

# Comparing Key Supply Chain Management Types

| Feature      | Lean Supply Chain                     | Agile Supply Chain                      | Efficient Supply Chain              | Responsive Supply Chain            |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Primary Goal | Eliminate Waste, Reduce Cost          | Respond Quickly to Market Changes       | Maximize Efficiency (Scale)         | Fulfill Orders Rapidly             |
| Main Focus   | Inventory Minimization (JIT)          | Flexibility, Speed, Handling Volatility | End-to-End Cost Optimization        | Order Cycle Time, Customization    |
| Strength     | Lowest Cost (Stable Demand)           | Adaptability, Speed-to-Market           | Lowest Cost/Unit (High Volume)      | High Customer Satisfaction (Speed) |
| Weakness     | Vulnerable to Disruptions             | Higher Operational Costs                | Inflexible to Demand Changes        | Requires Flexible Ops/Inventory    |
| Environment  | Predictable Demand, Standard Products | Unpredictable Demand, Short Lifecycles  | Predictable Demand, Price Sensitive | E-commerce, Configurable Products  |
| Example KPI  | Inventory Turnover                    | Time-to-Market                          | Total Landed Cost                   | Order Cycle Time                   |