

Fixed Operations One Homework Assignment

The following are Excel exercises found in the Post Class Excel Template:

1. Perform the First Time Fill Rate exercise on 50 repair orders. Do not include "One item oil changes", Special Ordered Parts repair orders, or factory recalls. Consider standing where the techs collect the parts from the counter. If they ask for 5 parts and they get all 5 then on that repair order the parts inventory would get a 100%. If they did not get all 5 to finish the repairs then the Parts inventory would get a "0" % **(25 points)**.
2. Complete the DMS Scorecard for one month. Be sure to color code the inventory conditions. **(25 points)**
3. Complete the Post Class Action Plan. The Academy would recommend that you attempt a small problem rather than one that takes many months to complete. It needs to be very detailed and clear as to the necessary steps to correct the deficiency. **(100 points)**

The following are found in the Post Class Word Document:

1. Have your Parts Manager answer the 78 questions provided in the Post Class word Document. This is a learning/understanding exercise. It is recommended that you answer the questions with the manager. Confer and provide suggestive actions. Change the color of the font to distinguish the answers. **(50 points)**
2. The sponsor action plan verification form is on the word document. Copy and paste that form to be signed by your sponsor. Scan it to a PDF and place it with the Excel and Word documents prior to placing them into its drop box on your class site.
3. When observed by the instructor in the drop box there should **be one Excel Template, One Word Document and one PDF**. Remember that this is due the Monday before your service class starts. This allows the instructor to grade it prior to your arrival. Good Luck. Reach out if needed.
4. There is a Post Parts Class Threaded Discussion that will be activated exactly two (2) weeks after your classroom session ends. It will be open for two weeks only. You will be required to post the one topic that you came away with from the parts class that you have already activated or plan to act upon with the parts department. Once your peers start posting theirs you will be required to respond to at least three with points of clarification and reinforcement. This has a point value of **300** points.

Verification Form Regarding the Departmental Action Plan

Fixed Operations 1 Week Post- Class Homework Assignment

Dear Academy sponsor,

One of the post-class homework assignments given to your manager at the conclusion of week two at the Academy is the Departmental Action Plan form. The student's assignment is to show you the format of the assignment, explaining to you the purpose of crafting a departmental action plan after week 2 of the Academy. This assignment will be completed four separate times, (classes 2-5) after the student has attended the fixed operations 1 parts week, the fixed operations 2 service week, the variable operations 1 class week and the variable operations 2 class week. The progress of the student's departmental action plans will be assessed by each of the Academy instructors in weeks 2 through 5 of the Academy. Please sign this form below which indicates that the student has reviewed the departmental action with you, and have your student bring the form with them, when they return for their fixed operations 2 parts class. We will collect these forms at that time from the students. The student will receive a pass/fail grade, based upon whether they submit this form signed by you. This is being done in order to verify that each student has shared the Departmental Action Plan with their sponsor.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sponsor's Printed Name _____ Sponsor's Signature
_____ Date _____

Very truly yours,

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Copy and paste this to a word document. Print that document. Have it signed by your dealer-sponsor so that they are in sync with what your action plan intent is and scan it to a PDF file and place with the Excel and word documents before placing into the drop box.

Parts Manager Questions

Have your parts manager answer the **78** questions found in this zip file. Confer and provide suggestive actions. **(50 points) Provide your answers in a different color font.**

1. How often is your dealerships source pricing levels reviewed for competitive maintenance and heavy repair?
quarterly
2. Determine the written pricing policies at the parts department and see how competitive your Dealership is within your area.
Call for competitive quotes
3. Verify with the use of market surveys on selected parts prices in your area as to whether you are competitive with others. You don't have to be the lowest to sell more, but too little or too much profit can keep you from being competitive.
Happens all the time especially when new products come out. We never want to be the cheapest in town, we sell service
4. Does the computer system you have follow one or more of the pricing guides for various types of customers? Review the pricing structure with the manager and determine areas of profit potential. Policies in wholesale, retail counter, service department, employees, etc., need to be established.
Yes customer discounts are set up in the system
5. Do you have in place policies and DMS controls (via Exception or Deviation Reports) to prevent counter people from changing the pricing structure during daily transactions?
Can override pricing
6. What procedure is followed to prevent the costing of parts at other than the established factory (OE) cost within the dealership when parts are placed into the inventory? (done through the use of +/- inventory adjustment account(s))
Pricing is pulled directly from price tape with only a couple of people able to override
7. Regardless of parts cost (due to various sourcing opportunities (Jobber/Wholesale Distributor), are they all costed at the same factory price to maintain accurate inventory value?
Priced the same regardless

8. How are discount purchases tracked in the system to show additional profit based on the cost of the part from a particular source other than factory price?
Through discount earned account
9. Make certain the selling mark-up to the other dealers of parts and parts you are purchasing from other dealers are not costing you profits. Do you use daily sales programs to encourage parts counter staff to sell more parts and seek additional business opportunities?
no
10. What type of merchandising programs do you have in effect? What is the relative cost versus sales generated as a result of the programs?
we use truck bucks funded by Daimler and it cost us nothing
11. Is an outside salesperson active in your parts department? Are the sales at a level that “pays” for the employee or could the accounts be maintained on a part-time basis by the manager?
Yes and they pay for themselves
12. Do you have factory merchandising dollars available, and if so, how much of those dollars have been spent year-to-date by the dealership? What must be done to qualify for more expense sharing in merchandising by the factory and the dealership?
No the program went away
13. Do you use forecasting? If so what have the past two years of parts department forecasts been, and how do they compare to the performance on the financial statement for the past two years?
Yes we use forecasting. Two years ago we projected a 6% growth and grew 10-12% but last year we projected an 11% growth and only hit 5%
14. Are daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly forecasts versus actual sales comparisons made? Who makes them? If not made by the PM, who reviews them with the parts manager? What goals are set to improve the sales, expenses, etc., and how often are they discussed?
Yes by the PM and are discussed in monthly operating reviews
15. Pay plan reviews should be made at least on a monthly basis. When has a comparison been made between departmental gross profit and the personnel expenses for the department? Is the current sales level providing a sufficient profit for the pay levels established for the parts employees?
We just went through a review of pay plans and adjusted pay plans from top to bottom. The sales are generating a sufficient profit
16. Does the parts department actually seek additional revenue or “live off” the sales of the service department only? If not why not?
Yes
17. Is a program set up to sell accessories to the customer in the sales department as well as the parts area of the dealership? If not, are you leaving potential sales and gross profit on the table?
Yes
18. Do you review wholesale customers weekly to see if parts sales dollars per customer and returns justify the expense of conducting business with them? For

example, delivery 30 miles out of town to a customer ordering \$300 a month of parts at Cost+20% may not justify the delivery service.

Not on a weekly basis

19. Do you study your wholesale market opportunity with the dealership's area of influence? Who's the major player and can you unseat them? Can you make a difference against your competition? Can you deliver 2-3 times a day? Within what mileage radius?
Yes. Bruckner is main competition and yes we can unseat them on vendor components. We deliver 2 times a day within a 75 mile radius
20. Who verifies the "wholesale" customer applications to make certain they are really true wholesale customers? Are your state Tax-ID/Wholesale Certificates current (within the last two years?) **Credit department verifies**
21. Discuss monthly expense control with the parts manager and identify specific areas under the manager's control. If expenses are allocated and not charged on a controlled basis, consider basing pay programs on sales or gross rather than net profit as part of the plan.
Expenses are allocated
22. Who determines credit approval for parts customers and what screening system is applied? Who follows the receivables list in a timely manner to make certain payment is made by the customer without exceeding the account limits?
Credit department
23. Is the financial statement for the parts department given to the manager and discussed on a weekly/monthly basis?
Yes monthly
24. What are the special parts ordering policies for SORs? Where is it written and posted? When was it reviewed and what level of management approved it?
Posted on huddle board and how you do it and reviewed annually
25. Do you require 100% pre-payment on these parts? Do you differentiate between Counter Retail/Wholesale and Service RO?
If they don't have a charge account they prepay
26. What time is set to retain these parts and then initiate a return? Is a return charge made on customer pay parts that are returned because the customer did not return for them within a time limit?
Can return but with a restocking fee
27. Who are the parties that are involved in the SOP process start to finish?
Sales person, clerical, shipping and receiving
28. Are special order forms completed in a legible manner so that the customer information can be read?
No just on invoice
29. Where are special order parts for the service department located? Who notifies the customer the part is in, and who determines when to send the parts back if no response is made by the customer? Is anyone designated to follow up on SOP's, the lack of return?
SOP bin, receiving notifies shop when the part arrives.

30. See if special order parts are carried in a separate section of the parts inventory to maintain control. Or they inserted into the regular inventory?
Separate
31. Who administers and controls the Purchase Order system (DMS/book)? What dollar amount of fixed asset purchase can be made without approval above parts management level? Who sets and monitors these \$\$ levels and total open PO's and open PO \$'s?
Clerical, \$1,000
32. Does anyone other than the parts manager have direct purchasing authority from outside vendors? Who oversees the Parts Manager? (Double signatures, Perusing the Parts Dept. purchase invoices)
No. GM oversees PM
33. Who established internal parts pricing policies? Are all internal purchases centralized and run through the Parts Department for control purposes?
Corporate and GM
34. Does the value of the parts inventory on the parts computer exceed, or is it less than, the financial statement dollar amount? (Monthly Reconciliation Exercise)
Less today
35. If the accounting inventory value is higher than the parts computer, look for the parts inventory missing items (uncontrolled inventory). (Monthly Reconciliation Exercise)
36. If the accounting inventory value is less than that of the parts inventory value does this indicate an abnormal condition? (If not, why?) (Monthly Reconciliation Exercise)
It is not abnormal due to appreciation or other factors
37. If LIFO is used, when inventory value is used to calculate days' supply, etc., the actual value should include the LIFO reserve.
We don't use LIFO
38. Is there an employee responsibility to function chart as was discussed in class? Are there specific inventory transactions (Grading, Ordering, Receipting, Posting, Adjustments, Bin Count Inventory, Returns, Cores/Dirty Cores) assigned to each of the employees in the parts department? (Functions vs Employee Exercise)
There are specific employees assigned to all areas mentioned
39. Who controls the training programs for the parts employees? When was it last reviewed? Is it part of a yearly review with the employee and is it part of the employee's pay plan?
PM assigns training and corporate employee monitors. No pay plan adjustment for training
40. Are records kept of the training for each person and when did someone last take online DMS refresher training? Parts Catalog training? OE/Manufacturer specific training?
yes
41. Has your Parts Manager ever taken a departmental Financial Management class like the ATD Academy? When was the last time they attended any formal Parts Management training?

- Yes and last one was a year ago**
42. A computer system diagram with specific terminal equipment positions should be made and a flowchart of work routine should be made. Determine if the equipment meets daily needs and if the equipment is in the right locations. Is the volume of business at a level that requires more system hardware, or does it require less?
43. How much of the replenishment/daily order is manually adjusted? Does it exceed 10%? Who makes the stock replenishment changes, and what are the reasons for the majority of those adjustments? When was it changed last and by whom?
We are on auto replenish
44. Is the trend of those changes in question #42 a positive or negative trend?
45. What is the percentage of stock order from the factory versus outside purchase (emergency purchases)?
90% +
46. Where are the computer-generated management reports printed and stored are they used on a daily? (CDK MGR Report) How are the management reports utilized?
PM into DMS archiving and depending on the report as to when they are reviewed
47. Is the DMS Summary used to track inventory trends? When will you incorporate the DMS Scorecard that you learned about in class? Are there areas on the DMS scorecard that you couldn't find and if so who at the DMS is helping you to find those answers?
Done every month by corporate
48. How often is your Parts Inventory adjusted for errors in part value or part quantity? (Moments in Time)
As needed
49. Have the fifty most active parts numbers been checked for parts bin count accuracy? (Moments in Time)
yes
50. Are the transactions for each day reviewed by the parts manager to make certain that any adjustments made (plus or minus) are accurate?
Yes plus/minus report
51. Have you given the Lost Sale Quiz to the parts Manager and Counter-people? Others in the dealership?
Yes to PM
52. Are true lost sales being tracked in your DMS? Who can log a Lost Sale?
Yes and any sales person
53. Who reviews the Lost Sales? When are they reviewed?
PM reviews monthly
54. Are emergency ordered part numbers reviewed to see if they qualify to be phased in? Is the Test/Non Stock/Watch feature of the computer system utilized to test which parts to stock (Phase In)?
Yes by Rimpro

55. What demand history does it take to place a part on the inventory stock order or in inventory? Time limit and quantity are generally managed by Vendor Managed Inventory systems?
Used to be 3 in 9 but it is all done by Daimler now
56. What is your Compliance % level for your inventory with your Vendor Managed Inventory, RIMPRO?
91.03% for April
57. Are all parts sold by the department placed in the Parts inventory and then sold from the inventory? Do you stock any items that aren't in your inventory (Shop supplies, get ready, bulk fluids like washer solvent)?
Yes
58. Are the procedures for shipping and receiving written or all verbal? Who's responsible for reviewing and updating these policies and procedures?
verbal
59. Who files damage claims on parts shipments received?
Warehouse specialist
60. Who receives parts orders, and how are they received? Is the original stock order transmitted to the factory cross-checked? What do you do about discrepancies?
Ivan receives and checks discrepancies
61. At a minimum, is perpetual inventory verification done in conjunction with a physical inventory on a yearly basis?
Monthly reconciliation and annual physical
62. Who applies and loads the monthly price updates?
DMS
63. Are parts cost adjustments (monthly price updates, bin count irregularities and emergency purchases at more or less than OE cost) tracked by someone in the dealership or is a periodic inventory adjustment method utilized (like once a year)?
PM tracks monthly
64. What adjustments were required after the last physical inventory to the dollar value, etc., of the inventory?
65. Are all obsolete parts that are on the inventory physically in the store?
yes
66. Are they separated into a special area to be controlled and tracked for sales history? Separate source? Change bin location by adding a J for easy identification by counter persons?
no
67. Who verifies the completion of the repair orders between the first and second month they are reported in the work-in-process status?
SM
68. Do the Parts, Service and Body Shop Managers along with the Office Manager/Controller together follow up on all Work in Process (WIP) tickets and verify that they are closed out in a timely manner?
yes

69. Is a daily operating report of sales, gross profit etc., being provided to the parts manager for review by him (DOC)?
yes
70. What is the months' supply of the inventory? Does this match the students calculations found in their FS Parts Excel template? Are too many parts stocked in the inventory based on this calculation?
3
71. What is the true turn of the inventory? Does that match the students calculations found in their FS Parts Excel template?
4
72. Is the inventory area large enough for the current level of business? Answers to this question can be obtained when the student does the FTFR (First Time Fill Rate) exercise.
Yes
73. Where are the Dealership's policy and procedures manuals located and who handles the review with the manager and his employees? Who has verified that the manual is located in an area that allows for easy access?
Don't have a manual but have an online manual
74. Is your Parts Department locked up each night? Who has keys?
Yes foreman and opening/closing people have keys
75. Do your Counter-people have a cash drawer? Who balances the drawer?
Yes, cashier and counter person
76. Is there a policy in place for overages for the cash drawer/balancing?
yes
77. Do you have security cameras in the Parts Department? Who has access to the tapes/CD/backup?
Yes and PM, GM
78. Have you discussed, reviewed and implemented the Student's MNOP process?