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## Kaizen

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Kaizen is a Japanese word meaning “change for the better” or “continuous improvement”. It’s a philosophy of continuous improvement for any process, in any organization. Kaizen’s engage teams in defining their current process and collaboratively working together to define a highly efficient future state by identifying and eliminating waste, abnormalities, and non-value added steps in the work place.

#### What is a kaizen event?

A cross functional team studying a process, identifying all possible waste in that process, and then making the changes to eliminate that waste and non-value added steps.

#### How long does it take to conduct a kaizen event?

A kaizen event typically takes 3 to 5 days to complete. They can be scheduled to accommodate your schedule. Rapid Kaizen bursts (kaizen blitz) can also be conducted which usually take 1 to 2 days to complete.

#### What is the optimal size of a kaizen team?

A cross-functional kaizen team generally consists of 3 to 8 people who are committed to entire duration of the kaizen event. Support personnel can be called upon as necessary to assist the team.

Learn more by reviewing the three solution areas supported by MAGNET: **Objectives**, **Components**, and **Tools**

# BUILD A CUSTOMIZED SOLUTION PACKAGE

With our team of experts, we will help you identify and facilitate your kaizen opportunities. Kaizen is the #1 tool in continuous improvement initiatives.



## Objectives



- Increase productivity
- Eliminate defects
- Reduce lead time
- Reduce inventory
- Improve layout
- Improve flow
- Establish visual control
- Improve safety

## Components



- Preparation
- Understand current state
- Future state game plan
- Immediate implementation
- Task list for items not implemented
- Sustain plan
- Report out presentation
- Task list follow up

## Tools



- 5S
- Standard Work
- Cellular
- Kanban
- Setup Reduction
- Transactional Mapping
- Value Stream Mapping
- Root Cause Problem solving



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## WHY MAGNET?

MAGNET's mission is to help local manufacturers THRIVE! As a mission-driven consultancy and advisory organization, MAGNET'S experienced team of Growth Advisors and service partners have been working with local manufacturers for over 35 years, driving business growth, innovation, operational improvements and much more. Because we have no profit motive, we measure the effectiveness of our consulting services and work based on their ECONOMIC IMPACT. And we ask all of our clients to validate this impact after every engagement. This requires us to focus on generating meaningful and measurable results – holding ourselves to a high standard of performance and accountability.