

To continually examine our processes to provide greater value to our customers without waste.

Shipment Truck Pre-Planning

Anyone who works on a Grunau job is aware of how important pre-planning is. Pre-planning is essential in every facet of business.

Our Sheet Metal Shop remembered the “KIS” principle (Keep it Simple) when they created an easy pre-planning tool for loading the delivery trucks. They painted 2 boxes on the shop floor that are the same dimensions as our Grunau truck beds.

This way, they can pre-stack the fabricated items that are done and ready for shipment in the painted box area. When the “box” is full, they know they have a fully loaded truck. The box outline helps them identify exactly what will fit and what won't before they go to the trouble of actually loading the truck. This eliminates wasted time and double-work. Kudos goes to all the Sheet Metal Shop employees who brainstormed this simple but effective tool.



If you've created a way to make your job more efficient, cut out waste, and make our work more valuable to our customers, inform one of the Lean Steering Committee members so we can share your idea with others.