Manufacturing AI Readiness Scorecard

How ready are you, really?

Before you invest time or money into AI, it's worth knowing where you actually stand. This scorecard helps you see where your foundations are solid, and where there are gaps worth sorting first.

There's no right or wrong score. Just an honest look at where you're at. Tick what applies and don't overthink it.

Strategy

- [ ] We've identified real business problems that AI could help solve
- [ ] We can explain why we want to use AI, beyond "everyone else is doing it"
- [ ] Leadership has had an honest conversation about AI opportunities and risks

Data

- [ ] Our business data is organised and easy to access
- [ ] We know where sensitive information is stored
- [ ] Staff know what should and shouldn't be entered into public AI tools
- [ ] We have controls around customer and financial information

Technology

- [ ] Microsoft 365 is set up and configured appropriately for our business
- [ ] We know which AI tools staff are already using
- [ ] Access permissions are regularly reviewed
- [ ] We have good visibility over our business applications and data

Manufacturing

- [ ] We've identified repetitive processes that could benefit from AI
- [ ] We've thought about where AI could help with inventory, scheduling, or reporting
- [ ] We've explored how AI could support customer service and quoting
- [ ] We've had a conversation about AI's role in improving productivity across the business

People

- [ ] Staff understand the basics of AI risk
- [ ] Staff know when AI-generated content needs a human to check it
- [ ] Teams understand the difference between public AI tools and enterprise-grade tools like Microsoft Copilot

How did you go?

Count up your ticked boxes and see where you land.

✅ 15 - 19 ticks

You're in good shape. Your foundations are solid. The conversation can move quickly to where AI creates the most value for your business.

☑️ 9 - 14 ticks

Good start, but a few gaps worth sorting. You've got something to build on. A bit of groundwork now will make everything easier down the track, and we can help you work out what to prioritise.

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That's okay. Most businesses are here. It doesn't mean AI isn't right for you. It just means there's some foundation work to do first, and that's what we help with.

💬 Want to talk it through?

Book a free 30-minute AI Readiness conversation with the Colton team. We'll look at where you're at, talk through what matters most, and help you figure out a sensible next step.

No pressure. No jargon. Just an honest conversation.

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