VALUE ANALYSIS BUYING PRINCIPLES WHICH
PRODUCTIVE BUYERS MUST MASTER

Buyer Prerequisite, before learning VA Buying Principles

Buyer must have three basic beliefs and feelings:
1. Any cost is too high if it can be reduced.
2. Any sales department must sell for the highest price it can get.
3. The Buyer is the "Goalie". His game and job is to keep quality up
and price down.

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1. Orientation - what is it all about? Part I
2. Learn how to learn and understand the function.
3. Learn the function.
4. Understand the function.
5. Learn how to overcome the retardants to learning and understanding function.
6. Learn to understand the retardants to learning "Function Costs".
7. Give credence to information only if it is from the "Best" source.
8. Recognize, identify, and end stoppers and roadblocks.
9. Learn to determine what a function is worth - evaluate a function.
10. Learn valid comparisons for deciding the value of a function.
11. Learn to identify secondary functions and secondary function costs.
12. More Orientation. Part II
14. Learn how to buy groups of non-interacting functions.
15. Learn how to buy groups on interacting functions.
16. Learn where to get help on various kinds of purchases.
17. Learn how to learn what the requisitioner really wants.
18. Learn to solicit expertise, to provide a function, not a material or service.
19. Profitable buying results from dealing and interacting with people, both
    in-house and out. Learn what to expect and how to deal with it.
20. Develop real skill in the use of creativity.
21. Develop real skill in using knowledge in negotiating.
22. A "look back" - How well are the Value Buying techniques now being used?

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- All references, unless otherwise stated are to "Techniques of Value Analysis and Engineering, 2nd edition, McGraw-Hill Book Co." Study and understand each.

1. Preface.

2. Pages 1,2 - omit case study, 3,4,5,6 - omit case study.


5. " 24 - Summary.


7. " 178,179,180,181.

2. Learn how to learn and understand the function.


3. " 168 - begin "Basic Step -".

4. " 63, 64, 65, 66 - first half.

5. " Purchasing World #4 - "Function Knowledge is Timeless".

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3. Learn the Function.

1. Pages 54 - "Information Step", 55.
2. " 16.
3. " 86 - "Summary".
4. " 138 - "Example 1", 139 - "Example 2", 140 - "Example 3".
5. " 140 - "Example 4", 145 - "Example".
6. " 167 - "Identify function".

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4. Understand the Function.

1. Pages 45, 46, 47 - top 2/3 of page.
3. " 6 - "Case Study", 7 - finish "Case Study".
6. " 162, 163, 164 - to "Basic Step 2".