

# **Chapter Ten**

### **Pricing:**

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#### **Topic Outline**

- What Is a Price?
- Major Pricing Strategies
- Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions



#### What Is a Price?

**Price** is the amount of money charged for a product or service. It is the sum of all the values that consumers give up in order to gain the benefits of having or using a product or service.



#### What Is a Price?

Price is the only element in the marketing mix that produces revenue; all other elements represent costs





#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

Understanding how much value consumers place on the benefits they receive from the product and setting a price that captures that value





#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**



Price ceiling

No demand above

this price



# Other internal and external considerations

Marketing strategy, objectives, and mix

Nature of the market and demand Competitors' strategies and prices



Product costs

Price floor
No profits below
this price



#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

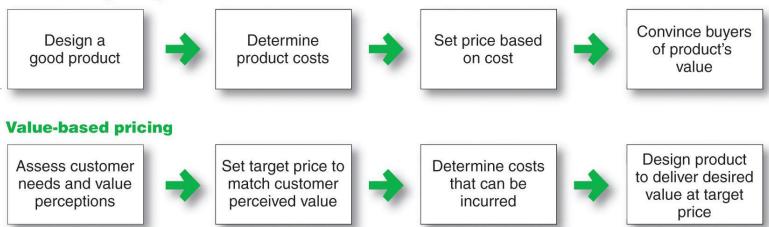
Value-based pricing uses the buyers' perceptions of value, not the sellers cost, as the key to pricing. Price is considered before the marketing program is set.



- Value-based pricing is customer driven
- Cost-based pricing is product driven

#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

#### **Cost-based pricing**





**Customer Value-Based Pricing** 

### **Good-value pricing**

offers the right combination of quality and good service at a fair price



#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

Everyday low pricing (EDLP) charging a constant everyday low price with few or no temporary price discounts





#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

High-low pricing charging higher prices on an everyday basis but running frequent promotions to lower prices temporarily on selected items



#### **Customer Value-Based Pricing**

 Value-added pricing attaches value-added features and services to differentiate offers, support higher prices, and build pricing power



#### **Cost-Based Pricing**

Cost-based pricing setting prices based on the costs for producing, distributing, and selling the product plus a fair rate of return for effort and risk



**Cost-Based Pricing** 

**Cost-based pricing** adds a standard markup to the cost of the product



**Cost-Based Pricing** 

Types of costs

Fixed costs

Variable costs

Total costs



#### **Cost-Based Pricing**

**Fixed costs** are the costs that do not vary with production or sales level

- Rent
- Heat
- Interest
- Executive salaries



#### **Cost-Based Pricing**

Variable costs are the costs that vary with the level of production

- Packaging
- Raw materials



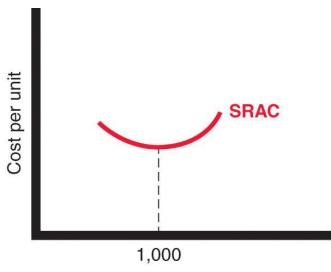


#### **Cost-Based Pricing**

**Total costs** are the sum of the fixed and variable costs for any given level of production

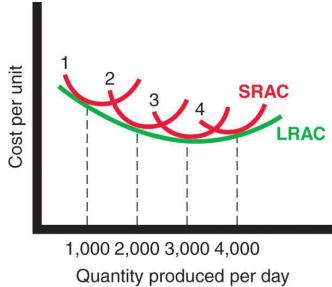


#### Costs as a Function of Production Experience



Quantity produced per day

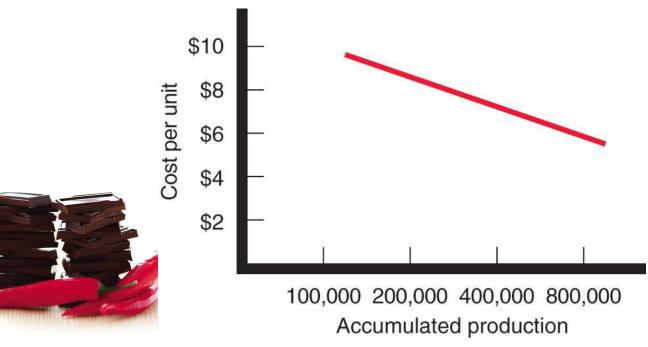
A. Cost behavior in a fixed-size plant



B. Cost behavior over different-size plants

#### Costs as a Function of Production Experience

Experience or learning curve is when average cost falls as production increases because fixed costs are spread over more units



#### **Cost-Plus Pricing**

- Cost-plus pricing adds a standard markup to the cost of the product
- Benefits
  - Sellers are certain about costs
  - Prices are similar in industry and price competition is minimized
  - Buyers feel it is fair
  - Disadvantages
    - Ignores demand and competitor prices

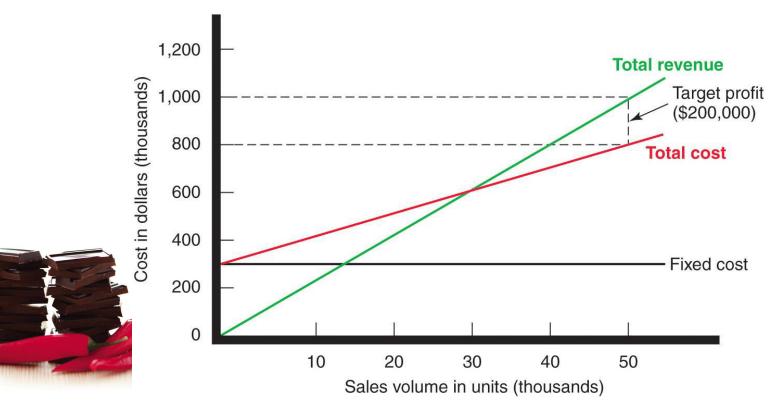


**Break-Even Analysis and Target Profit Pricing** 

Break-even pricing is the price at which total costs are equal to total revenue and there is no profit

Target profit pricing is the price at which the firm will break even or make the profit it's seeking

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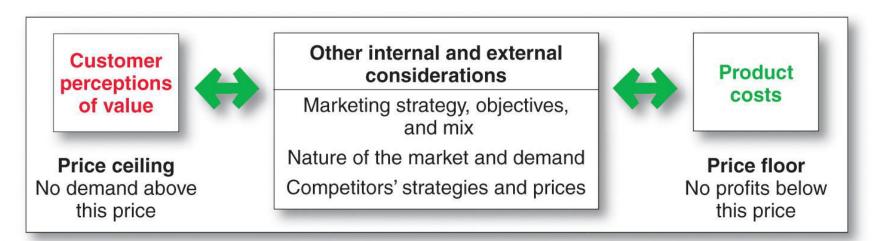
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### **Competition-based pricing**

- Setting prices based on competitors' strategies, costs, prices, and market offerings.
- Consumers will base their judgments of a product's value on the prices that competitors charge for similar products.



### **Considerations in Setting Price**





# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

Target costing starts with an ideal selling price based on consumer value considerations and then targets costs that will ensure that the price is met

# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

### Organizational considerations include:

- Who should set the price
- Who can influence the prices



# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

#### The Market and Demand

 Before setting prices, the marketer must understand the relationship between price and demand for its products





# Other Internal and External Consideration Affecting Price Decisions

Competition

**Pure competition** 

**Monopolistic competition** 

Oligopolistic competition

**Pure monopoly** 





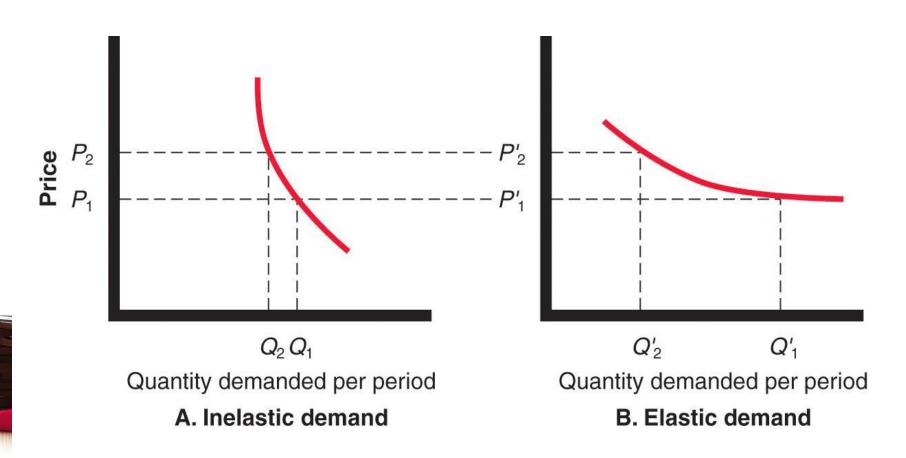
# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

The demand curve shows the number of units the market will buy in a given period at different prices

- Normally, demand and price are inversely related
- Higher price = lower demand
- For prestige (luxury) goods, higher price can equal higher demand when consumers perceive higher prices as higher quality



# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions



# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

**Price elasticity of demand** illustrates the response of demand to a change in price

**Inelastic demand** occurs when demand hardly changes when there is a small change in price

**Elastic demand** occurs when demand changes greatly for a small change in price



# Other Internal and External Considerations Affecting Price Decisions

Price elasticity of demand = % change in quantity demand % change in price



# Other Internal and External Consideration Affecting Price Decisions

**Economic conditions** 

Reseller's response to price

Government

Social concerns

