

IMPACT OF TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MAINTENANCE METHODOLOGY ON THE PERFORMANCE

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Abstract

These days, the organization and companies meet a lot of challenges (internally: to increase the performance, and externally: market share). This work focuses on the internal challenges: such as performance. The most important pillars of the production operations are employees, machines, equipment's, and etc. Maintenance represents the important activity that makes the machines and equipment's operate efficiently. Companies attempt to increase performance and minimize production costs by using a certain approach such as Total productive maintenance (TPM). This work introduces a methodology to improve the performance (operator and equipment) through proposed model of TPM. Also, it indicates the importance of maintenance which minimizes or eliminates the production problems and increases the organizational productivity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

TPM can be considered the science of machinery health. TPM was introduced to achieve some objectives such as: avoid waste, reduce cost, energy optimization [1]. Maintenance is the combination of all technical, administrative and managerial actions during the life cycle of an item which, it can perform the required function [2]. Predictive intelligence maintenance increases the performance by detecting and diagnosing potential equipment problems before they grow reducing the frequency and cost of repairs. TPM investigate to involve operators in all departments and levels. [3].

This work indicates role of maintenance which has great impact on the equipment life and presents TPM as a methodology (to save time, and increase the performance throughout planned maintenance). Also, it defined TPM as a system of integration and coordination between resources at all levels to avoid or eliminate breakdown or waste.

2. WHY TOTAL PRODUCTIVE MAINTENANCE

The main objective is to effectively manage available sources (people, equipment, money, time, and etc.) to operate a facility with efficient method. TPM attempts to improve the integrity of production resources that add business value. Applying TPM as a Methodology is to increase OEE of equipment's through:

- Maintenance management system (MMS)
- Emphases on preventive maintenance
- Overall equipment effectiveness (OEE)

2.1 Maintenance Management System

The term 'maintenance' covers many activities; including inspection, testing, and measurement ... It has a vital role to play in eliminating workplace hazards and providing safer and healthier working conditions [4]. Maintenance may cause small barrier for production, but that is nothing compared to actual downtime caused by a breakdown. PM procedures take less time than emergency repairs and replacements [5].

This work builds MMS as a technique to manage the resources related to maintenance issues, which increases the performance and avoids some problems such as: breakdown of equipment, lack of planning, deferred maintenance (due to lack of resources). Also, ensures the role of maintenance activities throughout MMS to save effort, cost, time, and increase the performance. The main purpose of regular maintenance is to ensure all equipment's required for production as follows:

- Operating at higher efficiency (all times, through maintenance activities such as: inspections, cleaning, lubricating, and adjustments).
- Reducing the resources (raw materials, spare parts) and efforts.
- Easy to predicting the required activities such as: replacement to avoid unplanned maintenance (corrective maintenance)

There are important integrity among the maintenance, quality, and production as shown in Fig. 1.

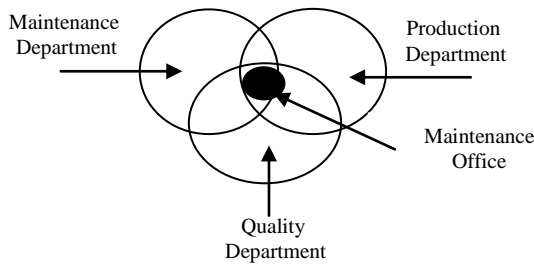


Fig. 1. Relationship Among Departments

It is essential to integrate between the maintenance and other departments throughout Maintenance Office (MO) such as: quality, and production. MO is cornerstone of any successful organization or company, which coordinates between all resources such as: information, data, people, equipments, budgets, and requirements of other. Some organizations and companies support MO by automated MMS to facilitate, prepare, and put all resources in suitable place on time. The main responsibilities of MO as follows:

- Gathering and collecting data or information (daily – weekly – monthly – annually)
- Analysis to predict manpower, equipment and material needs (planning - scheduling).
- Predicting necessary budget for equipment and materials based on predicting or scheduling work.
- Planning and provide for work scheduling (monthly – annually) to maintenance unit.
- Monitoring and measuring the work effort towards maintenance issues.
- Reporting and supporting decisions.

2.2 Emphases On Preventive Maintenance

In industry, there is a strong emphasis on PM which is essential for minimizing machine downtime due to breakdowns and unavailability of spare parts [6]. This work summarizes framework of PM as shown in Fig. 2.

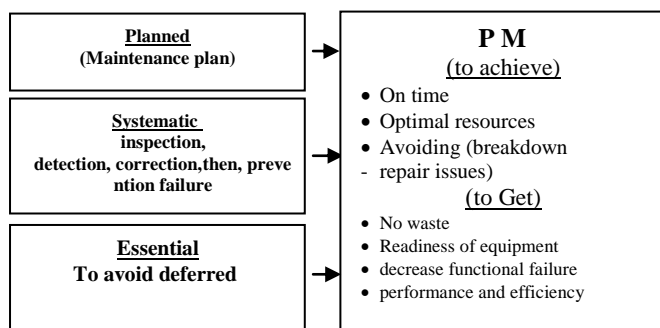


Fig. 2. Framework of PM

Top management must aware to support MO to execute maintenance plans (preventive maintenance) by 100% to increase the life cycle, no waste, and decrease or eliminate functional failure, consequently increase performance. PM is important activity, which must be done with any waste or

loss due lack of information, or error from anybody.

2.3 Overall Equipment Effectiveness

TPM achieves a certain benefits such as increasing the productivity of plant and equipment with a modest investment in maintenance. TPM designed to increase OEE of plant equipment [6]. OEE includes three factors as follows:

$$OEE = \text{Performance} \times \text{Availability} \times \text{Quality}$$

This work concerns TPM as a methodology which focuses on keeping all equipment's in a good condition to avoid breakdowns and troubles in the production operations. TPM has a great impact on OEE which reduce or eliminate the defects or losses in performance, quality, and availability.

3. TPM MODEL

TPM Model is consists of a certain pillars, mostly focused on proactive and preventative techniques for improving equipment reliability; Autonomous maintenance, planned and quality maintenance, focused improvement, early equipment management, training and education, safety health environment, and TPM administration [7]. TPM as part of overall maintenance management evolution plays an important role for keeping all assets [8].

This work represents the proposed TPM frame model as a system, which relies on main pillars such as: training, and education, quality maintenance, plan & organize maintenance, and evaluation & improvement as shown in Fig. 3.

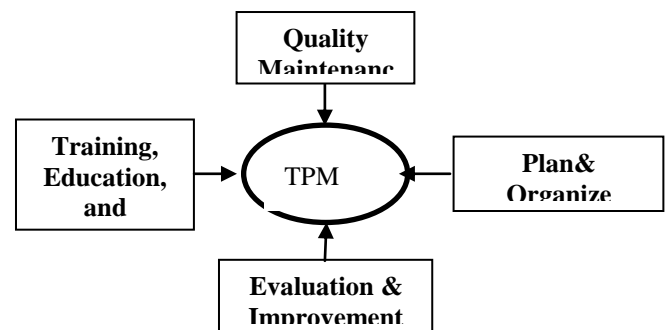


Fig. 3 Proposed TPM Frame Model

Top management must designate the committee to support and evaluate the progress throughout MO. TPM committee should include production manager, maintenance manager, and quality manager. The committee should formulate TPM policies, strategies, and give advice.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This work introduces a methodology to study the impact of maintenance activities throughout new technique or system (TPM model, MMS, and OM). The problems or barriers in any organization or company come from some causes as follows:

- Performance (in all levels,....)
- Unavailability (spare parts,)
- Quality (No. of defects..)

This work studies the problem that meets manufacturing company (No. of equipment breakdown, unavailability of some spare parts required for PM, production defects, number of plant accidents, cost consumed in repairs, dissatisfaction of employees, and etc...). This work designed TPM model according to situation needed, besides MMS. Initially, evaluation and studying the available data is first step of methodology. Second, put the road map in front of top management to aware and discipline. Third, establish tools, techniques, and systems. Finally, implement, monitor and measure.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF TPM MODEL

TPM is a cross-functional technique, not a maintenance technique. It tends to be shared by maintenance and production as they are closest to the product. Losses occur due to bad scheduling or excessive setup. Any person in production cycle from the supplier to the customer will make some contribution to the performance [9].

[10], discusses the main barriers to implementation TPM, which summarized as follows:

- Lack of information about TPM
- Top management commitment
- Organization resistance to change

Many organizations fail to achieve expected performance results when implementing TPM techniques. A possible reason for the failure due to commitment of top management, lack the knowledge, skill and suitable planning practices [11].

The proposed TPM model was implemented in manufacturing company which has ninety three machines and equipments (different types) in three production lines. The implementation of TPM model in the company is performed during three months according to the following steps: formation of TPM committee, establish the goals, put plan for TPM implementation, evaluate the current situation, training & education, and awareness towards TPM, and preparation for implementation process. TPM committee should be led by a top-level executive that coordinates between all implementation activities. TPM committee focuses on mostly important factors for implementation of the proposed TPM model as follows:

- Training, education, and awareness for everybody from top management to employees and workers.
- Machines and equipment's management, which indicate the role of planning and organization of maintenance, relation among machine, operator, and technical support.
- MO assigned people (engineers, employees, and operators) from production, maintenance, and quality departments to perform some activities as follows:
- Knowledge of machine and safety aspects
- Cleaning, inspection and lubrication standards
- General inspection skills training
- Implement and monitor to make operation easier
- Collect and analyze various data for improvements

6. RESULTS

The implementation of the proposed TPM model was carried out in the company throughout three months. The organization management performs an assessment after three months from the implementation, to evaluate the organization performance differences.

Some strong points sustain to successfully implementation of TPM model as follows:

- TPM committee and MO support MMS
- Insist of some employees (in maintenance unit) to achieve PM according the schedule (it took excessive hours)
- Integration and coordination among departments (especially, maintenance, quality, production, and etc.)
- Flow of information and data from – to departments
- Some points represent the barriers (in early stages) of implementation of TPM model as follows:
- Resistance of somebody's (during training)
- Delay of encouragement
- delay of some spare parts due to miscommunication between some departments (especially, in early stages)

The obtained results of organization assessment indicated that, the number of defective production, the machines and equipment breakdowns, product cycle time, and costs of machines repairing were decreased. Also, employees' and customer satisfaction were increased implementation of the proposed TPM model. TPM committee supports activities towards improvements, as shown in table 1.

Table 1 Results Due to Implementation the Proposed TPM Model

Assessment Criteria	Implementation TPM Model		Improvement (%)
	Before	After	
Production defects (%)	11	3	72
Machines breakdowns (%)	32	6	81.25
Product cycle time (s)	84	62	26.2
Costs of machines repair (1000 L.E)	68.6	26.3	61.7
Employees' satisfaction (%)	70	89	27.14
Customer satisfaction (%)	66	88	33.33

The results in table 1, indicated the impact from applying TPM model on the performance such as: increasing of satisfaction (employees – customer), and reduction of defects, machines breakdowns, production cycle time, and costs of machines repairs.

7. CONCLUSION

Some companies and organizations are using new technique or methodology such as TPM models to improve its PM that search about indicators to monitor, control and evaluate performance. Main objectives of companies are working towards decreases the waste, defects, and machine breakdown in order to improve the performance, customer satisfaction, and the profit. The proposed TPM model depends upon the main pillars such as: plan and organize maintenance that affect the successful performance of maintenance in the company. Maintenance planning and organization can increase equipment uptime, avoid serious breakdowns, improve product quality, and consequently, increase the incomes and improve the performance. This paper describes the role of MMS and MO to manage the resources related to maintenance issues, which increases the performance and avoids some problems which impact on production system.

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