

The 5-Minute AI Readiness Check for Plant Managers

Know exactly where your facility stands before your next leadership meeting

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Choose the number that honestly reflects where your facility is today. No pressure. Just reality.



DIMENSION 1 Data Infrastructure

If someone asked you right now for 12 months of clean production data by product line – how long would it take and how confident would you be?

Scoring guide:

- 1 – Would take days. Data is on paper or in personal spreadsheets.
- 2 – Takes hours. Lives in Excel files owned by different people.
- 3 – Takes an hour. ERP has it but needs manual cleanup.
- 4 – Takes minutes. ERP is solid with minor gaps.
- 5 – Instant. Clean, integrated, accessible via report.

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DIMENSION 2 Process Documentation

If your most experienced operator called in sick for two weeks, how much production knowledge walks out the door with them?

Scoring guide:

- 1 – Almost all of it. Nothing is written down.
- 2 – A lot of it. Some SOPs exist but they are outdated.
- 3 – Some of it. Core processes documented but not always followed.
- 4 – Very little. Most processes documented and current.
- 5 – None. Everything is documented, digital, and version controlled.

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DIMENSION 3 System Integration

How many times per day does someone manually copy data from one system into another?

Scoring guide:

- 1 – Constantly. Nothing connects. Everything is manual transfer.
- 2 – Several times. Some systems connect but most do not.
- 3 – A few times. Main systems talk but edge cases are still manual.
- 4 – Rarely. Most data flows automatically.
- 5 – Never. Full integration. Data moves without humans.

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DIMENSION 4 Team Capability

If you introduced a new digital tool tomorrow, how would your team respond?

Scoring guide:

- 1 – Strong resistance. Technology changes rarely stick here.
- 2 – Mixed. Some people embrace it, most wait it out.
- 3 – Generally open but need significant support.
- 4 – Mostly comfortable. Adoption happens with good training.
- 5 – Eager. Team actively looks for better tools.

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DIMENSION 5
Leadership Alignment

When leadership talks about AI, can they name a specific measurable outcome they want to achieve?

Scoring guide:

- 1 – No. It is general enthusiasm with no specific goal.
- 2 – Vague. Things like 'be more efficient.'
- 3 – Somewhat. One or two ideas but no defined metrics.
- 4 – Mostly. Clear goals but no owner assigned yet.
- 5 – Yes. Specific outcome, owner named, budget allocated.

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Add your five scores:

Data ---

Process ---

Systems ---

Team ---

Leadership ---

Total score: -----

What Your Score Means

5–10 — FOUNDATION STAGE

Your facility needs foundational work before any AI investment makes sense. This is not a criticism — it is the most valuable thing you can know right now.

The good news: the fixes at this stage are not expensive. They are process and data discipline decisions that will pay back regardless of whether you ever implement AI.

What to do first: Focus on digitizing one core process and creating one reliable data source. Start there.

11–17 — DEVELOPING STAGE

You have meaningful digital foundations in place but significant gaps remain in specific dimensions. Your low-scoring dimensions are where AI investments will fail — and where your effort should go first.

Some AI applications are viable for you right now. Most are not yet. Knowing which is which saves you from expensive mistakes.

What to do first: Look at your lowest dimension score. That is your bottleneck. Fix that before buying any AI tool.

18–25 — OPERATIONAL STAGE

Your foundation is meaningfully stronger than most manufacturers your size. Specific AI applications are viable for you right now — and the return on those investments will be real because the foundation can support them.

The risk at your stage is choosing the wrong application or the wrong sequence. The opportunity is significant if you get it right.

What to do first: Get a proper assessment that tells you which specific applications fit your actual readiness profile.

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