Case Study for VP Fire System Private Limited

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BUSINESS OVERVIEW

- Business Name: VP Fire System Private Limited
- Established in 2018; headquartered in Dwarka, New Delhi
- B2B leader in fire safety and security systems
- **Portfolio:** Products & services across detection, installation, maintenance, and infrastructure
- Challenge: Struggles with demand forecasting, customer base understanding, and low market visibility
- Competitive Pressure: Faces giants like Siemens & Honeywell + crowd of local rivals
- Data analyzed: 3 months of detailed sales and purchase records (Oct–Dec 2024)
- **Key insight**: Internal inefficiencies—not product quality—drive missed opportunities and stagnant growth

PROBLEM STATEMENTS

- 1. Forecasting Seasonal Demand: Struggles to forecast seasonal demand fluctuations, especially during festive periods like November, when manpower and inventory shortages lead to potential lost sales opportunities.
- 2. Limited Customer Insight: : Lacking comprehensive customer base understanding, the company's ineffective targeting and marketing strategies hinder tailored offerings and communications to specific customer groups, potentially missing sales and loyalty opportunities across market segments.
- 3. Low Market Visibility: New in the competitive space; lacks strong presence in key sectors like hospitality and healthcare

DATA COLLECTION & METHODOLOGY

- **Data Duration**: October 2024 December 2024 (3 months)
- **Source**: Primary data collected from internal Excel-based accounting system
- Files Received: Sales (249 entries) & Purchase Data (90 entries)
- Key Fields: Date, Particulars, Type (sales only), Buyer/Supplier Name, Quantity, Unit, Rate, Value

Data Cleaning & Preprocessing:

- Standardized date formats & buyer names
- Introduced TYPE and UNIT columns for clearer categorization
- Filled missing transaction days with zero sales
- Aggregated daily sales for time series modeling

DATA COLLECTION & METHODOLOGY

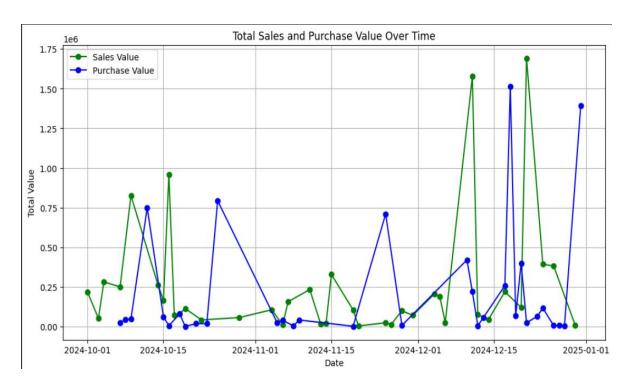
Customer Segmentation Strategy:

- RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) analysis
- K-Means clustering preferred for dynamic, data-driven segmentation
- Enables identification of high-value and loyal customer groups

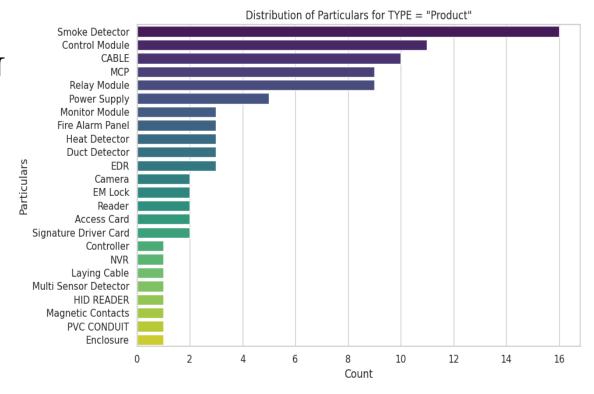
Forecasting Model Used: ARIMA/SARIMA

- Chosen for its ability to model both trend and seasonality
- Suitable for volatile and irregular sales data

RESULTS & FINDING

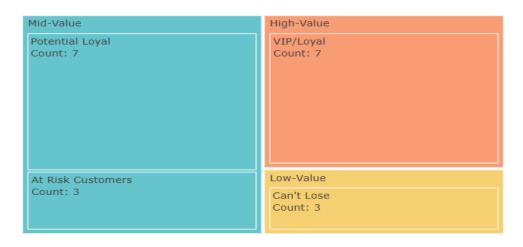


- Volatile Sales & Purchase Patterns: Sharp peaks in mid—Dec; flat activity in Nov
- **High Sales Spikes = Year-End Demand**: Likely driven by project closures, contracts, and festive season
- Purchase Spikes Precede Sales: Indicates proactive stocking, especially in Oct & early Dec

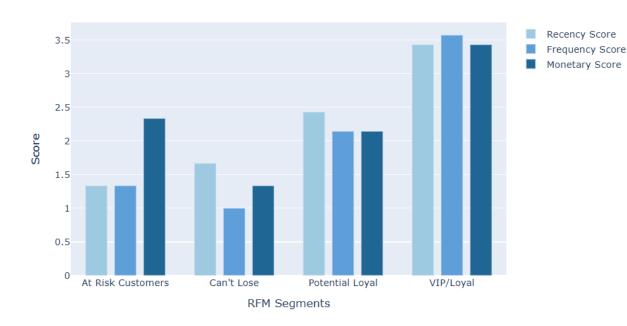


- Product Sales Dominate: Products form the largest share of revenue; services underperform
- Top Products Drive Visibility: Smoke Detector, Control Module, CABLE, MCP, Relay Module lead sales
- Service Offerings Lack Traction: Low share for Installation, Labor & Misc. Services

RFM Customer Segments by Value

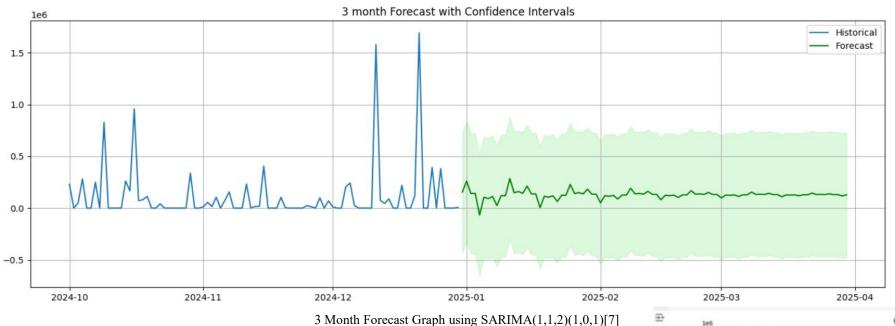


Comparison of RFM Segments based on Recency, Frequency, and Monetary Scores

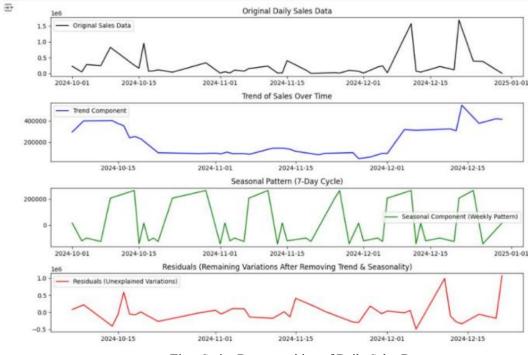


Cluster		Clus	ter Label	Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Count
0		Loyal	Customers	25.166667	9.166667	356110.0	12
1		Top VIP	Customer	1.000000	110.000000	4474156.6	1
2 A	t Risk /	Churned	Customers	79.857143	2.285714	105275.0	7

- 35% VIP Clients: High RFM scores; recent, frequent, high-spending
- 50% Mid-Value: Potential Loyalists with stable engagement
- 15% Low-Value: At Risk / Can't Lose clients showing disengagement
- **Top Client**: *Honeywell* (RFM = 12) major revenue contributor
- K-Means Clusters (k=3) confirm RFM segments



- Strong Weekly Seasonality Detected: Confirmed via Seasonal-Trend Decomposition (STL) and ACF plots (Lag 7)
- Series is Stationary: ADF Test (stat = -9.95, p = 0.0000)
- Best Model Selected: SARIMA(1,1,2)(1,0,1)[7]
- Lowest AIC: **520.94**, MAE: **₹1.13L**, WAPE: **101.82%**
- Model Captures Trend + Seasonality Well:
- Limitation: Cannot fully predict irregular holiday/event-driven surges



Time Series Decomposition of Daily Sales Data

INTERPRETATION & RECOMMENDATION

1. Customer Segmentation Insights

Interpretation:

RFM and K-Means clustering identified clear customer segments: 50% Mid-Value, 7 VIPs, and 3 Low-Value clients. While the company has a loyal core, engagement with dormant and at-risk clients is limited, reducing cross-sell and upsell opportunities.

Recommendations:

- Develop personalized outreach for VIP, Loyal, and At-Risk segments using CRM tools (Loyalty Rewards, Subscription Plans, Exclusive offers, limited-time discount etc.)
- Launch win-back programs for dormant clients within 30 days and evaluate results after 2 months
- Integrate cluster labels into CRM and refresh segments quarterly

2. Forecasting Seasonal Demand

Interpretation:

Time series analysis revealed weekly seasonality in sales.

SARIMA(1,1,2)(1,0,1)[7] offered the best performance, enabling reliable short-term forecasting, though irregular demand spikes remain harder to predict.

Recommendations:

- Deploy SARIMA for rolling 3-month forecasts and update monthly
- Align inventory based on weekly demand forecasts, especially pre-festive seasons
- Use forecasted peaks to schedule additional manpower in advance

INTERPRETATION & RECOMMENDATION

3. Market Visibility and Product Focus

Interpretation:

Sales are concentrated around a few best-selling items like Smoke Detectors, while many products and services are underperforming. There's also limited presence in sectors like hospitals and hotels, suggesting missed revenue potential.

Recommendations:

- Broaden marketing focus beyond top sellers to include overlooked services (Installation, Labor, etc.)
- Promote underrepresented product categories with focused campaigns
- Launch product-specific promotions to improve recognition and sales diversity
- Expand digital marketing (SEO, paid ads, email campaigns, social media) targeting decision-makers in untapped sectors

Expected Business Impact

- Increased customer retention and satisfaction through targeted engagement
- Improved inventory and workforce planning based on forecasted demand
- Enhanced brand reach and category-wise revenue through broader, strategic marketing