

QUALITRAIN TEAM PROFILE



Name **Alan Bates**

PROFILE

Alan is an experienced Production Manager with particular expertise gained at senior level in the polymer industry. He has valuable experience in the implementation of Lean and Six Sigma practices and has created hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of savings for manufacturing businesses. Alan also has specific management experience in medical and pharmaceutical grade plastics manufacturing plants.

Alan's success draws on a strongly analytical approach and a deep understanding of control, efficiency, and quality improvement systems. He has managed the acquisition and integration of other businesses, and, following close analysis of supply chains, created valuable problem-solving initiatives which have vastly improved the efficient throughput of goods.



INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Having a background in electrical and mechanical engineering, Alan started out in the polymer industry at Plasticum UK Ltd, rising swiftly from Supervisor to Production Manager. He then entered the field of medical and pharmaceutical plastics, joining Byron Mediplastics as Manufacturing Manger to undertake monitoring and control of one of the largest clean-room manufacturing facilities in the UK. A significant contribution here was the development of cross-functional training for operatives to enable the various departments to work together in a more productive and less wasteful manner.

In 1997, Alan joined Zynergy Manufacturing Europe as Operations Manager, taking responsibility for the company's ISO 9001 and EN46001 quality systems and introducing a data gathering system for continual improvement of operations. Alan then became Operations Director at Arena ZME, where his achievements included:

- The introduction of Lean practices and product validation protocols within a medical product environment.
- The introduction of an integrated MRPII system.

In 2007 Alan moved to Eurocell Profiles, a major player in the uPVC extrusion industry, as Production Manager, where his valuable contribution has included:

- The implementation of a successful auditable system for production, training and health and safety.
- The management of the acquisition and integration of a £16 million pound company.
- The development of important problem solving teams throughout the whole supply chain.
- The introduction of Lean and Six Sigma practices throughout the company, including developing strong working relationships with the local college and establishing a self sufficient assessment team.
- The generation of £500K of cost saving projects within a twelve month period.

QUALIFICATIONS

MSc in Advanced Manufacturing Technologies
Diploma in Manufacturing Management
Certificate in Management
BTEC National Certificate in Engineering
City & Guilds Electrical Installation Work
Plastic Processing Industry Training Board: Injection Moulding Condition Setting Level 1 and 2.

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Improvement, through efficiency