

**Unit-3**  
**Chapter-4**

**Part-1**

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## **What Is Design for Manufacture and Assembly?**

- In this chapter we shall assume that “to manufacture” refers to the manufacturing of the individual component parts of a product or assembly and “to assemble” refers to the addition or joining of parts to form the completed product.
- Hence, the term “design for manufacture” (or DFM) means the design for the ease of manufacture of the collection of parts that form the product after assembly and “design for assembly” (or DFA) means the design of the product for the ease of assembly.
- Design for manufacture and assembly (DFMA) is a combination of DFA and DFM.

DFMA is used for three main activities:

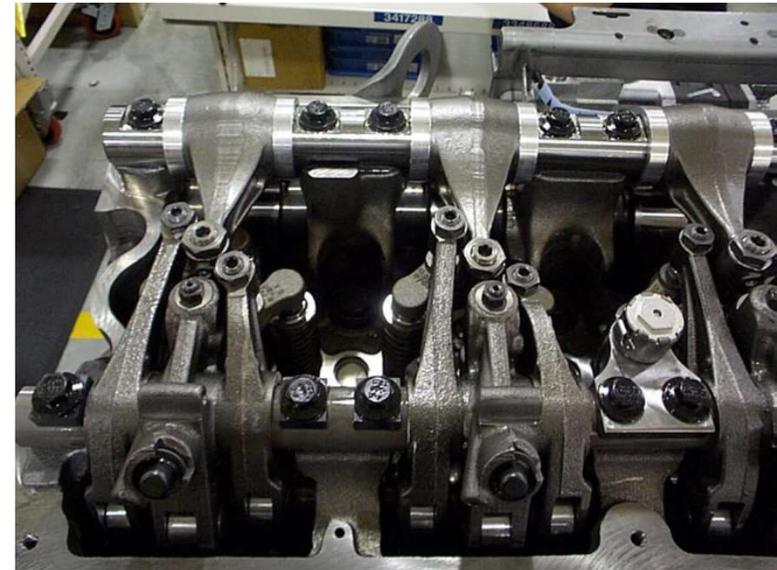
1. As the basis for concurrent engineering studies to provide guidance to the design team in simplifying the product structure to reduce manufacturing and assembly costs, and to quantify the improvements.
2. As a benchmarking tool to study competitors' products and quantify manufacturing and assembly difficulties.
3. As a should-cost tool to help control costs and to help negotiate suppliers contracts.

## Design for Assembly

- **Definition:** DFA is the method of design of the product for ease of assembly.

### **‘...Optimization of the part/system assembly’**

- DFA is a tool used to assist the design teams in the design of products that will transition to productions at a minimum cost, focusing on the number of parts, handling and ease of assembly.

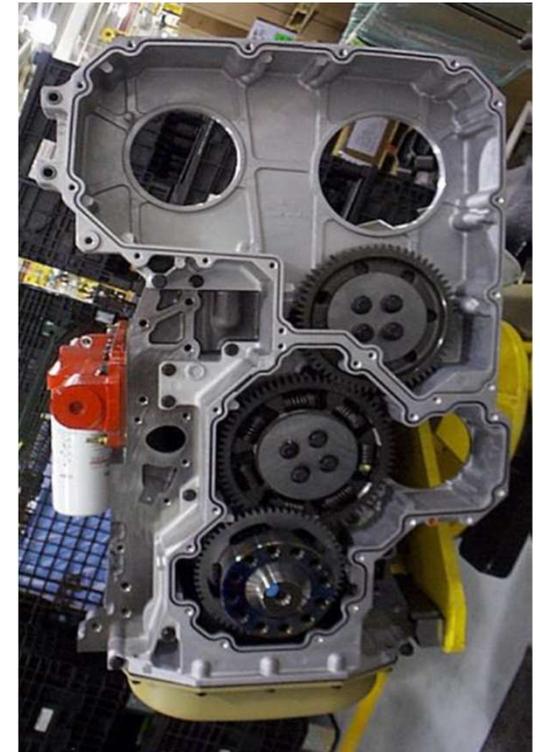


## Design for Manufacturing

- **Definition:** DFM is the method of design for ease of manufacturing of the collection of parts that will form the product after assembly.

*‘Optimization of the manufacturing process...’*

- DFA is a tool used to select the most cost effective material and process to be used in the production in the early stages of product design.



## Differences

### **Design for Assembly (DFA)**

- concerned only with **reducing product assembly cost**
- minimizes number of assembly operations
- individual parts tend to be more complex in design

### **Design for Manufacturing (DFM)**

- concerned with **reducing overall part production cost**
- minimizes complexity of manufacturing operations
- uses common datum features and primary axes

## Similarities

- Both DFM and DFA seek to reduce **material, overhead**, and **labor cost**.
- They both shorten the product development cycle time.
- Both DFM and DFA seek to utilize standards to reduce cost

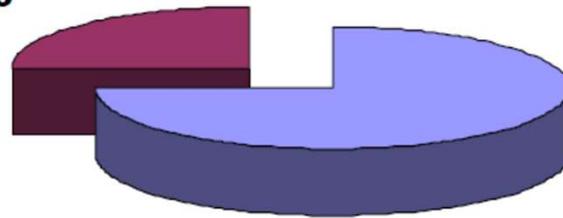
## Terminology

□ Design for Manufacturing (DFM) and Design for Assembly (DFA) are now commonly referred to as a single methodology, Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (**DFMA**) .

## What Internal Organization has the most Influence over Price, Quality, & Cycle Time?

**Manufacturing**

**20 - 30%**



**Design**

**70 - 80%**

# Sequence of Analysis

*Concept Design*



**Design for  
Assembly**

Optimize Design for  
Part Count and  
Assembly

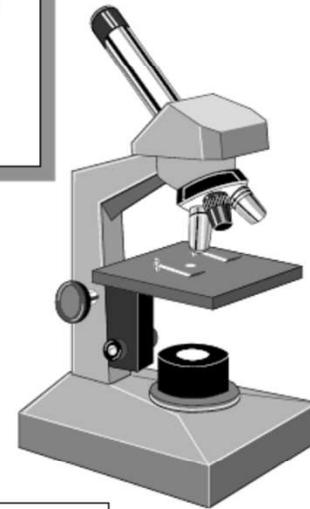


**Design for  
Manufacturing**

Optimize Design for  
Production Readiness



*Detailed Design*



# **Design for Assembly**

DFA is a process that **REQUIRES** involvement of Assembly Engineers

# Design for Assembly Principles

- Minimize part **count**
- Design parts with **self-locating features**
- Design parts with **self-fastening features**
- **Minimize reorientation** of parts during assembly
- Design parts for **retrieval, handling, & insertion**
- Emphasize **'Top-Down'** assemblies
- **Standardize** parts...minimum use of fasteners.
- Encourage **modular** design
- Design for a **base part** to locate other components
- Design for component **symmetry** for insertion

# DFA Process

- Step 1**
  - Product Information: **functional requirements**
  - Functional analysis
  - Identify parts that can be standardized
  - Determine part count efficiencies
- Step 2**  Determine your **practical** part count
- Step 3**  Identify **quality** (mistake proofing) opportunities
- Step 4**  Identify **handling** (grasp & orientation) opportunities
- Step 5**  Identify **insertion** (locate & secure) opportunities
- Step 6**  Identify opportunities to reduce **secondary operations**
- Step 7**  Analyze data for **new design**

**Benchmark when possible**





- Product Information: ***functional requirements***
- Functional analysis**
- Identify parts that can be standardized
- Determine part count efficiencies

# Considerations/Assumptions

- The first part is essential (base part)
- Non-essential parts:
  - Fasteners
  - Spacers, washers, O-rings
  - Connectors, leads
- Do not include liquids as parts  
(e.g.. glue, gasket sealant, lube)



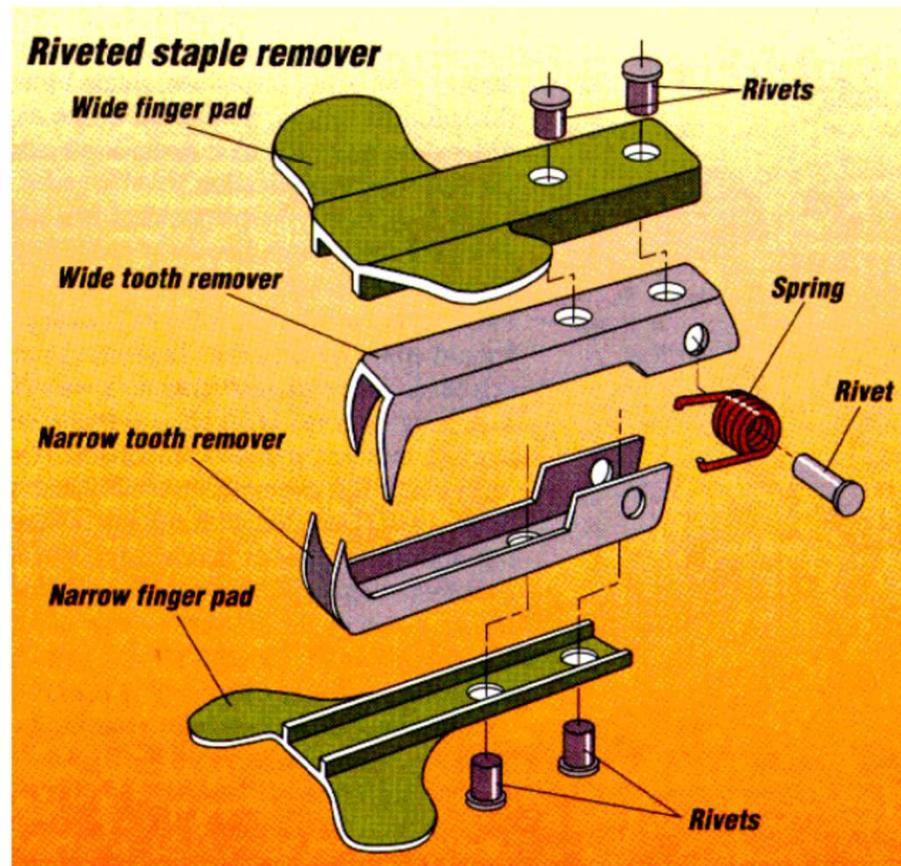
# Part Identification

- List parts in the order of assembly
- Assign/record part number



DFA Analysis Worksheet				
Assembly Name: Staple Remover				
Part Number	Part	DFA Complexity		Func Rede
		Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part a to part b = 1)	Theoretical Minimum Part (Functional Analysis chart)
				
	Part Name			
1	Lower Arm Sub.			
1.1	<b>Base Part</b> - Lower Arm			
1.2	Lower Arm cover			
1.3	Rivet			
2	Upper Arm Sub.			
2.1	Upper Arm			
2.2	Upper Arm cover			
2.3	Rivet			
3	Spring			
4	Pivot			
<b>Totals</b>				

**So take it apart!**



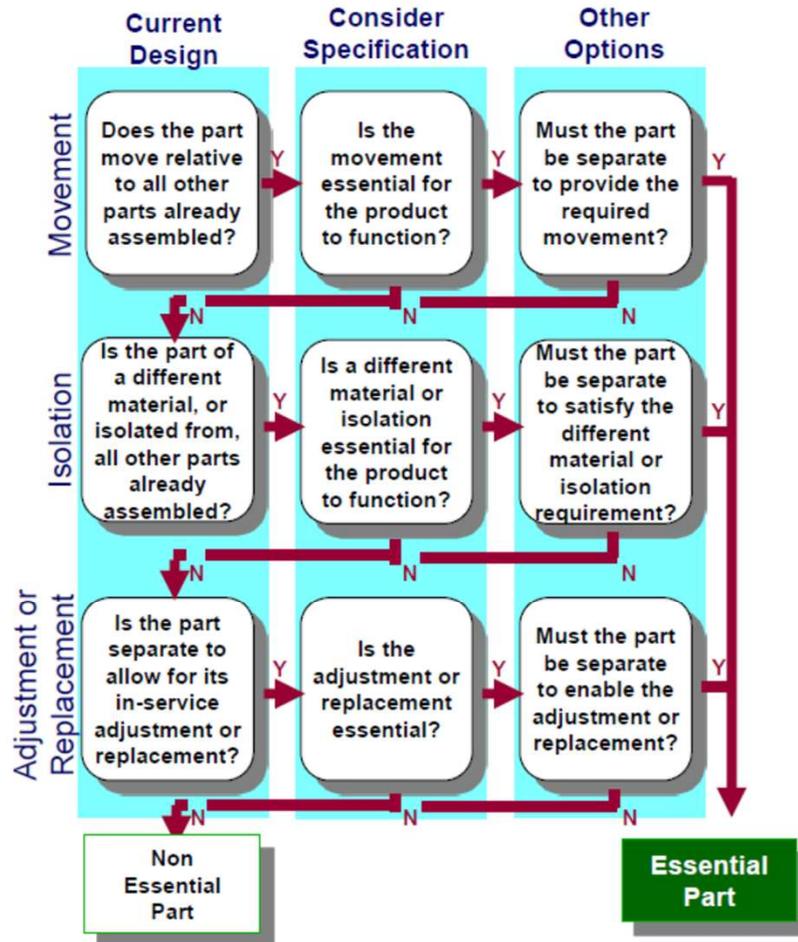
# Count Parts & Interfaces

- List number of parts ( $N_p$ )
- List number of interfaces ( $N_i$ )



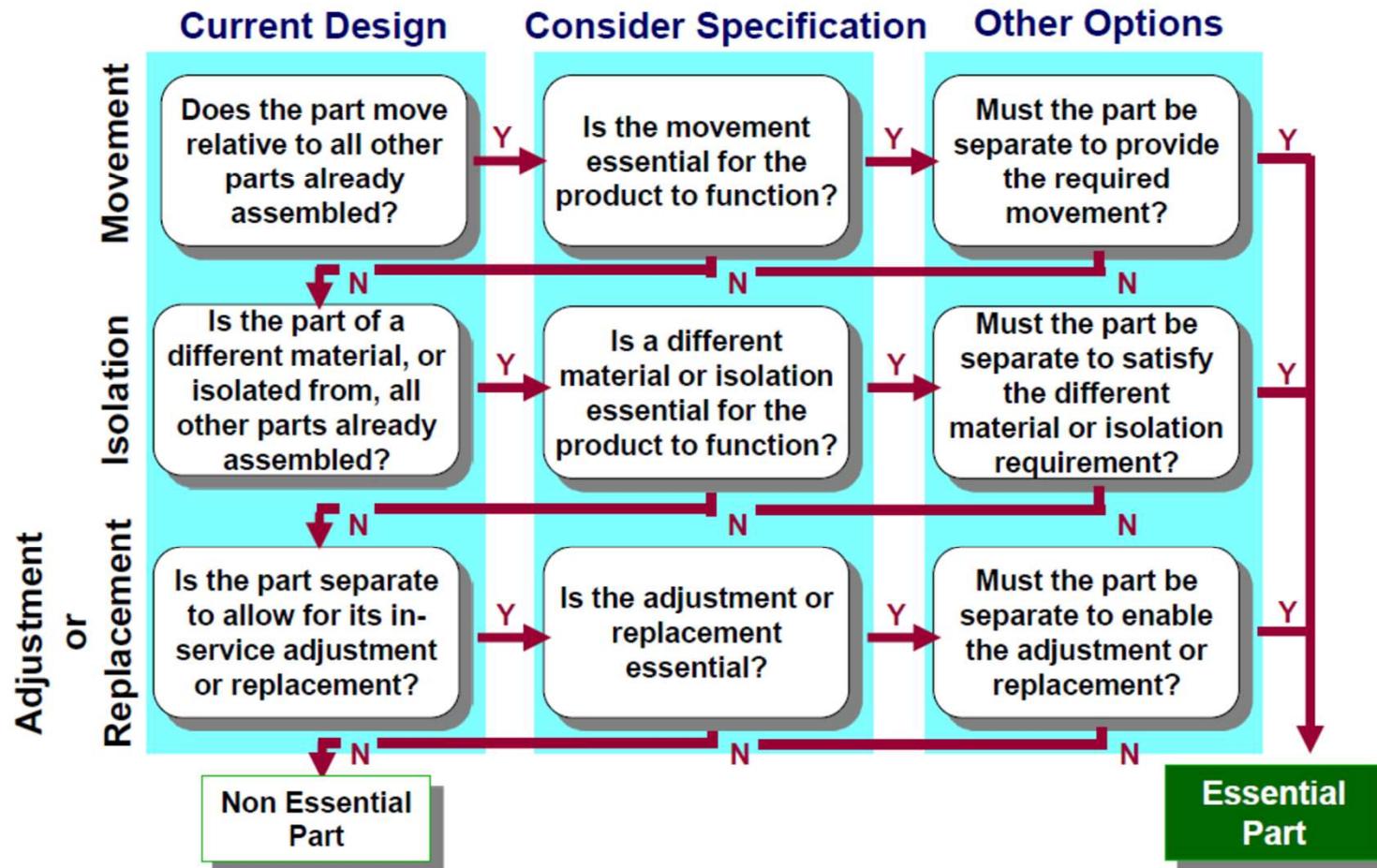
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1.1	1	6	I1: Arm to rivet I2: Arm to rivet I3: Arm to cover I4: Arm to pivot I5: Arm to spring I6: Arm to Arm			
1.2	1	3				
1.3	2	4				
2	Upper Arm Sub.					
2.1	1	6				
2.2	1	3				
2.3	2	4				
3	1	3				
4	1	3				
<b>Totals</b>		10	32			

# Determine Theoretical Min. No. of Parts



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		Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part a to part b = 1)			
1	Lower Arm Sub.					
1.1	Base Part - Lower Arm	1	6			Y
1.2	Lower Arm cover	1	3			N
1.3	Rivet	2	4			N
2	Upper Arm Sub.					
2.1	Upper Arm	1	6			N
2.2	Upper Arm cover	1	3			N
2.3	Rivet	2	4			N
3	Spring	1	3			N
4	Pivot	1	3			N
<b>Totals</b>		10	32			1

# Functional Analysis



# Determine if Parts Can be Standardized

## ■ Can the current parts be standardized?:

- Within the assembly station
- Within the full assembly
- Within the assembly plant
- Within the corporation
- Within the industry

## ■ Should they be?

## ■ (Only put a “Y” if both answers are yes...)

DFA Analysis Worksheet						
Assembly Name: <u>Staple Remover</u>						
Part Number	Part	DFA Complexity		Functional Redesign		
		Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part to part = 1)	Theoretical Minimum Part (Functional Analysis chart)	Part can be Standardized (if not already standard)	
						
	Part Name					
1	Lower Arm Sub.					
1.1	<b>Base Part</b> - Lower Arm	1	6	Y	N	
1.2	Lower Arm cover	1	3	N	Y	
1.3	Rivet	2	4	N	N	
2	Upper Arm Sub.					
2.1	Upper Arm	1	6	N	N	
2.2	Upper Arm cover	1	3	N	Y	
2.3	Rivet	2	4	N	N	
3	Spring	1	3	N	N	
4	Pivot	1	3	N	N	
<b>Totals</b>		10	32	1	2	
<b>Design for Assembly Metrics</b>		17.89		10%	L. Theor. Pract.	
<b>Targets</b>		0.00		>60%	0	

# Theoretical Part Count Efficiency

Theoretical Part  
Count Efficiency =

$$\frac{\text{Theoretical Min. No. Parts}}{\text{Total Number of Parts}} * 100$$

$$\text{Theoretical Part Count Efficiency} = \frac{1}{10} * 100$$

$$\text{Theoretical Part Count Efficiency} = 10\%$$

Rule of Thumb – Part Count  
Efficiency Goal > 60%



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Assembly Name: Staple Remover				
Part Number	Part	DFA Complexity		Functional Redundancy
		Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part a to part b = 1)	
Theoretical Minimum Part (Functional Analysis chart)				
1	Lower Arm Sub.			
1.1	<b>Base Part</b> - Lower Arm	1	6	Y
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1.3	Rivet	2	4	N
2	Upper Arm Sub.			
2.1	Upper Arm	1	6	N
2.2	Upper Arm cover	1	3	N
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3	Spring	1	3	N
4	Pivot	1	3	N
<b>Totals</b>		10	32	1
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# DFA Complexity Factor – Definition

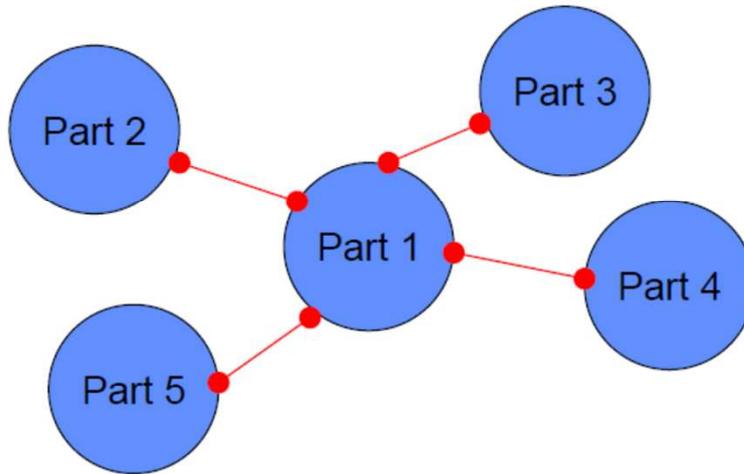
- Cummins Inc. metric for assessing complexity of a product design
- Two Factors
  - $N_p$  – Number of parts
  - $N_i$  – Number of part-to-part interfaces

– Multiply the two and take the square root of the total

$$\sqrt{\Sigma N_p \times \Sigma N_i}$$

– This is known as the DFA Complexity Factor

## DFA Complexity Factor – Target



$$DCF = \sqrt{\Sigma N_p \times \Sigma N_i}$$

$$DCF_t = \sqrt{\Sigma N_{pt} \times \Sigma N_{it}}$$

$$DCF_t = \sqrt{5 \times 8} = 6.32$$

- Smaller is better (Minimize  $N_p$  and  $N_i$ )
- Let  $N_{pt}$  = Theoretical Minimum Number of parts
  - from the Functional Analysis
  - $N_{pt} = 5$
- Let  $N_{it}$  = Theoretical minimum number of part to part interfaces
  - $N_{it} = 2(N_{pt}-1)$
  - $N_{it} = 2(5-1) = 8$

# Determine Relative Part Cost Levels

- Subjective estimate only
- **Low/Medium/High** relative to other parts in the assembly and/or product line



DFA Analysis Worksheet							
Assembly Name: Staple Remover							
Part Number	Part Name	DFA Complexity	Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part a to part b = 1)	Functional Analysis		
					Theoretical Minimum Part (Functional Analysis chart)	Part can be Standardized (if not already standard)	Cost (Low/Medium/High)
1	Lower Arm Sub.						
1.1	Base Part - Lower Arm	1	6	Y	N	L	
1.2	Lower Arm cover	1	3	N	Y	L	
1.3	Rivet	2	4	N	N	L	
2	Upper Arm Sub.						
2.1	Upper Arm	1	6	N	N	L	
2.2	Upper Arm cover	1	3	N	Y	L	
2.3	Rivet	2	4	N	N	L	
3	Spring	1	3	N	N	L	
4	Pivot	1	3	N	N	L	
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## Cost Breakdown

- Media paper 21.4%
- Centertube 3.6%
- Endplates (2) 3.0%
- Plastisol 2.6%
- Inner Seal 4.0%
- Spring 0.9%
- Shell 31.4%
- Nutplate 21.0%
- Retainer 4.8%
- Loctite 0.3%
- End Seal 7.0%



- ❑ Determine Practical Minimum Part Count

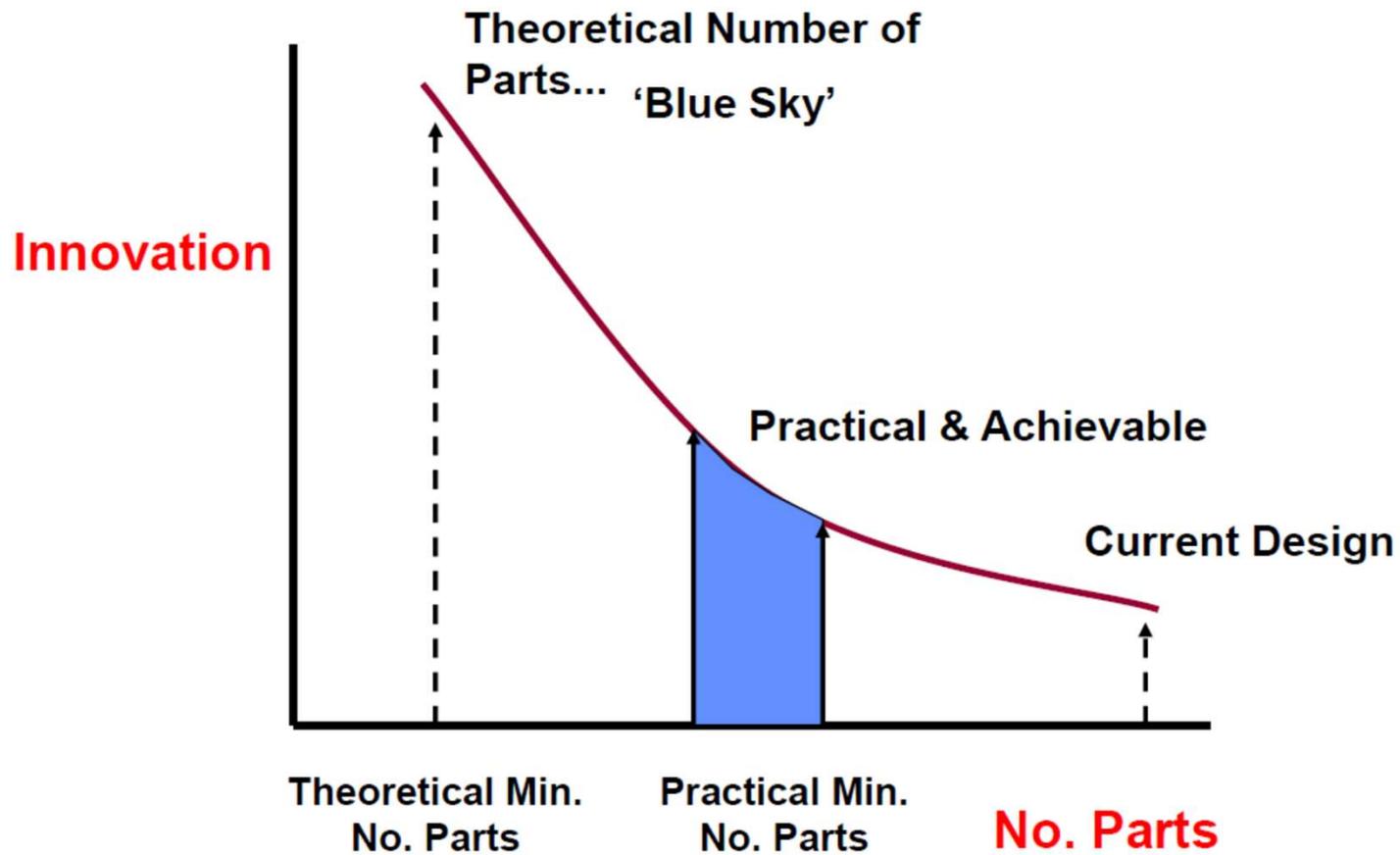
# Determine Practical Minimum Part Count

- Team assessment of practical changes
- Tradeoffs between part cost and assembly cost

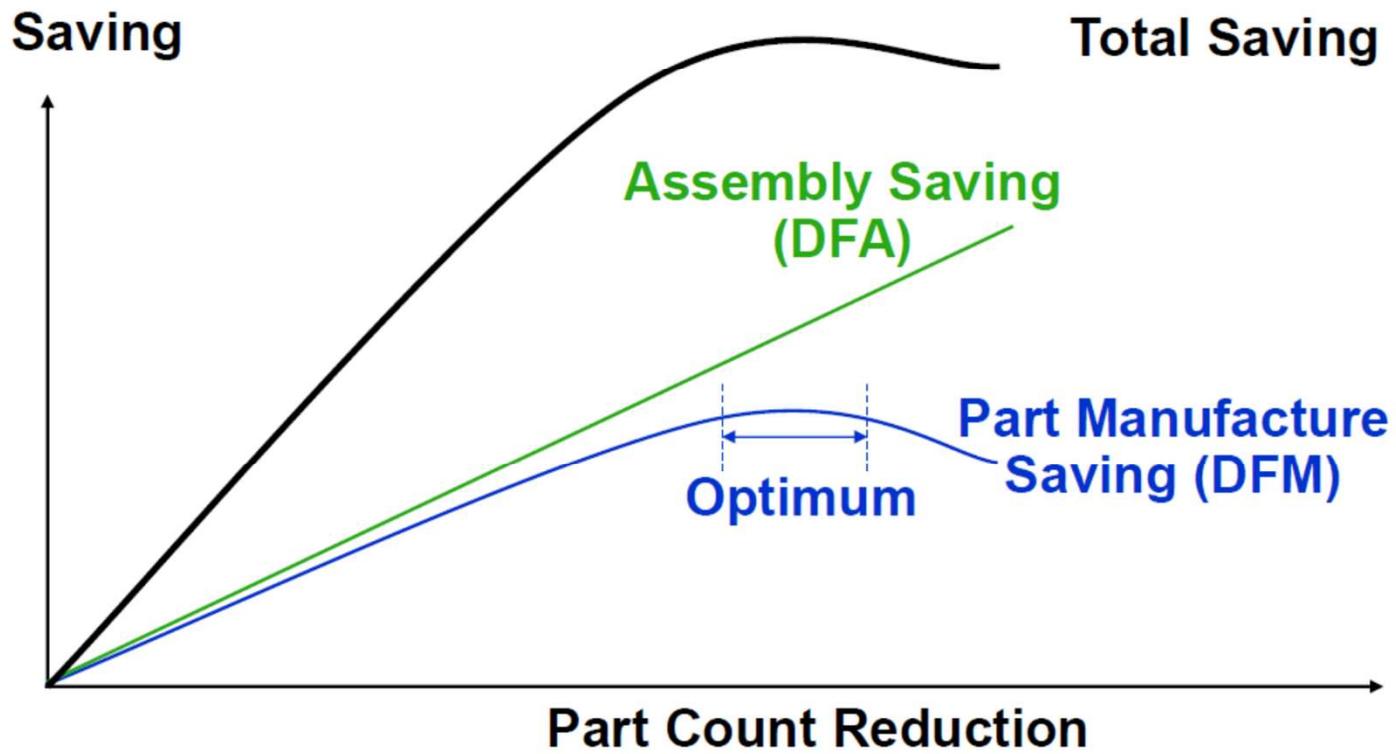


DFA Analysis Worksheet								
Assembly Name: Staple Remover								
..... Enter 'Y'								
Part Number	Part Name	Image	DFA Complexity		Functional Analysis / Redesign Opportunity			
			Number of Parts (Np)	Number of Interfaces (Ni) (part a to part b = 1)	Theoretical Minimum Part (Functional Analysis chart)	Part can be Standardized (if not already standard)	Cost (Low/Medium/High)	Practical Minimum Part
1	Lower Arm Sub.							
1.1	<b>Base Part</b> - Lower Arm		1	6	Y	N	L	Y
1.2	Lower Arm cover		1	3	N	Y	L	N
1.3	Rivet		2	4	N	N	L	N
2	Upper Arm Sub.							
2.1	Upper Arm		1	6	N	N	L	Y
2.2	Upper Arm cover		1	3	N	Y	L	N
2.3	Rivet		2	4	N	N	L	N
3	Spring		1	3	N	N	L	Y
4	Pivot		1	3	N	N	L	Y
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# Creativity & Innovation

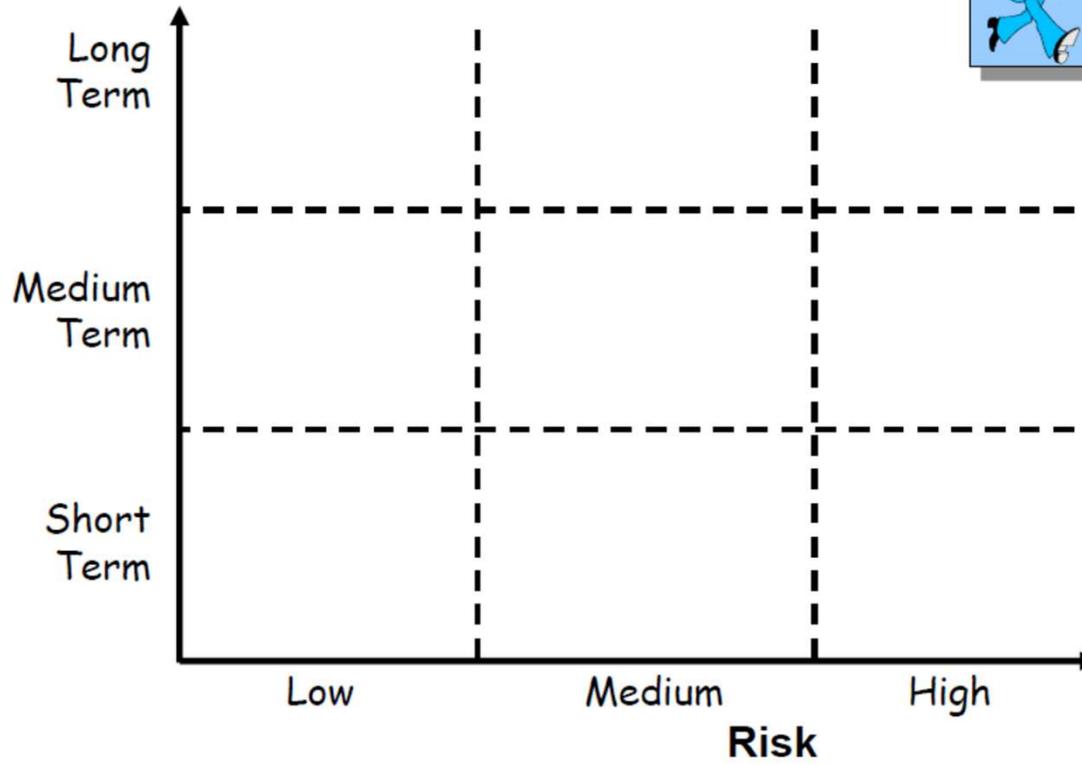


## Cost of Assembly Vs Cost of Part Manufacture



# Idea Classification

Implementation



**Don't constrain yourself to incremental improvement unless you have to!**



**This style doesn't tear paper like the claw style and is much cheaper to produce!**

# Fasteners

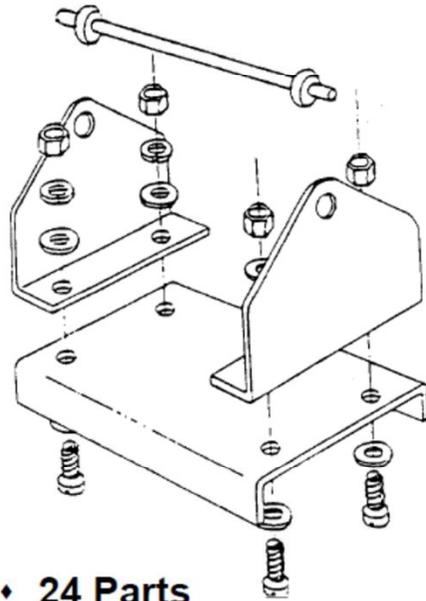


- A study by Ford Motor Co. revealed that threaded fasteners were the most common cause of warranty repairs
- This finding is echoed in more recent survey of automotive mechanics, in which 80% reported finding loose or incorrect fasteners in cars they serviced

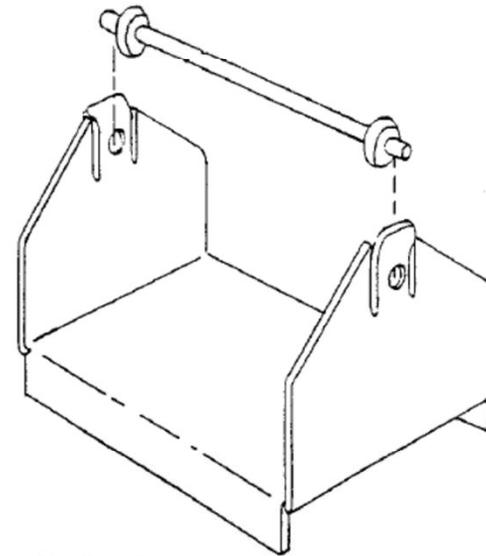
# Component Elimination

## Example: Rollbar Redesign

‘..If more than 1/3 of the components in a product are fasteners, the assembly logic should be questioned.’

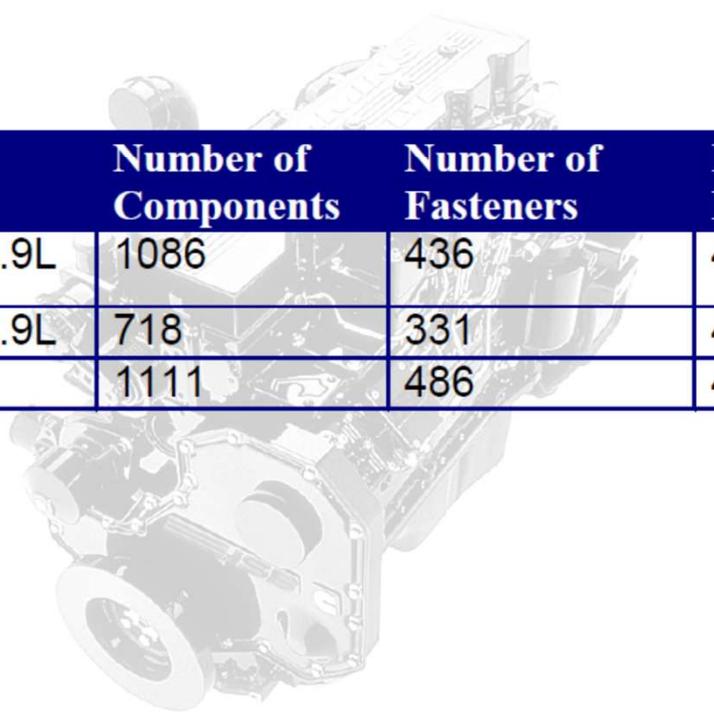


- ♦ 24 Parts
- ♦ 8 different parts
- ♦ multiple mfg. & assembly processes necessary



- ♦ 2 Parts
- ♦ 2 Manufacturing processes
- ♦ one assembly step

## Fasteners: Cummins Engines



Engine Type	Number of Components	Number of Fasteners	Percent Fasteners
B Series, 6 Cyl 5.9L	1086	436	40%
B Series, 4 Cyl 3.9L	718	331	46%
C Series, 8.3L	1111	486	44%

Data from Munroe & Associates October 2002

# Standard Bolt Sizes

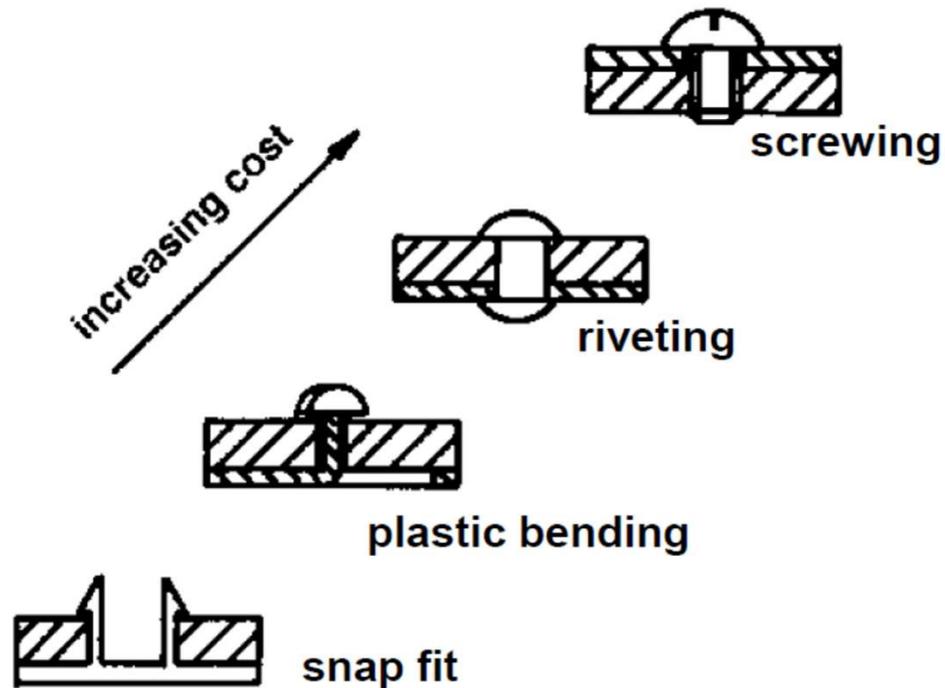
- Minimize extra sizes to both reduce inventory and eliminate confusion during assembly

Candidates for elimination

	M5 x .8	M6 x 1.0	M8 x 1.25	M10 x 1.5	M11 x 1.25	M12 x 1.25	M12 x 1.75	M14 x 1.5	M16 x 2.0	Qty Required
12mm										0
14mm	2									2
16mm		3								3
20mm			4	8	8					20
25mm				6	6					12
30mm			3	8						11
35mm			10	35						45
39.5mm			32	12	10	4				58
40mm				41	27		6			74
45mm			22	9					1	32
50mm		4	9	25	18	12				68
60mm			13	8			15			36
70mm					6					6
Required	2	7	93	152	75	16	21	0	1	367

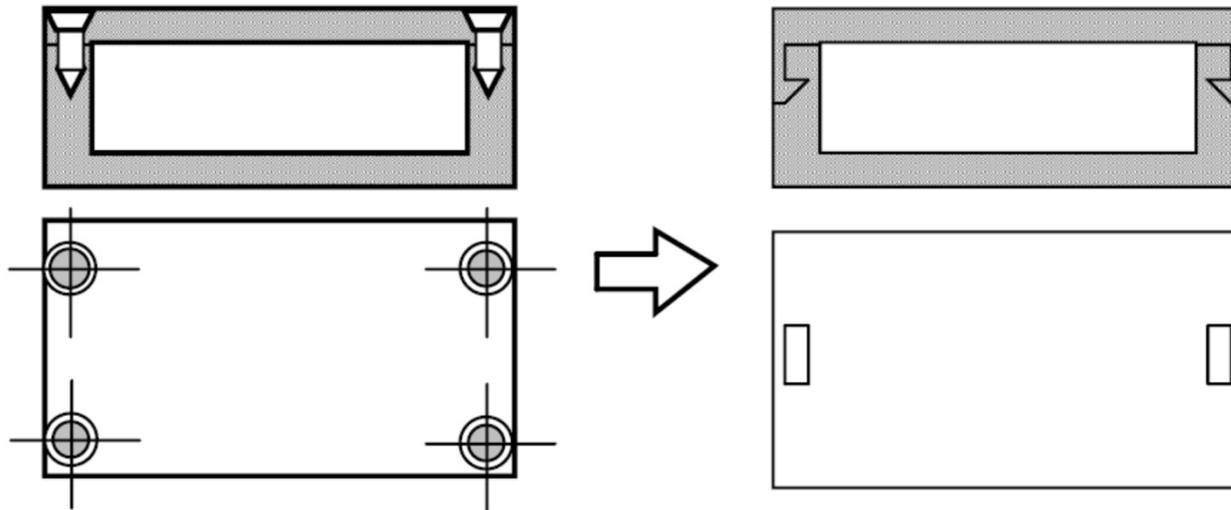
# Fastener Cost

- Select the most inexpensive fastening method required



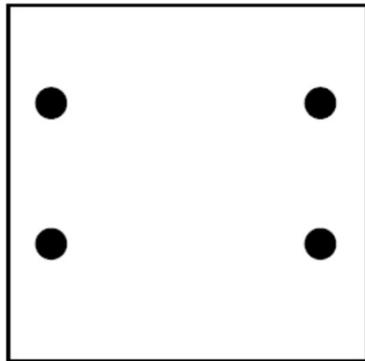
# General Design Principles

## Self-fastening features

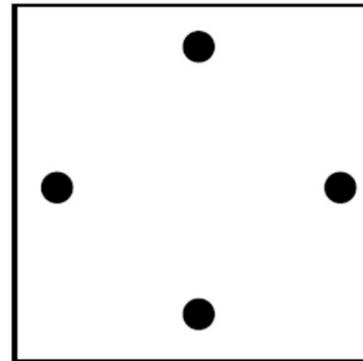


# General Design Principles

## Symmetry eliminates reorientation



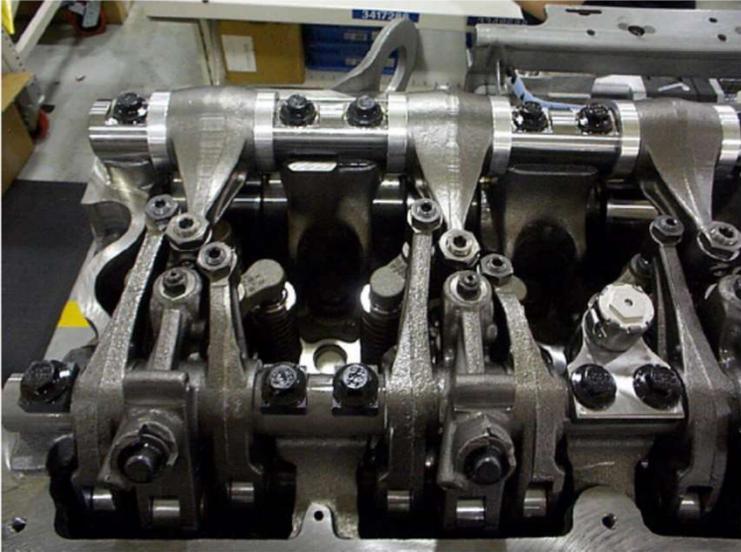
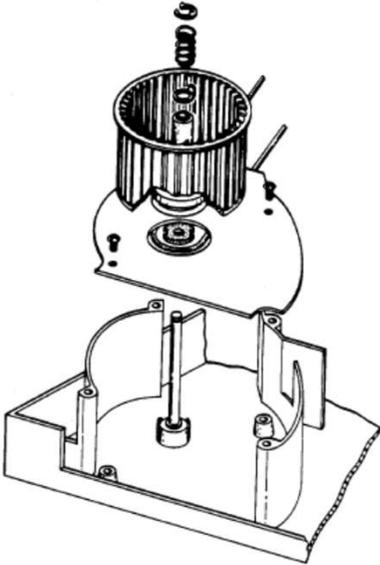
Asymmetric Part



Symmetry of a part  
makes assembly easier

# General Design Principles

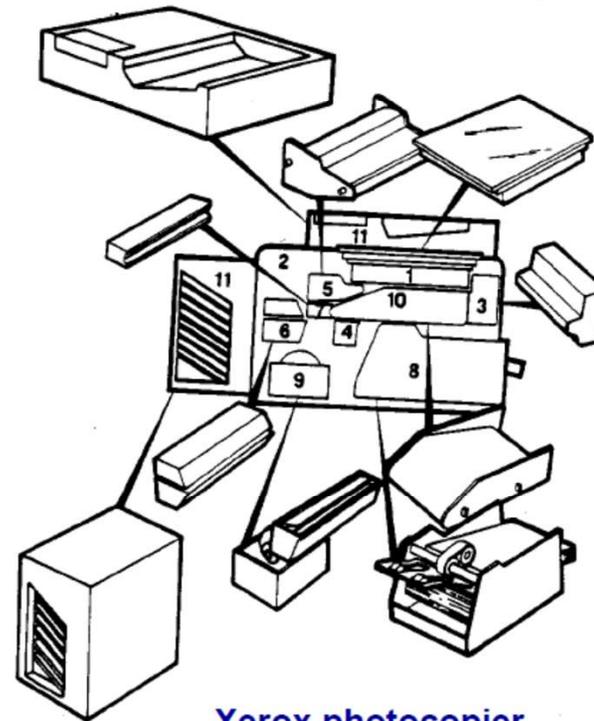
## Top-Down Assembly



# General Design Principles

## Modular Assemblies

1. Imaging
2. Drives
3. Development
4. Transfer/Stripping
5. Cleaning
6. Fusing
7. Charge/Erase
8. Copy Handling
9. Electrical Distribution
10. Photoreceptor
11. Input/Output Devices



Xerox photocopier

## Eliminated Parts are **NEVER...**

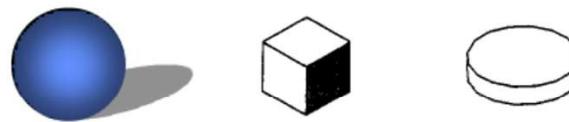
- Designed
- Detailed
- Prototyped
- Produced
- Scrapped
- Tested
- Re-engineered
- Purchased
- Progressed
- Received
- Inspected
- Rejected
- Stocked
- Outdated
- Written-off
- Unreliable
- Recycled
- late from the supplier!



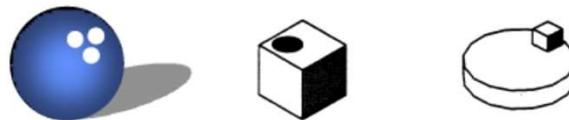
- ❑ Identify **quality** (mistake proofing) opportunities

# Mistake Proofing Issues

- Cannot assemble wrong part
- Cannot omit part
- Cannot assemble part wrong way around.



symmetrical parts

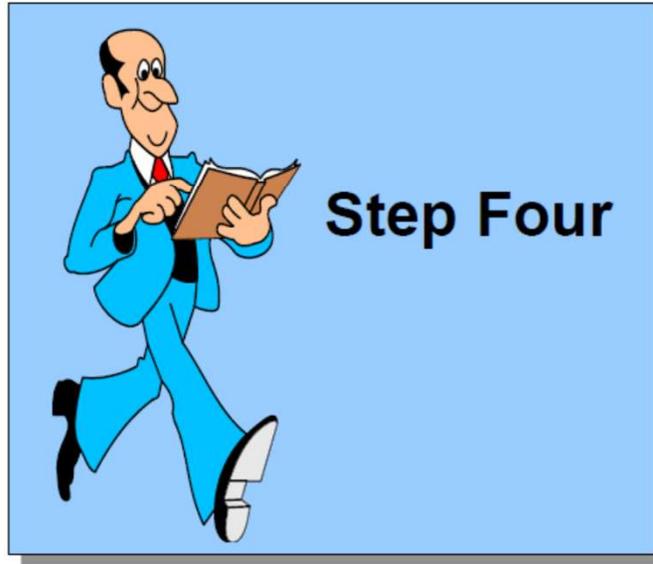


asymmetrical parts

# Mistake Proofing Issues



**72 Wiring Harness  
Part Numbers  
CDC - Rocky Mount,  
NC**



- Identify handling (grasp & orientation) opportunities

# Quantitative criteria

- **Handling Time:** based on assembly process and complexity of parts
  - How many hands are required?
  - Is any grasping assistance needed?
  - What is the effect of part symmetry on assembly?
  - Is the part easy to align/position?

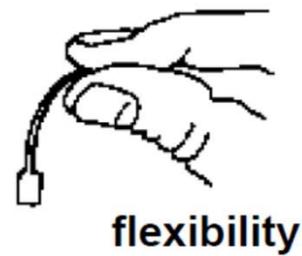


# Handling Difficulty

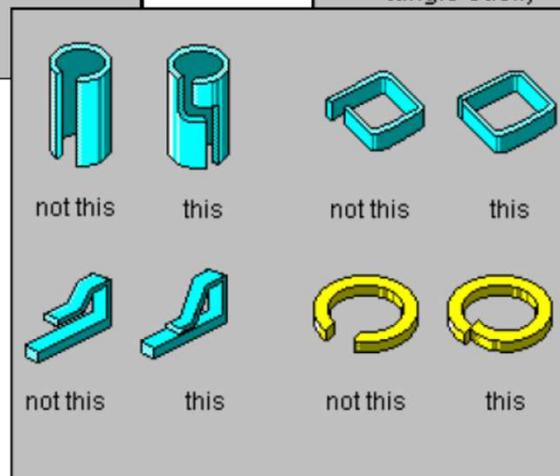
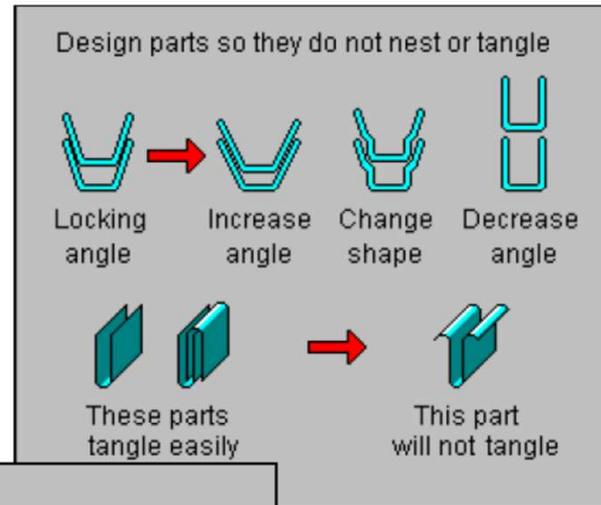
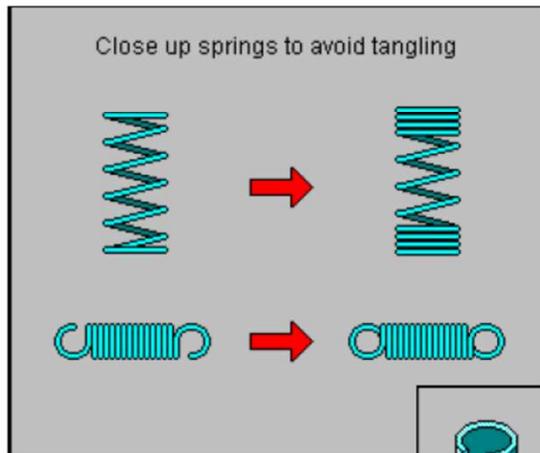
- Size
- Thickness
- Weight
- Fragility
- Flexibility
- Slipperiness
- Stickiness
- Necessity for using 1) two hands, 2) optical magnification, or 3) mechanical assistance



# Handling Difficulty



# Eliminate Tangling/Nesting





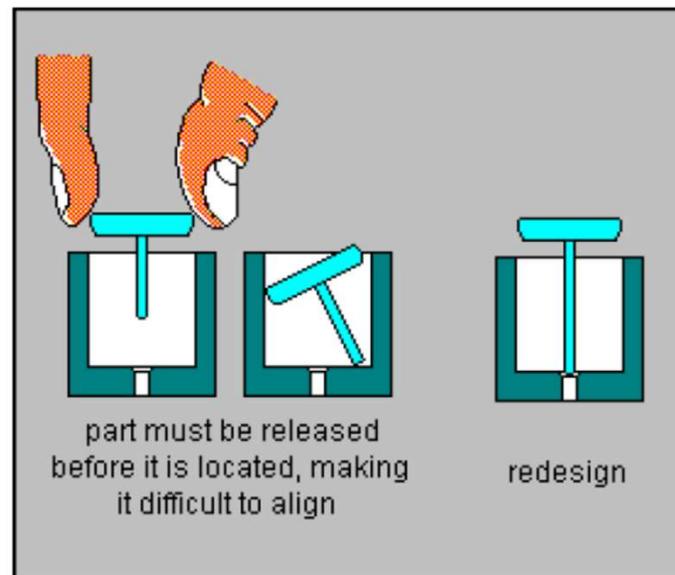
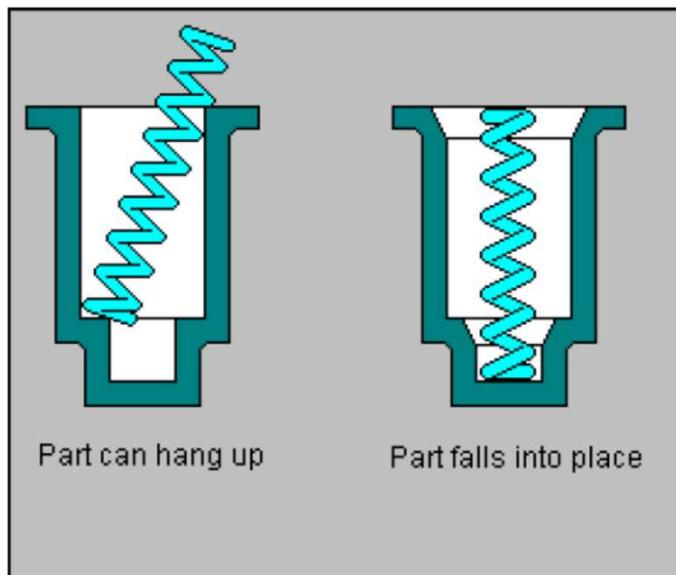
- Identify insertion (locate & secure) opportunities

## Quantitative criteria

- **Insertion time:** based on difficulty required for each component insertion
  - Is the part secured immediately upon insertion?
  - Is it necessary to hold down part to maintain location?
  - What type of fastening process is used? (mechanical, thermal, other?)
  - Is the part easy to align/position?

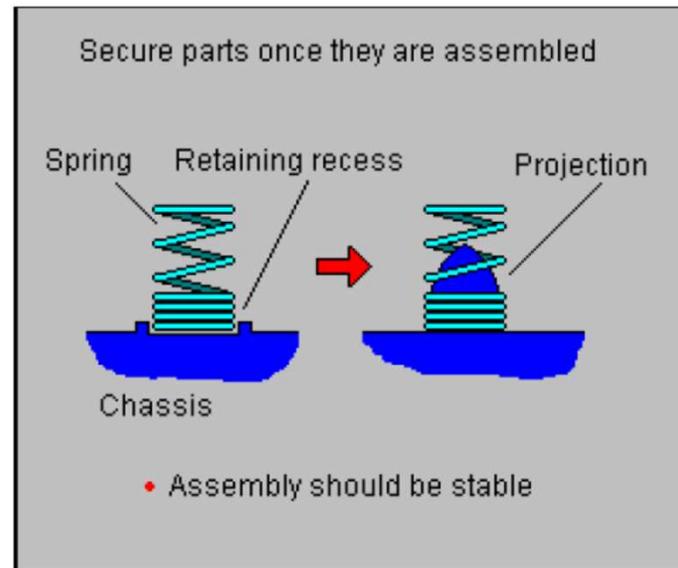
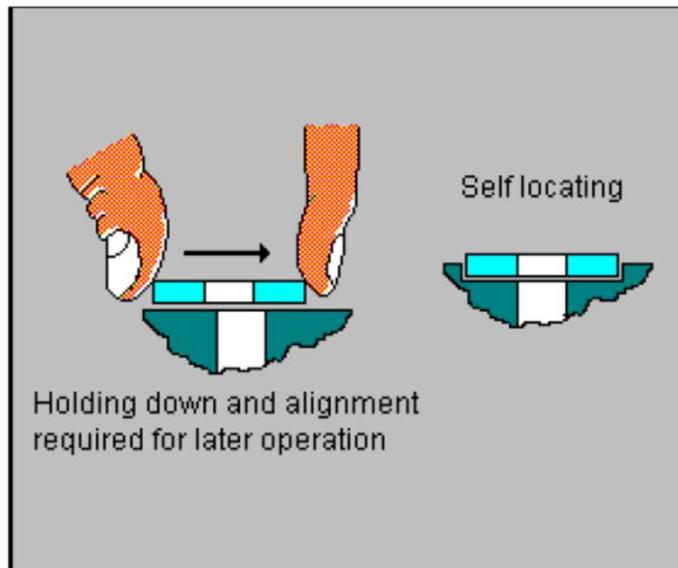
# Insertion Issues

- Provide self-aligning & self locating parts



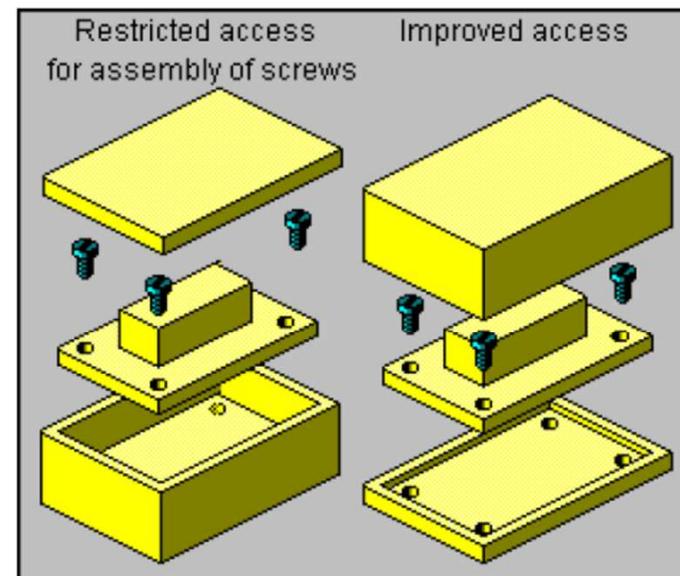
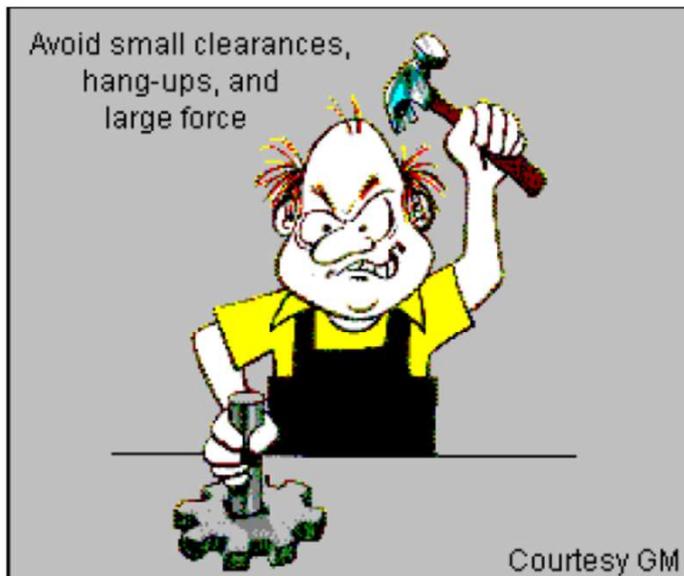
# Insertion Issues

- Ensure parts do not need to be held in position



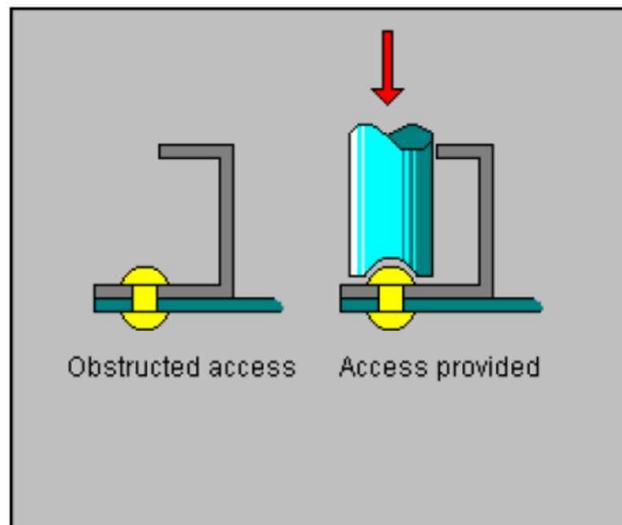
# Insertion Issues

- Parts are easy to insert.
- Provide adequate access & visibility



# Insertion Issues

- Provide adequate access and visibility

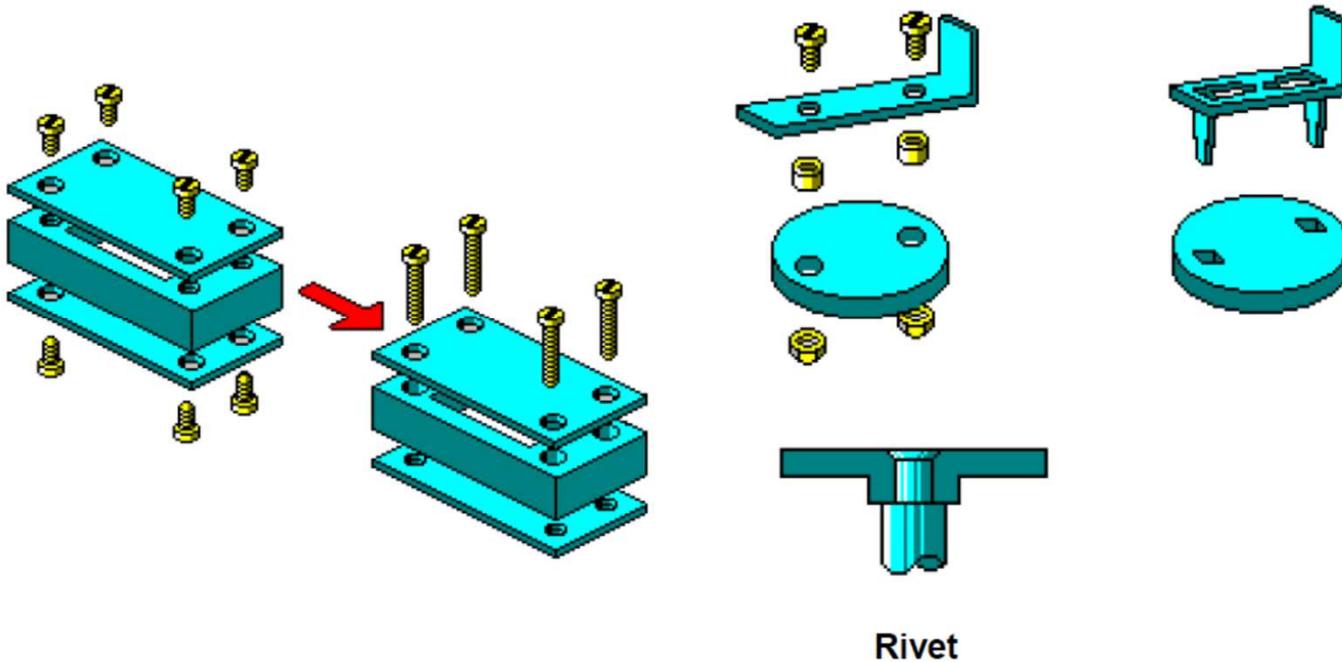




- ❑ Identify opportunities to reduce secondary operations

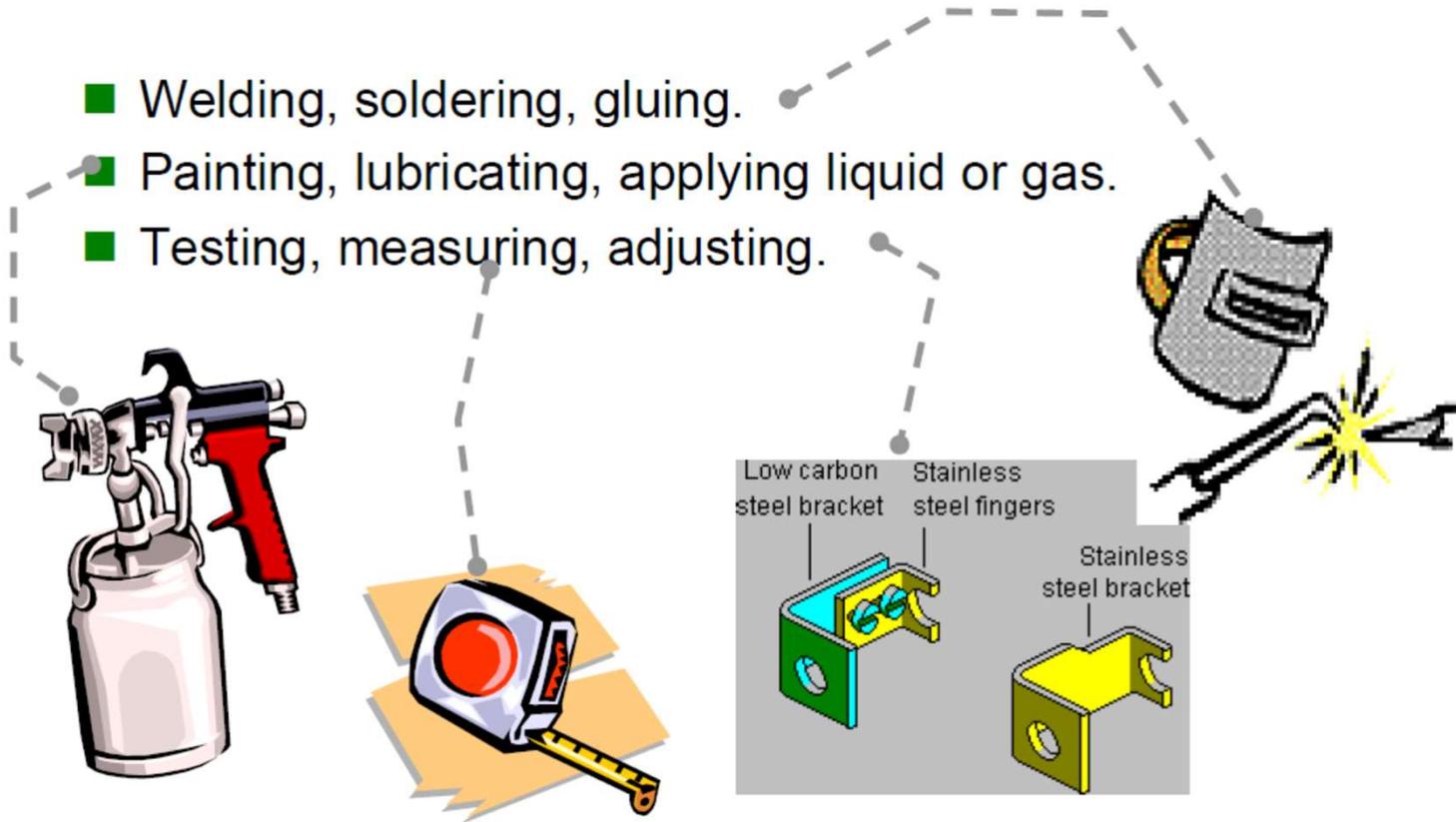
# Eliminate Secondary Operations

- Re-orientation (assemble in Z axis)
- Screwing, drilling, twisting, riveting, bending, crimping.



# Eliminate Secondary Operations

- Welding, soldering, gluing.
- Painting, lubricating, applying liquid or gas.
- Testing, measuring, adjusting.



# Assembly Metrics

- Error Proofing

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$$\frac{\text{Sum all Y's in Error Columns}}{\text{Theoretical Min. No. Parts}}$$
- Handling Index

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$$\frac{\text{Sum all Y's in Handling Columns}}{\text{Theoretical Min. No. Parts}}$$
- Insertion Index

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$$\frac{\text{Sum all Y's in Insertion Columns}}{\text{Theoretical Min. No. Parts}}$$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Op. Index

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$$\frac{\text{Sum all Y's in 2nd Op. Columns}}{\text{Theoretical Min. No. Parts}}$$

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled 'DFA Analysis Worksheet'. It contains columns for Part, Description, and various assembly metrics. The metrics include Error Proofing, Handling Index, Insertion Index, and 2nd Op. Index. The spreadsheet is organized into rows for different parts, with some rows highlighted in green. The columns are labeled with 'Y's' indicating the presence of a specific metric for that part.



# Analyze All Metrics

**First** consider:

Reduce part count & type

Part Count Efficiency  
& DFA Complexity Factor

**Then** think about:

Error Proofing

Error Index

**Then** think about:

Ease of handling

Handling Index

Ease of insertion

Insertion Index

Eliminate secondary ops.

2<sup>nd</sup> Op. Index

**Set Target Values for These Measures**



- Analyze data for new design

# DFA Process

- Step 1**
  - Product Information: **functional requirements**
  - Functional analysis
  - Identify parts that can be standardized
  - Determine part count efficiencies
- Step 2**  Determine your **practical** part count
- Step 3**  Identify **quality** (mistake proofing) opportunities
- Step 4**  Identify **handling** (grasp & orientation) opportunities
- Step 5**  Identify **insertion** (locate & secure) opportunities
- Step 6**  Identify opportunities to reduce **secondary operations**
- Step 7**  Analyze data for **new design**

**Benchmark when possible**

# DFA Guidelines

## In order of importance:

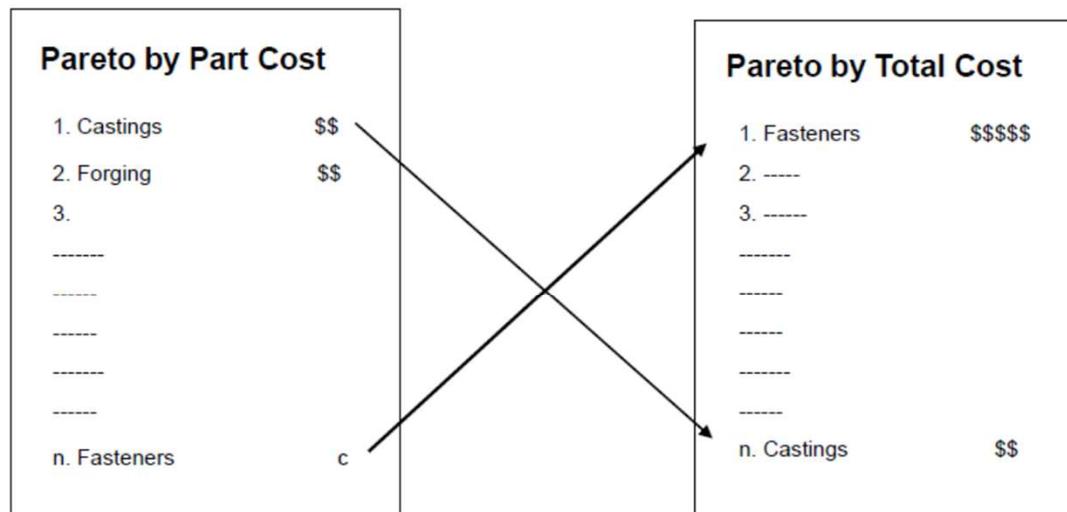
- Reduce part count & types
- Ensure parts cannot be installed incorrectly
- Strive to eliminate adjustments
- Ensure parts self-align & self-locate
- Ensure adequate access & unrestricted vision
- Ensure parts are easily handled from bulk
- Minimize reorientation (assemble in Z axis) & secondary operations during assembly
- Make parts symmetrical or obviously asymmetrical

# Understanding Product Costs

## Consideration of True Production costs and the Bill of Material Costs,

Typical Costing

Total Cost



# Selection of Manufacturing Method

Have we selected the Best Technology or Process to fabricate the parts?

Is hard tooling Required...



Have we selected the best Material needed for function and cost?

Have we looked at all the new Technology that is available

# **Selection of Manufacturing Method**

**Has the Design Addressed Automation Possibilities?**



**Is the Product configured with access for and the parts shaped for the implementation of automation?**

# Understanding Component Features

Part Features that are Critical To the  
Products Functional Quality



Every Drawing  
Call Out is not  
Critical to  
Function and  
Quality

# Key DFMA Principles

- **Minimize Part Count**
- **Standardize** Parts and Materials
- Create **Modular** Assemblies
- Design for **Efficient Joining**
- **Minimize Reorientation** of parts during Assembly and/or Machining
- Simplify and **Reduce** the number of Manufacturing **Operations**
- Specify '**Acceptable**' surface **Finishes** for functionality

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