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Published research studies were compared to determine the effectiveness of two training methods used to teach machine operators how to trouble shoot manufacturing equipment. The methods are 1) accelerated learning (Sanders, 1993) and 2) Lesgold's (1999) work in enguitive psychology. Those categories of effectiveness were examined: 1) the rate of skill acquisition, 2) transfer of training, and 3) long-term skill retention. The analyses indicate that the cognitive psychology method is the most effective in all those areas.

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