Strategic Market Pricing



For years, maybe forever...

- Pricing, in our industry, for any given item is all over the map from one customer to another
- Most prices are illogical and low



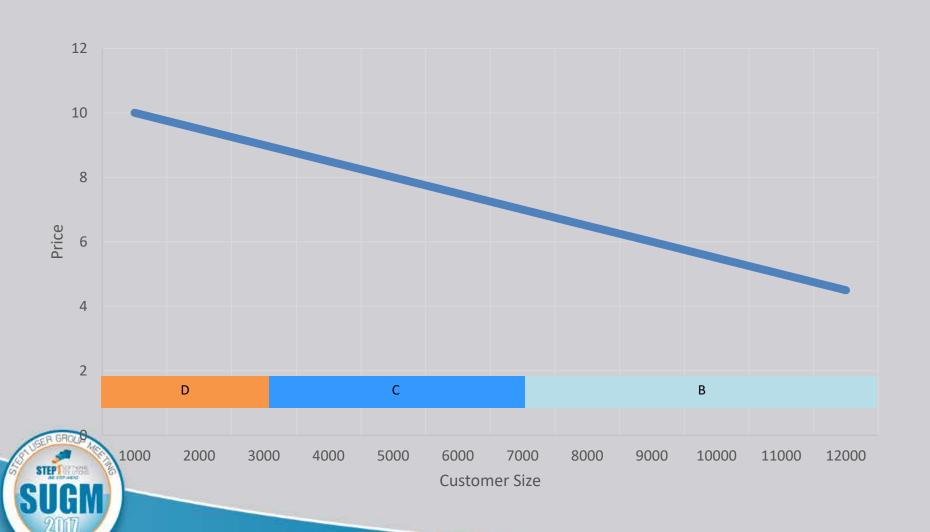
Why Should we Care?

- 1. We are spending way too much time and angst on pricing issues for lower tier customers.
- 2. An increasing requirement to compete for the On Line order

And still be profitable.



Theoretical Pricing



Why?

- Small Buyers
 - Low profile
 - Unknown to your suppliers
 - No full-time buyer
 - Not much info
 - Basically overlooked

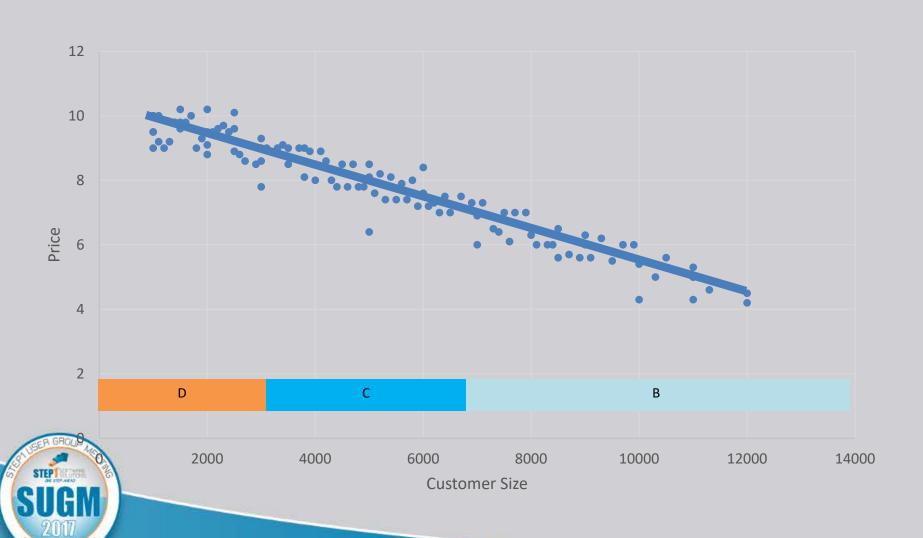


Why?

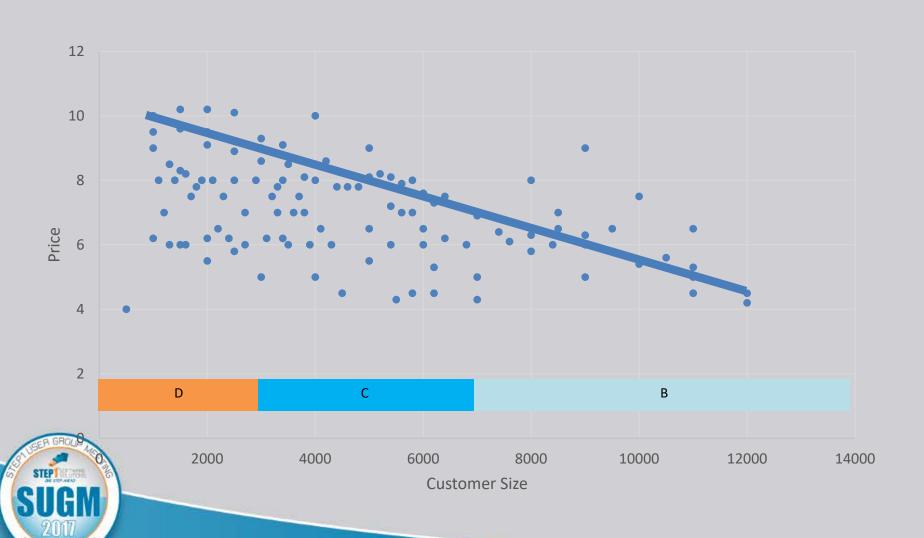
- Large Buyers
 - Competitor Reps salivate
 - On suppliers radar
 - Skilled negotiators
 - Skilled on-line shoppers
 - Access to competitive info



Expected Pricing



Reality



Why?

- #1 Reason: Confidence
 Or lack thereof
- Dart board effect (with blindfold)No understanding of pricing or VALUE
- 3. No faith in price book#1 reason Reps use Cost +#1 reason Reps use Last Bracket -

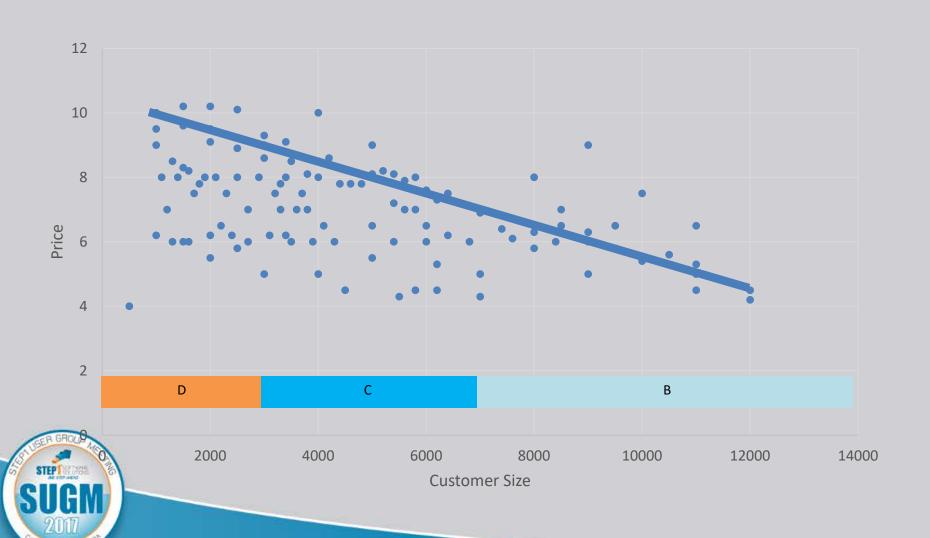
Why?

- 4. Hands off approach by management
- 5. Too many brothers-in-law
- 6. Good Samaritan

"I want to save the world from high prices"



Reality



Goals

- Create a culture of fair pricing
 - Which leads to fair margins
- Continuous sustainable profit improvement...not perfection
- Improve confidence



The Strategy

- 1. Move the outliers up to *fair* prices
- 2. Pre determine *fair* prices for items not yet purchased
- 3. Maximize margin impact
- 4. Minimize risk
- 5. Streamline the pricing process



Get Started: Scrub your Data

Market Groups: meaningful distinctions

- Hospital vs GPO vs Long Term Facility vs Clinic
- University vs K-12 vs GPO
- GPO, Public Bids, Multi Facility = probably A accounts?
- Double check customer data accuracy



	Sales				Total	GP			GP % T	Fotal	Avg GP p	g GP per Order		GP%		
<u>Decription</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>Var</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>Var</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>Var</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>PY</u>	<u>Var</u>
Schools	1,721,905	937,448	84.0%	20.47	15.31	417,895	230,497	81.0%	19.97	15.07	127	157	-19.0%	24.3%	24.6%	-1.0%
Health Care	1,690,374	1,272,464	33.0%	20.10	20.79	477,282	384,091	24.0%	22.81	25.11	102	111	-8.0%	28.2%	30.2%	-6.0%
Entertainment/Recreation	1,321,732	955,751	38.0%	15.72	15.61	252,664	174,362	45.0%	12.08	11.40	88	99	-11.0%	19.1%	18.2%	5.0%
Contract Cleaners	676,096	589,291	15.0%	8.04	9.63	164,909	138,933	19.0%	7.88	9.08	34	32	7.0%	24.4%	23.6%	3.0%
<u>Industrial</u>	557,239	448,965	24.0%	6.63	7.33	144,291	126,737	14.0%	6.90	8.29	91	91	0.0%	25.9%	28.2%	-8.0%
<u>Churches</u>	519,682	479,567	8.0%	6.18	7.83	158,429	145,008	9.0%	7.57	9.48	82	82	0.0%	30.5%	30.2%	1.0%
(Unassigned)	387,880	227,858	70.0%	4.61	3.72	88,129	37,862	133.0%	4.21	2.48	38	22	74.0%	22.7%	16.6%	37.0%
Government	326,525	237,078	38.0%	3.88	3.87	74,885	57,049	31.0%	3.58	3.73	105	112	-7.0%	22.9%	24.1%	-5.0%
Office Buildings	289,941	242,534	20.0%	3.45	3.96	88,710	79,907	11.0%	4.24	5.22	82	97	-16.0%	30.6%	32.9%	-7.0%
Redistribution	235,077	243,372	-3.0%	2.80	3.98	20,762	12,761	63.0%	0.99	0.83	34	23	49.0%	8.8%	5.2%	68.0%
Apartment Buildings	112,628	66,603	69.0%	1.34	1.09	36,228	23,757	52.0%	1.73	1.55	75	73	2.0%	32.2%	35.7%	-10.0%
Food Service	99,828	58,700	70.0%	1.19	0.96	29,778	19,845	50.0%	1.42	1.30	63	51	24.0%	29.8%	33.8%	-12.0%
Automotive	92,912	63,492	46.0%	1.10	1.04	21,482	15,295	40.0%	1.03	1.00	59	64	-8.0%	23.1%	24.1%	-4.0%
Contractors Other	91,063	65,411	39.0%	1.08	1.07	28,651	22,167	29.0%	1.37	1.45	98	89	11.0%	31.5%	33.9%	-7.0%
<u>Retail</u>	75,230	77,791	-3.0%	0.89	1.27	23,952	25,021	-4.0%	1.14	1.64	79	79	0.0%	31.8%	32.2%	-1.0%
<u>Misc</u>	57,232	25,351	126.0%	0.68	0.41	12,141	2,820	330.0%	0.58	0.18	12	5	164.0%	21.2%	11.1%	91.0%
Lodging	49,748	67,851	-27.0%	0.59	1.11	15,795	21,056	-25.0%	0.75	1.38	65	70	-7.0%	31.7%	31.0%	2.0%
<u>NA</u>	47,325	2,014	2,250.0%	0.56	0.03	20,908	739	2,729.0%	1.00	0.05	157	53	198.0%	44.2%	36.7%	20.0%
T	20.021	27.267	20.00/	0.25	0.61	0.576	7.422	15.00/	0.41		150	101	21.00/	20.00/	10.00/	45.00/



Scrub your Data

Sales Class (not Calc Class)

- Realistic potential Sales \$...Buying Power
- Not GP \$ Not Order Size
- Double check your data base
 - Watch for Corp Accts & Payment Groups



Step2: Move up the Outliers

- (Cprods)
- Lets start Low Risk and achieve High Reward
- How about D class Contractors?
- Dimensions averages prices for all items for all Customers within a Class within a Market and shows you the outliers
 - Change low prices to average prices

Recipe is in your SUGM app

Dimensions













Strategic Pricing(7/2009) -> SalesGroup (Contract Cleaners) -> SalesClass-> SalesRep

Select Drill Down ▼

Start Date: 1-Aug-2008

End Date: 31-Jul-2009



Update

<u>Decription</u>	Amount	<u>GP</u>	GP%	GP Gain	GP % Gain
<u>Pete</u>	41,283.11	8,282.69	20.06	3,581.21	8.68
<u>Jim</u>	186.24	97.68	52.45	0.00	0.00
Kathryn	340.27	151.65	44.57	2.32	0.68
Jane	14,593.40	6,014.23	41.21	373.88	2.56
Leon	62,728.64	18,552.24	29.58	3,218.28	5.13
SalesmanName32	534.80	237.37	44.38	0.81	0.16
Sam	1,188.09	399.70	33.64	35.64	3.00
Larry	911.12	184.71	20.27	179.76	19.73
Abe	116.17	51.44	44.28	21.46	18.48
Nancy	8.65	3.45	39.88	0.01	0.12
Jason	2,029.12	1,136.17	55.99	0.08	0.01
	123,920	35,111.3	28.3%	7,413	6.0%



Dimensions



Strategic Pricing(7/2009) —> MarketGroup (Contract Cleaners) —> SalesClass—> SalesRep—> Customer

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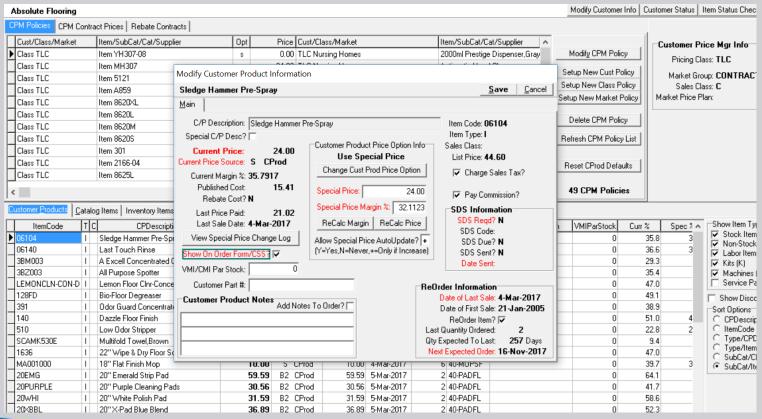
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CustomerName10430	746.07	299.51	40.15	20.27	2.71
CustomerName10646	382.11	152.01	39.78	0.00	0.00
CustomerName10650	99.70	32.34	32.44	1.87	1.88
CustomerName10652	236.73	68.09	28.76	0.08	0.04
CustomerName10707	120.34	2.59	2.15	13.09	10.88
CustomerName10719	1,098.85	369.51	33.63	7.84	0.71
CustomerName10721	1,713.43	537.01	31.34	2.15	0.13
CustomerName10727	8,928.49	-648.77	-7.27	670.32	7.51
CustomerName10730	493.56	178.48	36.16	4.43	0.90
CustomerName11066	1.68	0.76	45.24	0.00	0.00



Code	<u>Decription</u>	<u>Qty</u>	Amount	<u>GP</u>	<u>GP%</u>	<u>LastSaleDate</u>	<u>LastPrice</u>	<u>MktPrice</u>	GP Gain	GP % Gain
100001	101100 - ItemDes100001	12	270.12	66.40	24.58	7-01-2009	22.31	23.68	16.50	6.11
100017	102600 - ItemDes100017	18	575.28	139.02	24.17	7-29-2009	31.76			
100029	103100 - ItemDes100029	20	705.07	171.85	24.37	7-29-2009	25.65	33.68	160.58	22.78
100081	109100 - ItemDes100081	4	24.72	7.52	30.42	8-04-2008	6.18	6.81	2.51	10.16
100127	115500 - ItemDes100127	3	219.00	69.48	31.73	7-01-2009	73.00			
100135	116800 - ItemDes100135	84	173.04	63.96	36.96	7-29-2009	2.06	2.15	7.61	4.40
100154	118400 - ItemDes100154	2	5.80	1.90	32.76	5-07-2009	2.90	3.09	0.39	6.64
100157	118600 - ItemDes100157	24	72.48	25.80	35.60	3-27-2009	3.02	3.04	0.38	0.52
100184	125100 - ItemDes100184	13	289.30	82.33	28.46	7-29-2009	18.62	24.10	71.20	24.61
100211	131200 - ItemDes100211	1	1.50	0.36	24.00	8-04-2008	1.50	1.65	0.15	9.87
100286	142800 - ItemDes100286	2	7.90	2.44	30.89	8-04-2008	3.95	4.21	0.53	6.67
100440	204700 - ItemDes100440	9	166.46	46.46	27.91	7-29-2009	16.58	21.53	44.55	26.76
		192	2,511	677.5	27.0%				304	12.1%



Move up the Outliers

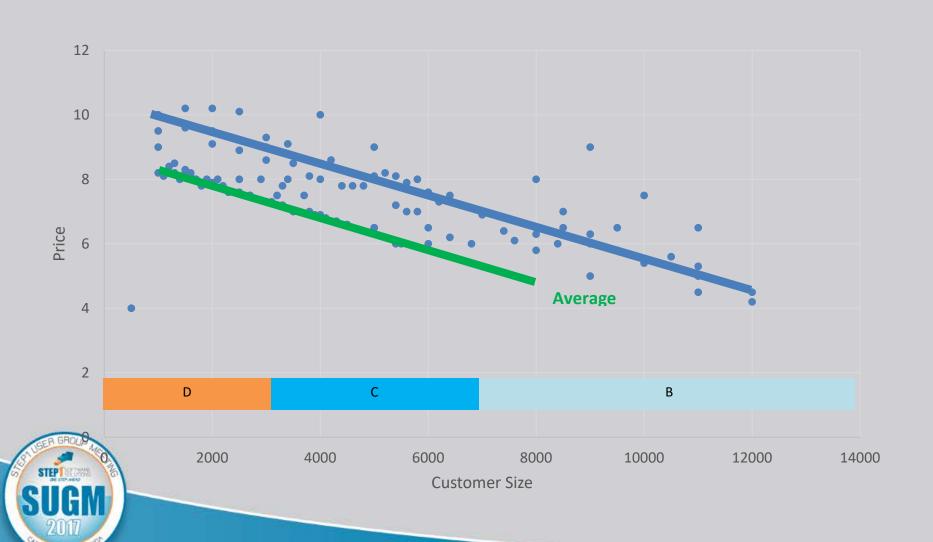




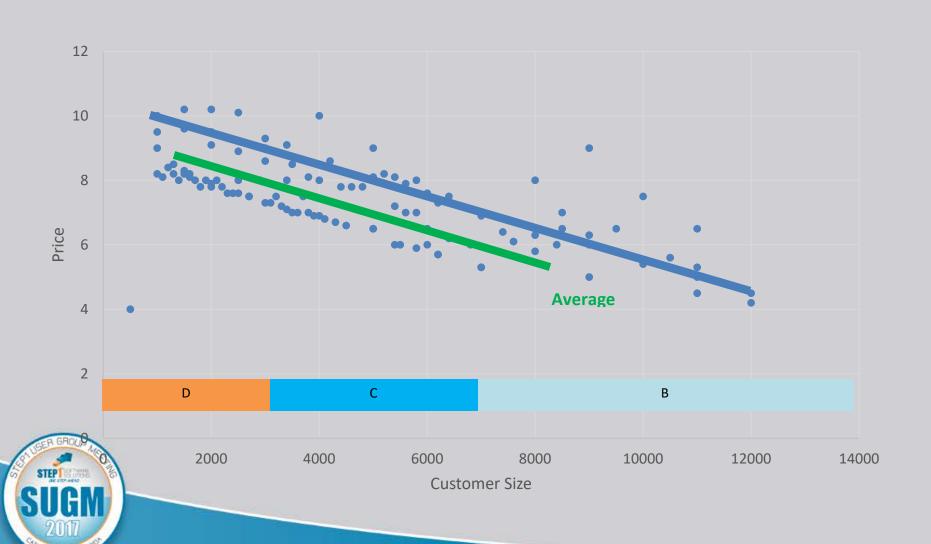
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Move up the outliers



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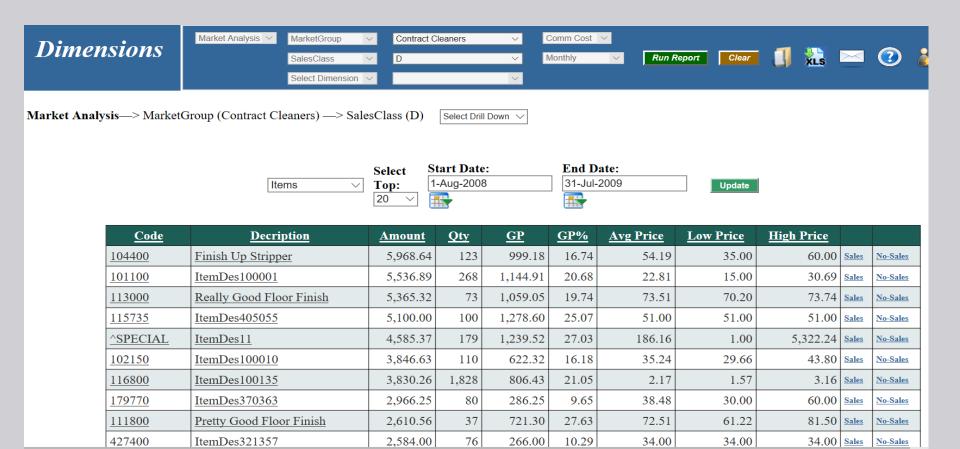


Step3: Establish Market Prices

- For non Cprods
- Lets stay <u>Low Risk</u>
- D class Contractors again
 Use Average Price paid (D class Contractors)
 Dimensions recipe is in your SUGM app



Establish Market Prices





Look for Item Sensitivity by Market Group

Establish Market Prices

- Limit the number of Items
 - Make it simple
 - Make it meaningful: core items
- Let the rest fall into price policies
 - By Supplier
 - By Sub-Cat



Replace *some* of the emotional factors with logical factors

- What the market will bear
- Align margins with Customer Buying Power within Market Groups with an eye to Item Sensitivity
- Sales Class: buying power
- Market Groups: different core items



Build & leverage the key emotional factor

Confidence

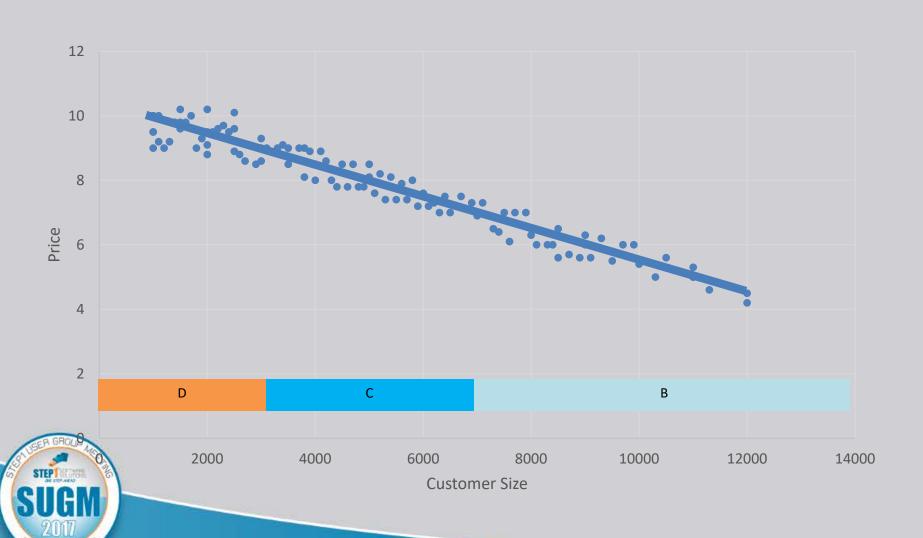


Setup Market Policies

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Cust/Class/Market	Item/SubCat/Cat/Supplier	Opt	Price	Cust/Class/Market	Item/SubCat/Cat/Supplier	CPMPolicyID	^			
Market DContractors	Item 140	s	98.55	D Class Contract Cleaners	Dazzle Floor Finish	351		Modify	CPM Polic	cy
Market DContractors	Item 510	\$	96.23	D Class Contract Cleaners	Low Odor Stripper	352				
Market DContractors	Item LEMFLCLN	\$	16.23	D Class Contract Cleaners	Lemon Floor Cleaner	353		Setup New	Customer	Policy
Market DContractors	Item 3BZ003	\$	18.75	D Class Contract Cleaners	All Purpose Spotter	354		Setun Ne	w Class Po	olicu
Market DContractors	Item 391	\$	22.07	D Class Contract Cleaners	Odor Guard Concentrate	355				-
Market DContractors	Item 0302	\$	2.79	D Class Contract Cleaners	Clinger 9.5% HCL Cleaner	356		Setup Nev	w Market F	'olicy
Market DContractors	Item SHINE-RTU	\$	24.15	D Class Contract Cleaners	Shine Glass Cleaner -RTU	357				
Market DContractors	Item KIM446	s	73.25	D Class Contract Cleaners	2 Ply Toilet Tissue	358		Delete	CPM Polic	су
Market DContractors	Item FHP28124	s	71.53	D Class Contract Cleaners	1 Ply SofPull Centerpull Towel	359				
Market DContractors	Item CRB32H	s	29.43	D Class Contract Cleaners	24 X 32 15 Gal. Med Liner	360		- Only Sh	ow Policie:	s for
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Expected Pricing



Item Sensitivity

- High Value + High Spend = High Sensitivity
- High Sensitivity = Highly Shopped = Lower
 Margin
- Conversely...
- Each Market will have a different list of Sensitive Items



Item Sensitivity

- Other factors:
 - Visability
 - Availability
 - Supplier distribution policies
 - Items for resale by Contractors



Step4: Streamline Pricing Procedures

• Goals:

- Irritate customers less
- Leverage the talents of your reps (spend more time selling)
- Simplify the task
 - The more time you spend agonizing...the lower the quote (doubt creap)



Step4: Streamline Pricing Process

What if you were granted a "do over"?



Streamline Pricing Procedures

- Market Price Policies produce fair prices instantly (thought has already been applied)
- For the Rep
- For Customer Service
- For CSS



Streamline Pricing Procedures

- Management's role:
 - Educate yourself
 - Automate low risk pricing
- Rep's role:
 - Diminishes with low risk pricing
 - Expands and improves with training



Streamline Pricing Procedures

Brackets by order quantity

Increase order size (maybe yes / maybe no)

Keep the competition out: Cosco

Pick a bracket

Tie it to Buying Power

Varies by Sub-Cat / Supplier

Last Bracket becomes List Price



Streamline Pricing Procedures

Discount from List vs Cost +

Contracts

All the above are viable if (and only if) published prices are reasonable and derived from statistical analysis



Step5: Fix your Price Book

See previous slide



Improve Confidence

- Fix your Price Book
- Price training (Reps & Customer Service)
- Vendor support
 - Training
 - Cost deviation (sensitive items in Market Groups)
 - Field support
- Sales Skills
- Negotioating Skills

Improve Confidence

- Service Excellence as a culture
- Recognize Sales Achievement (Campaigns)
- Success breeds Confidence
- Market Catalog
 - Choose Items with high sales / high margin
 - Sprinkle in some unique impulse buys
 - Recipe is in your SUGM app

Market Catalog: Featured SubCats

<u>Decription</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>GP</u>	GP%		
CHEM: Floor Finish/Wax/Sealer	9,584.65	168	2,245.90	23.43	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: Disinfectants	7,202.00	2,309	1,756.68	24.39	Sales	No-Sales
PAPER: Bathroom Tissue	7,110.99	177	1,419.62	19.96	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: Floor Strippers	6,509.54	258	1,115.64	17.14	Sales	No-Sales
PAPER: Hand Towels	6,230.78	294	1,296.17	20.80	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: General Purpose Cleaners	6,000.18	1,463	1,392.35	23.21	Sales	No-Sales
PARTS: Advance	5,814.68	88	515.61	8.87	Sales	No-Sales
SOAP: DEB Aero Foam Soap Syste	5,811.51	111	1,462.03	25.16	Sales	No-Sales
PAPER: OptiServ Roll Towel	5,543.42	160	833.53	15.04	Sales	No-Sales
LINER: High Density	4,765.91	193	1,356.39	28.46	Sales	No-Sales
Special Order Items	4,585.37	179	1,239.52	27.03	Sales	No-Sales
EQUIP: Service Call Rates	4,355.00	111	286.25	6.57	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: Carpet Maintenance	3,966.99	488	826.78	20.84	Sales	No-Sales
Catalog Non Stock Items	3,796.51	220	666.21	17.55	Sales	No-Sales
WIPER: Paper & Cloth Wipers	3,451.10	908	648.88	18.80	Sales	No-Sales
MOP: Wet Mop BLEND	3,178.12	556	642.50	20.22	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: Glass & Hard Surface	3,124.08	1,143	765.92	24.52	Sales	No-Sales
PAPER: Universal Roll Towel	2,586.12	85	562.78	21.76	Sales	No-Sales
PAPER: Printer & Copier Paper	2,584.00	76	266.00	10.29	Sales	No-Sales
CHEM: Floor Maintainer/Restor	2,460.20	145	331.05	13.46	Sales	No-Sales



Market Catalog: Featured Items

		Select	Start Date:	End Date:	
Items	~	Top:	1-Aug-2008	31-Jul-2009	Update
		20 ~			

<u>Code</u>	<u>Decription</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GP%</u>	Avg Price	Low Price	High Price		
113000	Really Good Floor Finish	22,080.55	296	5,329.87	24.14	77.71	50.55	106.75	Sales	No-Sales
111800	Pretty Good Floor Finish	8,190.36	111	2,537.98	30.99	74.94	61.22	81.50	Sales	No-Sales
112500	ItemDes100104	5,293.74	64	1,633.41	30.86	78.72	62.66	95.00	Sales	No-Sales
111500	Bengal Degreaser	1,927.00	30	624.00	32.38	64.02	44.00	65.50	Sales	No-Sales
111000	Terrazo Seal	1,886.77	24	510.13	27.04	77.79	67.85	80.50	Sales	No-Sales
111620	ItemDes100098	1,743.00	21	707.58	40.60	82.50	80.50	84.00	Sales	No-Sales
112100	ItemDes100102	1,459.86	23	268.46	18.39	64.90	62.16	77.25	Sales	No-Sales
111600	ItemDes100096	966.47	68	333.75	34.53	14.16	13.40	15.70	Sales	No-Sales
112800	ItemDes100107	843.00	10	281.58	33.40	84.00	81.50	85.00	Sales	No-Sales
111700	ItemDes100099	792.34	50	240.30	30.33	15.78	4.00	18.45	Sales	No-Sales
112700	ItemDes100106	447.00	25	151.58	33.91	17.85	17.25	18.00	Sales	No-Sales
112900	ItemDes100109	394.94	20	149.58	37.87	20.34	12.44	23.40	Sales	No-Sales
112600	ItemDes100105	374.46	23	107.25	28.64	16.28	14.91	17.25	Sales	No-Sales
110900	ItemDes100091	368.03	23	102.73	27.91	16.06	11.72	18.35	Sales	No-Sales
112000	ItemDes100101	141.00	8	51.72	36.68	17.53	16.80	19.00	Sales	No-Sales
111610	ItemDes100097	85.66	5	33.36	38.94	17.29	16.50	17.56	Sales	No-Sales



Review

- Step1: Scrub your data
- Step2: Move up the outliers
- Step3: Establish Market Prices
- Step4: Streamline pricing procedures
- Step5: Present Market Catalogs
- Step6: Fix price book
- Repeat

We win when we...

 Create and implement systems, processes and procedures to enable and encourage average people to achieve and sustain above average results.



For years...maybe forever

- May 6th, 1954
- Roger Bannister
- Broke the human speed barrier by running a 4 minute mile
- Previous record (held for 9 years) was 1.4 seconds slower
- 46 days later Roger's record was broken

Good Read

- Strategic Pricing for Distributors
- Brent R Grover

