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Glossary of Terms

Acceptance Number - The number of faulty garments or parts in a sample.

Adda Work - Hand embroidery with a lot of bead work.

Apparel Engineering - Simple Industrial Engineering applied specifically to the apparel industry.

Assets - Any item that is capable of being controlled or owned to produce value.

Break Point - The point that marks the end of one element and the beginning of the next.

Bundles – The garment parts that are needed to complete a specific operation or garment component.

Capacity Study - A study that times the operator, but the purpose is not to develop a time standard, but rather find out the operator's potential performance level.

Clearance - A process that brings the operator under close scrutiny to check for defects.

Clearance Number - The number of lots that must be accepted in succession to take the operator out of the clearance procedure.

Clock Time - The time available to an operator for doing work during the day, excluding lunch time.

Contour Drawing - A drawing that shows the different levels of the ground.

Dependent Operation - An operation that cannot be performed without completing its preceding operations.

Diversification - The running of a business in more than one product category.

DPR - The Daily Production Report is a production summary that helps a Supervisor's work.

Drill Training - A system in which jobs to be taught are analysed and broken down into job parts.

Edge Finishing - Stitching that encompasses the cut edge or provides a finish for a single ply of fabric with a folded edge configuration.

Efficiency - The work done by an operator during the time available to him in a day.

Elements - The small components into which an operation is divided for the purpose of time study.

Ergonomics - The scientific discipline concerned with the understanding of interactions among humans and other elements of a system.

FIFO - First-in, First-out.

Finishing Quality Audit - An examination of small number of garments passed by the Checkers from finished stock.

Follow-up Study - A means of measuring exactly what is happening performance wise to an individual operator or a group of operators.

Four Point System - A system that lays down standards that are proven, easy to understand and implement in the garment business.

FOB - Freight-on-Board.

FSI - Floor Space Index.

Independent Operation - An operation that can only be performed after the completion of its preceding operations.

Industrial Engineering - The engineering approach applied to all factors, including the human

factor, involved in the production and distribution of products and services.

Input - Resources used in producing the Output.

Kanban - A system that uses a designated work space between operations to balance supply with demand.

Leasing - A contract under which the owner of a property gives the right to some other person to use his property in return of a definite consideration.

Line - A group of operators under the control of one Production Supervisor.

Lot - The collection of garments / parts from where the sample is to be taken.

Major Defect - A defect that, if conspicuous on the finished product, would cause the item to be a 'second'.

Minor Defect - A defect that would not cause the product to be termed a second, either because of severity or location.

Method Analysis - The procedure of studying methods used to determine the best way of job.

MMF Yarn - Man-made Fiber yarn.

Modular Production System - A contained, manageable work unit that includes an empowered work team, equipment with work to be executed.

Motion Study - The process of finding the best way to do a job.

Off Standard Time - The time spent during the day during which no productive work is done.

OHMS - Overhead Material Handling System.

On Standard Time - The time made available to the operator for producing productive work.

Operating Capital - The capital available for the operations of a firm, such as manufacturing or transportation.

Ornamental Stitching - The stitching used on a single ply for decorative purposes.

Output - Goods or services produced.

Performance - A tool used to quantify the work content of an operator during the day.

Performance Levels - The levels at which operators were capable of achieving.

PBS - The Progressive Bundle System that is popularly used by apparel manufacturers to efficiently move bundles of garment parts sequentially, from operation to operation.

PBU - Progressive Bundle Unit.

PMTS - Pre-determined Motion Time Systems.

Production - Output.

Productivity - The ratio of output to input.

Quality Audit - An examination of a small number of garments from the finished stock from sewing.

Quick Iron - The process of lightly ironing garments, usually before inspection.

Rating - The process used by the industrial engineer to compare the actual performance of the operator with his/her mental concept of normal performance.

RTW - Ready-to-wear garments.

Routing - A system that helps identify the basic operations, sequence of production, and the skill centers where those operations are to be performed.

SAM - Standard Average Minutes or the time taken by a 100% normal operator to do a particular operation.

SAM Produced - The standard minutes produced by an operator in a particular day.

Sample size - The number of garments or parts to be taken for inspection from the lot. For example, 6 garments from one bundle of 25 pieces.

Sampling - The process where the factory develops garment samples according to a buyer's specified design.

Seam - A joint consisting of a sequence of stitches uniting two or more pieces of material(s) and is used for assembling parts in the production of sewn items.

Seam Allowance - The measurement from the cut edge of the fabric to the main line of stitches.

Seam Depth - The thickness or compressibility (flatness) of a seam.

Seam Length - The total distance covered by a continuous series of stitches, such as a side seam or shoulder seam.

Seam Width - The width of a seam allowance, the seam heading of a lapped or a top stitched seam and the width of a line of stitches relative to the seam.

Serging - The process of finishing a single ply of fabric to prevent raveling.

Short Rolls - Fabric rolls that are 20 meters or less.

Splicing - To join together by the interweaving of strands.

Statistical Quality Control - A means of sample inspection that is designed to measure and control quality, without having to inspect each and every unit produced.

Stitch - One unit of conformation of thread resulting from repeatedly passing a strand or strands and / or loop or loops of thread into or through a material at uniformly spaced intervals to form a series of stitches.

Stitch Consistency - The uniformity with which each stitch is formed in a row of stitches.

Stitch Depth - The distance between the upper and lower surface of the stitch.

Stitching - A sequence of stitches for finishing an edge or for ornamental purposes or both in preparing parts for assembling.

Stitch Length - The number of stitches per inch (SPI).

Stitch Width - The horizontal span (bight) covered in the formation of formation of one stitch or single line of stitching.

Swatch - A sample of cloth or material.

The Rating - The numerical value used to denote the rate of working.

Thread Trimming - The process of cutting all hanging threads with a hand trimmer or auto cutting machine.

Time Study - The process of finding the best way to do a job.

Trims - Items, such as buttons, zippers, labels and thread.

TSS - Toyota Sewing System.

Unit Production System - A type of line layout that uses an overhead transporter system to move garment components from one work station to another for assembly.

WIP - Work in Progress.

Work Zone - A group of sequential operations.

Working Capital - The assets available for use in the production of further assets. It is the capital that is required for financial transactions and long-term improvements capital.