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FHP MANUFACTURING- BACKGROUND



- FHP Manufacturing, established in 1970, is a leading supplier of water source heat pumps and geothermal systems for both the commercial and residential markets.
- FHP became a joint venture between Bosch Thermotechnology and the Carrier Corporation in 2014.
- They offer a wide range of products, to include special order units, to satisfy all customers and their application requirements.

PROCESS SUMMARY

Organizational Behavior Topics: Communication and Training

Business Process Analyzed: Special Orders (Heat Pumps)

Order Received



Unit Configured



Design Approved



Unit Costed



Customer Advised

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Overview high- level line process flow of how departments work together to make a special order

Identify the bottlenecks

- · Lag in communication from one department to the next
- Lack of knowledge on how to complete certain tasks

Interview employees

Current lead time?

3 weeks

Goal lead time?

2 weeks

Setbacks?

No departmental SOPs Lack of centralized retrieval system

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- 5 Step Leadership Communication Process
- "Boundaryless" Communicating
- Leadership Development Program

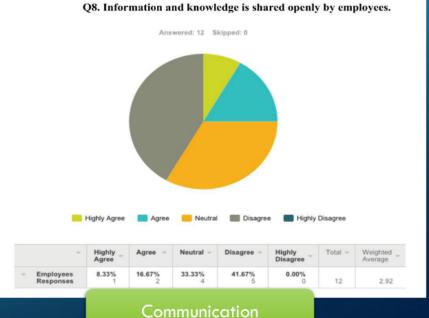


- Porter's Theory of Competitive Advantage
- Investment in Research
- 4 Rules for Implementing & Experimenting

Thecasesolutions.com INTERNAL ANALYSIS

Through a survey given to employees and managers at FHP Manufacturing, we were able to collect important quantitative data, that suggested some key processes that need to be improved.





RECOMMENDATIONS

In order for FHP to focus on improving their training and communication processes, they are required to:

Communication

- Hold bi-weekly brainstorming session.
- Implement 360 degree feedback.
- Confirm that everyone knows what his/her contribution to the organization is.
- Share knowledge across multiple departments.
- Utilize technology to increase collaboration and communication.

Training

- Use Toyota's 4 rules for implementing and experimenting.
- Incorporate training and development programs as part of the core values at FHP.
 - Socratic Method
- Create a detail standard operating procedure guide for management and engineering.