

# Robotics Economics Brief

A focused report on readiness, labor pressure, cost comparison, and ROI.

This report is about the practical questions that decide whether robotics looks useful or delusional: is the workflow ready, how does labor compare with machine cost, and when does the payback story become believable enough to survive real scrutiny?

## The core questions

- Is the workflow repetitive and stable enough to automate?
- Is labor pain high enough to justify changing the process?
- Will maintenance drag erase the expected upside?
- How fast can the deployment pay back under realistic conditions?

## What operators should avoid

- Buying around hype instead of a real operational need.
- Skipping workflow analysis and assuming the robot is the strategy.
- Ignoring maintenance, downtime, and integration costs.
- Confusing a polished demo with a durable deployment.

## What to look for instead

- Clear repetitive workflows with obvious throughput or labor pressure.
- A credible implementation path, not just an exciting deck.
- A payback story that still works after maintenance and friction are included.
- A narrow, useful deployment before broader automation fantasies.

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