

ASSIGNMENT 1

I explain about negative working capital and in what perspective it will be good why?

Negative working capital occurs when a company's current liabilities exceed its current assets. In simple terms it means that a company doesn't have enough short-term assets (like cash, receivables or inventory) to cover its short-term obligations (like payables, short-term loans, or accrued expenses). This can sound alarming but in some cases, it can actually be a sign of efficiency depending on the business model.

when negative working capital can be good.

Cash flow efficiency business:

companies with strong cash flows and low balance on inventory can benefit from negative working capital. For example, retail business (like super market or online retailers) often receive cash from customers up front but have time before they need to pay suppliers. This means they didn't need a

lot of working capital and they may deliberately
run with negative working capital.

Fast Turnover Industries:

Business with quick inventory turnover and
short-term sales cycles, such as fast food chains and
or e-commerce platforms can operate with negative
working capital. They receive payments from customers
quickly (sometimes before delivering goods) but suppliers
are paid on credit terms, creating a situation where
liabilities temporarily exceed assets.

Supplier financing:

Companies may intentionally extend their
payments terms with suppliers using this credit as
a form of short-term financing. This enables them
to keep less cash or working capital on hand while
still fulfilling operations. Essentially the business is
using suppliers to finance operations rather than its
own capital.

why negative working capital can be beneficial.

⇒ Lower Financing needs:-

Companies with negative working capital don't need to raise or hold as much cash for operations, reducing borrowing or capital costs.

⇒ Higher efficiency:-

It can reflect operational efficiency, especially in industries where goods are sold quickly and payments are delayed to suppliers.

⇒ Focus on core Activities:-

Firms can allocate their resources to more productive areas (like expansion or innovations) instead of tying up cash in working capital.

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