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Internal Bias Checklist

- ☐ Spot hidden misalignment
- ☐ Detect silo-driven decisions
- ☐ Prevent purpose drift at scale
- ☐ Uncover bias in goals, metrics, and incentives

Internal bias shows up differently in every department.

As your SaaS business scales, each team develops its own goals, systems, and assumptions — often drifting away from customer outcomes. This checklist reveals where bias hides in every function, so you can spot misalignment early.



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Learn how to fix them with The Purpose Code.

Executive Leadership Product Management ☐ Strategy decks focus on revenue, valuation, ☐ Customer access is limited or fully or internal KPIs — not customer restricted transformation ☐ Roadmaps shaped by internal debate, not verified customer outcomes ☐ Leadership rarely shares real customer stories across the company ☐ Measures success by features shipped not customer adoption or outcomes ☐ Quarterly goals emphasize internal wins more than external customer success ☐ Minimal direct user exposure outside ☐ Assumes teams are close to the customer structured research cycles without direct validation ☐ "Product success" doesn't clearly map to ☐ Recognition and rewards reinforce customer progress or satisfaction departmental performance — not companywide purpose Sales **Engineering** ☐ Pipeline and bookings rewarded — even when customer fit is questionable ☐ Engineering decisions made far from the ☐ Deals closed without regard for delivery or real customer experience long-term success risks ☐ Velocity and throughput prioritized over ☐ Feedback loops from post-sale teams are usability or customer value rare or ignored ☐ Rare participation in user testing or ☐ Sales incentives misaligned with customer customer feedback loops retention or satisfaction ☐ Solutions designed for technical efficiency, Overselling risks ignored if it hits short-term not customer clarity revenue targets

☐ Code shipped without understanding its

real-world impact on users

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- ☐ CS teams focus on renewals and expansions but not always customer outcomes
- ☐ Health scores based on platform usage, not true business impact
- ☐ CSMs stuck in reactive problem-solving mode vs. proactive value delivery
- ☐ Little influence over Product or Sales roadmap decisions
- ☐ Customer advocacy data rarely fed into broader company strategy

Marketing

- ☐ Activity volume (emails sent, MQLs captured) prioritized over lead quality or customer fit
- ☐ Campaign messaging optimized for clicks not meaningful buyer education
- ☐ Little post-sale customer insight fed into lead generation or positioning
- ☐ Demand gen disconnected from Sales and CS learnings
- ☐ Brand storytelling reflects internal values more than customer reality

Support

- ☐ Success measured by ticket volume, SLA adherence, and resolution time not customer satisfaction or outcome achieved
- ☐ Support teams disconnected from Product limited ability to influence product fixes or improvements
- ☐ Complex or recurring issues "closed" without systemic resolution for the customer
- ☐ Support feedback loops to CS, Product, or Engineering are weak or non-existent
- Customer frustration signals are trapped in the support system and don't inform higherlevel decisions

