

9 Types of maintenance: How to choose the right maintenance strategy



Across industry, many definitions are used when it comes to the different types of maintenance. It can quickly get confusing when people talk about preventive maintenance, condition based maintenance or predictive maintenance but actually have something else in mind than you do. Some people get very excited about these definitions and can spend a lot of time on for example disagreeing with what is and what isn't preventive maintenance. Let's not do that, instead, I'll offer you my view of the different types of maintenance and more importantly, when to use them.

What are the types of maintenance?

As far as I am concerned terminology is not important. Other than making sure we are talking about the same thing. If what I consider to be condition based maintenance you call predictive maintenance that doesn't really matter. As long as we sensibly talk about the underlying principles.

Like, when to use condition based maintenance. And how to use it.

However, as I'm often asked questions about the different types of maintenance I decided to put a quick overview together of the types of maintenance.

At least, the way I see it: