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# Idea Strength Check

A quick, one-page screen before you commit to a full disclosure. Free worksheet for inventors — your own answers, no grade.

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## Screening Questions

### Idea Name

A short, plain-language name for the idea you're screening.

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### What Problem Does This Solve?

Capture it in your own words. Don't worry about precision.

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### How Does Your Idea Address It?

Describe what it does, not how you implemented it. The "what it is" matters more here than the "how it works."

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### Why Is It Better Than Before?

Cheaper, faster, smaller, safer, more accurate? Be specific.

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### Has Anyone Built This Exact Thing?

Search blogs, GitHub, published papers, related research. If you find something close, note how yours differs — that's still useful.

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### Which Protection Path Are You Leaning Toward?

Pursue patent protection / keep as a trade secret / publish publicly so nobody else can patent it / not pursuing / undecided.  
Orients your journey; you can change it later.

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### Is Any Part Already Public?

Already public (talk, blog, GitHub release, paper, demo, public alpha) / still confidential / planned to be public soon / unsure.  
Counsel uses this to assess timing if you file.

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### Approximate Disclosure Month (if any)

If public or planned, roughly when (e.g. "October 2025" or "Q1 next year"). Free text.

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### Approximate Conception Month

Roughly when did you first conceive of this idea (e.g. "early 2024")? Useful context for later inventorship discussions.

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## Before You Rely On This

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