## Case Study – Intl. Assembly Plant

- Purpose/Scope Material Flow:
  - Optimize tugger and fork flow in Assembly and Body Shops.
  - Before:
    - Manpower Required: 17 Tugger Drivers (fulls and empties). Because driver does not pick up empties, another 3 route drivers are required.
    - Efficiency: well under 95% target .
    - Utilization: well under 75% target .
    - Volume: well over 100%.
    - Approx 4,000 Idle Minutes per Shift across all Bulk Routes.
    - Bulk and Tote use the same routes and are sometimes tugged on the same route. This causes congestion, delay for load/unload of dollies at the stations and potential production downtime.

### Results/Recommendations/Benefits:

- After optimization:
  - Manpower Required: 10 Tugger Drivers (driver puts out fulls and brings back empties in the same route).
  - Efficiency: within 95% target.
  - Utilization: *over 75% target*.
  - Volume: *under 100%.*
  - Approx 140 Idle Minutes per Shift across all Bulk Routes, a 2857% improvement!
- Improve 20 process documents and Unit Load Datasheet format for all aspects of material movement at both the Assembly Plant, on-site Logistics and Deconsolidation Center.
- Train engineering staff to complete all aspects of manufacturing and material handling engineering.









# Case Study – Intl. Assembly Plant

- Purpose/Scope Line Display Layouts:
  - Station Review, Buyoff and Line Display Status for TCF, Engine and Body Shop.
  - Validate and Setup Line Display
  - Review and Buyoff Buffer Area
  - Review and Buyoff Material Flow Routes
  - Develop Process Documents, Min/Max Calculations, SPD
- Results/Recommendations/Benefits:
  - Reviewed 191 stations as completed
  - Reviewed buffer area xx SF max.
  - Reviewed 24 material flow routes
  - Developed and trained customer staff on 8 critical process documents.
    - SPD Identification and Buyoff Process Flow SPD Broadcast Window and Float Calcs.
    - Station Validation and Buyoff Process
    - Line Display Min./ Max calculation/process
    - Minimum Stock quantity and Kanban quantity calculations with Process
    - Material Move Request Form and Process
    - Small Lot Label Database Design/Training
    - Container Change Request form and Process

#### **Buffer:**



### **Station Layouts:**



#### **Material Flow Routes:**







## Case Study – Intl. Assembly Plant

- Purpose/Scope Containerization:
  - Review and Buyoff of China Team for Line Display Container Issues and Rightsizing.
  - Develop Processes, Training, Review.
  - JIT Center layout validation, customer survey, part quality identification, scorecard development, process documentation and training.
- Results/Recommendations/Benefits:
  - Reviewed 2025 part numbers for Right Sizing and Container Issues.
  - Developed 4 Containerization processes:
    - Rack *System days and fleet size* calculation Validation.
    - Container Selection and Validation process.
    - Rack Development and Approval Processes.
    - Unit Load Datasheet development.
    - Provided Training Documents & Training
    - Open Issues form Update and Open/ Close Issue Process
  - Completed 123 JIT Center Items:
    - Reviewed and *Revised* JIT Center *existing* process documents
    - Validated *min./ max calculations*
    - Developed *customer survey*
    - Developed process for *signaling when repacked* small lot containers *reach below minimum levels*.
    - Provided *Training Documents & Training*

#### **Before:**



#### After:







