

## Operations Management Processes And Value Chains 2007

*This book has proved its worth over the years as a text for courses in Production Management at the Faculty of Automotive Engineering in Turin, Italy, but deserves a wider audience as it presents a compendium of basics on Industrial Management, since it covers all major topics required. It treats all subjects from product development and “make or buy”-decision strategies to the manufacturing systems setting and management through analysis of the main resources needed in production and finally exploring the supply chain management and the procurement techniques. The very last chapter recapitulates the previous ones by analysing key management indicators to pursue the value creation that is the real purpose of every industrial enterprise. As an appendix, a specific chapter is dedicated to the basics of production management where all main relevant definitions, techniques and criteria are treated, including some numerical examples, in order to provide an adequate foundation for understanding the other chapters. This book will be of use not only to Automotive Engineering students but a wide range of readers who wish to gain insight in the world of automotive engineering and the automotive industry in general.*

*This text is designed the value-creating the supply chain processes for improving their firms' competitive positions. And the other chapters will be a valuable source of information for business and engineering students and practicing business managers.*

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*Score your highest in Operations Management Operations management is an important skill for current and aspiring business leaders to develop and master. It deals with the design and management of products, processes, services, and supply chains. Operations management is a growing field and a required course for most undergraduate business majors and MBA candidates. Now, Operations Management For Dummies serves as an extremely resourceful aid for this difficult subject. Tracks to a typical course in operations management or operations strategy, and covers topics such as evaluating and measuring existing systems' performance and efficiency, materials management and product development, using tools like Six Sigma and Lean production, designing new, improved processes, and defining, planning, and controlling costs of projects. Clearly organizes and explains complex topics Serves as an supplement to your Operations Management textbooks Helps you score your highest in your Operations Management course Whether your aim is to earn an undergraduate degree in business or an MBA, Operations Management For Dummies is indispensable supplemental reading for your operations management course.*

*Competitive Advantage*

*The Oxford Handbook of Management*

*Creating and Sustaining Superior Performance*

*Strategies for Small Manufacturers*

*Operations Management in Automotive Industries*

*Operations Strategy*

*Not every organisation today has a functional department called 'operations' but they will all undertake operations activities because every organisation produces goods and/or delivers services. Commercial operations management has made a significant contribution to society by playing a role in areas such as increasing productivity, providing better quality goods and services and improving working conditions. Productivity has been increased through such measures as the use of technology and new production methods. This book describes all these important aspects of commercial operations management.*

*From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.”—Library Journal (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide “Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

*Since the beginning of mankind on Earth, if the "business" process was successful, then some form of benefit sustained it. The fundamentals are obvious: get the right inputs (materials, labor, money, and ideas); transform them into highly demanded, quality outputs; and make it available in time to the end consumer. Illustrating how operations relate to the rest of the organization, Production and Operations Management Systems provides an understanding of the production and operations management (P/OM) functions as well as the processes of goods and service producers. The modular character of the text permits many different journeys through the materials. If you like to start with supply chain management (Chapter 9) and then move on to inventory management (Chapter 5) and then quality management (Chapter 8), you can do so in that order. However, if your focus is product line stability and quick response time to competition, you may prefer to begin with project management (Chapter 7) to reflect the continuous project mode required for fast redesign rapid response. Slides, lectures, Excel worksheets, and solutions to short and extended problem sets are available on the Downloads / Updates tabs. The project management component of P/OM is no longer an auxiliary aspect of the field. The entire system has to be viewed and understood. The book helps students develop a sense of managerial competence in making decisions in the design, planning, operation, and control of manufacturing, production, and operations systems through examples and case studies. The text uses analytical techniques when necessary to develop critical thinking and to sharpen decision-making skills. It makes production and operations management (P/OM) interesting, even exciting, to those who are embarking on a career that involves business of any kind.*

*MBA's in the workforce today are facing issues in such areas as supply chain management, the balanced scorecard, and yield management. This informative book arms them with a much-needed introduction to operations management and explains how to deal with the challenges in these areas. It guides them through all the basics including core competency, mass customization, benchmarking, business process design, and enterprise resource planning (ERP). All the while, it emphasizes the critical role that operations management will play in all the career paths that they choose. The Nature of Operations. Strategy, Operations, and Global Competitiveness. Process Planning and Design. Six Sigma for Process and Quality Improvement. Capacity and Location Planning. Schedule Management. Supply Chain Management. Supplement. The Beer Game. Inventory Management. Enterprise Resource Planning. Lean Management. Project Management*

*Industry Insights, Case Studies and Best Practices*

*Operations Management For Mbas, 3Rd Ed*

*A Value Chain Approach*

*Operations Management*

*Theory and Practice*

*Processes*

Business startup advice from the former president of the Ewing Marion Kaufmann Foundation and cofounder of Global Entrepreneurship Week and StartUp America, the "thoughtful study of 'how businesses really start, grow, and prosper'...dispels quite a few business myths along the way" (Publishers Weekly). Carl Schramm, the man described by The Economist as "The Evangelist of Entrepreneurship," has written a myth-busting guide packed with tools and techniques to help you get your big idea ground. Schramm believes that entrepreneurship has been misrepresented by the media, business books, university programs, and MBA courses. For example, despite the emphasis on the business plan in most business schools, some of the most successful companies in history—Apple, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, and hundreds of others—achieved success before they ever had a business plan. Burn the Business Plan punctures the myth of the cool, tech-savvy twenty-something entrepreneur who loses and burns venture capital. In fact most people who start businesses are juggling careers and mortgages just like you. The average entrepreneur is actually 40 years old, and the success rate of entrepreneurs over forty is five times higher than that of those under age thirty. Entrepreneurs who come out of the corporate world discovered a need for a product or service and have valuable contacts to help them get started. Filled with stories of successful entrepreneurs who drew on real-life experience rather than academic coursework, Burn the Business Plan is the guide to starting and running a business that will actually work for the rest of us.

Quantitative models and computer-based tools are essential for making decisions in today's business environment. These tools are of particular importance in the rapidly changing area of supply chain management. This volume is a unified effort to provide a systematic summary of the large variety of new issues being considered, the new set of tools being developed, the new techniques for analysis, and the computational methods that have become available recently. The volume's objective is to provide a self-contained, sophisticated research summary - a snapshot at this point of time - in the area of Quantitative Models for Supply Chain Management. While there are some multi-disciplinary

aspects of supply chain management not covered here, the Editors and their contributors have captured many important developments in this rapidly expanding field. The chapters can be divided into six categories. Basic Concepts and Technical Material (Chapters 1-6). The chapters in this category focus on introducing basic concepts, providing mathematical background and validating algorithmic tools to solve operational problems in supply chains. Supply Contracts (Chapters 7-10). In this category, the primary focus is on design and evaluation of supply contracts between independent agents in the supply chain. Value of Information (Chapters 11-13). The chapters in this category examine and model the effect of information on decision-making and on supply chain performance. Managing Product Variety (Chapters 16-19). The chapters in this category analyze the effects of product variety and the different strategies to manage it. International Operations (Chapters 20-22). The three chapters in this category provide an overview of the current state in the emerging area of International Operations. Conceptual Issues and New Challenges (Chapters 23-27). These chapters outline a variety of frameworks that can be used and used in future research efforts. This volume can serve as a graduate text, as a reference for researchers and as a guide for further development of this field.

Known for its comprehensive approach, this text shows operations managers how to analyse processes, ensure quality, create value, and manage the flow of information through products and services. The seventh edition offers an extensive collection of exercises and solved problems to reinforce key concepts. An increased emphasis is placed on supply chain management and services. New information is presented on the environment and green management, and technology type OM topics as it applies to production, distribution, the supply chain, and global operations. All chapter opening cases and in-text example boxes have also been revised or replaced. This new content better prepares operations managers for the issues they will experience in the field.

For undergraduate Operations Management courses. A broad, practical introduction to operations, reinforced with an extensive collection of practice problems. Operations Management presents a broad introduction to the field of operations in a realistic and practical manner, while offering the largest and most diverse collection of problems found in the market. The problems found in this text also contain ample support--found in the book's solved-problems, worked examples, and myomlab, Pearson's new online homework tutorial system--to help students complete and understand assignments even when they're not in class. Note: This is the standalone book, if you want the book/access card package the ISBN below: 0133130762 / 9780133130768 Operations Management Plus NEW MyOmLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card Package Package consists of: 0133130762 / 9780132920629 NEW MyOMLab with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Operations Management 0132921146 / 9780132921145 Operations Management

Operations Management in Context

How to Navigate Clueless Colleagues, Lunch-Stealing Bosses, and the Rest of Your Life at Work

Burn the Business Plan

Operations and Process Management

What Great Entrepreneurs Really Do

Surviving Supply Chain Integration

"Covers the core concepts and theories of production and operations management in the global as well as Indian context. Includes boxes, solved numerical examples, real-world case studies, practice problems, and videos. Focuses on strategic decision making, design, planning, and operational control"--Provided by publisher.

Earlier versions published under the title: Operations management. Processes and value chains.

Written by best-selling authors in their field, the Fourth Edition of Operations and Process Management inspires a critical and applied mastery of the core principles and processes that are fundamental to successfully managing business operations. Approaching the subject from a managerial perspective, this brand new text provides clear and concise coverage of the theory and practice of operations and process management.

Creating value through Operations Management. Operations Management provides readers with a comprehensive framework for addressing operational process and supply chain management. It uses a systemized approach while focusing on issues of current interest. NOTE: This is the standalone book, if you want the book/access card order the ISBN below: 0132960739 / 9780132960739

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Lean Thinking

Fundamentals of Business (black and White)

The Encyclopedia of Operations Management

Logistics Operations and Management

Operations Management: Policy, Practice and Performance Improvement

Cases in Operations Management

This is a substantial new edition of a successful textbook which continues to have a sensible and 'easy to read' style. Each Chapter has a past/present/future theme with a real strategic approach. Strategic Operations Management shows operations as combining products and services into a complete offer for the customer. Services are therefore seen as key and are integrated throughout the material in each chapter. Manufacturing, service supply and other key factors are all shown to be in place. In an era where companies

are fond of talking about core competences but still struggle to understand their operations, this is an important for academics and practitioners alike. Only when managers understand their operations will they be able to leverage them into any sort of capabilities that will lead to competitive advantage. Online tutor resource materials accompany the book.

An Introduction to Operations Management: The Joy of Operations covers the core topics of operations management, including product and service design, processes, capacity planning, forecasting, inventory, quality, supply chain management, and project management. Das provides a clear, connected, and current view of operations management and how it relates to a firm ' s strategic goals. Students will benefit from the real-world scenarios that foster an understanding of operations management tasks. Without relying heavily on statistics and mathematical derivations, the book offers applied models and a simple, predictable chapter format to make it easy to navigate. Students of introductory operations management courses will love this practical textbook. A companion website features an instructor ' s manual with test questions, as well as additional exercises and examples for in-class use.

This textbook presents global supply chain and operations management from a comprehensive perspective, combining value creation networks and interacting processes. It focuses on the operational roles in the networks and presents the quantitative and organizational methods needed to plan and control the material, information and financial flows in the supply chain. Each chapter of the book starts with an introductory case study. Numerous examples from various industries and services help to illustrate the key concepts. The book explains how to design operations and supply networks and how to incorporate suppliers and customers. As matching supply and demand is a core aspect of tactical planning, the book focuses on it before turning to the allocation of resources for fulfilling customer demands. Providing readers with a working knowledge of global supply chain and operations management, this textbook can be used in core, special and advanced classes. Therefore, the book targets a broad range of students and professionals involved with supply chain and operations management. Special focus is directed at bridging theory and practice.

About the Book: This book presents lucid treatment of a wide range of issues involved in Operations Management. It emphasises on the analysis and quantitative techniques for the overall role of Operations Management in organisations, which aim at maximis

Operations Management Processes and Value Chains

Quantitative Models for Supply Chain Management

Production and Operations Management Systems

Along the Supply Chain

Creating Value Along the Supply Chain : Text & Cases

Understanding Business

**Featuring case studies from varied settings with strong grounding in real-world decisions, this text illustrates basic concepts while expanding students' understanding of economic, political and cultural concerns that must be interwoven into such key areas as process design, quality and supply chain management.**

**Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter's The Competitive Advantage of Nations has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, The Competitive Advantage of Nations offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.**

**Operations Management in Context provides students with excellent grounding in the theory and practice of operations management and its role within organizations. Structured in a clear and logical manner, it gradually leads newcomers to this subject through each topic area, highlighting key issues, and using practical case study material and examples to contextualize learning. Each chapter is structured logically and concludes with summary material to aid revision. Exercises and self-assessment questions are included to reinforce learning and maintain variety, with answers included at the end of the text.**

Featuring an ideal balance of managerial issues and quantitative techniques, this introduction to operations management keeps pace with current innovations and issues in the field. It presents the concepts clearly and logically, showing readers how OM relates to real business. The new edition also integrates the experiences of a real company throughout each chapter to clearly illustrate the concepts. Readers will find brief discussions on how the company manages areas such as inventory and forecasting to provide a real-world perspective.

Process Management

Operations Management For Dummies

Essays in Honor of Elwood S. Buffa

Banish Waste And Create Wealth In Your Corporation

Achieving More with Existing Resources

Introduction to Business

*'Operations Management: policy, practices, performance improvement' is the latest state-of-the-art approach to operations management. It provides new cutting edge input into operations management theory and practice that cannot be found in any other text. Discussing both strategic and tactical inputs it combines and balances service and manufacturing operations. \* Cutting edge techniques accompanied by brand new case studies \* Challenges standard approaches \* Comprehensive coverage of strategic supply management \* Critical sample questions to aid discussion \* Reading lists and articles to support learning \* Additional lecturer support material This outstanding author team is from the Operations Management Group at the University of Bath. Their expertise and knowledge is apparent in the text, and they bring to it their original research and experience in the field of operations management.*

*Management - the pursuit of objectives through the organization and co-ordination of people - has been and is a core feature, and function, of modern society. Some 'classic' forms of corporate and bureaucratic management may come to be seen as a prevalent form of organization and organizing in the 20th century, and in the post-Fordist, global, knowledge driven contemporary world we are seeing different patterns, principles, and styles of management as old models are questioned. The functions, ideologies, practices, and theories of management have changed over time, as recorded by many scholars; and may vary according to different models of organization; and between different cultures and societies. The purpose of this Handbook is to analyse and explore the evolution of management; the core functions and how they may have changed; its position in the culture/zeitgeist of modern society; the institutions and ideologies that support it; and likely challenges and changes in the future. This book looks at what management is, and how this may change over time. It provides an overview of management - its history, development, context, changing function in organization and society, key elements and functions, and contemporary and future challenges.*

*The managed flow of goods and information from raw material to final sale also known as a "supply chain" affects everything--from the U.S. gross domestic product to where you can buy your jeans. The nature of a company's supply chain has a significant effect on its success or failure--as in the success of Dell Computer's make-to-order system and the failure of General Motor's vertical integration during the 1998 United Auto Workers strike. Supply Chain Integration looks at this crucial component of business at a time when product design, manufacture, and delivery are changing radically and globally. This book explores the benefits of continuously improving the relationship between the firm, its suppliers, and its customers to ensure the highest added value. This book identifies the state-of-the-art developments that contribute to the success of vertical tiers of suppliers and relates these developments to the capabilities that small and medium-sized manufacturers must have to be viable participants in this system. Strategies for attaining these capabilities through manufacturing extension centers and other technical assistance providers at the national, state, and local level are suggested. This book identifies action steps for small and medium-sized manufacturers--the "seed corn" of business start-up and development--to improve supply chain management. The book examines supply chain models from consultant firms, universities, manufacturers, and associations. Topics include the roles of suppliers and other supply chain participants, the rise of outsourcing, the importance of information management, the natural tension between buyer and seller, sources of assistance to small and medium-sized firms, and a host of other issues. Supply Chain Integration will be of interest to industry policymakers, economists, researchers, business leaders, and forward-thinking executives.*

*Operations Management: Creating Value Along the Supply Chain, 2nd Canadian Edition is designed to teach students how to create value and competitive advantage along the supply chain in a rapidly changing global environment. Beyond providing a solid foundation, this course covers increasingly important OM topics including sustainability, corporate social responsibility, global trade policies, securing the supply chain, and risk and resilience. Most importantly, Operations Management, Second Canadian Edition makes the quantitative topics easy for students to understand and the mathematical applications less intimidating. Appropriate for all business students, this course takes a balanced approach to the foundational understanding of both qualitative and quantitative operations management processes.*

*The Joy of Operations*

*Perspectives in Operations Management*

*Operations and Supply Management 4.0*

*The McGraw-Hill 36-Hour Course: Operations Management*

*Sustainability and Supply Chain Management*

*COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT: Process and Technology to Support Commercial Activities*

**Taking a systems perspective, this book enables the student to make sense of business behaviour by demonstrating how interrelated business processes determine the success of an organisation.**

**This book provides a comprehensive overview of how to strategically manage the movement and storage of products or materials from any point in the manufacturing process to customer fulfillment. Topics covered include important tools for strategic decision making, transport, packaging, warehousing, retailing, customer services and future trends. An introduction to logistics Provides practical applications Discusses trends and new strategies in major parts of the logistic industry**

**Take a crash course in boosting operational efficiency! Whether a business manufactures trucks, delivers packages, or sells coffee, it lives and breathes on its operations. Without exception. Ensuring smooth, efficient processes is a challenging**

*task--but the rewards are immense. The McGraw-Hill 36-Hour Course: Operations Management puts you on the fast track to bolstering and managing the effectiveness of your organization's operations. Complete with exercises, self-tests, and an online final exam, this virtual immersion course in operations management teaches you how to: Evaluate and measure existing systems' performance Use quality management tools like Six Sigma and Lean Production Design new, improved processes Define, plan, and control costs of projects Take this in-depth course on operations management and put your vision into action. This is the only book on the syllabus. Class begins now!*

*Introduction to Business covers the scope and sequence of most introductory business courses. The book provides detailed explanations in the context of core themes such as customer satisfaction, ethics, entrepreneurship, global business, and managing change. Introduction to Business includes hundreds of current business examples from a range of industries and geographic locations, which feature a variety of individuals. The outcome is a balanced approach to the theory and application of business concepts, with attention to the knowledge and skills necessary for student success in this course and beyond.*

*Concepts and Models*

*Processes and Supply Chains, Student Value Edition*

*Creating Value Along the Supply Chain*

*Focused Operations Management*

*From Industrial Strategies to Production Resources Management, Through the Industrialization Process and Supply Chain to Pursue Value Creation*

*A Decision-Oriented Introduction to the Creation of Value*

**Fierce competition, globalisation and the permanent liberalisation of markets have changed the face of supply chains and operations drastically. Companies, which want to survive in a hostile environment, must establish the optimum combination of supply and operations. This book provides a holistic and practical approach to operations management 4.0 and supply management 4.0. It combines operations and supply best practices across the value chain. It explains comprehensively, how these new paradigms enable companies to concentrate on value-adding activities and processes to achieve a long-term sustainable and competitive advantage. The book contains a variety of best practices, industry examples and case studies. Focusing on best-in-class examples, the book offers the ideal guide for any enterprise in operations and supply in order to achieve a competitive advantage across all business functions focusing on value-adding activities.**

**Focused Operations Management shows how to do much more with existing resources in terms of throughput, response time and quality. It provides a system view and will touch upon performance measures, operations management, quality, cost-accounting, pricing, and above all, value creation and value enhancement.**

**This text is designed to be appropriate for Operations Strategy modules at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. It combines knowledge management, relationship management and advances in technology to inform the development of strategic advantage. The text adopts a value chain approach and contains a number of features to aid the learning process - chapter introductions, chapter summaries, further reading and boxed features.**

**Lean Thinking was launched in the fall of 1996, just in time for the recession of 1997. It told the story of how American, European, and Japanese firms applied a simple set of principles called 'lean thinking' to survive the recession of 1991 and grow steadily in sales and profits through 1996. Even though the recession of 1997 never happened, companies were starving for information on how to make themselves leaner and more efficient. Now we are dealing with the recession of 2001 and the financial meltdown of 2002. So what happened to the exemplar firms profiled in Lean Thinking? In the new fully revised edition of this bestselling book those pioneering lean thinkers are brought up to date. Authors James Womack and Daniel Jones offer new guidelines for lean thinking firms and bring their groundbreaking practices to a brand new generation of companies that are looking to stay one step ahead of the competition.**

**Ask a Manager**

**Processes and Supply Chains**

**Building Customer Value Through World-Class Operations**

**Strategic Operations Management**

**A Field Manual and Glossary of Operations Management Terms and Concepts**

**An Introduction to Operations Management**

**In the fall of 1992 a conference honoring Elwood S. Buffa was held at the Anderson Graduate School of Management of the University of California, Los Angeles. This book is a collection of the work presented at that conference. The scholars who gathered to honor El are the prominent researchers in the field of Operations Management. Their collective work published in this book represents the richness of the field and provides the reader with valuable insights into its important issues and problems. While any grouping of the articles by these distinguished scholars will be arbitrary, I have organized the book in four sections. In the first section the articles dealing with the strategic issues in Operations Management are compiled. The articles deal with continuous improvement, quality, services, supply chain management, and creating value through operations. The articles that explore the interface of Operations Management with other functional areas, e.g. engineering and marketing, are grouped in the second section. The third**

section of the book contains articles that attempt to model some important planning problems that arise in the management of production and operations. Some of the papers in this section provide state of the art reviews of selected topic areas. Finally, the fourth section contains articles that deal with future directions for Operations Management. The authors offer several insights into the future evolution of the field. The book begins with the keynote address given by El Buffa at the start of the conference on November 2, 1991.

The SAGE Course Companion on Operations Management is an accessible introduction to the subject that will help readers to extend their understanding of key concepts and enhance their thinking skills in line with course requirements. It provides support on how to revise for exams and prepare for and write assessed pieces. Readers are encouraged not only to think like an operations manager but also to think about the subject critically.

This is the perfect "field manual" for every supply chain or operations management practitioner and student. The field's only single-volume reference, it's uniquely convenient and uniquely affordable. With nearly 1,500 well-organized definitions, it can help students quickly map all areas of operations and supply chain management, and prepare for case discussions, exams, and job interviews. For instructors, it serves as an invaluable desk reference and teaching aid that goes far beyond typical dictionaries. For working managers, it offers a shared language, with insights for improving any process and supporting any training program. It thoroughly covers: accounting, customer service, distribution, e-business, economics, finance, forecasting, human resources, industrial engineering, industrial relations, inventory management, healthcare management, Lean Sigma/Six Sigma, lean thinking, logistics, maintenance engineering, management information systems, marketing/sales, new product development, operations research, organizational behavior/management, personal time management, production planning and control, purchasing, reliability engineering, quality management, service management, simulation, statistics, strategic management, systems engineering, supply and supply chain management, theory of constraints, transportation, and warehousing. Multiple figures, graphs, equations, Excel formulas, VBA scripts, and references support both learning and application. "... this work should be useful as a desk reference for operations management faculty and practitioners, and it would be highly valuable for undergraduates learning the basic concepts and terminology of the field." Reprinted with permission from CHOICE <http://www.cro2.org>, copyright by the American Library Association.

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