

# Fabrication Partner Evaluation Checklist

*Is your current fabrication partner delivering certainty or delivering anxiety and frustration?*

If you're dealing with late deliveries, cost variations, non-conformance and quality issues—it's time to assess whether your current supplier is equipped to deliver. This checklist helps you evaluate your fabrication partner's capability across four critical areas: cost, scope, performance, and quality.

## 1. Evaluate – Do they eliminate cost and time risk?

- **Cost:** Do they have a structured process to evaluate scope, identify hidden risks, and prevent budget variations? (e.g. Have you ever been hit with variation charges after work started?)
- **Time:** Do they plan delivery schedules with precision—and proactively manage timeline risks? (e.g. Have you experienced project delays due to poor communication or missing parts?)

## 2. Validate – Do they lock scope and prevent misalignment?

- **Unclear Scope:** Do they confirm all technical and functional details with you before quoting? (e.g. Were you ever unsure about what was included in the quote?)
- **Non-Conformance:** Do they control fabrication risk with scope validation, documented offers, and structured review? (e.g. Have you received components that didn't match your drawings?)

## 3. Optimise – Are they engineering for performance and durability?

- **Lack of Performance:** Do they provide input to improve design, tolerance, or fabrication methods? (e.g. Have you had parts that didn't perform as intended?)
- **Lack of Durability:** Are materials, welds, and assemblies selected for long-term reliability?

## 4. Execute – Are they delivering functional and quality outcomes?

- **Poor Functional Outcomes:** Do fabricated components meet operational requirements straight off the truck? (e.g. Have parts turned up that didn't bolt up, align, or fit as intended?)
- **Poor Quality Outcomes:** Is there a formal inspection process—including Factory Acceptance Testing—before delivery? (e.g. Have you had to send components back due to poor finish, incomplete work, or defects?)
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### Final Check:

If your current supplier can't answer "yes" to every line above, that's where risks are hiding. Use this checklist to identify gaps—and align your next project with a partner who engineers certainty from the start.