



WHEN MAINTENANCE AND PRODUCTION PULL APART, **YOUR PLANT PAYS EVERY WEEK.**

Your maintenance or reliability leader passed this along because they see the gap every day. Here is who I am, what I do about it, and how to find out if it is worth your time.

THE GAP

Production keeps the line for an order. The PM gets pushed. The line breaks down anyway.

Repeat breakdowns get fixed, never solved.

Fixes last only as long as one person keeps pushing.

WHERE IT COSTS YOU

Unplanned downtime on your bottleneck

Scrap after startups and breakdowns

Overtime spent chasing the schedule

Missed ship dates and expedited freight

Good people leaving untrained supervisors

Every plant's number is different. The Diagnostic puts yours on paper.

REAL RESULT

50%+

less startup downtime on the main line. About \$15,000 a week back.

Brakebush Brothers, Westfield, Wisconsin

THE FORGE OS PLANT ALIGNMENT PROGRAM · SIX MONTHS

WITH THE PLANT LEADER AS MY
PARTNER

F

Fault Lines

Month 1. Floor walks, interviews, baseline.

O

Ownership

Month 2. Shared goals, one scorecard.

R

Rigor

Month 3. Paired habits. Day-90 review.

G

Gain

Months 4–5. Close the biggest losses.

E

Elevation

Month 6. It holds. Final review with your CFO.

WHERE I WORK

I take on a small number of plants at a time, so each one gets my full attention. Industries I've worked in:

Food, beverage and ag processing · Pulp, paper and packaging
· Chemical and petrochemical · Mining, metals and fabrication
· Equipment · Aerospace and defense · Consumer goods

STEVE BAUMGARTNER

32 years on both sides of the seam: operator, maintenance tech, maintenance and regional leadership, Director of Asset Reliability with responsibility for 42 plants at a Fortune 250 manufacturer, then Plant Manager and GM.

“He doesn't show up with a slide deck and a theory. He's stood where your plant manager stands.”

Kevin Harrington, Shark Tank

STEP 1

Plant Alignment Check

Two minutes. Have your ops and maintenance managers each take it.

STEP 2

30-minute walkthrough

Tell me what is happening on your floor. I will tell you where I would start.

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