

# AUTOMATION READINESS CHECKLIST

Thinking about automation? Consider these key questions before you invest—so you can approach automation with confidence.

		Yes	No
<b>Operational Assessment</b>	Are your production processes well documented and standardized?		
	Do you have consistent quality control procedures?		
	Are there repetitive tasks that could be automated?		
<b>Financial Readiness</b>	Have you evaluated the cost-benefit of automation?		
	Do you have a budget allocated for automation investment?		
	Are you aware of potential ROI timelines?		
<b>Technology Infrastructure</b>	Do you have reliable internet and network systems?		
	Are your machines compatible with automation tools, e.g., sensors, PLCs?		
	Do you use any digital systems, e.g., ERP, MES?		
<b>Workforce Preparedness</b>	Is your team open to adopting new technologies?		
	Do you have staff who can be trained to manage automated systems?		
	Are you prepared to reskill or upskill employees?		
<b>Data &amp; Analytics</b>	Do you collect and analyze production data?		
	Can you identify bottlenecks or inefficiencies using data?		
	Are you using KPIs to track performance?		
<b>Safety &amp; Compliance</b>	Have you considered the safety implications of automation?		
	Are you compliant with industry regulations and standards?		
	Do you have a plan for maintaining automated systems?		
<b>Scalability &amp; Flexibility</b>	Is your automation plan scalable for future growth?		
	Can your processes adapt to the new automation?		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

## EVALUATING READINESS

A few “No” answers highlight planning opportunities. Too many suggest it’s time to strengthen your foundation before moving forward. [Contact us today](#) to help turn gaps into opportunities, accelerate project success, and capture the ROI you expect.



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### Growth



- Missing financial targets
- Sales are flat or declining
- Struggling to enter new markets
- Margins and profits are unstable
- Reliance on one or few customers

### Operations



- Rising costs eating into profits
- Missing productivity targets
- Inefficient processes
- Automation underperforming
- Quality or delivery issues

### People



- Frontline leadership skills gaps
- High turnover, low engagement
- Culture hindering performance
- Inconsistent accountability
- Difficulty attracting or retaining talent



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