

# MANAGEMENT CONTROL

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The objective of *Management Control* journal is to publish high quality theoretical and empirical studies in line with the international standards. The journal is open to different research methodologies, either quantitative or qualitative, and welcomes an inductive-deductive research method, in line with the traditional Italian accounting and management studies. The journal aims to investigate the topic of control systems, in their evolution as a guide-control systems in the different organizational areas and at various levels of decision making.

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## References

### Books:

- Brunetti G. (1992), *Il controllo di gestione in condizioni ambientali perturbate*, Milano, FrancoAngeli.
- Kaplan R.S., Atkinson S. (2002), *Advanced Management Accounting*, Upper Saddle River, Prentice Hall (trad. it.: Bianchi C., Bubbio A., a cura di, *Advanced Management Accounting. Gli strumenti del controllo di gestione*, Torino, Isedi, 2002).

### Edited books:

- Amigoni F., Miolo Vitali P., a cura di (2003), *Misure multiple di performance*, Milano, Egea.
- Rust R.T., Oliver R., eds (1994), *Service Quality: New Directions in Theory and Practice*, Thousand Oaks, Sage Publications.

### Book sections:

- Riccaboni A. (2009), Il controllo di gestione. Obiettivi, attori e strumenti, in Marasca S., Marchi L., Riccaboni A., a cura di, *Controllo di gestione: metodologie e strumenti*, Arezzo, Knowità Editore.
- Austin R., Hoffer Jittel J. (2002), When it should not work but does: anomalies of high performance, in Neely A. editor, *Business performance measurement*, Cambridge University Press.

### Articles in journal:

- Malmi T., Brown D.A. (2008), Management control systems as a package – opportunities, challenges and research directions, *Management Accounting Research*, 19, 4, pp. 287-300. Doi: 10.1016/j.mar.2008.09.003.
- Anderson S. H., Hesford J.W., Young S.M. (2002), Factors influencing the performance of activity based costing teams: a field study of ABC model development time in the automobile industry, *Accounting, Organizations and Society*, 27, pp. 195-211. Doi: 10.1016/S0361-3682(01)00057-5.

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TABLE EXAMPLE:

*Tab. 3 - Cambiamenti percepiti nel ruolo del budget*

	<i>Incremento</i>	<i>Rimane stabile</i>	<i>Decremento</i>
Settore manifatturiero	8,1	35,7	46,2
Servizi finanziari	14,7	50,8	34,5
Servizi pubblici	27,2	41,1	31,7
Valore medio	16,7	42,5	37,5

Source: D'Onza, 2011, p. 170.

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