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One-Week Floor Experiment

Stop arguing about whether an idea works. Run it for a week and count.

1 The problem I can count

Misses, rework, waits, repeat questions, late starts. If you cannot count it, you cannot tell if you fixed it.

Every shift, I see this happen ____ times:

2 My count before (two shifts)

Count it for two full shifts before you touch anything. Tally marks are fine.

Shift 1: Shift 2:

Notes:

3 The one thing I change

One change. Only one. If you change three things and it gets better, you will not know which one did it.

Starting ____ (day), I will:

4 My count after (every day for a week)

Count the same thing, the same way, at the same point in the shift.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

End-of-week note:

5 My stop line (write it before you start)

Printed default: If it gets worse two days running, or anyone gets hurt or blamed, I stop and go back to how it was.

I will also stop if:

When the week is over, you have one of two things: a better way to work, or proof that idea was not it. Both beat a guess.

Print it or type in it. Keep notes short so they print in full. Grab the companion essay "Run One Experiment This Week" on the Articles shelf.