



Business Virtual Learning

HS/Marketing

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Lesson Topic - Break Even Point

Objective/Learning Target:

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1. Understand what purpose break-even point plays in pricing of products and services
2. Calculate break-even point

Revenue vs. Profit

- **Revenue** is earned income from the regular operations of the business.
- **Expenses** are the cost of running the business.
- **Profit** is revenue above and beyond expenses.
- **Loss** is expenses above and beyond revenue.



Break-even Point

- The break-even point (BEP) represents the sales amount—in either *unit* (quantity) or *revenue* (sales \$\$) terms—that is required to cover total costs, consisting of both fixed and variable costs to the company.
- The point where Revenue = Expenses
- Total profit at the break-even point is zero.

Types of Expenses

- A **fixed expense** is an expense that will be the same total amount regardless of changes in the amount of sales, production, or some other activity.
 - For example, a retailer's monthly rent expense of \$2,000 is a fixed expense because it will be a total of \$2,000 whether the monthly sales are \$15,000 or \$30,000.
- Examples of fixed expense:
 - Rent
 - Salary or wages

Types of Expenses

- **Variable expense**
when its total amount changes in proportion to the change in sales, production, or some other activity.

Example of Variable expense:

The credit card processor charges the business a fee of 3% of the amount charged.

- Therefore, in a month when sales are \$10,000 the business will have a credit card expense of \$300. ($10,000 \times .03$)
- If sales are \$30,000 there will be a credit card expense of \$900. The total credit card expense varies with sales because the fee has a fixed rate of 3% of sales. ($30,000 \times .03$)

Break-even Point Formulas

Break-Even Point in Units or Quantity = Fixed Costs / (Sales Price Per Unit - Variable Costs)

Example:

If I sell a product for \$79.99 that costs me \$11.99 per unit to produce and my fixed costs total \$27,336, how many units must I sell to break even?

$$P = 79.99$$

$$V = 11.99 \quad \text{Variable cost is what it cost to product each unit!}$$

$$FC = 27336$$

$$X = \frac{FC}{(P - V)} = \frac{27336}{(79.99 - 11.99)} = \frac{27336}{68} = 402$$

SO in this example I must sell 402 units to break even. Anything above the 402 would be profit.

Break-even Point Formulas

Break-Even Point in \$ = Price per unit x BEP units

Break-even sales dollars are the amount of revenue needed to reach the break-even point. Once the break-even sales units figure is calculated, then the break-even sales dollars can be determined.

$$\mathbf{\$79.99 \times 402 = \$32,155.98}$$

To double check this:

11.99 (cost per unit) x 402 = \$4,819.98
added to the total fixed costs of \$27,336
equals the \$32,155.98

$$\mathbf{\$4,819.98 + 27,336 = \$32,155.98}$$

Practice #1

Figure BEP in units and dollars for the following:

A firm expects to sell 60,000 pairs of pants at \$12.50 each. The cost of manufacturing and marketing them is \$10.00 each. The fixed costs associated with the pants is \$15,000.

Calculate the break-even point in units for the pants. _____.

Calculate the BEP in \$\$: _____

If they sell all 60,000 pairs, what will the profit be? _____.

Practice #2

Figure BEP in units and dollars for the following:

A firm expects to sell 2,000,000 rubber knobs at \$.25 each. The cost of manufacturing and marketing them is \$.20 each. The fixed costs associated with the pants is \$25,000

Calculate the break-even point in units. _____.

Calculate the break-even point in \$\$ _____

If they sell all the knobs, what will the profit be? _____.

Practice #3

Figure BEP in units and dollars for the following:

XYZ Corporation has calculated that it has fixed costs that consist of its lease, depreciation of its assets, executive salaries, and property taxes. Those fixed costs add up to \$60,000. Their product is the widget. Their variable costs associated with producing the widget are raw material, factory labor, and sales commissions. Variable costs have been calculated to be \$0.80 per unit. The widget is priced at \$2.00 each.

- a. What is the break-even point in units? _____
- b. What is the break-even point in \$\$? _____