5S is a methodology for making a workspace more efficient, effective, and safe. It is founded on five principles: Sort, Set, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain. 5S is an important step to build a foundation for continuous improvement and pursuit of operation excellence.

**Application**

5S is mostly used in manufacturing plants as a LEAN manufacturing method of eliminating waste so that the operator can run their station quickly, but also accurately, so there is no slip in quality. Organizing stations in a logical way that minimizes extraneous movement and clutter will enable a worker to their job much quicker, and better.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In Small and Medium Enterprises, implementing 5S has resulted in productivity improvements of over 30%.