Production Lead Time for RO Systems: Realistic Planning

Buyer action checklist — print & use

Checklist

1. Get lead time in writing with a defined start trigger (deposit? artwork OK?).
2. Ask what could stretch it: material shortages, tooling revisions, holiday shutdowns.
3. Build in one week of buffer before your hard deadline — then add inspection days.
4. For seasonal goods, count backwards from the retail date, not forwards from today.
5. Confirm the factory's holiday calendar (Chinese New Year shuts lines for weeks).