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## "Cost of Ownership" - Just a New Buzzphrase?

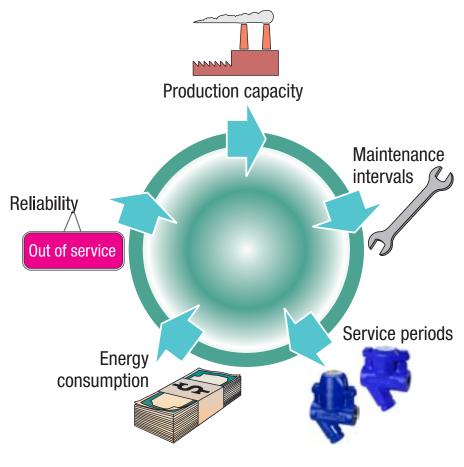
Achieving a sensible balance between reducing the capital expenditure and optimizing the later operating costs for an installation is often a recurring problem for plant operators and engineering offices. In many cases, the decision falls in favour of low-cost valves, to keep the project costs low for the operator. The attractive price tag turns out to be a very short-lived benefit, however, because the need to have own servicing personnel replace faulty valves more often drives up the operating costs later.

In a single calculation, the "cost of ownership" model compiles all the expenses incurred during the life cycle. All the costs for repairs, conversions and valve replacements are considered.

It becomes clear that the initial price advantage in using "cheap" valves and components when building the plant is quickly lost through the increased maintenance work and premature exchange of valves.

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