Optimizing product lifecycle quality management with Siemens Opcenter Quality

Quality, traceability and compliance management for continuous improvement
The Siemens Digital Industries Software cross-industry quality management software, Siemens Opcenter Quality, which has been on the market for over 30 years, provides you quality management solutions to support the optimization of the processes involved in your product life cycle. The software helps you create the necessary degree of transparency of production processes to enable prompt and effective intervention in the event of target deviations.

Optimizing the product lifecycle

The Siemens Opcenter Quality solutions are often used due to their synergies with existing ERP/product lifecycle management (PLM) systems and represent an integral component in the support of risk management.
The plan-do-check-act (PDCA) cycle describes the phases of the continuous improvement process and forms the basis of all quality management systems. The cycle is designed to promote consistent and sustainable improvements to production processes.

Plan involves analyzing the status, developing improvement potentials and the compiling conceptual realization.

Do embodies the practical realization of the concept, which is tested on a small scale using simple means and test equipment.

Check generates and checks results of the test run and sets the standard.

Act, the last phase, involves wide-scale implementation of the new standard and regular monitoring through audits.
Delivering unique range and depth

The Siemens Opcenter Quality solutions help you support quality management in the digital enterprise with the following functionality:
- Advanced product quality planning (APQP)
- Control plan (process flowchart)
- Audit management
- Failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA)
- Inspection plan management (IPM) including graphical options
- Concern and complaint management (CCM)
- Statistical process control (SPC) in-process inspection
- Incoming goods/outgoing goods inspection
- Integrated workflow management

**Plan:** Plan the product quality within the engineering process as well as how to control it during the manufacturing of the product

**Do:** The manufacturing of a product is closely connected to the inspection and monitoring of the product
Many production companies are aware of the waste that is generated in their production facilities. The source of this waste, however, is often unclear. To save costs and enable sustainable competitive improvements, your company must identify all information relevant to the production process, including how to:

- Reduce process times
- Reduce quality and defect costs
- Manage key performance indicators (KPI) and transparency for target decision support
- Support corporate compliance
- Leverage vulnerabilities analysis, best practice software solutions, implementation in the existing information technology (IT) environment and professional training of your employees

**Check**

- Being able to visualize production results and compare them to the specifications minimizes analysis deviations

**Act**

- Initiate the problem solving process to mitigate the deviation and support continuous improvement in product planning
Perform Quality processes by capturing all the complexities

One of the main demands made of quality management systems (QMS) is the ability to integrate into existing, higher level systems. Siemens Opcenter Quality offers you an integrated, bidirectional solution for the exchange of all relevant order data, and helps you maintain a smooth flow of information and alignment of master data.

The interfaces are applied in accordance with the customer’s existing IT landscape. In addition to file-based data exchange, direct database connections are provided. Siemens Opcenter Quality provides you with tools to simplify the connection of complex measuring devices, reducing manual inspection and associated costs. Interface to superior management systems is of particular importance in executing reliable data exchange among your company’s information systems. The acquisition and processing of data from subordinate systems, such as gages, measuring machines, are main requirements of a production management system.
The Siemens Opcenter Quality solutions from Siemens Digital Industries Software are used in more than 4,500 customer installations worldwide:

- Automotive (OEM, Tiers, Tire Manufacturers)
- Heavy Equipment and Special Machinery
- Electronics
- Semiconductors
- Aerospace & Defense
- Medical Devices
- Energy
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