



## Research and Markets: Production Practices of Leading Automotive Component Manufacturers Examined

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Do you know how your company performs up against the competition and industry best practice? Where you're leading - and where you're lagging?

This report provides precise and usable automotive supplier benchmarking data enabling Tier 1-2-3 and aftermarket suppliers to pinpoint how they perform against industry best practices in areas such as cost control, quality, human resource management and R&D.

Data provided in this report was acquired from a five-year global best practices automotive supplier benchmarking programme, created with participation from over 70 major automotive component manufacturers. These include a range of European and US-based multinationals such as Becker, DaimlerChrysler, Dana, Delphi, Faurecia, Federal Mogul, GM, Lear, Timken, Toyota, Visteon, Denso, Dunlop and ZF Lemförder.

The database generated from the study uniquely covers both emerging and developed markets, as well as multinational and locally owned companies. It provides an unparalleled insight into the competitiveness issues driving the global automotive industry, and allows Tier 1-2-3 and aftermarket suppliers across the globe to identify to what extent they are adhering to the latest lean production practices.

The extensive critical competitiveness measures explored in the Yearbook are grouped under six lean production market drivers:

Cost control

1. Total inventory levels
2. Raw material (RM) holding
3. Work in progress (WIP)
4. Finished goods (FG) holding

Quality

5. Customer return rates
6. Internal reject rates
7. Internal scrap rates
8. Internal rework rates
9. Return rates to suppliers

Value chain flexibility

10. Customer lead times from FG



11. Customer lead times from production
12. OTIF delivery to customers
13. Supplier lead times
14. OTIF delivery of suppliers

#### Operational flexibility

15. Manufacturing throughput times
16. Production time lost to changeovers
17. Production time lost to breakdowns

#### Human resource development

18. Preventative maintenance as a percentage of total maintenance time
19. Training expenditure
20. Formal off-line training per employee
21. Suggestions received vs. suggestions implemented
22. Labour turnover rates
23. Staff turnover rates
24. Management turnover rates
25. Absenteeism rates

#### Product development

26. R&D expenditure
27. Contribution of new products to sales

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