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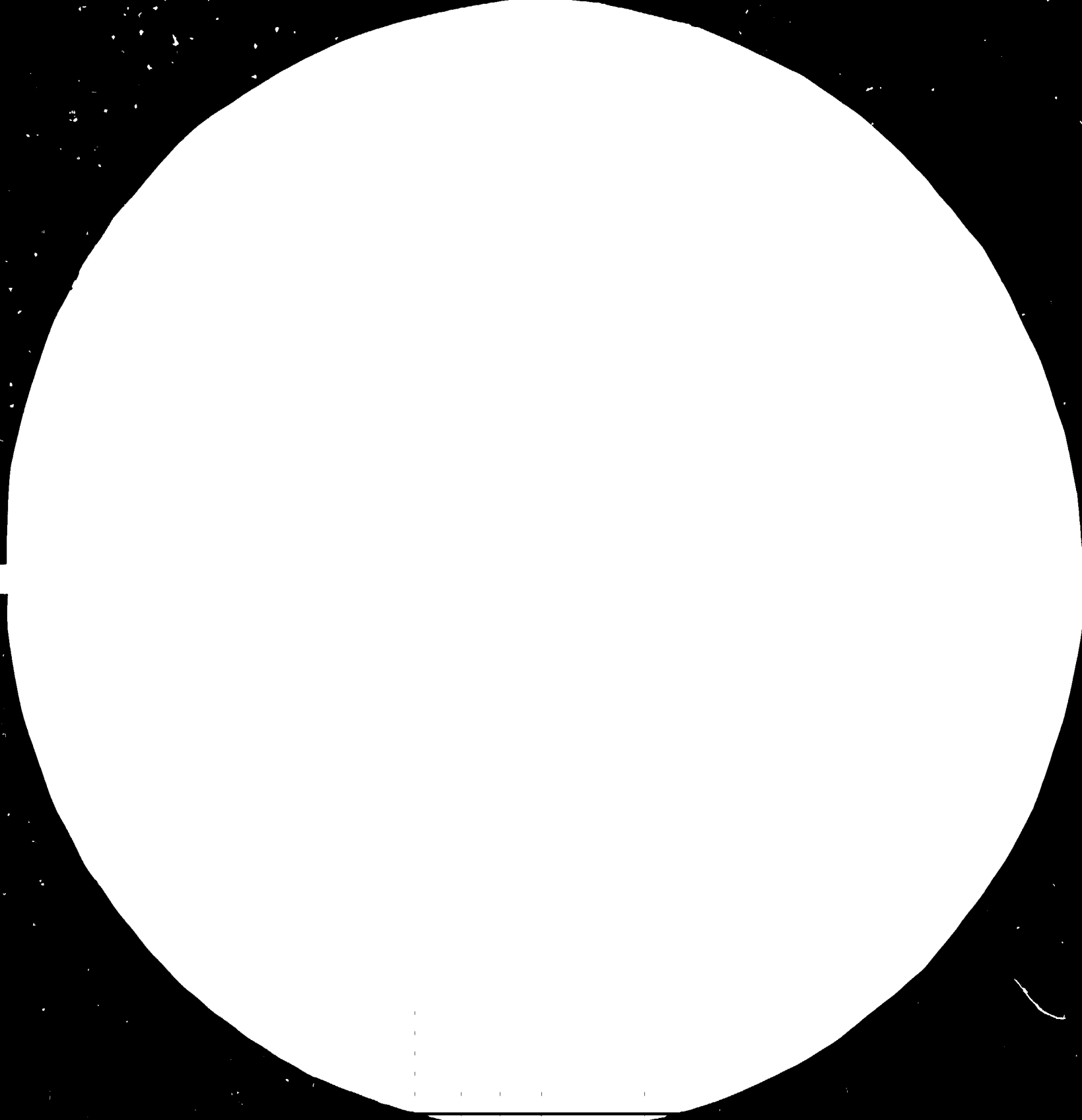
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COMPUTER BASED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE IN EGYPT **

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Maintenance is becoming one of the most important industrial activities both in developing countries as well as in developed countries.

In developing countries, economic development has started the industrialization programmes associated with the necessary transfer of advances technology developed in industrial countries, while the developed countries have to cope with the continuous progress in the technology and advances sciences.

In both cases, more machines with complicated designs and electronic control systems are added each year to the equipment stock. As a natural result, the ratio of maintenance to production costs is continuously increasing. Also the ratio of maintenance personnel to production personnel is increasing.

Most of the industrialization and machines are not the final aim by itself, but a means to achieve certain objectives for the good and advancement as well as prosperity of the country.

However, if the machines are not kept properly and handled in a good way to give designed capacities, the final result can be a catastrophe.

It is much more important for a developing country than for a developed country to look after capital equipment and to get the maximum out of every dollar invested.

Capital is one of the most important and decisive resources in developing countries, since most of them are already in debt as a result of heavy procurement of capital equipment. They can hardly renew or replace worn equipment to cope with technological changes. It is noticed that in many developing countries, maintenance is a neglected subject. This shows that the invested capital will be wasted in poor countries, while it is much more cared for in rich countries.

It is a common belief now that most developing countries would gain more by spending relatively smaller sums on the upkeep and care of existing equipment than relatively much larger sums on new equipment.

GROWTH OF MAINTENANCE PLANNING & ORGANIZATION

The advance in the fields of science and technology results in a revolution in production techniques. More automation, transfer equipment, electronic controllers and microprocessors are used in modern plant designs.

It was a necessity for the production management to have well planned production to cope with increased volume and variety of products and as a consequence of demand of perfect quality, great advances in this field were made and production planning and control became a science in itself, with the development of new techniques and further it became one of the most important activities in each industrial enterprise.

The management attitude towards maintenance even till very recent years has been relatively not to the required level. It was considered as an activity which does not deserve any special attention and it seemed good enough to assign to it a few technicians and skilled workers to put the machine back to operation if it failed or broke.

It is not very long ago, when a technician who did not prove his qualities in the production line was transferred to the maintenance group.

The most important consideration for the management was to keep machines running irrespective of maintenance costs and complications. With the introduction of quality control, the management realised that it is not enough to keep machines running, but they must produce within close specifications to avoid high rates of rejections. Moreover, it was realised that repair work must be done quickly and accurately to avoid long down-time together with high cost. The attitude changed. (to do the work accurately and quickly) and the concept of advanced planning for repair work was introduced by the second or third line of management.

It was difficult to implement production plans and schedules to meet the market requirements because no one knew when the machine would break or stop. Emergency repairs represented 80-90% of the maintenance work. The sudden stoppage of one machine, could result in the stoppage of a complete production line or even the whole factory, and in addition, it could cause damage to the product under processing.

Progressively, the concept of management changed from the attitude of coping with failures after they happened, to the control of stoppage and break down.

The basic principles of preventive maintenance were first introduced insuring the planning for equipment stoppages a little before they are liable to break. The main objective was to have stoppages as planned. In this case, the management will be controlling the machines instead of the machines controlling them and thus the production plans can also be controlled.

MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS IN EGYPTIAN IRON & STEEL CO.

The Egyptian Iron & Steel Co. is the biggest industrial complex in the country. It has the only integrated steel plant in Egypt and is a vital factor in the industrial growth and economy of the country.

The plant started its production in 1958 (300,000 tons per year of steel wrought) having two sinter machines 50 m² each, two blast furnaces 575 ft³ each and three Thomas converters, 17 tons each, together with blooming, heavy section, light section and plate mills.

In 1967, a hot and cold strip mill was added. The plant was expanded in 1973 to a designed capacity of 1.2 million tons having then 4 sinter machines, 75 m² each, two blast furnaces, 1033 ft³, 3 L.D. converters, 80 tons each, 3 slab casters 2-strands each and 3 billet casters 6-strands each.

The plant is equipped with all utilities for oxygen, air, steam, water cooling systems, fuel and the necessary step-down electric substations.

Over the years, efforts have been intensified to achieve the rated capacity of production in the various units of the plant. One of the major bottlenecks in this has been the availability of the equipment and process facilities for production, which is primarily dependent on good and effective keeping and maintaining of the plant.

The maintenance problems have been compounded by the stringent conditions of operation in the plant, lack of spares or stocks of spares in some cases, and also largely by the highly corrosive actions due to high percentages of sodium chloride contamination in the iron ore extracted from mines of the company.

Immigration of plant staff to work outside the country and the high turnover of labour due to the willingness to increase their income also add problems to maintenance. Therefore, the production figures were affected.

The need for a well co-ordinated planning and control of maintenance management as a result of what has been described above, has been strangely felt and the maintenance problems have constantly been engaging the attention of the plant management.

A technical assistance programme with the help of UNDP/UNIDO was implemented under project Nos. DP/EGY/73/028 and DP/EGY/006, phase I to develop and establish computer based systems for preventive maintenance planning and follow-up and also for spare parts planning, production and stock control.

Encouraged by the successful results of these projects, the Egyptian Iron & Steel Company with the help of UNDP/UNIDO took up further development and implementation of computer based systems for planned repairs, on-line production planning and material tracking for mills, and process control in oxygen steel making under project No. DP/EGY/81/012.

This project also envisaged that the Egyptian Iron & Steel Company will assist other major engineering and metallurgical industries to implement similar systems for maintenance management and conduct training programmes covering maintenance management systems and practices for engineers for the countries of the African region.

The project included in its scope the establishment of a Centre of Excellence Metallurgical and Engineering Industries at the National & Regional level.

The major subsystems

The chart opposite gives the schematic view over the total Maintenance System.

Preventive maintenance and planned repairs proved to be very successful tools in reducing down-time and maintenance costs. It is very important for preventive maintenance planners and programmers to be well acquainted with possible equipment performance under local working conditions. This would enable them to determine when the machine must be stopped long before any failure occurs.

The support for the planners are the following:

1. Building of adequate records for the past performance of equipment and establishment of an efficient feedback system.
2. Use of predictive maintenance employing modern measuring equipment for noise, vibration, crack detectors, etc.

These methods will help avoiding surprises. Such detectors proved to be very useful tools and not expensive to buy. Visual inspection alone is far from being enough and the adaptation of monitoring techniques indicating physical changes would give lead to better results in maintenance work.

Good planning and adequate repair have the following aims:

1. Maximum possible availability and readiness of equipment for production.
2. Longest possible life time of equipment and spares.
3. Minimum maintenance and running costs.
4. Helps for preparing standardization on plant level and consequently reducing production costs.

Equipment reliability and maintainability both together determine the availability of equipment for production.

In plant layout, enough attention should be given to equipment accessibility so it can be reached and maintained easily.

When failure occurs, it is not enough to repair the equipment, but it is much more important to study carefully the reasons of failure, in order to either eliminate it completely in the future, or at least to prolong the time between failures.

A highly experienced technical group must be established on plant level or in each productive area to study and analyse reasons for failures.

Due to such studies, they can study some changes in the equipment itself or hire specialized engineering firms for such changes to eliminate defects.

The cost of maintenance during the life time of industrial equipment will vary from 80-300% of the initial cost.

Equipment reliability should be considered carefully and the optimum level balancing the cost of increasing equipment reliability against gains due to increased availability combined with the cost of maintenance must be decided. Increasing equipment reliability means in most cases increasing initial costs. A point is reached where further increase in the equipment cost due to increasing reliability will not be met and matched by an equivalent decrease in maintenance cost or increased profitability of the plant.

This level is much affected by local conditions. In many developing countries where skilled workers are not available easily and spare parts are expensive or difficult to get, it may be a wise policy to look for a higher level of reliability with high initial cost. Saving in initial cost does not mean only increased maintenance costs but also a great loss in production. The more expensive equipment may prove to be the cheapest in the long run.

PLANNING MAINTENANCE WORKS

Maintenance works can be classified into three major categories:

1. Preventive maintenance including use of predictive maintenance techniques.
2. Planned repairs programs.
3. Capital repairs programs.

Planning maintenance work for a certain group of equipment as follows:

Preventive maintenance

The application of F.I.T.C.A.L. principles which means:

F	=	Feel
I	=	Inspect
T	=	Tighten
C	=	Clean
A	=	Adjust
L	=	Lubricate

The maintenance schedule and planning will entail the operation to be carried out in full details and its frequency and the time required for each operation.

The main objective of this type of maintenance is to keep the machine in good working condition without the need to stop it for any operation unless it is an obligatory case.

Maintenance will be:

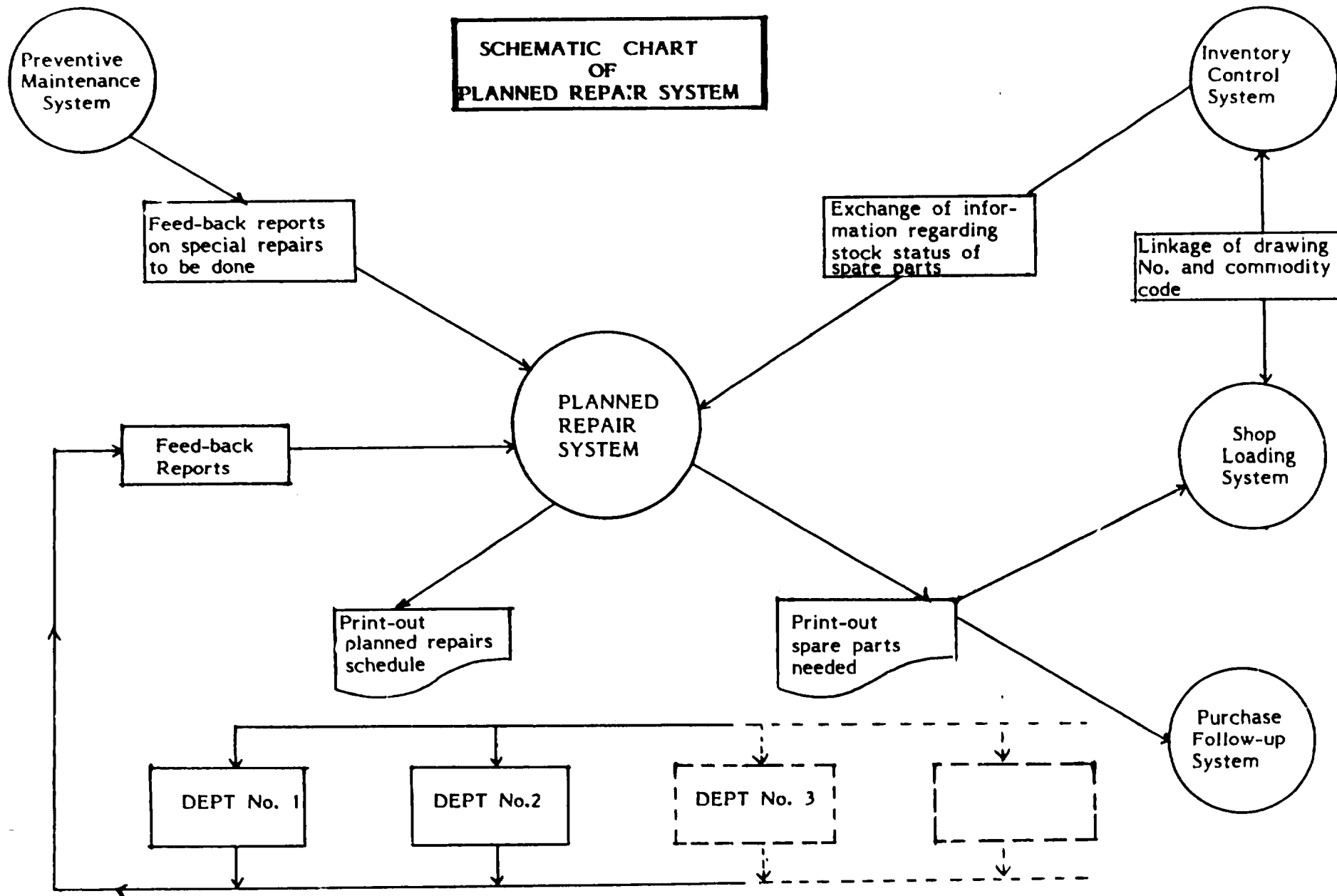
- a) Feeling the temperature of all bearing points and sleeves and other sensitive parts of the machine and identifying abnormalities.
- b) Inspect the machine for excessive noise and vibrations, reading all measuring instruments and dials.
- c) Tightening all screws and nuts.
- d) Cleaning the machine and surroundings to be able to detect any oil leakage.
- e) Adjust the levels of oil tanks to the optimum level and any adjustment not necessitating stoppage of the machine.
- f) Lubricate all bearing points with the right quality of lubricant.

Planned repairs

Please refer to the schematic chart Fig. 1.

The inspection work done for preventive maintenance will result in reworks and recommendations, which will constitute a part of the planned repairs program with a second part previously prepared as yearly requirements of the plant. Planned repairs will be done at week-end stoppage or in between shift changes when ever all maintenance requirements become available, i.e. spares required in quantity and quality in maintenance locations, the required manpower in number and also auxiliary equipment.

FIG. 1



Capital repair will be planned in view of planned repairs results. The machine condition will be observed from the past history accumulated in computer history cards for each machine in the plant, and the machine will be stopped before the estimated time of failure.

The decision depends on the following:

The first is the seriousness and probable damage and loss if equipment fails suddenly. In other words, the ratio of the equipment life sacrificed for safety varies according to working conditions. For example, in case of an airplane where the sudden failure of a part means the loss of the whole plane with passengers and crew, or in the case of a piece of equipment the failure of which would result in damage to more expensive machinery, stoppage of the whole factory and spoilage of production. In such cases, high safety levels should be looked for.

The second point is the knowledge of technical maintenance personnel of the working conditions and how they affect the equipment behaviour. The more it is known about equipment behaviour under work conditions, the more the stoppage is brought nearer to the failure point, thus helping in making more use of the equipment and spares and in achieving better working economics.

It was believed that it is more economical if the equipment will be operated until the parts actually fail, in which case the parts are utilised to the maximum possible life. This can be the right conception where sudden failure of one piece of equipment does not affect other parts of the factory or has no harmful consequences nor will complicate the repair work later and make it more difficult.

A very important part of maintenance planning and management is determining which machines will be allowed to work until they actually fail and which equipment should be stopped according to a plan, some time before failure is anticipated. It is advisable to consult original manufacturers of equipment when necessary.

THE COMPUTER BASED SYSTEM

The main core of computer based maintenance is the preparation of a well coded master file for equipment and duties to be performed. This will be done as follows:

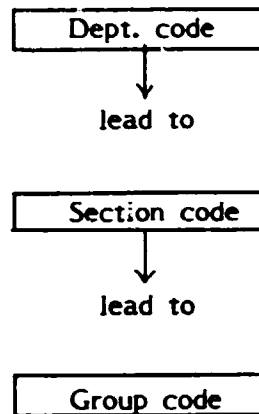
As mentioned before, it is important to maintain equipment history cards for each piece of equipment as shown in Fig 2, such a record will help in studying the behaviour of equipment and the effect of improvement and frequency of preventive maintenance and planned repair, proper planning of spares and analysing the past performance of the equipment, i.e.:-

1. Any failure that takes place and how it was set right.
2. Repairs and overhauling jobs done.
3. Parts replaced, or any alteration in design, material or heat-treatment performed and life due to that.
4. Any other major work or modification done.

To obtain maximum value of these cards, it is essential that these are filled regularly and to be reviewed periodically by the maintenance engineer in charge.

Steps of Implementation

- Divide the plant into its main departments or production lines and we call it equipment site plan and define a code No. for each department as shown in Fig. 3.
- each department is to be divided into a definite number of section codes and each section code to be subdivided into groups codes.



- as stated before in P.V., we state all operations of maintenance to be written in a special form as in Fig. 4 which is the input format.

How to use input formats:

- write down: Dept. code in column 4 - 5
Section code in column 6 - 7
Group code in column 9 - 11
- in column No. 8 we state the type of maintenance.

Type of maintenance:

There are 3 codes for type of maintenance in our system:

- Code 1 for mechanical activities
- Code 2 for electrical activities
- Code 3 for instrumentation activities

When you are preparing preventive maintenance system for electrical activities, you will face three conditions:

1. A power station, for example, in a plant, in this case one consider it as a separate department with its codes, but to use code 2 in column 8.
2. A production department has its own supply station or transformer room, or any other electrical equipment separate from the main production line. In this case, there will be no change in department code No., it will be the same for the mechanical and electrical groups. But the difference will be in section code and its own group codes, mechanical have code 1, and electrical code 2.
3. When we face a unit with a combination of mechanical and electrical in our section code (e.g. a rolling machine coupled with electric motor) in this case, we can use two alternatives either A or B:
 - A) Under the same section code we can use a group code for rolling machines and another group for the electrical part and when we prepare sheet input format, we use the same department code, and the same section code, the change will be only in: column No. 9 to 11 group code column, and secondly in the column No. 8 we use code 1 for mechanical activities and code 2 for electrical.
 - B) We can use the same group code for these combination of mechanical and electrical equipment but it must be divided up in such a way that the mechanical and electrical equipment is kept separate by using column No. 8.

An example of case B, machine tools, cranes, compressors, etc. and the two activities to be done in two separate input sheets.

The work is to be continued until we finish all groups of the sections and then all section of department.

We have to remember that when preparing the code numbers of one department, section code will have 2 digits starting from 10-90 while group code will have 3 digits starting from 001-999.

YOU CAN FOLLOW ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS WHEN PREPARING THE SECTION CODE AND GROUP CODE:

1. Under the first section code in the department you can start with code 001 and continue to number the group and of the last group code is 027, then when starting to number the section code, the first group code can have No. 028 and so on until you finish all the sections.
2. Alternatively, you can follows another system, i.e. in the first section code you can start from 001 and if the last group code No. in the first section is 027, then when you start the second section code in the department you can start with the first group code No. as 001, again until you finish the second section code and also in the third section code you can start again with the first group No. as 001 until you finish all section codes.

IN ALL CASES:

1. Never mix the first method with the second one in the same department.

2. Never use more than 2 digits for department code; 10, 20, 30, - 90, and also for section code starting from 10 - 99.
3. Never use more than 3 digits for group code in one department in the first system or in the section of the second system starting from 001 to 999.

How to prepare preventive maintenance data in input form

1. Each line in the form corresponds to one separate activity in the planning of preventive maintenance, i.e. every line must represent one card if you will use manual system.
2. All preventive maintenance items must be written in input form for every group code.
3. If one item in the sheet needs more informations to do, the recommended preventive maintenance activity can be specified on separate instruction sheet. These instructions are normally based on the manufacturer's manual instructions and on the experience of the maintenance crews in the company and also from the history of information kept in maintenance department for the past years.
4. Separate instructions should be serial - numbered and these numbers must be mentioned in input form for the item which will need those instructions.
5. These instructions will not be kept in the preventive maintenance file in the computer disc. Only instructions code number will be kept for reference.

- The instructions must be printed in specified number of copies and distributed to the personnel who will carry out the preventive maintenance system in the field.

Data for identical items of the same type

In case of identical equipment of the same type in a department, this equipment may be in the same section or in different sections. But in both cases, we must use the same preventive maintenance data in form Fig. 4 to facilitate preparation of data for computer files. The following procedure may be adopted:

First case

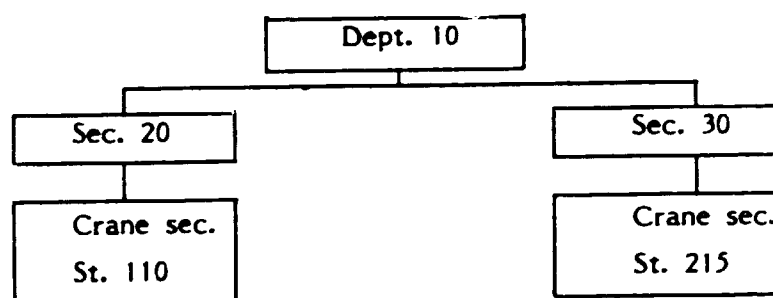


FIG. 5

Suppose we have 2 identical cranes of 5-tons capacity in two different sections, 20 and 30 as in Fig. 5, we can prepare the preventive maintenance sheet for one crane only in details, and only department code column 4-5 will be filled - section code and group code to be left blank, a table to be attached to the data sheet:

Sec. code	Group code
20	110
30	215

This table will indicate to the personnel of data entry in the computer department that the attached data will be repeated in department code 10 in section code 20 and group code 110 together with section code 30, and group code 215.

Second case

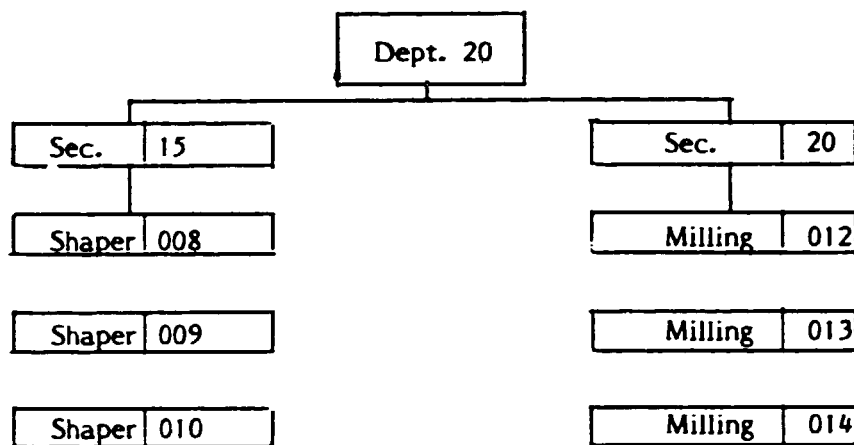


FIG. 5a

Suppose in machine tools shop we have in section 15 three identical shapers and also in section code 20 three identical milling machine as shown in Fig. 5a, in which case we can prepare the preventive maintenance sheet for one shaper in section code 15 in form Fig. 4. Department code, section code in columns 4-5 and 6-7 will be filled but group code is to be kept blank and we will attach a table in form Fig. 4 for one shaper.

Sec. code	Group code
15	008
	009
	010

This means that in section code 15 data for shaper will be repeated for the same identical machines with group codes 008, 009, 010. The same is to be applied for the milling machines.

Special case

If we have the same identical equipment but in different departments and different sections, as in Fig. 5c.

In this case, also one crane, for example, in a similar manner we just prepare one copy of the preventive maintenance sheet in Fig. 4 and state in this form the department code, section code, group code blank and attach a table as shown below:

Dept. code	Section code	Group code
10	10	010
	20	025
20	30	030
	40	035
	40	040
30	50	060

This means that for data entry personnel, that in dept. code 10 this data will be repeated in section code 10, 20 under group codes 010, 025 and in department code 20 for section code 30, 40 data will be repeated for group code 030, 035, 040 and also for department 30, section 50 data will be repeated for group code 060.

FIG. 2

EQUIPMENT HISTORY CARD

Dept.

No.

Name :

Sec.

Unit No.:

Date	Work to be done	Down time	Parts replaced	Part life		Improvement or modification
				Original	if due to change	

FIG. 3

CODE NUMBERING OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE PLANT

Series No.	Department No.	Code No.
1	Department 1	10
2	Department 2	20
3	Department 3	30
4	Department 4	40
5	Department 5	50
6	Department 6	60
7	Department 7	70
8	Department 8	80

FIG. 5A

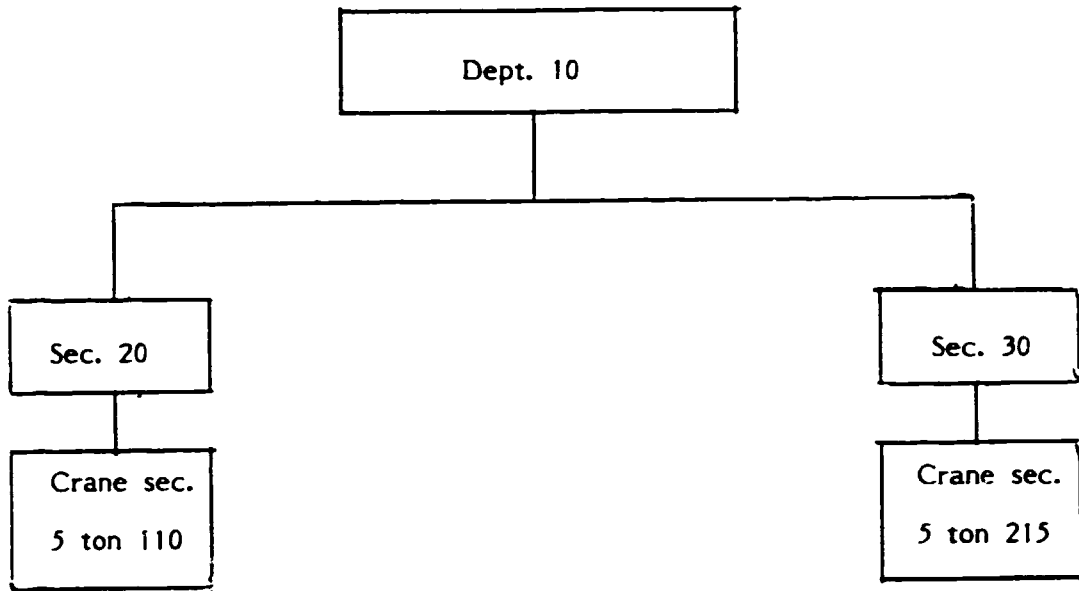


FIG. 5B

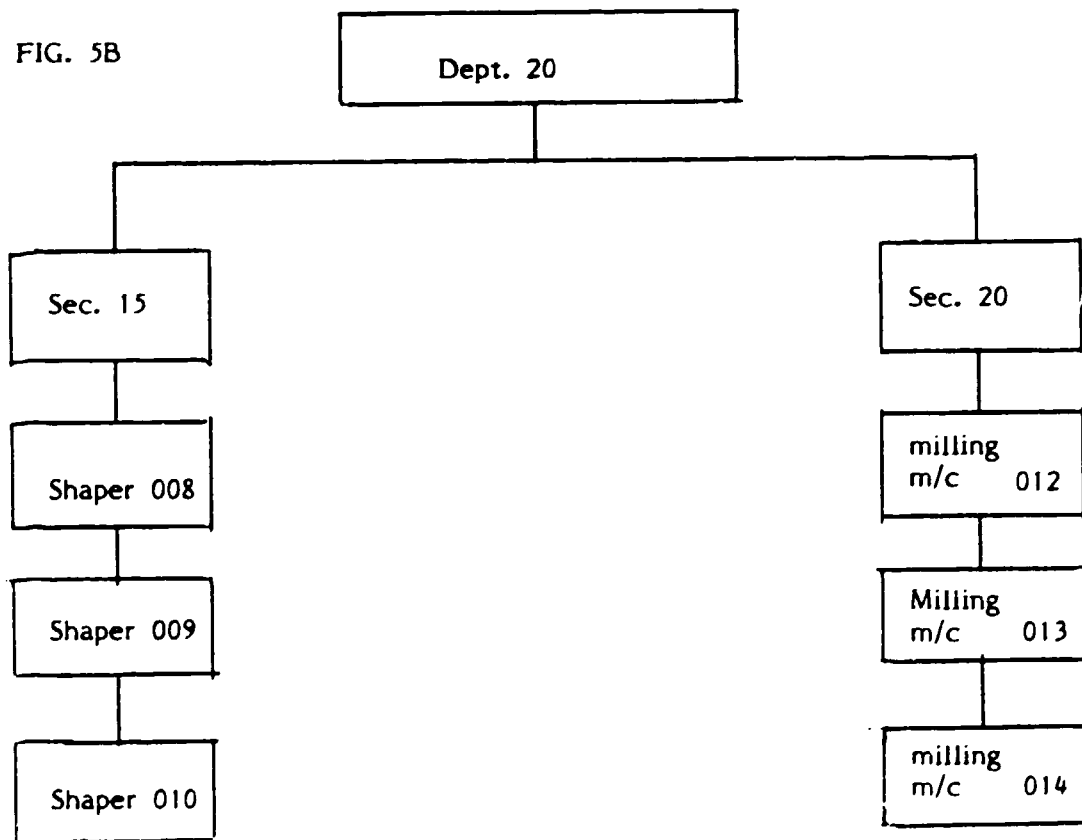
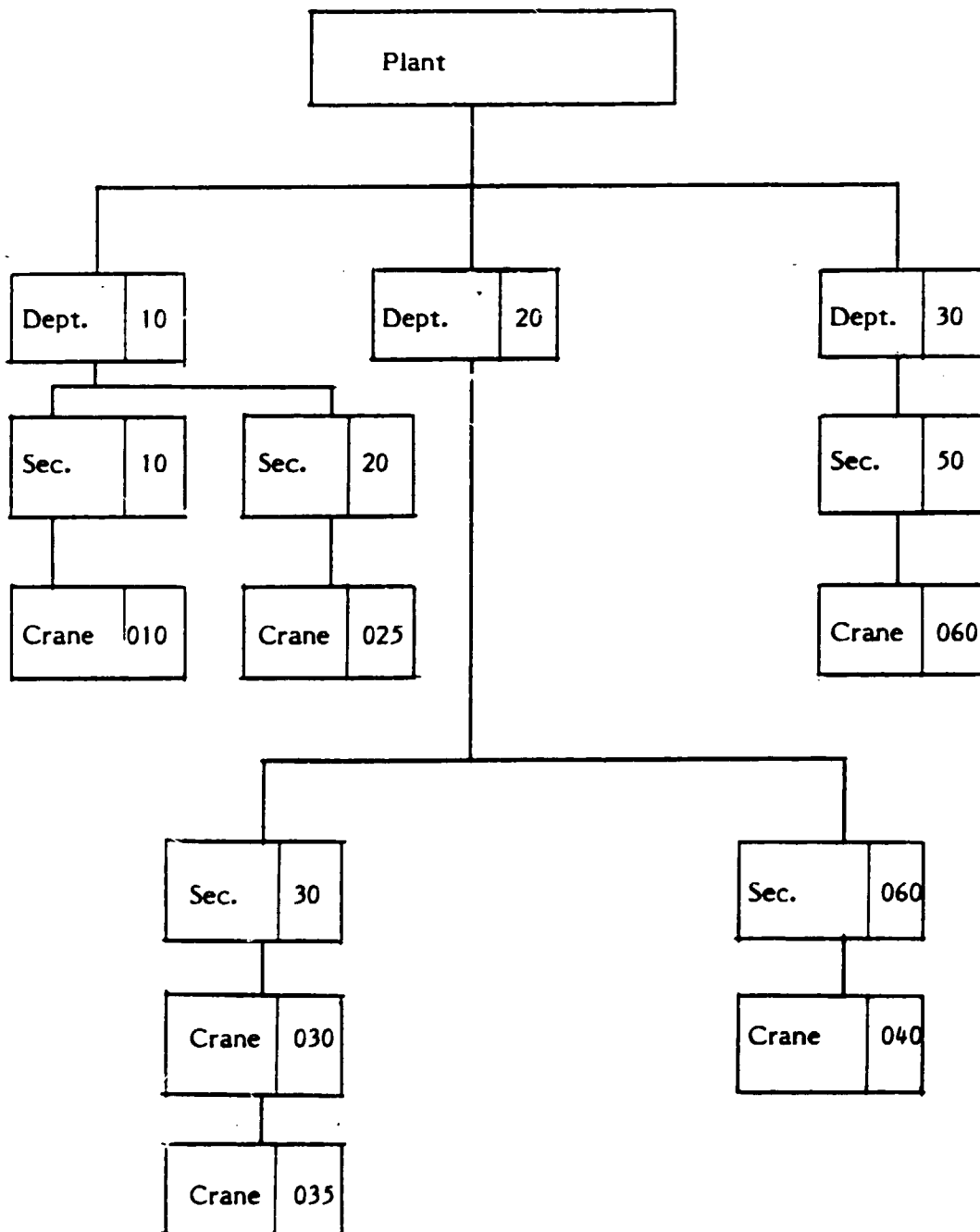


FIG. 5C



Frequency of maintenance

This means when the periodic maintenance job is to be done and this actually depends upon manual instructions or experience of the personnel crews in maintenance and the condition of the machine itself.

In all cases, every line of forms input must have its frequency code which is stated under column 15.

Code of frequency of preventive maintenance is shown below.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
1	Weekly
2	Bi-weekly
3	Monthly
4	Quarterly
5	Semi-annual
6	Annual

Points to be considered

1. If the system is run by computer, it is better that daily and weekly activities are written separately and given to assigned maintenance to be done automatically.
2. Control of maintenance is very important, it means the activity should be done when it is necessary. This will save man-power, material and effort. Too much maintenance is as bad as not attending to maintenance. So it is very important to decide the correct frequency.

3. It is recommended to observe the result of applications of preventive maintenance, if deviations appear in the stoppage equipment, it means that the frequency of the activity should be shortened by reducing the frequency code.
4. To be able to realize the good results, a record should be kept of the information of faults to improve the preventive maintenance that means reducing maintenance costs.
5. Responsibilities of the people in charge of maintenance should be well defined either assigned maintenance or central maintenance.

Master file

To build the master file in the computer, all data about equipment and the information of preventive maintenance will be stored on the magnetic tape or magnetic disc in the computer and then we can get the output which is the master file.

This master file must be checked for any error and corrected. After data is organised in the master file, the preventive maintenance output reports will be prepared according to frequency, and sent to the concerned departments.

Feed back

All preventive maintenance groups in all production & auxiliary departments are to submit the feed back to Computer with all completed operations. The Computer will issue for the second maintenance the uncompleted jobs with a special notice so that it will not be forgotten.

In case maintenance groups do not complete some jobs for some known reasons, this is to be denoted on the Feed Back form as stated in Fig. 5 D.

PLANNED REPAIR SYSTEM

Planned repair also termed as planned preventive maintenance (PPM) or scheduled preventive maintenance, is carried out in order to keep all items of the equipment in good running order and increase their reliability, improve standard of workmanship in maintenance and repair jobs and consequently cut maintenance cost.

Types of repair under planned repair system

The main types of the repair under the P.R. program are running repairs and major repairs.

Coming under the heading of running repairs are all those items of work which involve renewing of rapidly wearing out components, cleaning, changing oils, renewing mounted hardware, reconditioning of bearings and journals, etc.

A major repair project is one involving complete dismantling, cleaning, washing, renewing, reconditioning of certain main parts, reassembling, adjusting and testing ..

Planning, organizing and conducting repairs

The data collected from routine inspections and surveys of the equipment and reported by the personnel who operate it provide the basis for planning the repairs. This will be in addition to standard repairs to be carried out in the equipment. (This is the feedback data from the preventive maintenance). The actual scheduling of repair jobs is done on the annual basis and then divided to quarterly and monthly plans. This monthly plan may include certain items in the plan but is to be directed from inspection of P.V. program beside preparing spare parts required for such repair.

Progress reports and repair records

The monthly repair progress report is covering the following items:

1. Repair progress
2. Running repair expenditure
3. Fixed assets upkeep expenditure
4. Non-completed scheduled repairs
5. Completed non-scheduled repairs
6. Completed emergency repairs
7. Delayed repairs
8. Non-scheduled downtime
9. Scheduled down periods and their causes

The monthly repair reports of production shops are used for analysis and recording of the repair activities for taking the necessary corrective actions and stating initial data for cost calculations since the problem of economy in repair is given top priority at present.

SHOP SCHEDULING SYSTEM

Objectives

1. To provide the plant operating departments with workable and effective procedures for submitting requests for services and priority requirements to the plant central maintenance organization.
2. To provide the plant central maintenance department with consistent and effective procedures for:
 - planning and processing shop work order.
 - arranging work orders in a manner providing optimum treatment of plant priorities.
 - scheduling work order in a manner providing maximum utilization of maintenance labour and facilities.
3. To provide plant management with an effective tool that will minimize maintenance delays to operating equipment and enhance optimum production performances.

Procedure

Requirements of spares received from different departments of the plant in the planning central department are sub-grouped and sent to technological offices of workshops for technical studies. Machine time is calculated and stated in a special form as in Fig. 6.

All technical data required for the manufacture of spare parts are stated in another form, Fig. 7, its explanation is as follows:

- | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Drawing No.: | - series of numbers on the drawing |
| Part No.: | - part, identified on that drawing |
| Sheet No.: | - page No. of drawing |

FIG. 6

SHOP SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Order No. :

Machining Time

Serial No.	Drawing No.	Part No.	Description of Process	Horizontal lathes			Vertical lathes		Boring m/c		Planning m/c		Shaper m/c		Milling m/c		Hopping m/c			Planar-mil	Grinding m/c		

FIG. 7

SHOP SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Process Technology Sheet

Serial No.	Drawing No.	Parts No.	Sheet No.	Code No.	Weight/ piece	Grade of material	Form of material	Tools code or pattern code	Machine or group code	Working time hr/ piece	Type

Code No.: - first two digits define the workshop doing the required processing,

Digits 3 and 4 define the department ordering the part.

Digits 5-9 are the sequence number for the technology card.

Weight/piece: - weight of the part after processing in each shop in tons and kilograms.

Grade of material: - this is the steel grade, type of cast iron, brass, bronze, etc. It is a four digits code that identifies the grade in German and Russian standards.

Form of material: - General classification of raw material:

1. Forged parts
2. Casting parts
3. Structural parts
4. Rolled parts
5. Forged section

Tool or pattern code: - all special tools as dies or fixtures or patterns etc.

Machine or group code: - the machine or group of machines that will perform jobs.

Working time/piece: - this is in hours and consists of equipment time or group time.

Type: - this signifies an original card or a replacement card for changing information already in the master file, the type codes are listed below:

1. New card or original submitted
2. Replacement of information
3. Operation added
4. Delete an operation
5. Completed operation
6. Operation not required to be performed

Types 5 and 6 are for report completed operations.

After all jobs are collected and put in proper sequence, they should be loaded into the computer and catalogued as a master file. A printed list of this master file should be sorted for maintenance planning. The listing should be sorted numerically by print or drawing No. and a new listing made at the end of each month to give the maintenance planning office an up to date with all new jobs included.

The program as actuated by Execution card, Fig. 8. Each order will have its own card identifying the drawing No., the part No., page No., and the number of parts ordered. The date, the order to be finished is also put in this card. This will help the individual shop in determining their priorities. The computer having all technical data will calculate according to program material required, type and form of material.

SHOP SCHEDULE PROGRAM

FIG. 8

Execution Card Layout

Card code (3)	Drawing No. No. (25)	Part No. (3)	Page No. (2)	Quantity ordered (4)	Date required (8)

All shops either feeding or finishing should be required to submit daily the completed operations. The incompletd operations or backlog must be kept under control. Decision to work out the backlog to be taken, either by overtime or rescheduling as emergency or utilising equipment of other shops.

When feedback will be done by terminals, we can know directly the situation of each order.

INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM

Objectives

The overall objective of the spares program is to have the right quantity and quality of spares available when needed to avoid costly operating delays in production facilities and to achieve this objective with a minimum investment in spare parts.

The specific objectives are:

1. To carry in stock the minimum number of spares required to assure uninterrupted operations of works production and support facilities.
2. To tag or otherwise mark spares for easy identification.
3. To stock spares in an orderly and adequately protected manner in a minimum number of areas having controlled access.
4. To locate the right spare promptly when needed.
5. To identify and dispose of obsolete and surplus spares.
6. To adopt and use a sound procedure for replenishing depleted stocks.
7. To adopt and use a practical system for maintaining spares stock records.

Responsibilities

The Production Department's primary responsibility is to produce quality products at a maximum production and at minimum cost. A program of proper and timely maintenance of facilities minimizes production delays which are due to equipment failures. A good spares program is vital to good maintenance and thus it is an important factor in effecting the Production Department's primary responsibility.

The responsibility of the Production Department with respect to the spares program includes the following:

1. To establish reorder points and reorder quantities for spares to be carried in stock for each application, and review such data periodically for the purpose of recommending necessary changes.
2. Provide stocking facilities and protection including controlled access where practical.
3. Provide the necessary manpower to execute the program including such activities as identifying and tagging existing spares, reordering and stocking for the purpose of maintaining perpetual stock records.
4. Participate with Accounting in scheduling and taking physical inventories of all spares over a one-year cycle.
5. Make prompt decisions related to placing orders for replacements.

The responsibilities of the Accounting Department include control of all inventories. In the case of spare parts, the Works Accounting Manager's responsibilities are:

1. To see that all established spares control procedures are put into effect and that such control is continuously exercised by designated personnel.
2. To participate in taking one-year cycle physical inventories of all storage areas.
3. To provide data processing services as required.

In order to facilitate record keeping and to provide a basis for accumulating and summarising various kinds of information and data, a computer based mechanical program for maintaining perpetual stock records has been developed and installed. This program is called Mechanical Spares Control. It is a recommended method of maintaining stock records for spares control.

Mechanical Spares Control

The Mechanical Spares Control Program utilizes three basic computer output documents and the travelling requisition, Fig. 9, to provide Works personnel with the basic data needed to meet the objectives of the Spares Program. In addition to these documents, there is a number of optional computer outputs analytical reports, and catalogued listings that are available upon request. All required computer input data is recorded on one of two standard forms, Fig. 10.

Basic computer output documents

1. Spares stock record:

The Spares Stock Record is printed annually for all items in the master file and weekly for all items with activity (cumulative) since the last annual printing. The report will be printed in one of three sequences: a) storage area by Commodity code, b) storage area by Local code, or c) Commodity code by storage area. Data furnished on the Spares Stock Record are:

- a) Commodity code
- b) Unit of measure
- c) Local code (blueprint and mark)
- d) Description
- e) Storage area and location within storage area
- f) On-hand balances for usable and repairable spares by stock location and total for commodity.
- g) Quantity on order (including new purchase requisitions and repairable items that have actually been sent to shops for repair).

- h) Danger point
- i) Reorder data (order quantity, reorder point and code).
- j) Year-to-date activity (quantities received, disbursed, scrapped, and inventory adjustments).
- k) Last disbursement date

2. Stock Reorder List

The Stock Reorder List is published weekly and is divided into two sections;

Section A; Critical spares (Reorder Code 1) that have reached the reorder point and should be reordered immediately. Spares are considered at the reorder point when the quantity on hand plus the quantity on order is at or below the reorder point. These items will be repeated on the Stock Reorder List each week until ordered, until the reorder point is changed, or until the reorder code is changed from 1 (critical) to 2 (less critical). Before any item is reordered a review based on actual experience should be made to determine if the reorder quantity, reorder point, or quantity on hand should be changed to reflect actual usage.

Section B; Less critical spares (Reorder Code 2) that have reached the reorder point but are to be ordered only after review. Spares classified as Reorder Code 2 will appear on this report whenever a disbursement is reported for an item that is at or below the reorder point and/or at the review date in the master file (the review date serves as a reminder file enabling the Manager to delay purchase decisions). Items appearing in Section "B" of this report will not appear on subsequent reports until another disbursement is reported or until activated by an updated review date in the master file.

Stock Reorder Lists should be reviewed by Department Managers or other responsible personnel for the purpose of indicating whether items are to be reordered or not, and whether changes are to be made in order quantities, reorder points, reorder codes, and/or new review dates established. After this review, the spares clerk will process travelling requisitions for items to be ordered and data changes for other items as noted.

Data furnished on the Stock Reorder List are:

- a) Commodity code
- b) Unit of measure
- c) Local code
- d) Description
- e) Storage area
- f) Quantities on hand (usable and repairable)
- g) Quantity on order
- h) For items that have reached the Danger Point
- i) Normal order quantity
- j) Consumption history for past 2 years' period:
 1. Current quarter
 2. 1st prior quarter
 3. 2nd prior quarter
 4. 3rd prior quarter
 5. Total of next 4 prior quarters
- k) Last purchase order on which the item was bought
- l) Last unit cost reported
- m) Section A; the number of weeks reorder Code 1 spares have appeared on the Stock Reorder List, Section B; an asterisk (*) for items which are listed because of a review date in the master file.

3. Monthly Spares Summary;

The Monthly Spares Summary summarizes spares activity for the month to Egyptian Pounds, and can be used for management control and trend data analysis. Data furnished in the Monthly Spares Summary are:

- a) Storage area and title
- b) L.E. balance - this month and previous month (L.E. balance includes only usable items on hand. Repairable items are at no value until repaired, at which time they are transferred to usable category).
- c) Current month's values for receipts and disbursements.
- d) Value of items scrapped and/or sold.
- e) Value of adjusted items and number of occurrences for which inventory adjustments were processed.
- f) Memorandum value of repairable items (value if items were in usable condition).
- g) Value of items on order (new items plus repairable items actually sent to shops for repair, at new item unit costs).
- h) Surplus stock values (surplus stock is usable stock on hand which exceeds the reorder point plus reorder quantity).
- j) Price adjustments - the amount of L.E. balance change that results from changes in unit cost.

4. Travelling requisitions;

The method of reordering spare parts is through use of the travelling requisition. The use of this form eliminates the necessity of writing or typing purchase requisitions each time an order is placed.

The travelling requisition file also serves as an order catalogue file since it contains the complete order description and reorder data and provides a historical record of purchases. Other information such as number of units in service, etc. can also be noted on this form.

5. Optional computer output documents;

The following analytical reports and special catalogue listings are available on a request basis. Requests are made on the appropriate Report Request Form (depending on the sequence selected for the Spares Stock Record) and submitted with the Computer Input Documents.

1. Surplus Spares
2. Spares uninventoried in last (specify) months (Exhibit F).
3. Spares consumption history
4. List of spares with no usage for (specify) months
5. Spares usage by facility trend data
6. Spares inventory adjustments (monthly detail) (Exhibit 3)
7. Catalogue listings:
 - a) by alphabetic description
 - b) by commodity code
 - c) by local code
 - d) by interim class code
 - e) by storage area
 - f) by equipment code

