

Chapter 01 Interpreting Financial Statements

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In 2011, sales were \$364 million, but account receivable rose \$40 million, indicating that the company only received \$324 million in cash. (This ignores possible changes in bad debt reserves.) Letting bop stand for beginning of period, and eop for end of period, the equation is (where AR = accounts receivable)

$$AR_{eop} = AR_{bop} + \text{Credit sales} - \text{Collections}$$

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$$\$324 = \$364 - \$40$$

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During 2011, the company sold \$223 million of merchandise at cost, but finished goods inventory fell \$5 million, indicating that the company only produced \$218 million of merchandise. Letting bop stand for beginning of period, and eop for end of period, the equation is

$$\text{Inventory}_{\text{eop}} = \text{Inventory}_{\text{bop}} + \text{Production} - \text{Cost of sales}$$

$$\text{Production} = \text{Cost of sales} - \text{Change in Inventory}$$

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Net fixed assets rose \$78 million, depreciation reduced net fixed assets by \$61 million, so capital expenditures must have been \$139 million (ignoring asset sales or write-offs). Letting bop stand for beginning of period, and eop for end of period, the equation is

$$\text{Net fixed assets}_{\text{eop}} = \text{Net fixed assets}_{\text{bop}} + \text{Capital Expenditures} - \text{Depreciation}$$

$$\text{Capital Expenditures} = \text{Change in net fixed assets} + \text{Depreciation}$$

$$\$139 = \$78 + \$61$$

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Cash flow from operations can be calculated directly from items in the table. Start with net income, remove any noncash items (such as depreciation), and add any cash transactions that are not captured by the income statement (such as changes to working capital accounts).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CF from operations} &= \text{Net income} - \text{increase in acct. receivable} + \text{decrease in inventory} + \\ &\quad \text{increase in acct. payable} + \text{depreciation} \\ \text{CF from operations} &= 45 - 40 + 5 + 5 + 61 = \$76 \text{ million}\end{aligned}$$

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JM Case will pay \$10 per share for the 100,000 shares ($= 0.20 * 500,000$) it repurchases. This reduces the book value by \$1 million. Assuming all else remains the same, the new book value should be \$750,000.

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Since nothing else has changed, the market value should fall by exactly the amount of the cash paid in the transaction. The new market value will be \$4 million. Another way to think about this is to note that repurchase of the shares will reduce cash by \$1 million (or increase liabilities by the same amount if financed with debt), and thus the firm is worth \$1 million less to the owners after the repurchase, or \$4 million. After repurchasing 100,000 shares ($= 0.20 * 500,000$), 400,000 shares will be outstanding, and the price per share remains \$10 ($\$4 \text{ million} / 400,000$).

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First, let us account for Number Crunching's \$1 million expenditure. Cash will fall \$100,000, liabilities will rise \$300,000, and owners' equity will rise \$600,000. Next, let us account for the assets acquired. The accountants will write up the value of fixed assets and possibly inventory to their estimated replacement value; they will then add the difference between the acquisition price and the replacement value of the assets acquired to a goodwill account appearing in the long-term assets section of Number Crunching's balance sheet; and lastly, they will consolidate the two companies' balance sheets by adding like accounts together.

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Playdough Products generated \$330,000 of cash during the year. The \$400,000 net income ignores the fact that accounts receivable rose \$250,000, a use of cash. It also treats \$180,000 depreciation as an expense, whereas it is a noncash charge. The \$20,000 increase in market value of assets adds to the value of the business, but is not a cash flow. Summary:

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Cash generated	\$330,000

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