



PFMEA Common Mistakes

1. Applying thresholds.
2. Not recognizing all potential failures.
3. Failure to properly identify the customer.
4. Misapplication of ranking scales.
5. Confusing Failure Modes with Effects or Failure Modes with Causes.
6. Failure to develop Recommended Actions or Recommended Actions that are neither actionable nor executable.
7. Applying Occurrence and Detection too optimistically.
8. Failure to accurately describe the Process Function Requirement.
9. Failure to consider the "Potential" nature of Failure, Effect, Cause.
10. Allowing the PFMEA to turn into a design review.