

Types of Supply Chain Management

Type of SCM	Core Idea	Best For
Lean	Eliminate waste and minimize inventory using Just-In-Time (JIT) principles.	Stable, high-volume production with predictable demand.
Agile	Quickly adapt to market changes and demand volatility.	Fast fashion, tech gadgets, or short product life cycles.
Efficient	Optimize cost and scale through high-volume, predictable operations.	Commodities, groceries, or other price-sensitive mass-market goods.
Responsive	Deliver customized products quickly upon order.	E-commerce, configurable products like laptops.
SCOR Model	Framework to map, benchmark, and improve supply chain processes.	Any company improving or aligning SCM strategy.
Leagile (Hybrid)	Combine Lean upstream and Agile downstream — efficient + flexible.	Mixed product lines requiring both scale and customization.
Continuous Flow	Maintain a steady, uninterrupted production process.	Oil, paper, or chemical industries with constant demand and flow.