

# Leadership Development: Helping Our Team Succeed

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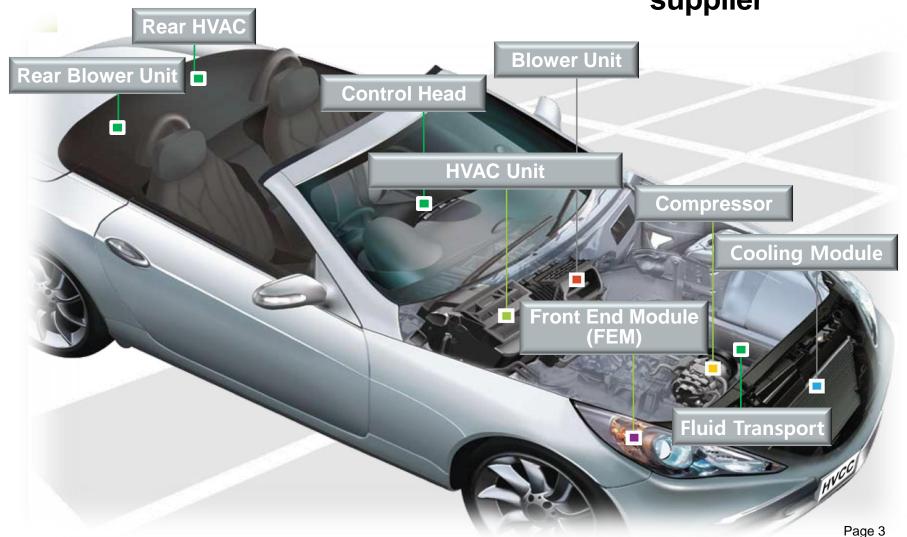


## Who is HVCC Canada?

#### **Introduction of HVCC**



# World's second largest automotive climate supplier



#### Where are we?



- Established in 1989
- ▶ 205K ft² in Belleville's Northeast Industrial Park
- 360 University Avenue & 440 College Street



#### Who are we?



- Workforce
  - 60 salaried staff
  - 50 indirect support staff
  - 350 production team members
- Shipping approx. 6 million end items per year
- Annual sales revenue of approx. \$100 million
- TS16949, ISO14001 & OHSAS18001 registered

#### What do we make?







## Where were we?

#### Leading up to 2011



- Tended to 'promote from within'
- Focused on 'functional abilities' of leaders
- Limited focus on 'leadership attributes'
- An informal 'learn as you go' model
- Only mandatory training for leaders was the 3A's of Leadership from LTKC

#### What happened?



- Too much trial & error!
- Inconsistent management practices & priorities
- Mixed messaging to Cross Functional Teams
- Slow decision making...analysis paralysis!
- Erosion of an already weakened morale!





- We reminded ourselves of our Shared Values:
  - People our greatest resource
  - Customers the reason we exist
  - Technology critical to our ongoing success
- We agreed as a leadership team on our daily operational priorities:
  - Safety of our team members
  - Quality parts that meet specification
  - Delivery on customer & shareholder expectations
  - Cost should be competitive



- We shifted our culture to focus on accountability at a leadership level (up & down the org chart)
- We began a true movement to a team focused, cross functional environment
- We embraced disciplined problem solving methods (Six Sigma's DMAIC+R) and trained all managers/supervisors first!
- Began work on simplifying our systems, processes & approvals (still building on this one!)



We made Accountability a real place!





► It happens daily, and everyone is there!



#### Better, but still struggling



- The daily Accountability Meeting became a very effective check & adjust for us
- We saw an overall improvement in our Key Performance Indicators, but there were still regular misses & disruptions due to issues within our control
- Leadership consistency improved, but we continued to encounter disconnects on priorities



## What were we missing?

#### Who did we ask for help?



- Working with Heart of the Matter Consulting & Loyalist Training and Knowledge Centre
- Started with personal coaching
- Provoked discussions about broader contributions to loss of learning
- Recognized the contribution of leadership focus on culture wasn't in balance with the focus on production (what you focus on is where you go)
- Moved from classroom learning to working on culture actively while learning

#### **Senior Management Off Sites**



- 3A's of Leadership refresher training
  - Align do people know what to do & how to do it?
  - Assure do people feel confident & competent to contribute?
  - Activate are people taking ownership of their role?
- Distinguishing between leadership roles
  - content (technical knowledge of jobs)
  - method (methodologies used to produce outputs)
  - systems (mindset, values, front line facing philosophy)
- Work on the barriers at senior managers level
  - Are we modeling the behaviour we are asking of others?

#### 360° Evaluations



- Life Styles Inventory & Coaching Sessions
  - Confidential assessments by your peers
  - Feedback provided on thinking & behavioural patterns to improve effectiveness
  - Gain understandings of personal, management & leadership styles
  - Individual coaching sessions (3-4 over several weeks)
- Completing these through 2014 & Q1 2015 for all
  14 members of our Operating Committee



# Is it working?

#### Are we progressing?



Despite a 10% revenue drop since 2010:



21% improvement in Build-To-Schedule



65% reduction in material scrap



34% improvement in direct labour efficiency



17% reduction in total L&OH costs



## What's next?

#### **Ongoing Development**



- Starting up facilitated coaching meetings with all supervisors (similar to senior managers)
  - Strategies to engage team members
  - Daily role in creating a positive, proactive culture
- Planning to expand LSI 360° Evaluations with all supervisory level team members
- Longer term goal is to revisit LSI 360° Evaluations on a 2-3 year cadence

#### **Ongoing Development**



- New round of sessions with senior managers to work on our implementation of corporate operating principles launched in Feb 2013
  - Communication
  - Accountability
  - Transparency
  - Speed

#### **Summing It All Up**



- Leadership is most effective when played as a team sport, but leaders still need individual attention
- Leaders must be aligned and working with a set of common daily priorities (for us, SQD and then C takes care of itself)
- Development is ongoing & dynamic, not just a course or two delivered at moments in time
- It all starts at the top! We have to pattern the behaviour we are expecting from others
- Put the effort into building a learning culture

# Thank you!

