

Automation *Don'ts*

- ***Don't*** try to automate what doesn't work well manually
- ***Don't*** attempt to automate the production of an overly complex product design. You should first redesign to simplify and standardize components
- ***Don't*** apply flexible automation techniques to high volume requirements
- ***Don't*** bite off more than you can chew; start with relatively simple projects
- ***Don't*** deal with more variables than necessary; implement in stages, getting stage one working before moving ahead with stage two
- ***Don't*** attempt to automate without employee participation and cooperation at all levels and in all affected departments
- ***Don't*** skimp on training; make sure everyone, including operators, supervisors, managers, and maintenance personnel, gets sufficient training
- ***Don't*** wait too long to get started; chances are that some competitor somewhere already has