

5 QUICK WINS TO CUT WASTE & BOOST EFFICIENCY IN YOUR FACTORY

About Us

At Smart Advice Consulting, we help manufacturing leaders improve efficiency, reduce waste, and solve shop-floor problems with practical, hands-on solutions. With over 25 years of experience across FMCG, food, textiles, and more, we deliver real results - fast.

What our clients say

"Trevor enabled the teams to identify, resolve, and embed a series of cost improvement initiatives. These initiatives have not only reduced waste but also enhanced overall efficiency and productivity" – Mark, Ops Support Director


"The systems that Trevor has helped us develop have been nothing short of transformative" – Sam, Managing Director

"Absolutely fabulous to work with and would highly recommend. He brings a great take on lean and achieves results with an interactive approach" – Craig, Prod. Mgr.

How We Help


- ✓ **Manufacturing Mastery Workshops:** Lean problem-solving, waste reduction & leadership skills
- ✓ **Kaizen Sprints:** Rapid improvement events delivering 5-10x ROI in just a few days
- ✓ **On-Site Consulting:** Hands-on coaching to fix inefficiencies and drive performance

1 Reduce Motion & Transport Waste in 10 mins.


 **The Problem:** Time wasted walking

Quick Fix:

- Observe a process for 5-10 minutes
- List unnecessary movements
- Organise tools/materials to within reach
- Apply 5S principles to high-traffic areas


 **Impact:** Faster workflow, reduced fatigue, and better productivity

2 Fix a Recurring Problem with "The 5 Whys"

 **The Problem:** The same issues keep happening

Quick Fix:

- When an issue occurs, ask "Why?" five times
- Identify the root cause, not just symptoms
- Apply a permanent fix, not a temp. workaround


 **Impact:** Fewer recurring problems, reduced downtime, and smoother operations

3 Find Hidden Waste with a 15-min. Waste Walk


 **The Problem:** Waste exists, but no one sees it

Quick Fix:

- Walk the factory for 15 minutes
- Look for the 8 Wastes (google TIMWOODS)
- Identify a single improvement & action it


 **Impact:** Greater awareness, reduced inefficiencies, and quick productivity gains

4 Cut Waiting Time with Smarter Changeovers


 **The Problem:** Machines sit idle too long

Quick Fix:

- Identify tasks that can be done before downtime
- Pre-stage tools & materials before changeover
- Separate internal vs external setup tasks


 **Impact:** Faster changeovers, increased uptime, and better output

5 Improve Comms with a 5-Minute Huddle

 **The Problem:** Misalignment slows teams down

Quick Fix:

- Hold a 5-minute daily huddle covering:
 - Yesterday's key issues
 - Today's priorities
 - Bottlenecks or concerns

 **Impact:** Better teamwork, faster problem-solving, and fewer daily surprises