ERP Evaluation Checklist

Clickable checklist for manufacturing and distribution companies

Use this checklist to compare ERP platforms based on operational fit, scalability, implementation risk, and total cost of ownership. Check what each vendor supports natively.

1. Operational Fit
Inventory-driven architecture
Real-time data across departments
Multi-location scalability
Role-based dashboards

2. Distribution Capabilities
Multi-warehouse inventory visibility
Demand-based procurement automation
Integrated returns and RMA
Vendor performance tracking

3. Manufacturing Capabilities
Multi-level BOM management
Automated MRP
Work center scheduling
Job cost and margin visibility

4. Financial Integration
Integrated general ledger
Real-time drill-down reporting
Audit trail across transactions
Cash flow and reconciliation tools

5. Implementation and Risk
Clear implementation roadmap
Phased rollout options
Role-based training
Defined milestones and go-live support

6. Cost and Scalability
Transparent pricing structure
Predictable scaling costs
Minimal third-party dependency
Five-year total cost visibility

Scoring Framework
Score each item: 2 = supported natively, 1 = supported with configuration, 0 = requires add-ons or workarounds. Use totals to compare vendors objectively.

Notes