle = first in, first out. Adhering to a strict chronological order considerably improves efficiency. Sorting racks can help you order your tasks chronologically.

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Kanban helps to structure processes. Use software or our easy Kanban cards to record important information about each material: amount required, order information, storage location, etc.

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Plan material requirements: calculate the amount of materials required for each production stage, and forward the information to the relevant employee digitally or using the Kanban cards.

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Avoid surplus stock or shortages in your warehouse and regulate your stock levels using Kanban cards, ideally organised inside a FLEXIBOXX. As soon as stock drops to the minimum level, the card is passed on to the purchasing department.

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Improve communication throughout the entire company and network administration, production and logistics, e.g. using Kanban. Improve productivity by up to 50%.

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Spend less time searching for items by labelling your warehouse clearly. Label inserts in label holders tell you which stock is stored on which shelf. DURABLE offers free templates.

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Avoid superfluous or disruptive movements: floor markers show direction of movement or flag danger areas; floor labels indicate storage locations.

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Adjust plans on a daily basis: for maximum visibility, use infoframes such as DURAFRAME® MAGNETIC to publish plans and lists. If there's a change of plan, simply open the frame and replace the respective notice.

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If you organise your processes and logistics digitally, you can avoid unnecessary journeys by positioning computers or laptops in key areas of your warehouse, e.g. using our wall-mounted tablet holders.

