

A Quick-Start Guide for Improving Supply Chain Resilience

Are you facing challenges or discovering new gaps in your supply chain? Over the last decade, global supply chains have seen a significant increase in disruptions for many reasons, from natural disasters to trade wars to the current global health crisis. Now is the time to get the right solutions in place to improve real-time visibility across your supply chains, so you can react faster and mitigate risk.

This quick-start guide explores several supply chain pain points that many businesses are currently facing, along with strategies to address them. This guidance will allow you to assess the unique nuances of your business and identify next steps to lay the foundation for a more proactive and resilient supply chain going forward.

Common pain points

Click on the arrows to learn how to tackle each pain point.



Tight cash flow and social distancing have led to a smaller and less efficient workforce.

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Achieving end-to-end visibility and forecasting demand have become more challenging than ever.

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The inability to evaluate and predict increased capacity strain is causing more asset downtime.

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Finding cost savings through agile planning and distribution has become a matter of survival.

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To optimize your workforce...



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Consider these areas of interest for further discovery.

Identify manual business processes that can be digitized to feed real-time data into your decision-making process.

Use a mobile app tailored to employees and warehouses to simplify the performance of daily tasks.

Enable better business decision-making by centralizing your data on a single platform, delivering a single source of truth supported through advanced analytics and insights.

Explore mixed-reality solutions that enable engineers and other workers with specialized expertise to provide remote service through hands-free devices.

Drive collaboration and real-time task alignment among workers across the business, from headquarters to back office to front of house.

To improve demand forecasting...



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Improve end-to-end visibility in your supply chain across geographies and time zones by integrating sales and purchasing with logistics, inventory, production, warehouse, and transportation management.

Explore partnerships with more diverse suppliers, who can improve the flexibility of your capacity while reducing reliance on single, low-cost sources.

Integrate sales and marketing pipeline data into the planning process to better forecast demand.

Run what-if analyses to combat changes and disruptions, exploring new suppliers, new geographies, as well as negotiations and reallocations with customers.

Deliver cross-channel inventory visibility with real-time insight into product location and stock levels for both internal and external consumption.

To reduce errors and increase uptime...



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Reduce costly downtime and extend the longevity of assets by performing predictive maintenance, leveraging enhanced resource scheduling, IoT, and mixed reality to keep lines running 24-7.

Use mixed reality to eliminate costly errors and increase workforce efficiency and safety during maintenance for business-critical assets.

Increase uptime, throughput, and quality by proactively managing shop floor and equipment operations with a real-time view of your entire production and stock using IoT.

To find more opportunities for cost savings...



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Optimize fulfillment and reduce costs by synchronizing logistics across sites, warehouses, and transportation modes.

Limit inventory storage in supply chain nodes, which can put a burden on cash flow.

Reduce store operations costs while reinvigorating the role of the store sales environment with actionable alerts for managers and employees triggered by store activity.

Ensure business continuity by optimizing your sourcing and fulfillment strategy with a fast and sophisticated supplier qualification process.

Reduce cost of demand fulfillment through intelligent distributed order management and agile product fulfillment options.

Make sure your supply chain is ready for what's next

Current supply chain challenges may become the new normal, as businesses shift their focus from "just-in-time" to "just-in-case." You can take steps to increase your supply chain resiliency, achieving results in the short term that can build into long-term sustainability for your business.

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If you need help reducing supply chain challenges or checking off the boxes on this list, our experts can help.