



James Kadunc

kadunc@whitehallgroupllc.com

James Kadunc is an experienced Operations and Quality Manager with over 35 years of experience in the Automotive and Automotive Components Industry. Mr. Kadunc has held leadership positions in Operations, Quality, Material Control, Purchasing, Sales, Finance and Supplier Development. His experience includes an additional 10 years of hands-on lean assessments and major continuous improvement projects in the areas of quality, PPAP and launch readiness, through-put, and supply chain management with a variety of products in more than 50 manufacturing and Assembly Plants in N. America and Europe.

At Whitehall, and previously at GM and Delphi Automotive, Jim was focused primarily on Continuous Improvement in the areas of Quality, Operations and Delivery (Material Control). He is experienced in a wide variety of operational processes including assembly, plastic molding, metal stamping and forming, aftermarket (assembly, packaging, and delivery), appearance items / trim, plating, automotive interiors and rubber molding. Although well versed in the three major Quality Strategies he finds that he is not typically involved with a client in the first and most important phase, Quality Planning – which is often not done, or done well. If the right plan is not put in place for SOP, a great deal of additional cost is often incurred in fixing problems in an installed process.

During his career at GM / Delphi Jim had a three year assignment in Sao Paulo, Brazil where he was Commercial Manager of his Division and was responsible for Sales, Marketing and Strategic Planning and in Italy implementing improvements in a finished goods warehouse for a major automotive customer. He has headed up Lean and Quality Workshops throughout the world including Canada, Mexico, 8 countries in Eastern and Western Europe, N. Africa, China and S. America. When he left Delphi he was involved in the implementation of the “Lean Enterprise” at his home division while also heading up the Purchasing Department’s Supplier Development Program.

Jim holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio and an M.B.A. from Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He believes in “Continuous Education” and besides attending Quality and Lean Workshops has trained at NUMMI and under 2 Toyota Sensei’s. He also holds a 6 Sigma Green Belt.