Product & Process Development

introduction to the design process

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introduction

- 1. What are we going to do and why?
- 2. Getting Organized organizational commitment
- 3. The development process
- 4. Six Sigma
- 5. Understanding the user needs *voice of the customer*
- 6. Benchmarking EXAMPLE

Goals and objectives of session

- Goal Present the design / development process
- Objectives
 - a. Teach the fundamentals of the development process
 - b. Make sure participants can organize a project
 - c. Make sure participants can evaluate the project needs
 - d. Make sure that the participants can define the project requirements and deployment plan

What is **Design** ?

Cambridge Dictionary of American English

- The process of originating and developing a plan for a product, structure, system, or component with intention - proposal, drawing, model, description
- The result of implementing that plan in the form of the *final product of a design process*
- Solving a situation that has more than one solution



To solve an existing problem – "this package breaks during transportation and it …"

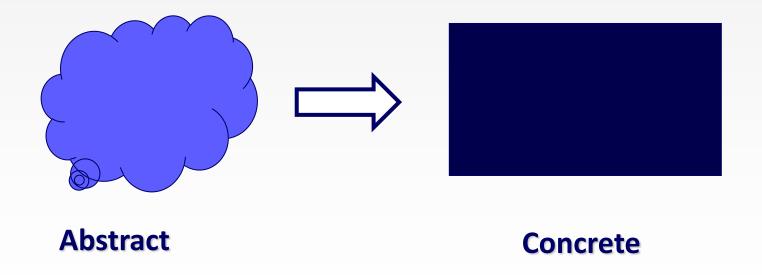
- To improve an existing solution " we want to increase the fuel efficiency by 20% for the next year models…"
- To take advantage of an opportunity "most people have internet but do not have time to run errands…"

The Design Process

- Design process is a collection or methods and tools that help teams design better products
- Designing a system is a fluid process. That is, the procedure itself has to be adapted to the situation in which it is being applied.

The Process of Designing

Designing is the process of making many decisions that converts an abstract concept into a reality

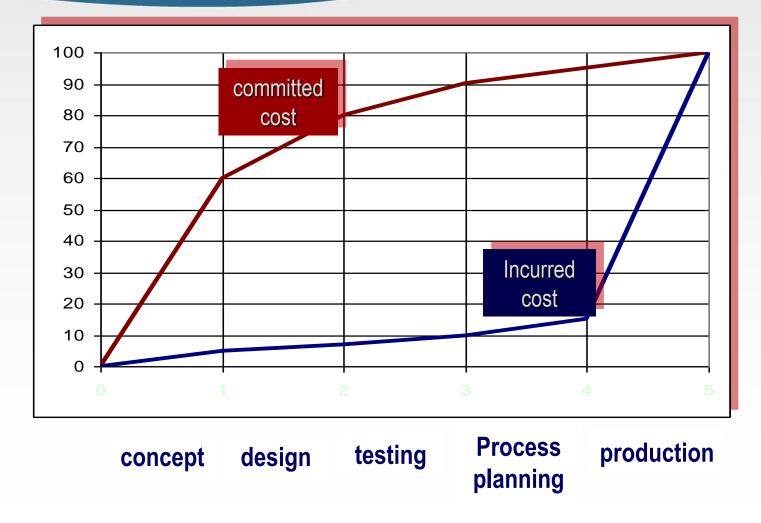


The Design Process

 We want a process where intentionally we create useful products and services



Incurred vs Committed Costs



The Rule of 10

Level of completion	Cost to find & repair defect	
the part itself	Х	
at sub-assembly	10x	
Final assembly	100x	
At the dealer / distributor	1000x	
At the customer	10000x	



Situation Statement

- You are going down the road and your fan belt breaks, what do you do?
- Develop a storm shutter that will disrupt the market -Capture 25% market share in 4 years
- 3. Buy a Christmas gift for your wife, husband, mother, father, daughter, son,...

Defining the project



Getting Started

- You have the situation
- You define scope, goals and objectives
- You may define your schedule, resources needed
- You may identify the risks
- You must do some planning

PROJECT ROADMAP

Delivery Manage ✓ Scope Change ✓ Communication ✓ Schedule ✓ Issues

Customer Enga<mark>gement</mark>



Conclude Retrospective Identify key learnings

Plan
 More What
 Some How
 Detail Tasks
 Resource Load

PROJECT ROADMAP



Retrospective

Identify key learnings

Identify new opportunities

Delivery Manage ✓ Scope Change ✓ Communication ✓ Schedule ✓ Issues

Customer Engagement



Structure ✓ Why

✓ What✓ Key Stakeholder buy-in

✓ ROI

Plan
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What is a **Project**?

A project is a *temporary* endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result (PMBOK 2004).

- A project is a problem scheduled to be solved (*Dr. J.M.Juran*)
- A project can be initiated to solve a problem or take advantage of an opportunity



A historic opportunity

- April 12, 1961 the
 USSR put the 1st man
 in orbit Yuri Gagarin
- This was a threat to the US international power



Yuri Gagarin in the bus to a launch pad just before his historic flight on April 12, 1961.

John F. Kennedy issued his famous challenge in May 1961

"I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth "



Example of a Successful Project

\$100 billion moon race

- The US won the race to the Moon because it committed vast resources to a well thought-out "game plan" right from the start.
- Stuck to that plan despite occasional technical and political problems.





Lunar Program Project

Scope	Land a man on the moon and return
Time	Before Dec 31, 1969
Performance	Go to the moon and return safely
cost	\$100 billion

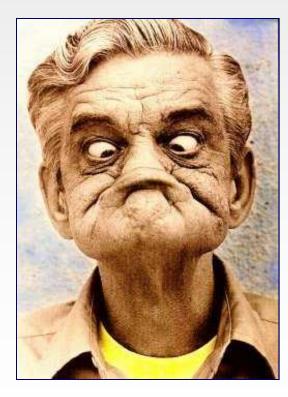


Project Planning Example

Request

Final Product Sterilizer – develop a new system that can package and sterilize the final product in **50% of the actual time** and with **20% increase in quality**

Project Planning Exercise – 10 minutes



Let us divide the class in groups of 4 persons each

 Prepare a 1 page project plan to get the project
 completed by March 1st, 2009

Writing the Project Executive Summary

"Nothing is impossible for the person who doesn't have to do it."



Developing a Project Executive Summary

This is the 1st step after being assigned to solve a problem or explore an opportunity

- It is not a project plan, it is a summary
- The objective of the PES is to communicate to the stakeholders
 - \checkmark the issue to be addressed
 - \checkmark what are the deliverables
 - ✓ what resources are required

 \checkmark when is it estimated to be completed

Example of project planning actual situation



- ACME TUNA CORP is interested in remaining competitive in the market of processing frozen fish loins (thawing, canning, cooking and packaging)
- ✓ The existing thawing system has
 - ✓ Significant material handling costs
 - \blacksquare Long thawing times



Project's Objective

Develop a system that produces the same quality (or better) at a lower total cost per unit –

- The operations that will be impacted with the development are
 - ✓ Transport of frozen loins from freezer to thawing system
 - ✓ Thawing process
 - ✓ Transport of thawed fish loins to canning operation or to chiller

Project's Objective

The main objective is to develop a better thawing system that is cost effective, based on

- Labor requirements
- Space requirements
- Handling times and distances
- Thawing times
- Utilities costs
- ✓ Maintenance and Cleaning Costs
- ✓ Final product cost.

Project Requirements

requirement	justification	specification	
Labor	The company wants to reduce operational cost	Reduction + 10% of costs per pound	
Space	There is no more space available	Use of to 90% of existing space	
Handling times and distances	There is too much time due to transportation and handling – non value added	Reduce handling times by 40% Reduce transportation	
		load by 50%	
Thawing times	Thawing takes too much time, process can be changed	Reduce thawing time by 50%	



Project Description

- Issue Statement describe the problem to be solved, or the opportunity to be examined. The idea is to justify the project
- Project Objective Statement (POS) in this section you must describe WHY you are going to work on the project, what is the mission of the team

Project Executive Summary example – tuna processing plant

Issue Statement

The operational costs are increasing every year, at this rate the site will be cease to be competitive by 2009

Project Objective Statement (POS)

Develop a thawing system to reduce operational costs by 50% by 2008

- Major Deliverables here the team describes what results will be produced at the completion of the project. Achieving these deliverables signals the end of the project
- Metrics and Targets These are indicators that will assist in measuring the success of the project
- Assumptions this is description of the rules of the game, what is being counted on

Project Executive Summary example – tuna processing plant

Major Deliverables –

- ✓ Proven design for a thawing system
- Proven design for a fish handling system
- Design and validation data for both systems
- ✓ Work Standards and Operating Procedures for both systems.

Metrics and targets

- ✓ % of reduction of labor costs, 50%
- ✓ % of reduction in utility costs, 50%

- Assumptions
 - ✓ Help and collaboration of parties involved.
 - ✓ Will have access to raw material testing facilities and key employee participation
 - ✓ All construction work will be subcontracted

- Milestones significant events on a project
- Estimated Costs and Resources
 - List of cost of the project and what resources are needed for completion

milestone	definition	duration
Project Definition	clearly define the goals, requirements, restrictions and project schedule	3 weeks
Development of Thawing System	develop a better system for thawing the frozen fish.	6 weeks
Development of the System Layout	change the existing system layout to make it more efficient.	4 weeks
Validate System	make sure the system will work as designed	6 weeks



Estimated Costs and Resources

- Net Benefit reduction of labor cost by \$ 40,000 a month
- Reduction of energy and water costs by \$25,000 a month
- ✓ Project costs = \$300,000.00

Project Executive Summary

- Dependencies this is a list things on which the successful completion of the project depends on.
- Risks, Issues this is a list of things that can go wrong and adversely affect the outcome of the project

Project Executive Summary

Dependencies –

- All the utilities are available
- All the testing and quality personnel are available

Risks and Issues

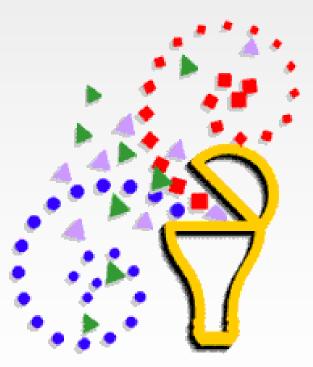
- Changes in thawing can change fish characteristics

Project Planning Exercise

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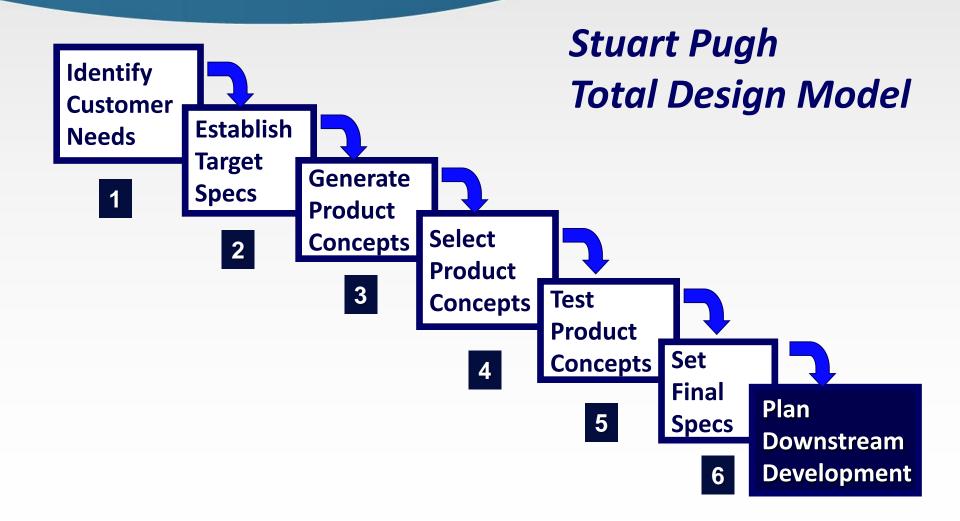


The Design Methodology





Design Methodology





- Decision Process is explicitly communicated facilitating group buy-in
- Checklists ensure that important issues are not forgotten
- Structured Methods are largely self-documenting

Objectives of Development Methods

WHAT – We want to address the reason why we are doing this project and what problem to be solved

How –We must "create" different solutions for the problem

Which One – We must select the best solution for addressing the problem



- Products and services are designed to satisfy the needs of the customers
- Knowing and understanding the voice of the customer is very important
- The main challenge is that the customer may not know how to describe what is wanted
- The outcome of this step is a list of customer requirements

Identify The WHAT ?

- Activities
 - ✓ Write Problem Statement
 - Interact with Technical Marketing and/or sales groups to obtain a list of customer needs
 - Customer analysis (dissatisfied customers)

Deliverables

 Customer Needs List or Product Design Specifications



Most information related to the customer needs must be evaluated and analyzed to obtain useful trends and other information

Possible Methods

- a. Affinity Diagrams
- b. Parametric Analysis
- c. Quality Function Deployment

- The customer needs can be identified by using market research techniques such as
 - ✓ Surveys & questionnaires
 - ✓ Customer complaints
 - ✓ Focal groups
 - ✓Trade publications
 - ✓ Patents

✓ competitors

Additional Sources of Information

- ✓ Thomas Register
- ✓ Market Share Reporter
- National Bureau of Standards
- ✓ Census of Manufactures
- ✓ Moody's Industry Review
- Consumer Reports Magazine

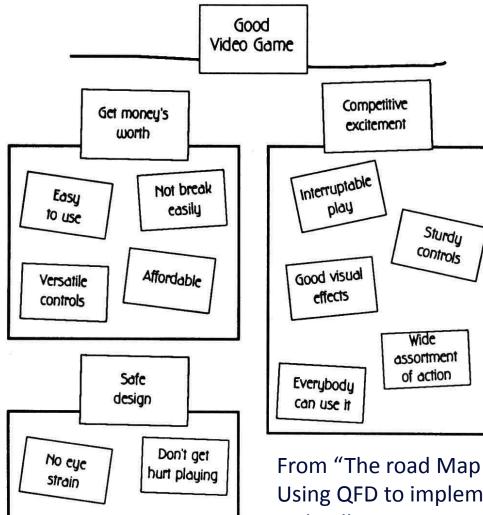
- ✓ Trade Magazines
- Market Research
 Databases
- ✓ Web
- ✓ Vendors
- ✓ Technical Specialists
- Experts/Friends in Industry



Gather large amounts of data (ideas, opinions, issues) and organize them into groupings.

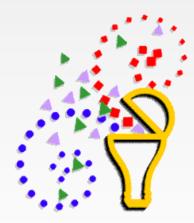
- Construction:
 - Record data on cards (Post-it notes)
 - Place cards on board
 - Group cards that seem to be related (without talking)
 - Establish a summary title for each group
 - Critically evaluate each group. Remove "How's" from "What's" categories
 - Eliminate redundancy

Affinity Diagram – example *video-game*



From "The road Map to Repeatable Success -Using QFD to implement change" by Barbara Bicknell

Parametric Analysis





Parametric Analysis

 This is a analysis method that allows for the identification of relationships, trends and opportunities using actual product information

- Create a table of product data for all the competitors
 weight, horsepower, mpg, ram, hard drive, speed,...
- 2. Plot product data, one parameter vs another parameter – horsepower vs mpg, towing capacity vs mpg, turning radius vs

Parametric Analysis

- **3. Start with the "obvious" relationships –** plot horsepower vs miles per gallon
- **4.** Then proceed with the none obvious relationships legroom vs horsepower

Parametric Analysis

5. Evaluate possible trends between parameters – check if there is a correlation between horsepower and towing capacity , or horsepower and fuel efficiency

The trends you identify can indicate:

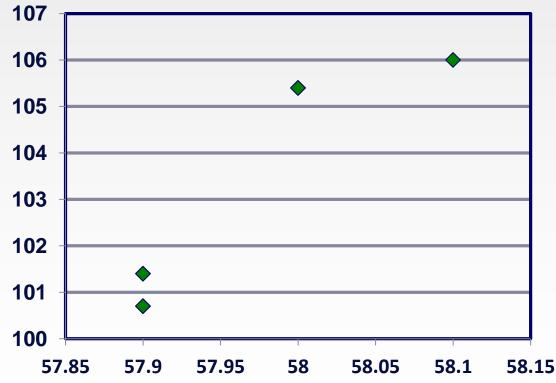
- a. that there are some fundamental correlations of the technology
- b. That there is some certain way of doing things this you could repeat or go against the grain

- You are to design a car that can compete with
 - Toyota's Camry
 - Honda's Accord
 - Ford's **Fusion**
 - Nissan's Altima
 - Hyundai's Sonata
 - BWM's 328i (just for fun!!!)

You gather some specifications of these cars

	Honda Accord	Toyota Camry	Nissan Altima	Hyundai Sonata	Ford Fusion	BMW 328i
Curb Weight	3230	3263	3145	3253	3101	3362
Wheelbase (in.)	110.2	109.3	109.3	107.4	107.4	108.7
Length (in.)	194.1	189.2	189.8	188.9	189.2	188.9
Width (in.)	72.7	71.7	70.7	72.1	71.7	72.1
Height (in.)	58.1	57.9	57.9	58	57.9	58
Passenger Vol (cu. ft.	106	101.4	100.7	105.4	101.4	105.4
Cargo Vol(cu. ft.)	14	15	15.3	16.3	15	16.3
Headroom - front	41.4	38.8	40.6	40.1	38.8	40.1
Headroom 2nd row	38.5	37.8	36.8	38.2	37.8	38.2
Legroom front	42.5	41.7	44.1	43.7	41.7	43.7
Legroom 2nd row	37.2	38.3	35.8	37.4	38.3	37.4
Shoulder Room front	58.2	57.8	55.7	57.4	57.8	57.4
mpg(City)	22	21	23	21	20	18
mpg (Highway)	31	31	32	32	29	28
Horsepower	177	175	158	175	160	230
Torque	161	168	161	180	156	200

Plot the obvious relationships 1st
 In this plot, the higher the vehicle the greater the passenger volume

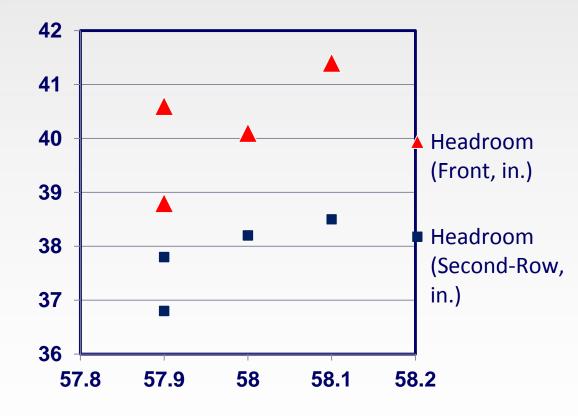


Pgr Volume (cu. ft., mfr.)

Vehicle height

height

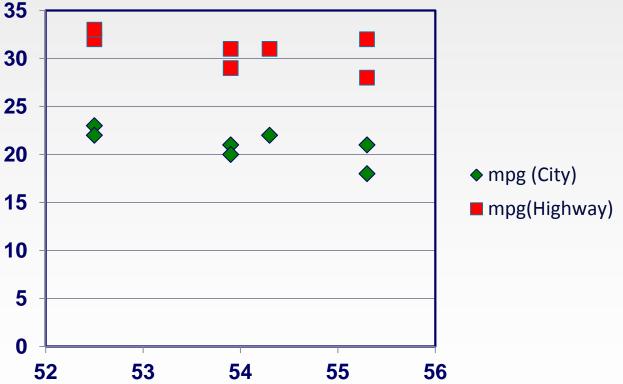
- ✓ You can plot multiple parameters (2 is good)
- ✓ In this plot, the higher the vehicle the greater headroom space



height



 ✓ Some plots do not provide any useful information



Hip room 2nd row

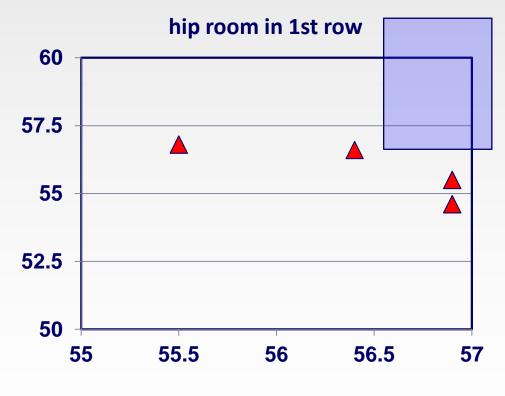


Parametric Analysis – exercise

 Take the data set provided for the car comparison and conduct a *parametric analysis*



 \checkmark This plot suggests that the hip room in the 1st row decreases as the shoulder room in the 2nd row increases ✓ OPPORTUNITY – design a car that has both hip room and should shoulder room



Shoulder room in 2nd row



Quality Function Deployment





Quality Function Deployment

- The product's quality can be defined as how well it meets the expectations of the users
- QFD translates user requirements into Design Specifications that can be used to develop the product or solution
- Prioritize Design Features
- Evaluates the Competition
- Develops the House of Quality



Translate qualitative wants into quantitative targets

- Customer cares about final product design requirements
- Targets apply to individual building blocks or parts



Use <u>customer input</u> (not engineering specification) to define what is important

Focus on <u>important items</u> (not everything)

 Determine <u>targets</u> for important items - limit variations around target

The QFD Process

- 1. Identify the Customer(s)
- 2. Determine Customer Requirements/Constraints
- 3. Prioritize each requirement
- 4. Competitive Benchmarking
- 5. Translate Customer Requirements into Measurable Engineering specifications
- 6. Set Target values for each Engineering Specification



1. Establish the **Objective**

- Listen to customers, document the Voice of the Customer. Develop a list of customer requirements and establish weighting factors for each – this is a list of WHAT the customer wants
- Develop a list of *technical requirements* this is list of HOWs the customer *wants* will be satisfied
- 4. Determine the relationships between the **technical requirements** and the **customer requirements**

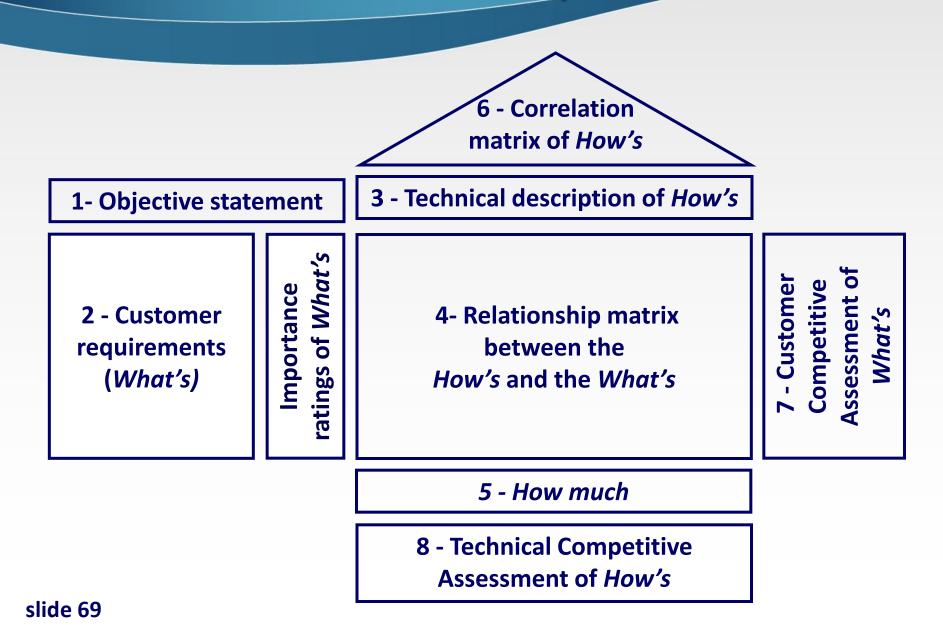
Partial House of Quality

The HOWs

1- Objective state	ement	3 - Technical description of <i>How's</i>		
2 - Customer requirements (What's)	Importance ratings of <i>What's</i>	4- Relationship matrix between the <i>How's</i> and the <i>What's</i>		

The WHATsFor each what we need tohave one or more how's

The Full House of Quality



QFD Example An Automobile Bumper

Customer Request:

There is too much damage to bumpers in low-speed collisions. Customer wants a better bumper.



QFD Example *An Automobile Bumper*

Step 1: Identify Customer(s)

- Repair Department
- Automobile Owner
- Manufacturing Plant
- Sales Force

QFD Example *An Automobile Bumper*

Step 2: <u>Determine Voice of the Customer & Customer</u> <u>Requirements</u>

- ✓ I want something that looks nice (basic)
- ✓ It must hold my license plate (performance)
- ✓ I want it strong enough not to dent (excitement)
- It must protect my tail-lights and head-lights (performance)
- I don't want to pay too much (basic)

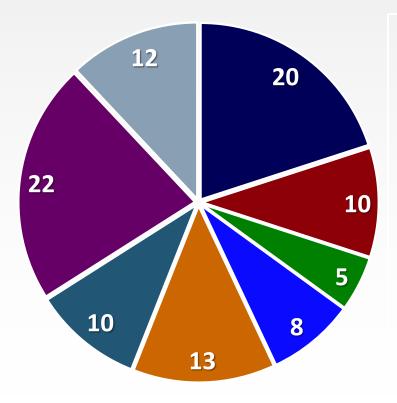
Voice of the customer to customer requirement

Step 2: <u>Determine Voice of the Customer & Customer</u> <u>Requirements</u>

- ✓ looks good
- ✓ holds license plate
- ✓ resists dents
- ✓ protects lights
- ✓ does not rust
- ✓ lasts a long time
- inexpensive
- ✓ protects the car body

QFD Example An Automobile Bumper

Step 2: <u>Prioritize Customer Requirements</u>



- looks good
- holds license plate
- resists dents
- protects lights
- does not rust
- lasts a long time
- inexpensive
- protects the car body

QFD Example An Automobile Bumper

looks good	20
holds license plate	10
resists dents	5
protects lights	8
does not rust	13
lasts a long time	10
inexpensive	22
protects the car body	12

- These are customer
 requirements how do
 we design for requests
 such as *"it must last a long time"*?
- ✓ We must design for engineering requirements



From customer requirement to technical requirements

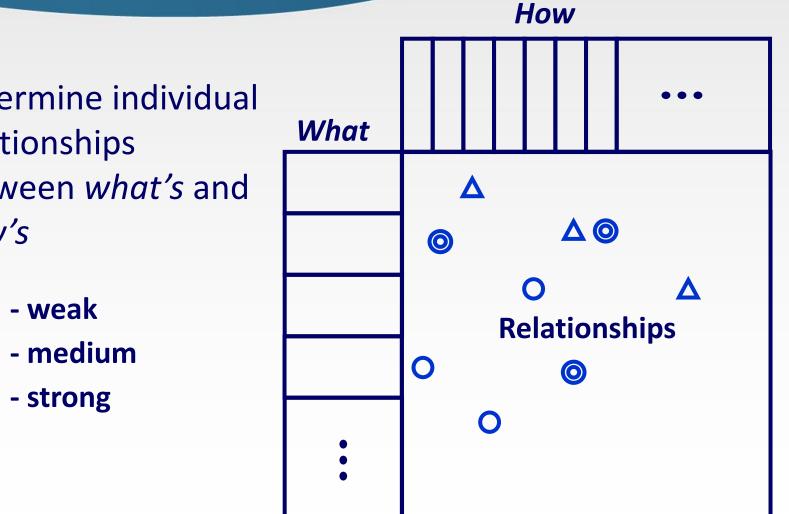
Step 3: Determine The Technical Requirements

Customer requirement (what?)	Technical requirements (how?)
Looks good	Surface finish, formability, hardness
Lasts a long time	Corrosion resistance
inexpensive	Cost, weight, formability
Resists dents	Toughness, hardness, stiffness

Relationship Matrix

- Interactions occur
- Define a *relationship matrix* between *What* and *How* to the level of *strong*, *medium*, *weak*
- This begins the cross checking feature of QFD
- Indicate inadequate translation of What to How.

Relationship Matrix



Determine individual relationships between what's and how's

- weak

O - strong

relate customer requirements to technical requirements

Step 4: <u>Relate Customer Requirements to Technical</u> <u>Requirements</u>

relationship	symbol	ranking
strong	0	9
medium	0	3
weak	Δ	1

QFD Example An Automobile Bumper

technical requirements

		Yield strength	modulus	toughness	weight	Surface finish	cost	Corrosion resistance	hardness	formability
looks good	20					0			Δ	0
holds license plate	10	0	Δ							
resists dents	5		0	0					Δ	
protects lights	8	Ο	0							
does not rust	13							0	0	
lasts a long time	10						0	0		
inexpensive	22	Δ			0		0			0
protects the car body	12	0	0	0						

Customer requirements

Step 5 - establish technical requirement limits

technical requirements

		Yield strength	modulus	toughness	weight	Surface finish	cost	Corrosion resistance	hardness	formability
looks good	20					0			Δ	0
holds license plate	10	0	Δ							
resists dents	5		\bigcirc	0					Δ	
protects lights	8	0	0							
does not rust	13							0	Ο	
lasts a long time	10						0	0		
inexpensive	22	Δ			0		0			0
protects the car body	12	\bigcirc	\odot	\odot						
technical requirements		77,000psi	15 mpsi	350 pis	0.5 lb/ft	glossy	\$15/ft	Rating A	60 BHN	75 / 100

QFD Exercise – Captain's Coffee Cup

Customer:

People who use cups for drinking on boats

Project Focus Area:

- Create best cup for use on a boat

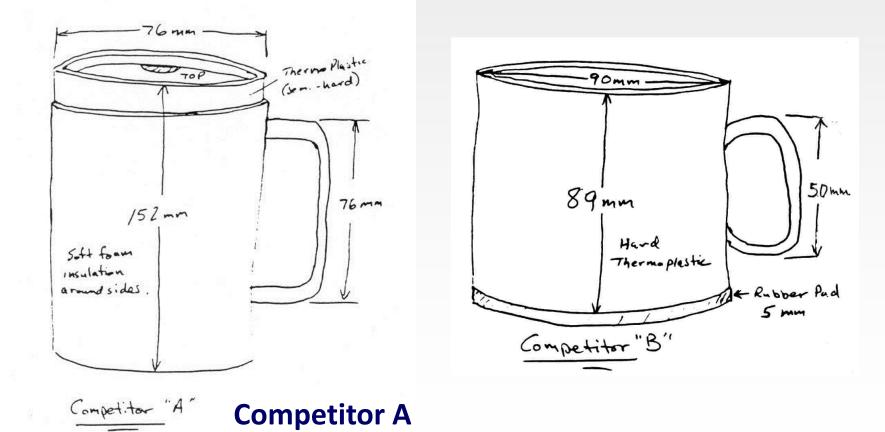
Time Constraint:

 6 months from start of product development to market



Competitors

Competitor B



Determine the WHATs and HOWs

Determine the WHATs

- what the customer wants
 a product feature and characteristic
- this is not something that is directly actionable,
- ✓ i.e. we don't yet know what to do to get the feature /characteristic of the product

Determine the HOWs

- This is a statement on how a designer can meet the customer requirements actionable items
- Example
 - **⊘What** soft bed
 - **☑How** –material stiffness



Coffee mug Customer needs - What's

- Holds a lot of coffee
- Keeps drink warm
- Stable
- Stays where put
- Durable
- Looks Good
- Splashless
- Easy to Hold

Coffee mug Technical requirements - how's

- ✓ Height
- ✓ Bottom area
- ✓ Handle size
- ✓ Top area
- ✓ Durability of material
- ✓ Color
- ✓ Volume
- ✓ Height of CG, %

- Insulation value
- ✓ Top covered?
- ✓ Weight
- Bottom coefficient of friction

Listening to the Customer

Vegetable Peeler Design



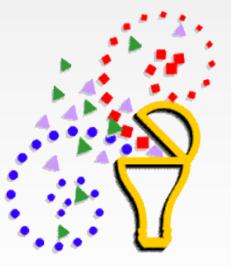
Listening to the Customer

- "Carrots and potatoes are very different."
- "I cut myself with this one."
- "I just leave the skin on."
- "I'm left-handed. I use a knife."
- "This one is fast, but it takes a lot off."
- "How do you peel a squash?"
- "Here's a rusty one."
- This looked OK in the store."

Customer Requirements

- peels a variety of produce.
- can be used ambidextrously.
- create minimal waste.
- save time.
- durable.
- easy to clean.
- safe to use and store.
- comfortable to use.
- stays sharp or can be easily sharpened.

product design specifications





Product Design Specification

This is an organized method for documenting the specifications of the desired solution

requirement	Motivation or justification	Target Value	Need or desire

Establish Target Specifications

*Activities

- Identify metrics for each customer need
- Identify ideal and marginally acceptable target values
- Identify leverage opportunities

Translate customer requests into engineering parameters



Establish Target Specifications

* Deliverables

- Relationship Matrix (Technology vs. requirements)
- Engineering Metrics Sheet (EMS)
- Product Design Specifications



Identify Customer Needs - example



High Speed Point of Sale "Design a cost effective high" speed inkjet printer for printing receipts, capable of outperforming any of the existing receipt printing systems now in the marketplace"



Product Design Specifications

 This a list of design specifications of what does the solutions have to satisfy in order to meet design goals

Product Description Example

- Problem Statement There are many land mines that are in former war fields, these go undetected until the explode when an unaware person walks over it.
- Objective Create a cost effective land mine detector to be used in former war zones in the "3rd World"

MINE DETECTOR - PDS

Functional Performance: The autonomous mine detector is designed to sweep a 20' x 20' terrain with the capability of detecting up to four land mines.

Requirement: Time

- Complete sweep of area in 10 minutes
- Requirement: Budget constrained
 - \$400 of reimbursed capital
 - \$100 of out of the pocket capital

MINE DETECTOR - PDS

Requirement: Must be back-portable

- Fit in 2' x 2' x 2' box
- Weigh less than 50 lbs

Requirement: Does not detonate mine

- Sniffer at least 9" above center of mine
- Parts of vehicle that touch ground at least 9" radius from center of mine

The importance of the PDS

- A Product Design Specification (PDS) is a structured description of the purpose, functions, characteristics and other kinds of information that describe the design problem.
- Developing a proper PDS is the essential first step in any design process.

A good PDS is especially important when designing in teams, because it's vital that the whole team solve the same problem.

Sometimes, different team members will be working on slightly different problems - without knowing it.

The importance of the PDS

Each will end up with slightly different solutions - slightly different designs - that will be incompatible. These kinds of problems can be quite small but can lead to huge losses in efficiency and product quality.

MINE DETECTOR - PDS

Requirement: Operates in various climates

- Functions in temperatures ranging from -10°F to 120°F
- Functions in precipitation (handles daily maximum rainfall recorded in South Bend)
- System functions in a maximum of 3" of snow/water

MINE DETECTOR

Requirement: Undetectable by enemy

- Cannot be radio controlled
- Cannot be wire controlled

Requirement: Sufficiently powered for one sweep

- Battery powered (Type to be decided)
- Battery life of 10 or more minutes

Requirement: Safe for use

- Designed for operator of 18 years or older

Identify Customer Needs - example



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Requirement	Motivation	Target
Size		
Weight		
Shipping		
Disposal		
Company Constraints		



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Size	The new printer system is targeted to compete with present systems. We want these printers to be smaller than existing printer since the space on sales counters in a precious commodity	



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Requirement	Motivation	Target
Weight	We want these printers to be lighter than the existing systems so that it is very easy to move it very quickly from one counter to another. Make it so that one person can carry it without suffering any injuries	





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Requirement	Motivation	Target
Shipping	We want to be able to ship these printers even by air mail in case we have to replace one very quickly. So the unit and the required packaging should still satisfy the requirements for Next Day Service	 ❖ Depth <= 7" ❖ Width <= 6" ❖ Height <= 8" ❖ Weight < 20 lbs



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Motivation	Target



Generate Product Concepts

Activities

- Identify critical sub- problems
- Patent search
- Literature search
- Competitive benchmarking assessment
- Concept generation



Generate Product Concepts

Deliverables

- Function diagrams
- Concept classification tree
- Concept combination table
- Concept description/sketches



•Clarify the problem

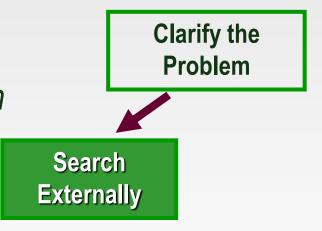
• problem decomposition

Clarify the Problem



Clarify the problem problem decomposition External Search Lead users

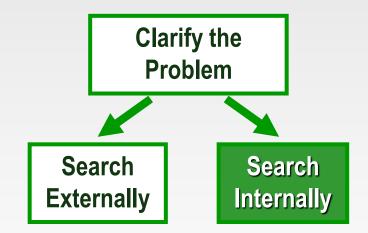
- •Experts
- •Patents
- •Literature
- Benchmarking





Internal Search

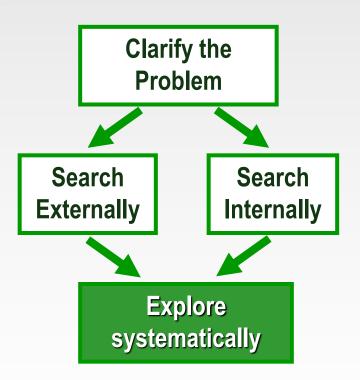
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Internal Search Individual Methods Group Methods Systematic Exploration Classification Tree Combination Table





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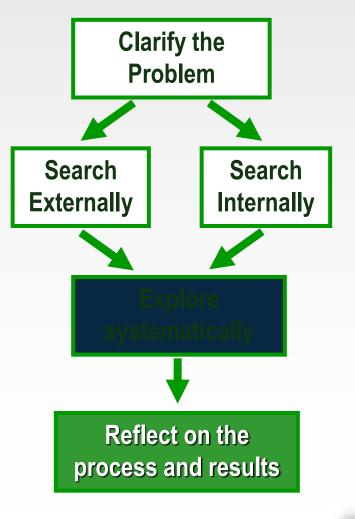
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Systematic Exploration

Classification Tree
Combination Table

•Reflect on the Process

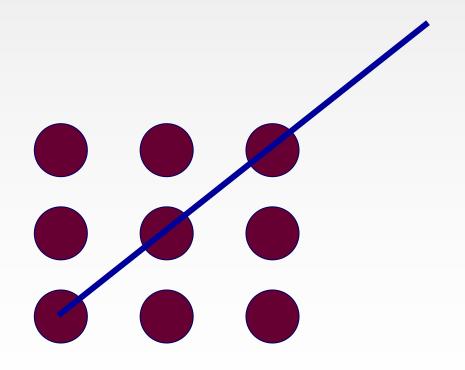
•Continuous Improvement



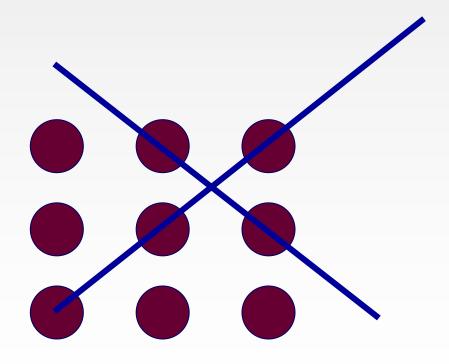


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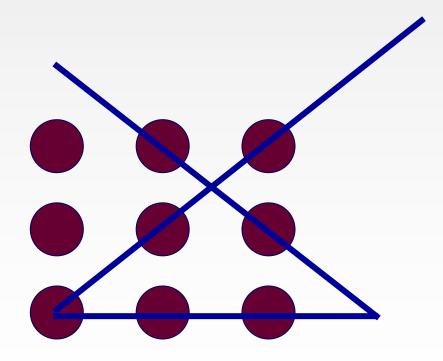
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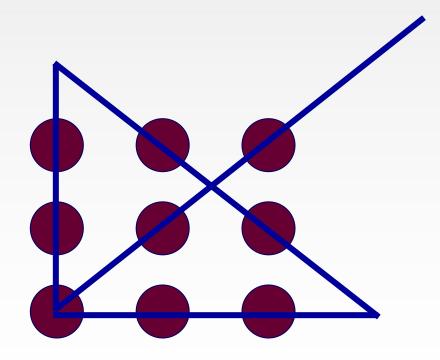
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Brainstorming

- The term Brainstorming has become a commonly used word in the English language as a generic term for creative thinking.
- The basis is the generation of ideas in a group situation based on the principle of suspending judgment - a principle which scientific research has proved to be highly productive in individual effort as well as group effort.
- The generation phase is separate from the judgment phase of thinking

Classic Brainstorming

Arrange the meeting for a group of the right size and makeup (typically 4-8 people)

- Write the initial topic on a flipboard, whiteboard or other system where everyone can see it.
- The better defined, and more clearly stated the problem, the better the session tends to be.
- Make sure that everyone understands the problem or issue

Classic Brainstorming the ground rules

Avoid criticizing ideas / suspend judgement. All ideas are as valid as each other

Lots, Lots & Lots - a large number of ideas is the aim

Free-wheeling. Don't censor any ideas, keep the meeting flow going.

Listen to other ideas, and try to piggy back on them to other ideas.

Avoid any discussion of ideas or questions, as these stop the flow of ideas. Classic Brainstorming the ground rules

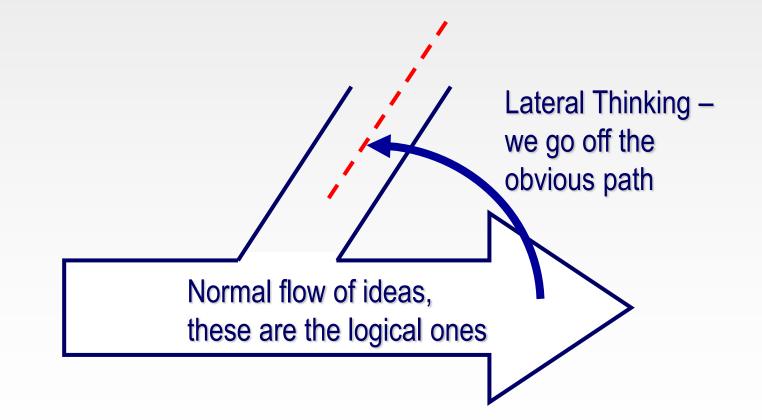
Have someone facilitating to enforce the rules and write down all the ideas as they occur

- Generate ideas either in an unstructured or structure way
- Clarify and conclude the session.
- Ideas that are identical can be combined, all others should be kept.
- It is useful to get a consensus of which ideas should be looked at further or what the next action and timescale is

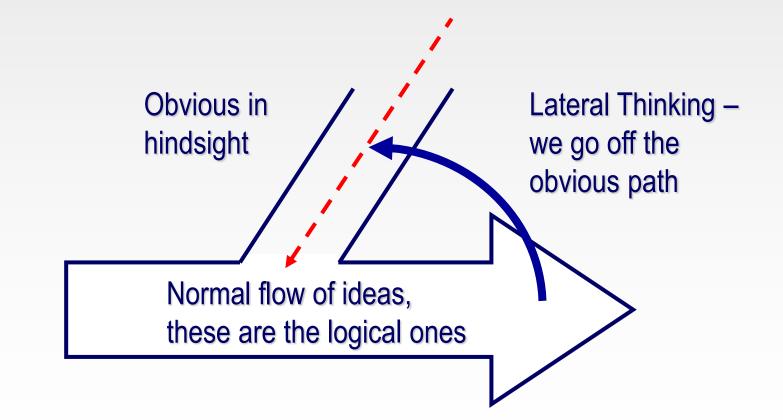
The entry in the Concise Oxford Dictionary reads: "seeking to solve problems by unorthodox or apparently illogical methods.

- Lateral thinking is about moving sideways when working on a problem to try different perceptions, different concepts and different points of entry.
- The term covers a variety of methods including provocations to get us out of the usual line of thought.

Normal flow of ideas, these are the logical ones



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- Lateral thinking is cutting across patterns in a selforganizing system, and has very much to do with perception
- Lateral thinking" can be used in two senses:
 - Specific: A set of systematic techniques used for changing concepts and perceptions, and generating new ones.
 - *General*: Exploring multiple possibilities and approaches instead of pursuing a single approach

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Lateral Thinking Example

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• One parent suggests putting Susan into the playpen.

Lateral Thinking Example

- Granny is sitting knitting and three year old Susan is upsetting Granny by playing with the wool.
- The other parent suggests it might be a better idea to put Granny in the playpen to protect her from Susan. A lateral answer!

Select Product Concepts

Activities:

- •Develop and Define a list of attributes
- •Determine weights of attributes
- •Rate and rank the concepts
 - •Controlled Convergence
 - •Rating / Weighting
- Combine and improve concepts



Developing a List of Attributes

The attributes are a list of desirable characteristics that describe the ideal solution

Many times it can be the requirements of the PDS or a condensed list of these requirements

Example of List of Attributes - HS POS

attribute	definition
DPI	Dots per inch, a measure of image quality
Energy consumption	This is a measure of the power to operate the machine
footprint	The space it takes on the counter
Total Cost of Ownership TOC	This is a measure of the money that will be spent to purchase and operate the machine
Ease of maintenance	This is a measure of the time and effort it takes to replace paper and ink

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Select Product Concepts

Deliverables:

- Concept screening matrix
- Concept scoring matrix

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The Controlled Convergence Method

- 1. List all concepts
- 2. Setup a matrix
- 3. Select the "best" idea, this will be the *datum idea*

The Controlled Convergence Method

- 4. Compare each idea with the datum with each attribute
 - *i.* If the idea is better, use "+"
 - ii. If the idea is worse, use "-"
 - iii. If the idea is the same, assign an "="
- 5. Add all the "+"; all the "-"and all the "="
- 6. Select the idea with the more"+" and less "-"





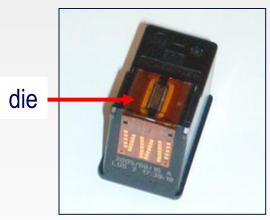
High Speed Point of Sale

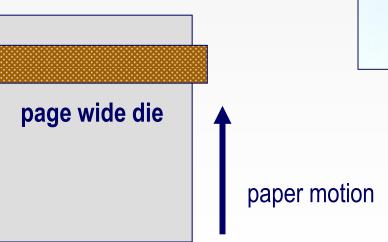
Design a cost effective high speed inkjet printer for printing receipts, capable of outperforming any of the existing receipt printing systems now in the marketplace"



Page Wide Array –

die will be made as wide as the paper

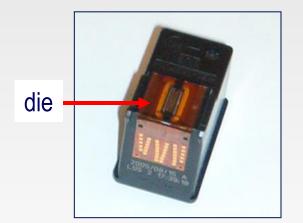




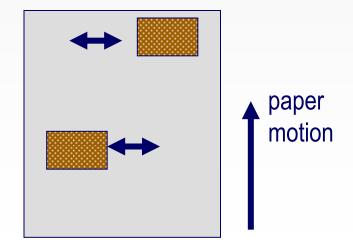
Multiple Print Head –

this printer uses 2 or 3 print heads, all working concurrently and each one prints part of the text

Print head 2



Print head 1



Direct Thermal –

this is the actual system which uses thermal paper and a thermal element

This will be our datum



Table Rock –

this is a printer cartridge that has a 0.75" wide die and it is readily available



attributes	Page Wide Array	Multiple Print Head	Direct Thermal	TableRock
DPI				
Speed				
Cost				
TCO				
Ink Volume				
Manufacturability				
footprint				
ease of operation				
power usage				
sum of +				
sum of -				
sum of =				151



attributes	Page Wide Array	Multiple Print Head	Direct Thermal	TableRock
DPI	+	+		+
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Cost				
ТСО				
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footprint	=	=		+
ease of operation	+	+		+
power usage	+	+		+
sum of +	4	5		5
sum of -	2	3		3
sum of =	3	1		1





