

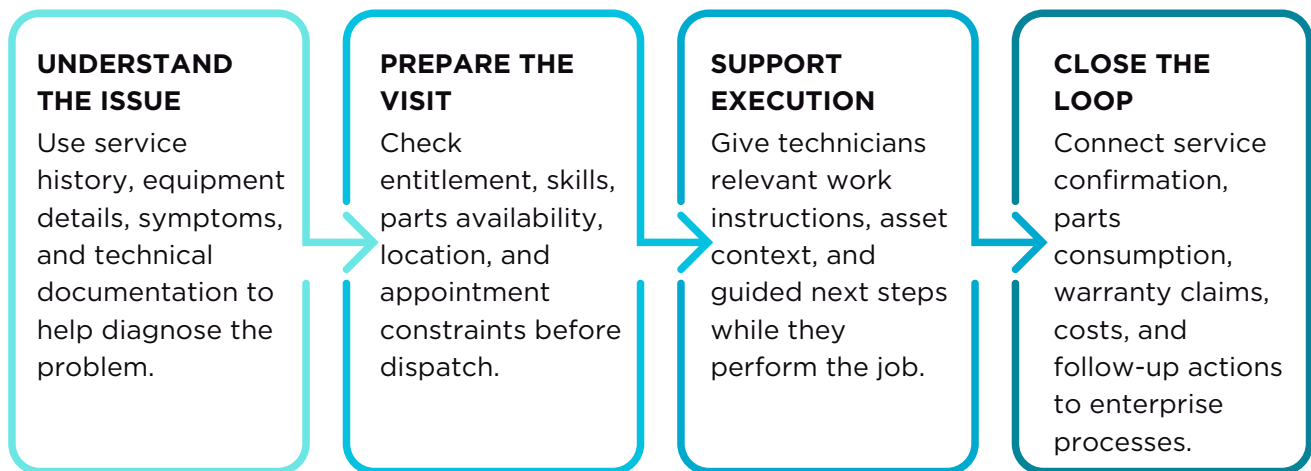


From Dispatch to Resolution: How SAP's Autonomous Enterprise Could Transform Field Service

How AI agents, connected service data, and SAP business processes can help manufacturers improve service execution, technician productivity, and customer outcomes.

Field Service and the Autonomous Enterprise: At a Glance

The opportunity is to connect intelligence to the entire service workflow—not just automate scheduling or summarize a service ticket.



Goal: resolve more service issues correctly, with less avoidable delay and better control of cost and customer experience.

The Field Service Challenge Is Bigger Than Dispatch

Field service is one of the most operationally complex parts of an industrial business. A service request can trigger a chain of dependent activities: understanding the equipment failure, confirming service entitlement, identifying the right technician, checking parts availability, planning a visit, completing the repair, recording consumption, and updating the customer and financial records.

When these steps rely on disconnected applications, phone calls, spreadsheets, and manual checks, even a straightforward repair can be delayed. A technician may arrive without the required part. A warranty issue may be discovered only after work begins. Service notes may not reach the back office in time to support billing, claims, or asset-history updates.

The result can be repeat visits, longer resolution times, higher cost to serve, and a frustrating customer experience. Improving field service therefore requires more than optimizing the dispatch board; it requires connecting the end-to-end service process.



Where SAP's Autonomous Enterprise Fits

SAP's Autonomous Enterprise vision points toward AI-enabled business processes in which AI agents can interpret context, coordinate work across applications, and carry out permitted actions under defined controls. In a field service scenario, that means connecting service intelligence with the operational systems that manage customers, equipment, service orders, inventory, contracts, and financial outcomes.

Joule provides an AI-powered way to interact with business processes and coordinate work. SAP's business applications and data foundation provide the operational context, while SAP Business AI platform capabilities support the development and management of AI-enabled experiences. The exact capabilities depend on the SAP products, releases, integrations, and deployment choices in place.



The key architectural principle is grounding AI in trusted enterprise data and process logic. An agent should not merely recommend a technician or infer warranty coverage from free-text notes. It should use authoritative asset records, entitlement rules, skill requirements, inventory information, and approved workflow actions—with human review where required.

A Practical Example: From Service Request to Resolution

Imagine a manufacturer receives a service request for a production machine that has stopped unexpectedly. An AI-enabled service workflow could help classify the issue using the reported symptoms and equipment history, retrieve relevant troubleshooting guidance, and identify the information still needed to diagnose the problem.

Before a visit is confirmed, connected business processes could support entitlement validation, technician-skill matching, parts availability checks, and appointment planning. The service coordinator remains in control of decisions that require judgment or approval. The technician receives relevant asset information and repair guidance, while parts consumption and work completion can be captured through the appropriate service and ERP workflows.



After the visit, structured service confirmation can help update equipment history, support warranty or supplier-recovery processes, and make service costs more visible. Where integrations, data quality, and permissions allow, AI agents may coordinate selected steps; other actions should remain human-approved or fully rule-based.

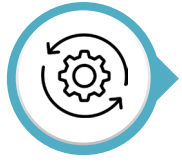
This is a target operating model, not a claim that one SAP product automatically performs every step today. It illustrates how enterprises can progressively connect AI assistance with governed execution.

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What Manufacturers Should Prioritize First

Establish a trusted service data foundation.

Maintain accurate equipment records, installed-base data, service history, parts information, contracts, and warranty rules.

**02**

Connect the process, not just the interface.

Integrate service execution with inventory, ERP, customer information, and finance so updates flow across the lifecycle.

**03**

Start with high-friction decisions.

Prioritize use cases such as entitlement checks, technician preparation, knowledge retrieval, parts readiness, and service-summary capture.

**04**

Define controls and measurable outcomes.

Set permissions, approval thresholds, auditability, and escalation paths. Track first-time fix rate, repeat visits, time to resolution, schedule adherence, and cost per service case.

How Accrete Can Help

Accrete Consulting Solutions helps organizations modernize SAP landscapes and transform service and repair operations. With expertise in SAP S/4HANA, SAP BTP, and enterprise application integration, Accrete can help assess service-process bottlenecks, strengthen the digital foundation, connect relevant workflows, and identify practical opportunities for AI-enabled execution.

The right starting point is not to automate everything at once. It is to select a service process with measurable business impact, establish reliable data and integrations, define where AI can act safely, and scale based on evidence.

READY TO MAKE FIELD SERVICE MORE INTELLIGENT?

Explore how SAP service transformation, connected workflows, and governed AI can help improve technician readiness, service resolution, and operational visibility.

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