

Fabrication Partner Checklist

Introduction

Selecting the right fabrication partner goes beyond pricing — it is about how they manage scope, communication, improvement opportunities, and delivery. Gaps in these areas cause budget variations, rework, and delays that put projects at risk.

This checklist helps you assess whether your current supplier provides the clarity, accountability, and discipline required to deliver with confidence.

1. Scope & Risk

- Do they review drawings and specifications thoroughly before quoting?
- Do they ask clarifying questions when information is missing or ambiguous?
- Do they provide certainty on inclusions and exclusions before starting work?
- Do they plan delivery schedules with precision, identifying risks that could cause delays?

2. Alignment & Accountability

- Do they confirm all technical and functional details with you before fabrication begins?
- Do they issue clear documentation, so you know exactly what is being delivered?
- Do they ensure fabricated components consistently match the agreed drawings?
- When mistakes occur, do they take ownership and resolve them quickly, or shift responsibility?

3. Improvement & Performance

- Do they highlight opportunities to refine tolerances or fabrication methods for better fit and function?
- Do they provide input to improve manufacturability, efficiency, and performance?
- Do they consider long-term durability, ensuring materials and welds are suited to service conditions?
- Do they actively work to reduce the risk of rework, downtime, or premature failure?

4. Delivery & Quality

- Are fabricated components delivered accurate, complete, and ready to install without modification?
- Do assemblies bolt up, align, and function properly on-site?
- Is there a structured inspection or sign-off process before delivery to verify compliance?
- Do they maintain consistent quality across repeated projects or orders?

Final Check

If you hesitate to answer “yes” to every question above, there may be gaps in your supplier’s approach. These gaps create unnecessary risk — leading to budget variations, scope disputes, and wasted time.

A reliable fabrication partner removes that frustration. By ensuring clarity, accountability, and quality from start to finish, they replace uncertainty with confidence — giving you the assurance that your projects will be delivered as intended, without the anxiety of last-minute surprises.