

"DOWNTIME" – Eliminating the "8 Central Wastes"

Fastenal's JIT replenishment programs support lean production, which is focused on driving out eight central "wastes." Here's a look at these eight waste categories, and how Fastenal can help you minimize them:

Defects – Fastenal and Fastenal Manufacturing are ISO 9001:2000-registered, and our quality control lab is A2LA-accredited. Products are purchased according to required international standards (DIN, ANSI/ASTM, ISO, etc.), and all items are fully traceable.

Overproduction – We can implement and/or support a kanban system that strictly controls lot sizes based on actual demand.

Waiting – Product is stocked locally and regionally for rapid availability, with emergency service through your servicing Fastenal store(s).

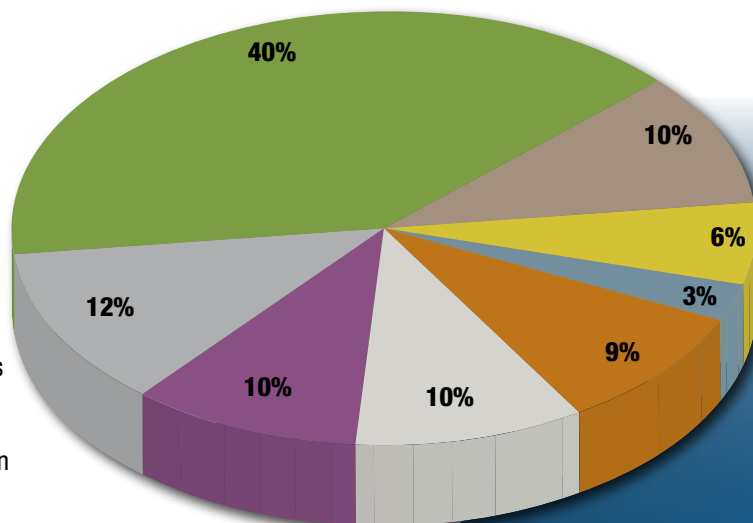
Non-Utilized Employees – We take over routine inventory management tasks, allowing you to focus labor resources on value-added activities.

Transportation – Our network of distribution centers and semis enables us to control transportation costs and pass the savings along to you.

Inventory – We carry local inventory until you need it, allowing you to free up cash and production space.

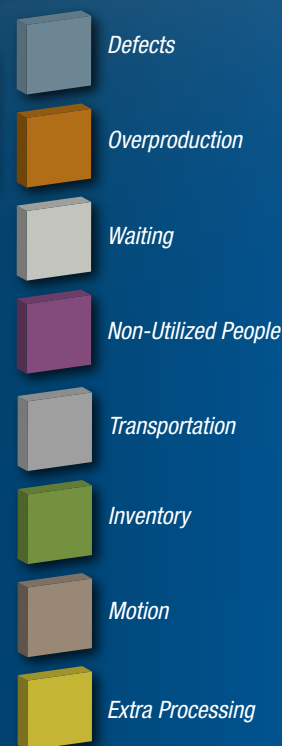
Motion – Product can be delivered directly to points of use within your plant to minimize unnecessary work and motion.

Extra Processing – Fastenal's account specialists can work with your team to integrate with your purchasing system, eliminating the need for double entries and other extra process steps.



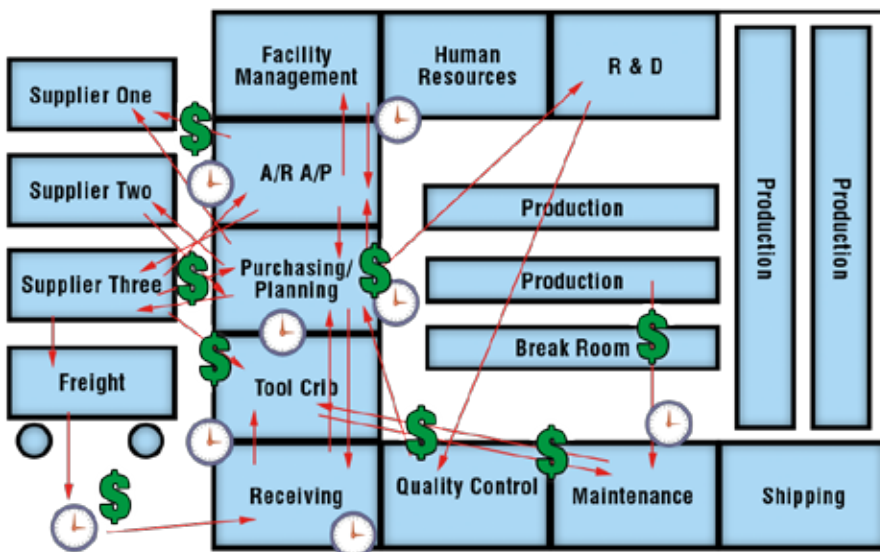
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Vending helps eliminate wastes associated with #3 through #8.



* Typical example
Percentages vary by customer

Extra Steps = Wasted Time and Money



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The most innovative companies innovate at 10 times the rate of the average company, and 60% of their innovative ideas come from suppliers.
- Harvard Business Review

Collaboration with suppliers is one of the four best practices that separate the best purchasing organizations from the rest.
- Purchasing Magazine