

IS IT TIME TO AUTOMATE YOUR WAREHOUSE? A COMPREHENSIVE CHECKLIST

CURRENT WORKFLOW ANALYSIS	YES	NO
Are labor costs a significant portion of your warehouse fulfillment expenses?		
Do you experience frequent human errors in picking that lead to financial losses?		
Are rising warehouse space costs a challenge for your operations?		
Are labor shortages impacting your operational efficiency?		
Is achieving same-day shipping a challenge for your warehouse?		
Do you face risks related to labor shortages, absenteeism, and turnover?		
Is scaling up personnel and production levels more challenging than scaling up automation?		
Does your current system fail to provide a predictable costing model for equipment, labor, and maintenance?		
Does your business need to scale to manage demand fluctuations effectively?		
Are you aiming to implement energy-efficient and sustainable operations?		
TOTAL		

ASSESS YOUR ANSWERS

If you answered “Yes” to 7 or more questions:

Automation is crucial for your warehouse operations. The challenges you face are significant and can be effectively addressed by implementing automation technologies. This will not only improve efficiency and accuracy but also lead to substantial cost savings and enhanced competitive advantage.

If you answered “Yes” to 4-6 questions:

Your warehouse would greatly benefit from automation. While you may manage some aspects well, the areas where you struggle indicate that automation could significantly improve your operational efficiency and reduce costs.

If you answered “Yes” to 3 or fewer questions:

Automation may still offer benefits, but your warehouse seems to be managing its current challenges relatively well. Consider evaluating specific areas for targeted automation solutions that could further enhance your efficiency and growth potential.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHANGE MANAGEMENT:

Are you ready to improve your workflow?

Do you have a change management strategy in place for new processes?

Have you planned for retraining staff and gaining buy-in from stakeholders?

Have you conducted a cost-benefit analysis?

Are expected short and long-term financial benefits of the upgrade clear?

Do you know the long-term costs and missed opportunities from not upgrading your processes?

Have you evaluated potential revenue increases from higher efficiency and productivity?