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TRW Inc. reported a 12 % decline in third-quarter net income , but the company said that excluding unusual gains in both quarters , operating profit rose 16 % .

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The electronics , automotive and aerospace concern said third-quarter net was \$ 60 million , or 98 cents a share , down from \$ 68 million , or \$ 1.11 a share , a year earlier .

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Share earnings are reported on a fully diluted basis , by company tradition .

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Results for the 1988 quarter included a gain of \$ 1.05 a share from sale of the Reda Pump and Oilwell Cable units , partly offset by a charge of 69 cents a share for recall of faulty truck steering systems .

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The latest quarter included a gain of 11 cents a share as a partial reversal of the recall charge , because the reserve established last year exceeded the actual recall costs .

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Sales for the quarter rose 8.3 % to \$ 1.79 billion , from \$ 1.65 billion , with all three major product groups reporting gains .

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Automotive sales jumped 16 % to \$ 791 million , mainly because of higher sales of air bags and other passenger restraint systems , TRW said .

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The group had an operating profit of \$ 65 million , against a loss of \$ 13 million a year earlier .

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However , excluding the year-earlier charge for recall of steering gear , operating profit in the latest quarter declined 14 % , reflecting higher start-up and product development expenses in passenger-restraint systems .

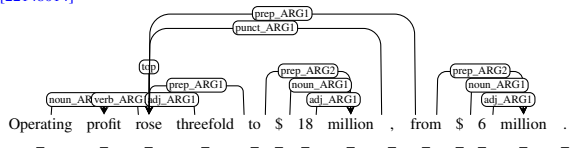
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Materials and production costs also rose , TRW said .

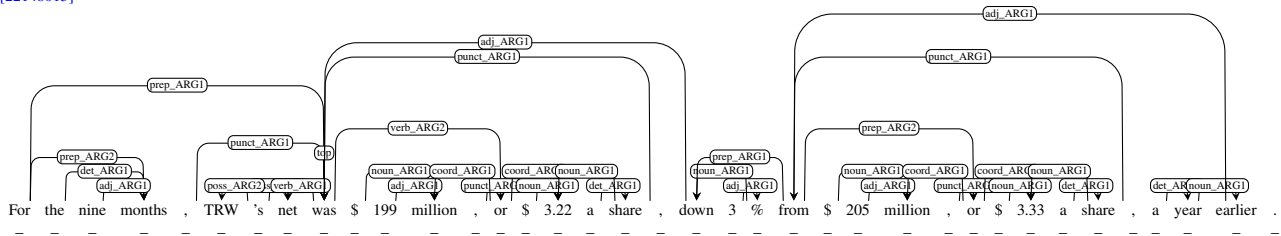
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An acquisition accounted for half the sales rise , TRW said .

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