Introduction to Product Design and Innovation

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System Level Design Detail Design Manufacturing

System Level & Detail Design



- Design Stage starts from final concept
- Clear, systematic process
- Requires iteration
- Convergen and divergent stages: <><><>



















System Level

- Overall layout
- Product architecture
- Interfaces between sub-systems
- JoiningBoP



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* Pahl & Beitz, 1977







Layout Drivers

- Balance between units
- Energy flow
- Accessibility
- Protection
- DFA

System level design

- Manufacturing & assembly process
- Maintainability
- Accessibility, usability
- Compactness
- Aesthetics
- Number of parts & sub-assemblies
 - \rightarrow Bill of Parts

Detail Design

Generic PD Process



Rapid Iteration PD Process





Detail design

- Principle: Value to Customer > Price > Cost
- DFM, DFA
- Documentation
- Once the Big Questions are solved, you can start making the blueprints

Detail design

- Each part has to be designed & manufactured
- Determine for each individual component
 - Material
 - Manufacturing method
 - In-house, off-shore, outsource?
 - Standardization
 - Cost

Manufacturing

Manufacturing

Simple guidelines of manufacturing:

- I) If you are not the expert, find somebody who is!
- 2) Always think about alternative manufacturing methods!
- 3) Keep manufacturing in your mind throughout the design process not just in the end!
- 4) Prototype can be made from *different materials* and using *different methods*; both still need to be designed!

Prototype?



Prototype?







DFM

- Design for Manufacturing (DFM) is a development practice emphasizing manufacturing issues throughout the product development process
- Successful DFM results in lower production cost without sacrificing product quality

Manufacturing costs



* Daniel E. Whitney, MIT, 2004

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DFA – Design For Assembly

DFA in the Large

- Simplify the design
- Minimize parts count

DFA in the Small

- Make assembly easier and more reliable
 - Easy to handle, Easy to insert
 - One motion per component
 - Vertical assembly

DFA Principles

- I. Minimize parts count.
- 2. Encourage modular assembly.
- 3. Stack assemblies.
- 4. Eliminate adjustments.
- 5. Eliminate cables.
- 6. Use self-fastening parts.
- 7. Use self-locating parts.
- 8. Eliminate reorientation.
- 9. Facilitate parts handling.
- 10. Specify standard parts.

DFA – Examples

