

NEWSLETTER



INSIGHT INTO FORESIGHT

LEAD WITH AN AGENDA

Have you ever received an invite to a meeting with only a subject, location, and time? How did you prepare? What did you bring? Was your input welcome? Were you given an unexpected assignment during the meeting? Did you get sufficient information and direction to manage this assignment? How much time did you spend worrying about this meeting before it occurred? How much of that time was spent effectively preparing to bring value to the meeting? How many of these questions could be answered if relevant information was incorporated into an agenda within the meeting invite? How much time would have been saved if more people were prepared for the meeting? Would an agenda have improved the flow of conversation or shortened lengthy conversations? Would it have eliminated a follow-up meeting?

Agenda templates should allow for brief input. This may increase the potential that the agenda will be reviewed upon receipt. A meeting cadence may be established by defining set amounts of time for topics. Next, define the role of participants, and list resources they will need during the meeting. Finally, include an optional block of time for questions and answers at the end. If the meeting was effective, hence the Q&A session is not necessary, attendees may get a head start on their next task. The agenda can help encourage participants to remain on task and limit interruptions by establishing a predetermined time when they can solicit questions. This provides the moderator/organizer the convenience and ability to effectively answer or document them. If conversations do get off track, an agenda also offers the moderator a predefined reason to bring conversations back to topic, without appearing condescending to any participants.

FORMING FUNDAMENTALS

TOOLING OPTIMIZATION

In the last series, we defined the most impactful coil variances, while identifying stamping machine settings and processes that can help manage them. In our upcoming issues, we will shift focus into the stamping tool. The next several articles will highlight process layouts that are susceptible to poor performance and contrast them with tooling techniques that provide operators and tool makers with options to effectively, efficiently, and intuitively adapt, to varying conditions. Be sure to watch our incentives section for an opportunity to provide us with your input and your issue may be addressed in our upcoming articles.



INSPIRATION FOR INNOVATION

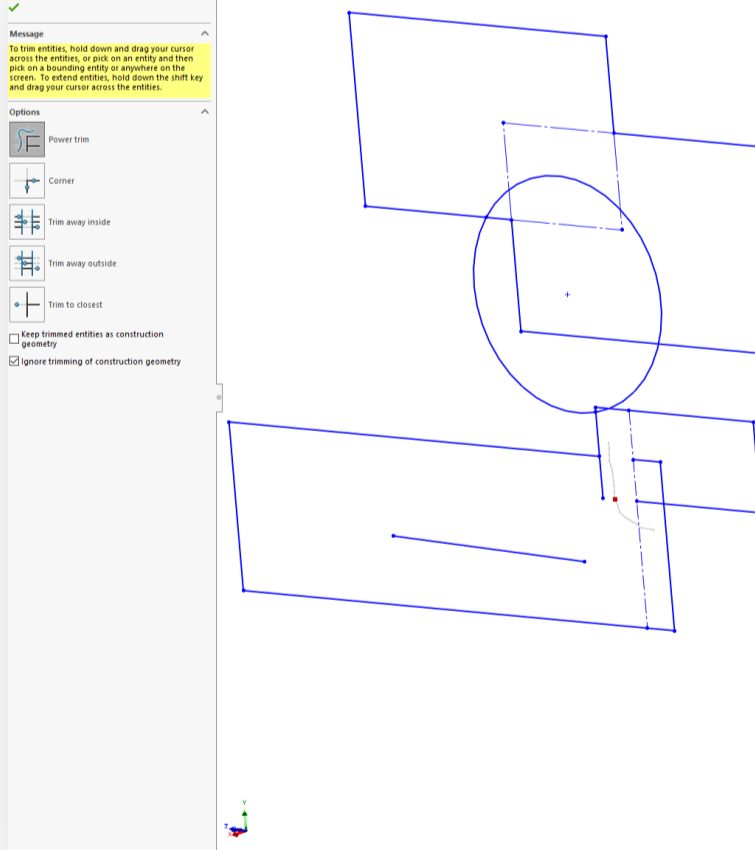
STILL LEARNING

I have not failed; I have just found 10,000 ways that will not work - Thomas Edison

TECH TOOLS

TRIM TIME IN SKETCHES

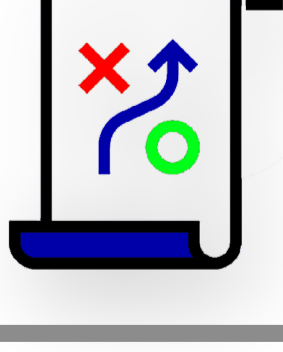
A reminder for SOLIDWORKS users:
When trimming many lines with click, hold and drag, remember to navigate back over the last red square to "undo". Do not let up on the left mouse button, hit undo and start over.
Hold shift and cross the end of a line to extend it to the next line.
Use those toggle boxes!
Avoid trimming needed construction geometry. Check the box to ignore it and trim only what you need.
Keep the trimmed geometry. Check the box to convert vs. delete.



INCENTIVES FOR YOUR INPUT

IDEAS FOR INPUT

Send us information pertaining to stamping dies or processes that repeatedly perform poorly. If we choose to focus on your circumstances, we will assist your team in identifying the causes contributing to the issue, and determine solutions as we construct and publish our articles.



PROBLEM SOLVING OBSTACLES

Problem Solving is our strong suit. Our experience and network of resources provide options with foresight & confidence when uncertainty exists. We can provide advice virtually through our innovative communication tools or on-site.



TRAINING COMPETENCE

Long term, independent solutions are our goal for you. We promise to aim to make your team self-sufficient. We offer customized training plans, virtual or on-site, for most of the services we provide. Please contact us today to inquire about educational opportunities.



DESIGN SERVICES LATE START?

Let us help create a plan to get you back on track. Our review services can help eliminate costly oversights. Our design services can help you make up lost time. You get all of this packaged with innovation and experience, delivered with Foresight.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS. COMMUNICATION MATTERS.