# Preview: Team Performance & Training



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## Articles

- Ergonomics Special Issue on Teams: Volume 43, No. 8 (August 2000)
  - 1. Teamwork in multi-person systems: a review and analysis
  - 2. Team situation assessment and information distribution
  - 3. The potential for social contextual and group biases in team decision-making
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# Teamwork in multi-person systems: a review and analysis

#### C.R. Paris; E. Salas; J.A. Cannon-Bowers (2001) Ergonomics (43:8) 1052-1075

- As scope and complexity of modern task demands exceed capability of individuals, teams are emerging to meet growing requirements.
- Need to understand and enhance human performance in team settings.
- Purpose of this review: summarize research of team performance issues
  - Theoretical underpinnings
  - Team-level elements of success
  - Methodologies and instruments to measure those characteristics
- Three important aspects of successful team creation: team selection, task design, and team training
- Critical remarks concerning teamwork and team performance research

# Team situation assessment and information distribution

#### Henrik Artman (2001) Ergonomics (43:8) 1111-1128

- Describes cooperative work of constructing team situation awareness within two teams of a military command and control unit.
- Discusses how the distributed cognitive and cooperative work of decision-making of the two teams is structured.
- Compares serial vs. parallel methods of distributing information within the team.
- Discusses interaction patterns that emerge in the respective teams and consequences for situation assessment, situation awareness, and sharing information.
- Presents hypotheses for future research.

### The potential for social contextual and group biases in team decision-making

#### Paul E. Jones; Peter H.M.P. Roelofsma (2001) Ergonomics (43:8) 1129-1152

- Critical review of four social contextual and group biases relevant to team decision-making in command and control situations:
  - False consensus
  - Groupthink
  - Group polarization
  - Group escalation of commitment
- Discusses potential of these biases to affect team decision-making.
- Biases associated with important / novel decisions, time pressure, and high levels of uncertainty. Unified by shared mental model.
- Discusses 'tricky' distinction between teams and groups; proposes revised definition for command and control teams.

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### Related Articles

- Complete table of contents for <u>Ergonomics (43:8)</u>, August 2000
- **Other articles of interest**

