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Applying Six Sigma Using Minitab



Synopsis

The Six Sigma process improvement methodology demonstrates the critical importance of properly collecting and analyzing data. From its roots in the manufacturing environment, the power of Six Sigma has found its way into virtually all areas of business - regardless of product, service, industry, or profession. Companies everywhere are recognizing that they can save money using Six Sigma. Minitab statistical software, which has been used since the 1970s, has consistently proven to be effective in analyzing data in the context of Six Sigma methodology. Filled with figures and written in easy-to-understand language, this manual will help you: • use Minitab's functions to follow the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) roadmap; • minimize the use of equations in explanations of data analysis;

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Customer Reviews

I've used Minitab on and off for the past several years. I've always struggled to find the right book to help me create some compelling charts and graphs based on the data analysis that I did in Minitab (hence, the "off" in use). I have purchased books by Khan, Brook, Rath/Strong, and Bass but still could not find the details on how to create graphs that I knew Minitab was capable of. Then Gilbert and Peterka release this book. Having known the authors from years past, I gave it a try and was not disappointed! The book thoroughly covers Minitab's commands, demonstrating not only how to do the analysis but showing how to use tips and tricks (not intuitively obvious) in Minitab to convey important statistical information graphically. Additionally, the authors provide this guidance in the context of the Six Sigma DMAIC framework by showing real-world example analyses and how

Minitab could be used to evaluate the problem at hand. This is by far the best technical guide on Minitab that I've found. As someone who digs into the details and lets the data speak - preferably graphically - this book is already showing wear on my desk at work from referencing and reading. And I just got it for Christmas 2 weeks ago. Kudos to the authors.

I used this book while going through my black belt training and found it to be an invaluable resource. The book is written to follow the Six Sigma road map making it easy to apply to any project. As an advanced user of Excel, I found myself exporting data from Minitab, manipulating it in Excel, and importing it back into Minitab. After one pass through the book, I was able to do everything needed within Minitab. The last thing that I found useful was the number of pictures to support the workflows...and they were in COLOR!

Written by two process improvement experts with decades of experience between them, this book is an excellent resource for anyone looking to use data analysis to improve process and quality with Minitab. Each tool is described so the reader understands the purpose of the tool, and plenty of practical advice on utilizing the tool is given along with it. Then the book provides step-by-step Minitab instructions including full-color images annotated with clear descriptions. The book not only shows the basics but also valuable options available for various tools. Overall highly recommended!

This is a wonderfully organized manual of how to use Minitab with excellent images of outputs and detailed explanations. It also takes examples through multiple iterations to allow the reader/user to work through the models and get a much better understanding of the tools. Plus there is a lot of effort to fully explain the session windows so the user understands whether there is more analysis to be done, which reduces one's error in the decision process for improvements to be made. And how to navigate the options available helps the user create the most powerful analysis both visual and understandable for presentations. Well done!

I had Peter Peterka as my Master Black Belt trainer and he is probably one of the leading experts on Minitab for Six Sigma applications. But gurus can sometimes miss the boat when it comes to publishing a book. Not in this case, this book is very practical and a worthy reference that will make any Six Sigma expert look like a 'DMAIC rock star'. Thanks for a great book!

I had a chance to use this in my Six Sigma Black Belt class and I had to have my own book! Rarely

do you see a manual like this with SO many color pictures. It appears to have a screenshot of every menu and dialogue box to make trying new methods super easy. The additional explanations by these authors are invaluable. It's like having access to your own MiniTab Experts!

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