

Assignment - 9

Why are we exclude cash while calculating working capital?

Cash is typically excluded from the calculation of working capital in certain contexts. Particularly in more advanced financial analysis because it is considered a non-operational asset while cash is indeed a current asset if doesn't off-balance or its ability to generate revenue from business activities.

Cash is Already Liquid:

Working capital measures how well a company can manage its current assets (like inventory or accounts receivable) to cover current liabilities. Since cash is immediately liquid and doesn't need conversion it's often excluded to focus on assets that require more management.

Focus on Operational Assets

Operating working capital measures only those current assets and liabilities directly tied to daily operations (such as inventory and cash especially excess cash or reserves may not be directly related to these operations).

Cash management can vary.

companies may hold large amount of cash for reasons, unrelated to their operations such as for future investment or to cushion against risks. Including cash offer a better reflection of how well a company is managing non-cash assets to meet short-term obligations.

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