



Don't Wait Until It Breaks

Fair Warning for 2026 – Regular Maintenance Prevents Costly Downtime Waiting for Replacement Parts

7/23/26 – We recently received reminders from several of the conveyor manufacturers we use about recommended maintenance schedules for production lines/systems. While they vary slightly, here is a summary of the basic essential maintenance assessments needed:

Conveyor System Area For Essential Assessment/Maintenance	Approx. Interval (operating hours)	For 2 Shifts, 5 Days/Week
Drive Units: Check roller chain (wear and tension), sprocket, lubrication	Every 500 hours	Every 2 months
Conveyor Chain Tension	Every 500 hours	Every 2 months
Slide Rail: Visual check with chain on, especially in bends	Every 1,000 hours	Every 4 months
Drive Unit Slip Clutch: Check/adjust	Every 1,000 hours	Every 4 months
Chain Guides: In drive units and Idles	Every 1,000 hours	Every 4 months
Slide Rail and Conveyor Chain: Assess with chain removed	Every 2,000 hours	Every 8 months

The scary part is that many of our customers have been putting maintenance off... and off... and off... sometimes since even before Covid. That could place them at risk for localized conveyor breakdowns, or even total system failure. And that means downtime (or at least moving production along manually) while waiting for replacement parts.

Because what we see from our inquiries with component manufacturers is that economic and political uncertainty in Europe and the Middle East has thrown supply chains for a loop. Again. And lead times for parts and motors are unpredictable and sometimes very long.

We are experts at conveyor maintenance, and we can help.

- We have over 40 years' experience and we know exactly what to look for. We inspect and assess your conveyors quickly and efficiently, and provide you with a prioritized plan for maintenance.
- You get a trained set of eyes inspecting critical conveyor components at regular intervals, catching problems before they cost you time and money while you wait for parts and repairs.
- You get to schedule conveyor maintenance in synch with your operation – at your convenience, not at the whim of when somethings breaks and **MUST** be fixed.
- You get a follow-up report with observations about potential trouble areas, and a recommended spare parts list. So small problems can be taken care of before they become big problems and lead to time and money consuming repairs.
- And if cost of maintenance is a sticking point for you... consider the cost of having part, or all, of your conveyors going down because of something preventable. And then having to "make do" somehow for anywhere from 4 – 12 weeks while waiting to receive replacement parts.

Regular conveyor inspections and maintenance are really the most cost-effective investment you can make.

For more information, or to inquire about scheduling a conveyor maintenance assessment, or some maintenance, email us at info@innovativeconveyor.com, or give us a call at 209-384-2235.



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