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BMW failed to recall thousands of vehicles despite a fatal electrical flaw. Also in this issue of *QNT Weekly*: only **digital manufacturing can meet customers' rising demands**; how to **improve lean Six Sigma projects** with the Industrial Internet of Things; **Amazon scraps plans to sell pharmaceuticals**; smart factories can **save the auto industry $160 billion annually**; and a widespread **E. coli outbreak emphasizes the need for blockchain**.

BMW 'Failed to Recall Thousands of Cars Despite Fatal Fault'

The Express

BMW failed to recall thousands of cars despite warnings about a potentially fatal electrical fault. The German car giant **failed to tell customers about the fault until three months after a British driver died**. It allegedly insisted that an electrical glitch was not "critical" because drivers were still able to steer and brake despite headlight, hazard lights and brake light failures.

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Only Digital Manufacturing Can Create the Customized Products Consumers Want

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Consumers want products that are smarter, more customized and available on demand. The only way organizations can satisfy that need is by **creating a new business model that applies digital manufacturing strategies**. Digital manufacturing can help manufacturers iterate faster, reduce lead times and respond more quickly to market changes.

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How the Industrial Internet of Things Can Improve LSS

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Often, *kaizen* teams for lean Six Sigma (LSS) lack the data and corresponding analysis needed to drive consensus and convince others to adopt the project recommendations. The Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) facilitates fact-based decisions and **provides data and analytics that could improve the effectiveness of LSS programs** and *kaizen* teams.

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Amazon has scrapped plans to sell pharmaceuticals to hospitals, and experts say that's at least, in part, because **hospitals are set in their ways when it comes to supply chain management**. Optimizing and streamlining the supply chain has been a crucial cost-cutting step for many hospitals, particularly as medical supply costs are a key source of wasteful spending.

According to a new report by Capgemini, the auto industry can expect $160 billion in productivity gains annually from smart factory adoption. However, **42% of auto manufacturers accept they're not on track to realize the full potential of smart factories** and are struggling with the technology move. This is the highest across all of the manufacturing sectors studied.

Ninety-eight people in 22 states have become ill from eating romaine lettuce grown in Yuma, AZ. The difficulty of discovering just how and when the lettuce was contaminated is due to the fact that the **contamination occurred not at the farm where the whole-head lettuce was grown and harvested,** but elsewhere in the packaging and distribution chain.

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