

## **Reliability Centered Maintenance**

## What is it?

Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM) is a systematic approach to developing a cost-effective maintenance strategy based on knowledge of how a product/system fails (random, wearout, etc.) and the financial consequences of failure. Scheduled inspections/replacement, condition-based maintenance and periodic overhaul are used in combination as part of an effective RCM strategy. RCM is a key element of asset management.



The most economical RCM strategy is based on the perceived or actual condition of critical materials, parts, components, etc. The RCM process defines appropriate replacement/overhaul intervals and "packages" tasks into scheduled blocks. It also facilitates the identification of spare parts requirements and the most effective scheduling of manpower. RCM makes it possible to define a maintenance strategy that minimizes the risk of failure and optimizes overall ownership costs.

## How can we help?

- > Perform RCM analyses on your products to optimize your maintenance process
- > Develop an RCM process software tool for your organization's internal use
- > Develop a failure data collection and analysis process to "feed" your RCM strategy
- > Provide advisory services in other areas of maintenance management, such as Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS) or Condition Based Monitoring (CBM)
- > Train your staff in the RCM approach and methodologies

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