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# Reporting and Interpreting Property, Plant, and Equipment

## Classifying Long-lived Assets

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- 1. Tangible Assets have physical substance
  - a. Land
  - b. Fixed Assets
    - i. Aka Buildings, fixtures, and equipment
    - ii. Aka property, plant, and equipment
- 2. Intangible assets
  - i. Long-lived assets without physical substance that confer specific rights on their owner.
  - ii. Patents, copyrights, franchises, licenses, and trademarks

#### **Fixed Asset Turnover**

Measures the sales dollars generated by each dollar of fixed assets used.

$$Fixed Asset Turnover = \frac{Net Sales (Operating Revenues)}{Average Net Fixed Assets}$$

Acquisition Cost - The net cash equivalent amount paid or to be paid for an asset.

Invoice price	\$122,000,000
Less: Discount from Boeing	(4,000,000)
Net cash invoice price	118,000,000
Add: Transportation charges paid by Southwest	400,000
Preparation costs paid by Southwest	1,600,000
Cost of the aircraft (added to the asset account)	\$120,000,000

<u>Capitalized interest</u> - Interest expenditures included in the cost of a self-constructed asset.

## Repairs, Maintenance, and Improvements

1. <u>Ordinary repairs and maintenance</u> - expenditures that maintain the productive capacity of the assets during the current accounting period only.

		Debit	Credit
a.	Maintenance and repairs expense (+E, -SE)	1,000	
	Cash (-A)		1,000

- 2. <u>Improvements</u> expenditures that increase the productive life, operating efficiency, or capacity of the asset.
  - a. These <u>capital expenditures</u> are added to the appropriate asset accounts.

	Debit	Credit
Flight equipment (+A)	300	
Cash (-A)		300

b.	Assets		=	Liabilities	+	Stockholders'
						Equity
	Flight	+300	-			
	equipment					
	Cash	-300				

## Use, Impairment, and Disposal of Plant and Equipment Depreciation Concepts

Depreciation - the process of allocating the cost of buildings and equipment (but not land) over their productive lives using a systematic and rational method, following the expense recognition(matching) principle.



To record depreciation, an adjusting entry is used at the end of each period.

	Debit	Credit
Depreciation expense (+E, -SE)	X,XXX	
Accumulated depreciation (+XA, -A)		X,XXX

Assets	=	Liabilities + Stockholders' Equit		Stockholders' Equity
Accumulated -x,xxx			-	Depreciation -x,xxx
depreciation				expense
(+XA)				(+E)

- 1. Amount of Depreciation each period is recorded as "Depreciation Expense"
- 2. Amount of depreciation accumulated is reported on the balance sheet as a contraaccount, called "Accumulated Depreciation"
- 3. Net amount on the balance sheet is the net book value / carrying value
  - a. Acquisition Cost Accumulated Depreciation

But how do we calculate depreciation expense, these pieces of info are required:

- 1. Acquisition cost
- 2. Estimated useful life to the company
- 3. Estimated residual (or salvage) value at the end of the asset's useful life to the company Note: Depreciation Expense is an estimate

## Depreciation Methods

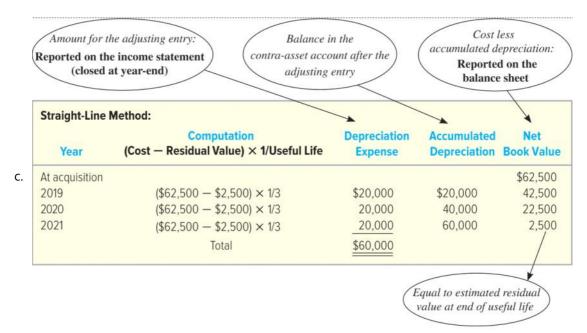
1. Straight-line (the most common, used by more than 98% of companies for many or all of their assets)

Straight-Line Formula:

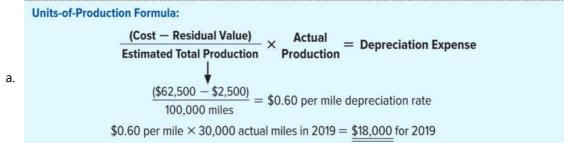
(Cost — Residual Value) 
$$\times$$
  $\frac{1}{\text{Useful Life}}$  = Depreciation Expense

a. (\$62,500 - \$2,500)  $\times$   $\frac{1}{3 \text{ Years}}$  = \$20,000 per year

b. Companies often create a "depreciation schedule" that shows the computed amount of depreciation expense each year over the entire useful life of the asset.

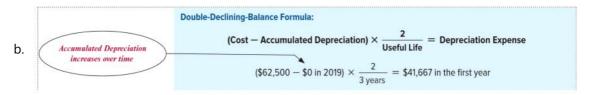


#### 2. Units-of-production



#### 3. Declining-Balance

a. Applying a rate exceeding the straight-line rate to the asset's net book value over time. Rate is often double the straight-line rate and is termed double-declining-balance rate.



## **Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are recorded at historical cost only if they have been purchased Upon acquisition, managers determine whether the separate intangibles have definite or indefinite lives.

- 1. Definite Life
  - a. Cost is allocated on a straight-line basis each period over its useful life in a process called amortization(摊销) similar to depreciation.
  - b. Most companies do not measure a residual value for their intangible assets.

	Debit	Credit
Amortization expense (+E, -SE)	40,000	
Patents (-A) (or Accumulated		40,000
amortization +XA, -A) <sup>1</sup>		

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Assets	=	Liabilities	+	Stockholders' Equity
Patents (or -40,000				Amortization -40,000
Accumulated				expense (+E)
amortization				
(+XA)				

#### 2. Indefinite Life

- a. Not amortized
- b. Reviewed at least annually for possible impairment of value by first using qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-life intangible is less than its carrying amount.

### **Examples of Intangible Assets**

Goodwill - most frequently reported intangible asset.

- 1. Favorable reputation that a company has with its customers
- 2. Internally generated and not reported as an asset
- 3. Only way to review and report is to purchase another business. Then goodwill would be the purchase price less the fair value of all of its net assets (assets liabilities)

Amazon.com's Purchase of Whole Foods Market	In Billions
Purchase price	\$13.2
- Fair value of assets purchased and liabilities assumed:	
Property and equipment	3.8
Other assets	1.8
Intangible assets	2.3
Debt and other liabilities	(3.7)
Net assets, at fair value	4.2
Goodwill	<u>\$ 9.0</u>

**Trademarks** 商标 - special name, image or slogan identified with a product or a company, protected by law.

Most of expenditures of developing trademarks are recorded as expenses rather than being capitalized as an intangible asset.

Copyrights 版权 - exclusive right to publish, use, and sell a literary, musical, or artistic piece

for a period not exceeding 70 years after the author's death.

**Technology** - acquiring a domain name and developing graphics are capitalized as intangible asset. For software, any cost during the preliminary concept phase of a software project should be expensed. Once the software project reaches "technology feasibility" - the point at which there is a detailed design and completion of a working model, the direct costs (coding, testing) should be capitalized as an intangible asset. Depending on the use,

- 1. Internally
  - a. The intangible asset is amortized over a short useful life with the amortization reported as a general expense, on the income statement
- 2. Sold/leased/marketed
  - a. Amortization expense is included as part of the cost of sales.

Patents 专利 - exclusive right granted by the federal government for a period of 20 years - enables the owner to use, manufacture, and sell both the subject of the patent and the patent itself.

Patents are recorded at their purchase price, or if developed internally, at only their registration and legal costs because GAAP requires the immediate expensing of R&D costs.

**Franchises 特许经营权** - granted by the government or a business for a specified period and purpose.

Usually require an investment by the franchisee, and therefore they should be accounted for as intangible assets.

### Acquisition and Depletion of Natural Resources

Natural Resources are called **wasting assets** because they are **depleted** (physically used up). When natural resources are acquired or developed, they are recorded using the cost principle. As a natural resource is used up, its <u>acquisition cost must be apportioned among the periods in which revenues are earned</u> in conformity with the expense recognition principle.

<u>Depletion</u> - process of allocating the natural resource's cost over the period of its exploitation.

	Debit	Credit
Inventory (+A)	106,000	
Timber tract (-A) (or Accumulated		106,000
depletion (+XA, -A))		

**HW Notes** 

	ltem	Book Value Dec. 31, 2021
a.	Patent	\$ 68,200 🐼
b.	Copyright	25,600 🐼
c.	Franchise	13,040 🐼
d.	License	6,360 🐼
e.	Goodwill	59,000 🐼
	Total book value	\$ 172,200

3. Assume that on January 2, 2022, the copyrighted item was impaired in its ability to continue to produce strong revenues. The other intangible assets were not affected. Starn estimated that the copyright would be able to produce future cash flows of \$22,700. The fair value of the copyright was determined to be \$21,700. Compute the amount, if any, of the impairment loss to be recorded.



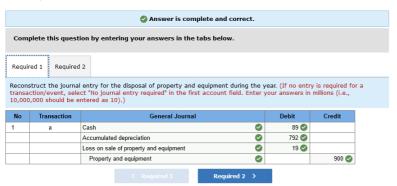
We review long-lived assets for impairment when circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable based on the undiscounted future cash flows of the asset. If the carrying amount of the asset is determined not to be recoverable, a write-down to fair value is recorded. Fair values are determined based on quoted market values, discounted cash flows, or external appraisals, as appropriate.

	Dollars in Millions
Cost of property and equipment (beginning of year)	\$40,219
Cost of property and equipment (end of year)	41,940
Capital expenditures during the year	2,621
Accumulated depreciation (beginning of year)	21,490
Accumulated depreciation (end of year)	22,651
Depreciation expense during the year	1,953
Cost of property and equipment sold during the year	900
Accumulated depreciation on property sold	792
Cash received on property sold	89

- Required:

  1. Reconstruct the journal entry for the disposal of property and equipment during the year.

  2. Compute the amount of property and equipment that United Parcel wrote off as impaired during the year, if any. (Hint: Set up T-accounts.)



More Notes: Impaired Loss = book value of asset - fair market value