Summary
Change management originated in document control procedures. Engineering departments owned all the drawings that defined a product and everything related to them. They managed and executed change. Today, the scope of change management is broader and much more complex. Increasingly advanced products that span multiple domains require collaboration and coordination far beyond the scope of engineering. Global organizations and supply chains make collaboration more and more difficult. Without visibility to who is impacted by a change, their resource loads, what projects are already in process, and other information, organizations implement too many changes at once, creating bottlenecks and delays.

Effective change management is critical to your success. You must be able not only to track and address issues and required changes, but also to meet the demand for new product offerings. With product and process change management capabilities in Teamcenter® software, you can effectively manage the evolution of your products, issues and improvements, while implementing the changes quickly, accurately and comprehensively to better respond to your customers’ needs.

Benefits
- Reduce risk with a complete understanding of the impact of change
- Lower change costs, risks and cycle times
- Ensure adherence to standards and business rules
- Spend less time analyzing, administering and implementing change with integrated PLM
- Optimize change processes and support audits with complete change traceability

Execute change quickly, accurately and comprehensively
Comprehensive impact analysis

One of the most critical elements to effective change management is the ability to clearly understand the impact of a proposed change. If you make a change to a component, what are all the parts, assemblies, documents and products that could be impacted? Perhaps the change requires only a minor design modification, but does it require re-tooling in manufacturing or changing process steps? Do you have the resources to make this change? What would the impact be on other projects already in progress?

With the power of product lifecycle management (PLM) at your fingertips, you have complete visibility to impacted data, people and processes. You can see every instance where a part is used and all information related to that part to clearly understand what data is impacted. Standardized change processes help you incorporate the right stakeholders to clearly identify impacted domains and processes. You can view resource loads and reports to help ensure that appropriate changes can actually be executed in the desired time frame. You can leverage all this data, as well as the history of previous changes or issues, to help identify whether a change is necessary, dramatically reducing the time you spend on changes that never make it to production. When you use product change management in Teamcenter to understand the complete impact of change, you can make accurate decisions about cost and timing commitments.

Features

- Easy to participate in change process with minimal or no training
- Workflow-driven change process execution
- Configurable, rules-based change management
- Comprehensive impact analysis
- End-to-end change execution with standardized, flexible, closed-loop processes
- Schedule Manager integrations to manage complex change

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Standardized change
Teamcenter enables you to standardize your change processes – no matter how simple or complex. Teamcenter fully supports the rigor of formal Configuration Management (CMII discipline) change management, and also enables you to define your own standardized change processes. Standardized processes help you synchronize change activities across complex assemblies and organizations, while maintaining traceability for audit and reporting purposes. You can drive consistency with standard processes to make change management more predictable and streamlined.

Right-sized change
Not all changes are the same. You may have simple changes that require little effort or cost, such as an update to a title on a drawing. On the other hand, you may have more complex changes that require design modifications, re-tooling for manufacturing, and updates to service manuals.

Applying the same level of rigor and control across both examples may not make sense. With Teamcenter, you have the flexibility to manage and execute the right change process for the job, from expediting a simple change to formal control of a complex change in one single integrated PLM environment.

End-to-end execution
With product change management in Teamcenter, you can manage the complete scope of change across all impacted domains, timelines and resources. From managing and verifying drivers of change, to identifying and planning solutions, to guiding the implementation and incorporation of change, you can orchestrate the complete change process. Powerful workflow and project management capabilities simplify the coordination and collaboration of people inside your company, as well as your partners and suppliers. You can ensure that everyone works with the right data and at the right time to implement change quickly, accurately and comprehensively. Consistent closed-loop processes provide feedback to help optimize change processes, and support confirmation of all change tasks with complete traceability for audit history and tracking.

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