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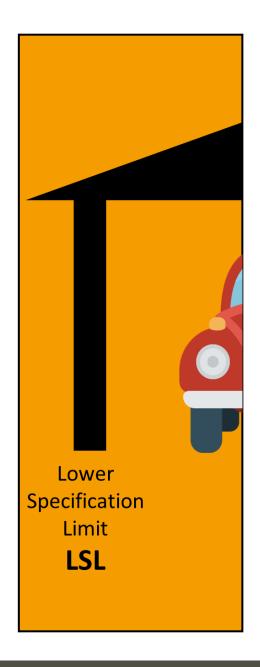




Capability and Process Performance

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- 2. Capability purpose and benefits
- 3. Cp and Cpk
- 4. Steps for a Capability Analysis
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- 6. Takeaways



What is it?

Process capability (*C*p) is a measure of the **relationship between** the voice of the process (VOP) and the voice of the customer (VOC).

It is essentially a ratio of the customer requirement (specification) and the expected process variation.

The VOC could be also interpreted as the quality specification of the process.

Process Capability = Voice of the Customer

Voice of the Process

What is it?



Process Capability =

Voice of the Process

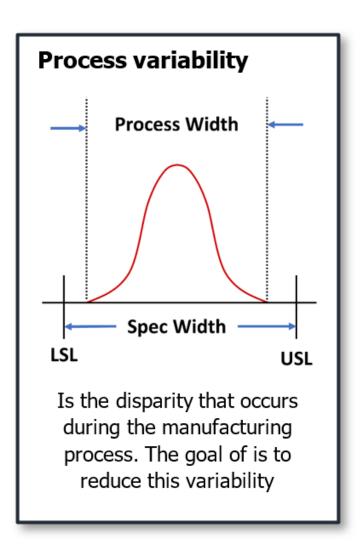




Purpose and Benefits

The capability index is useful for measuring:

- Continual improvement using trends over time, or
- For prioritizing the order in which process will be improved, and



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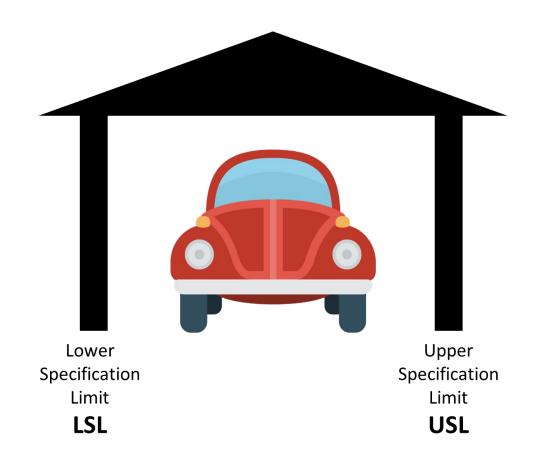
- For determining whether a process can **meet** customer requirements.
- This latter use is the original intent of the capability index and should not be applied to the performance index.



Cp

If the car is smaller than the garage, it means $C_p > 1$; the car will fit inside the garage.

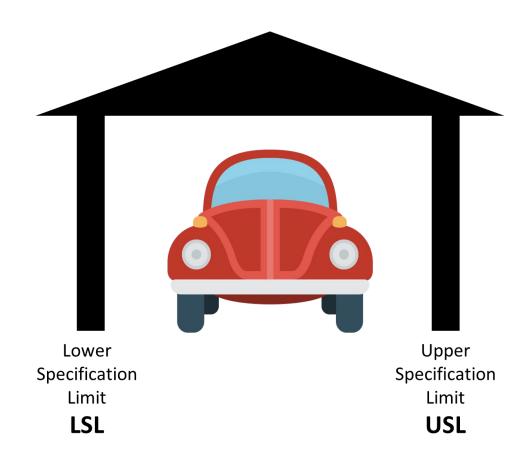
When you find that your data (car) is smaller than the specification limits (garage), your process is capable.



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Cp

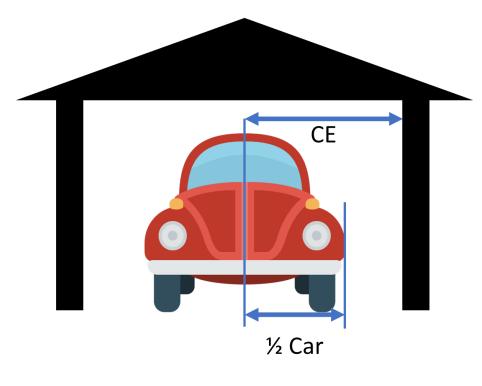
$$C_p = \frac{Specification width}{Process width} = \frac{USL - LSL}{6 \hat{\sigma}}$$



Cpk

The Cpk metric tells us how much clearance we can expect from the side of the car to the nearest edge of the garage.

Look at the distance from the center of the car to the **nearest edge of the garage**, then divide that by half of the width of the car.

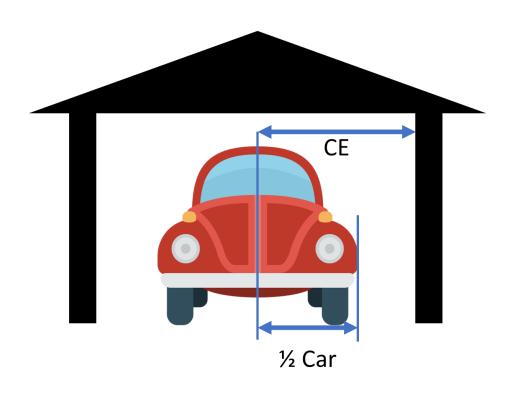


$$C_{pk} = \frac{CE}{\frac{1}{2} Car}$$

CE = Car to Edge

Cpk

$$C_{pk} = \min \left\{ \frac{\text{USL - Process mean}}{3 \hat{\sigma}}, \frac{\text{Process mean - LSL}}{3 \hat{\sigma}} \right\}$$



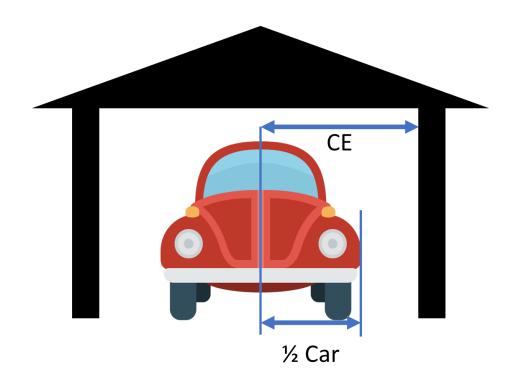
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When the car is not centered, we are at risk of damaging the car and the garage or, in process terms, falling outside of the specification limits and not meeting customer requirements.

We need another process measure to address the centering of the car in the garage.

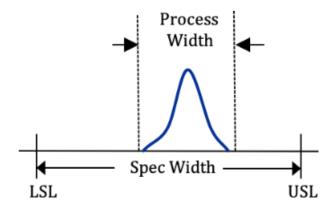


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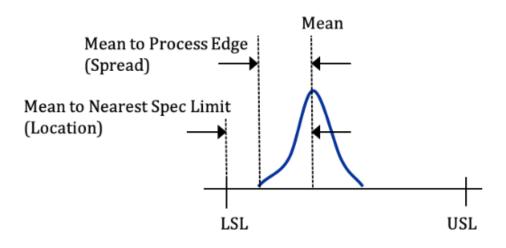
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Relationship Between C_p and C_{pk}.

Cp and Cpk



Cp accounts for only the spread (or variation) of the process.

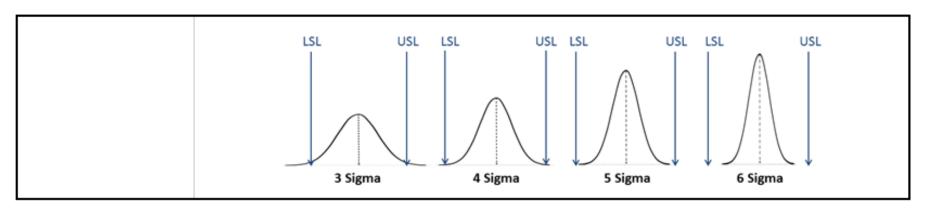


Cpk accounts for both the spread and location of the process.

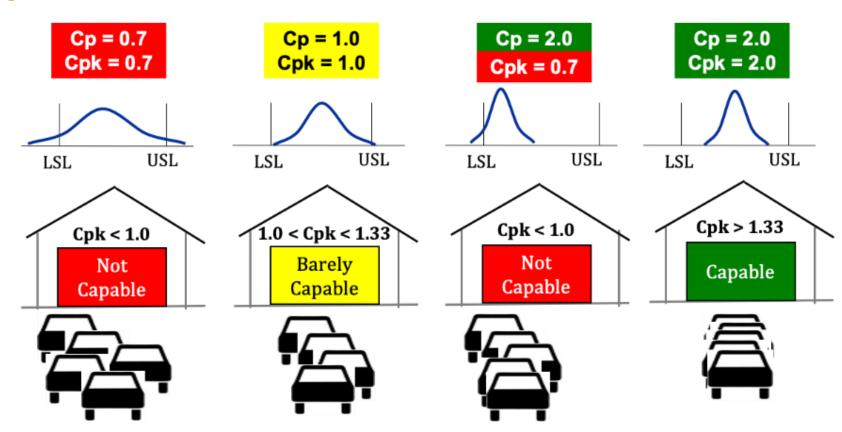
How do Cp and Cpk relate to Sigma.

Cp and Cpk

Cp Cpk	1.0	1.33	1.66	2.0
Sigma	3 Sigma	4 Sigma	5 Sigma	6 Sigma
% of Spec Tolerance Used	100%	75%	60%	50%



Cp and Cpk



Cp and Cpk

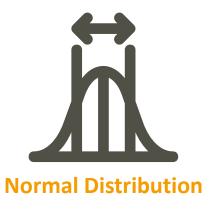
When calculating process capability Cp or Cpk, there are three key assumptions:

- Large sample size
- **Stable** process
- Normal distribution

When these assumptions are not met, the values are not valid. Most capability index estimates are valid only if the sample size used is "large enough," which is thought to be about 30 or more independent data values.







Steps for a Capability Analysis

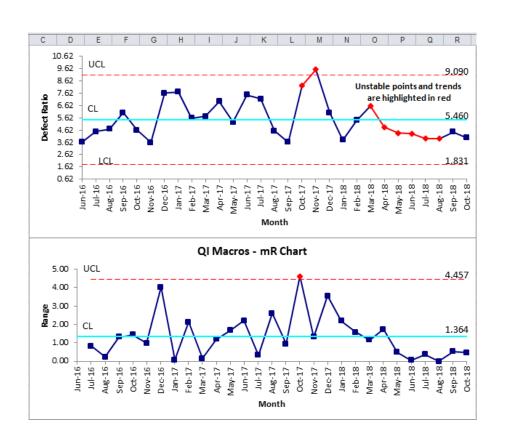


Steps for a Capability Analysis



Start with the **range chart** and determine stability. Are all points inside of the control limits? If yes, the process is stable, and the analysis can move forward.

If not, the process is unstable, and we must address this before moving on.

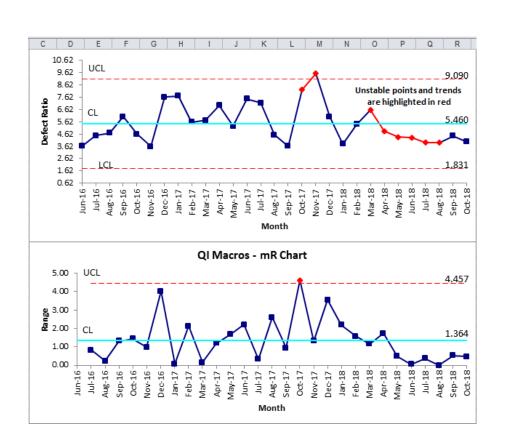


Steps for a Capability Analysis



Are there any indications of **out-of-control** data per the rules of process control? If yes, the process is out of control, and we **must address this before** advancing in the capability analysis.

If no, then the process is in control and analysis may proceed.

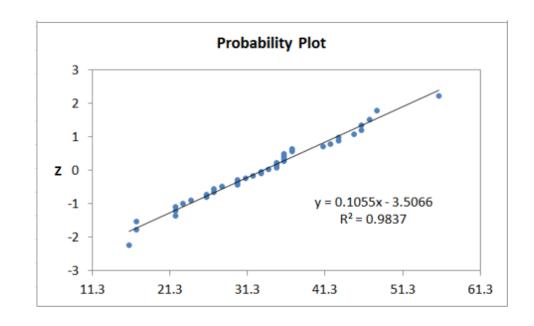


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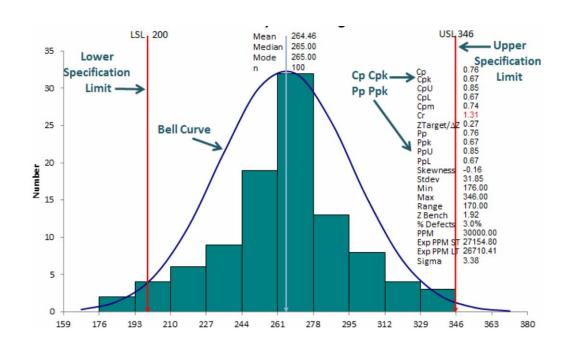


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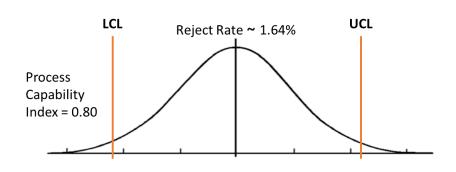
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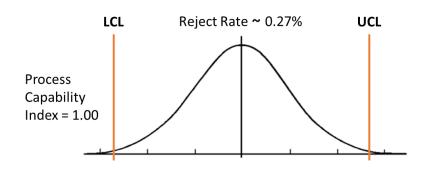


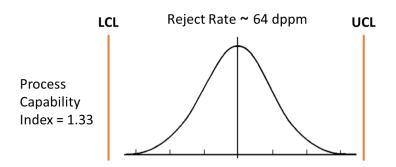
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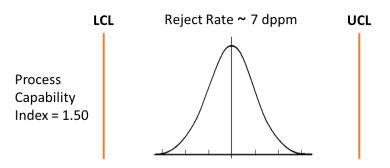
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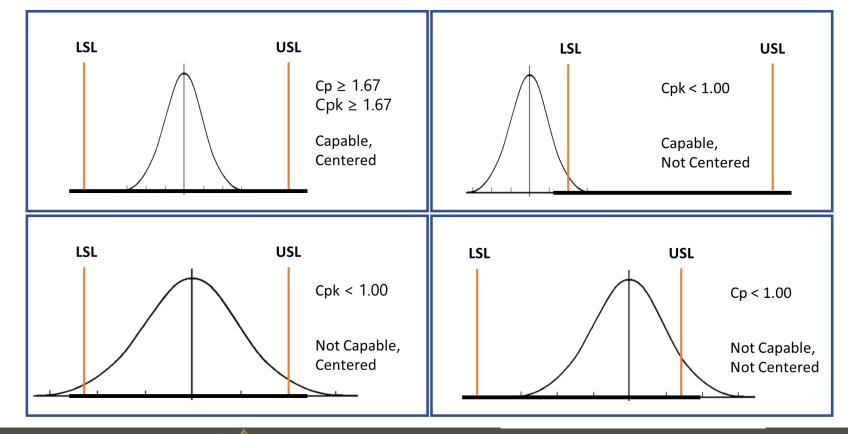




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Pp

Like the C_P calculation, we find the performance Pp rate as follows:

$$P_p = \frac{USL - LSL}{6S}$$

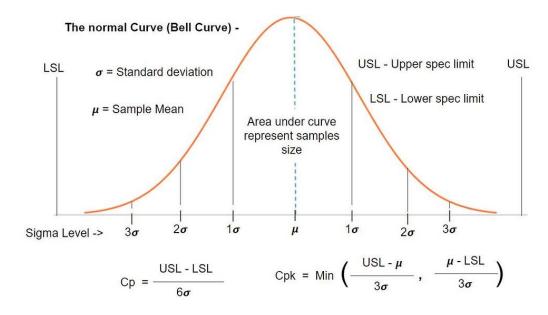
Where S is the standard deviation of all data.

Pp

The major difference between the P_p and C_p studies is that within a rational subgroup where samples are produced, practically the standard deviation is lower.

In the P_p study, variation between subgroups enhances the S value along the time continuum, a process which normally creates more conservative P_p estimates.

Including between-group variation in the calculation of P_p makes the result more conservative than the estimate of C_p .



Ppk

The difference between *C*p and *P*p lies in the method for calculating s, and whether the existence of rational subgroups is considered.

Calculating *P*pk presents similarities with the calculation of *C*pk. We calculate the capability rate for Ppk using the formula:

$$P_{pk} = \min \left\{ \frac{USL - \mu}{3S}, \frac{\mu - LSL}{3S} \right\}$$

Ppk

The difference between *C*p and *P*p, as well as between *C*pk and *P*pk, results from the method of calculating standard deviation.

Cp and Cpk consider the deviation mean within rational subgroups, while Pp and Ppk set the deviation based on studied data.

It is worth working with more conservative *P*p and *P*pk data in case it is unclear if the sample criteria follow all the prerequisites necessary to create a rational subgroup.

Population

Sample

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{\sum (X - \mu)^{2}}{N} \quad S^{2} = \frac{\sum (X - \overline{X})^{2}}{n - 1}$$
"sigma"

*Note the "n-1" in the sample formula!

Cp and Cpk Process Capability Metrics

Cp is the capability index.

It measures how well the data **might fit between** the spec limits (USL, LSL). It doesn't care if the process is centered within the limits only if it would fit if it was centered.

Cpk is the centering capability index.

It measures how well the data is centered between the spec limits.

Use **Cp Cpk** when you have a **sample**, not the population, and are testing the potential capability of a process to meet customer needs.

Cp and Cpk use Sigma estimator.

Pp and Ppk Process Performance Metrics

Pp is the performance index.

It measures how well the data **might fit between** the spec limits (USL, LSL). It doesn't care if the process is centered within the limits only if it would fit if it was centered.

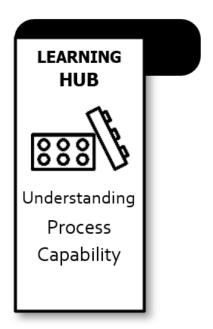
Ppk is the performance centering index.

It measures how well the data is centered between the spec limits.

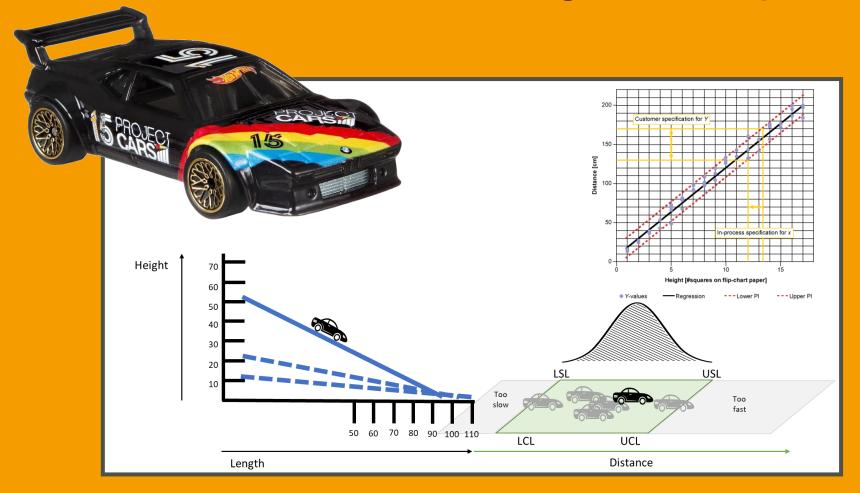
Use **Pp Ppk** when you have the **total population** and are testing the performance of a system to meet customer needs.

Pp, Ppk use standard deviation.

Application	PREDICT PERFORMANCE New Product Introduction	MONITOR & CONTROL PROCESS Volume / Scale Production	EVALUATE PERFORMANCE Final Inspection	
Statistical Tool	Process Capability Cp, Cpk	Statistical Process Control (SPC)	Process Performance Pp, Ppk	



Understanding Process Capability



Process Capability Template

Process Capability Template



Takeaways

- Once the process is under statistical control and showing only normal causes, it is predictable.
- This is when it becomes interesting for companies to predict the current process's probability of meeting customer specifications or requirements.
- When working with **continuous variables**, the traditional statistical measures are quite useful, especially in manufacturing.
- The difference between capability rates (*C*p and *C*pk) and performance rates (*P*p and *P*pk) is the method of estimating the **statistical population standard deviation**.



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