

Distribution Operations Checklist: Is It Time to Outsource Your Logistics?

Use this simple checklist to assess whether your current distribution operations need external support.

Delivery & Fulfillment

- ☐ We miss delivery timelines more than once a week
- ☐ Customers complain about delays or inconsistent schedules
- ☐ Our current logistics setup can't scale during peak demand
- ☐ We lack route planning or optimization tools

Operational Costs

- ☐ Our logistics costs have increased but efficiency hasn't improved
- ☐ We spend heavily on fleet maintenance, fuel, or storage
- ☐ We have unused warehouse space or underutilized vehicles

Inventory & Warehouse Issues

- ☐ Inventory reports often show discrepancies
- ☐ We frequently experience overstock or stockouts
- ☐ Our warehouse layout or processes slow down order fulfillment

Team & Resources

- ☐ Our logistics or warehouse staff are constantly overworked
- ☐ We lack trained personnel for logistics coordination
- ☐ We don't have backup staff when issues arise

Visibility & Technology

- ☐ We don't have real-time tracking of shipments or inventory
- ☐ Our systems are mostly manual or not integrated
- ☐ We make decisions based on delayed or incomplete data

Scoring & Interpretation

0–4 boxes checked:

You're managing well – but keep monitoring. Review processes quarterly.

5–9 boxes checked:

Warning signs are showing. Consider improving tech or manpower.

10+ boxes checked:

It's time to partner with a logistics provider like **Toplis Logistics.**