

# Price 

## Marketing course

## Objectives

1. Compare the alternative pricing strategies and explain when each strategy is most appropriate.
2. Describe how prices are quoted.
3. Identify the various pricing policy decisions that marketers must make.
4. Relate price to consumer perceptions of quality.
5. Contrast competitive bidding and negotiated prices.
6. Explain the importance of transfer pricing.
7. Compare the three alternative global pricing strategies.
8. Relate the concepts of cannibalization, bundle pricing, and bots to online pricing strategies.

## The scope of Price

- Price is money equivalent of
»Cost + profit
»Customer satisfaction
»value


## The Economist's View



## Pricing methods



## Cost-oriented Pricing

## Full Cost Pricing

- Direct Costs (per unit) £2
- Fixed Costs
£200,000
- Expected Sales 100,000
- Costs per Unit
- Direct Costs£2
- Fixed Costs ( $200 \mathrm{~K} / 100 \mathrm{~K}$ ) £2
- Full Costs £4
- Mark-up (10\%) £0.4
- Price (costs + mark-up) £4.4

Direct (Marginal) Cost
Pricicts are taken into account only venen they are directly attributable to the production of a particular product. Fixed costs or overheads are not included in the marginal cost.

- Marginal cost for the example given:
- Fixed Costs £200,000
- Expected Sales $£ 100,000$
- Marginal Cost £2
- Mark-up (10\%) £0.2
- Marginal Price £2.2




## Alternative Pricing Strategies

Skimming Pricing Strategies-known as market-plus pricing.

- Intentional setting of a relatively high price.
- More commonly used as a market entry price for distinctive goods or services with little or no initial competition.
- Often used by marketers of high-end goods and services.


## Competitor -oriented



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## Price and Product Launch

3 pricing strategies:

- Market Skimming
- Competitive pricing
- Market Penetration

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## Market Skimming



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## Skimming Strategy Benefits

1. First, it allows a manufacturer to quickly recover its research-and-development (R\&D) costs.
2. Second, it allows a firm to maximize revenue from a new product before competitors enter the field.
3. It is also a useful tool for segmenting a product's overall market on price.
4. Permits marketers to control demand in the introductory stages of a product's life cycle.
Chief disadvantage: It attracts competition.

## Price Reductions

## Increase Market Share



## Market Penetration


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## Penetration Pricing Strategy

1. Sets a low price as a major marketing weapon.
2. Retailers may use penetration pricing to lure shoppers to new store.
3. Works best for goods or services characterized by highly elastic demand.
4. May be appropriate in market situations in which introduction of a new product will likely attract strong competitors.

## Everyday Low Pricing

- Closely related to penetration pricing.
- A strategy devoted to continuous low prices
- Retailers like Wal-Mart compete by consistently offering consumers low prices on a broad range of items.


## Competitive Pricing


$t$ is said that Mercedes-Benz design chief Bruno Sacco told his staff to "forget everything you have sarned so far" when unveiling details of the A-class concept to his advanced Design Team. Certainly, le final result of their efforts was like no other Mercedes. The company's first-ever entry in the growing upermini sector is part-mini MPV, part-family hatchback and part-supermini. Yet, despite its diminuitive imensions, it offers interior room comparable with a C-class. Mercedes' first attempt at a front-drive ar displays considerable ingenuity. The whole length is one single passenger compartment with the רechanicals lying underneath below a unique 'sandwich' floor design. In a crash the engine is designed o slide underneath the floor, instead of into the cabin. Passengers are also out of range in many sidempact accidents because they're sitting higher than usual. That also makes the car easier to enter and
xit.

## A class

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## Competitive Pricing

- Reduce the emphasis on price competition by matching other firms' prices and concentrating their own marketing efforts on the product, distribution, and promotion elements of the marketing mix.
- A price reduction results in financial effects throughout an industry as other firms match the drop.
- Nearly two-thirds of all firms set prices using competitive pricing


## Price Quotations

- Depends on:

1. Competitive trends,
2. Cost structures,
3. Traditional practices,
4. Policies of individual firms.

- Most price structures are built around list prices-the rates normally quoted to potential buyers.


## Reductions

## Cash Discounts

- Reductions in price in exchange for prompt payment of bills.
- Usually specify exact time periods

Trade
Discounts

## Quantity <br> Discounts

- Payments to channel members for performing marketing functions
- The Robinson-Patman Act allows trade discounts as long as all buyers in the same category receive the same discount privileges.
- Price reductions granted for large-volume purchases.
- Justify these discounts on the grounds that large orders reduce selling expenses.
- May specify either cumulative or noncumulative terms:
- Cumulative quantity discounts reduce prices in amounts determined by purchases over stated time periods.
- Noncumulative quantity discounts provide one-time reductions in the list price
- Many businesses have come to expect quantity discounts from suppliers.
- Marketers typically favor combinations of cash, trade, and volume discounts.


## Reductions

## (Continued)

## Allowances

## Rebates

- Resemble discounts by specifying deductions from list price.
- Major categories of allowances are trade-ins and promotional allowances.
- A refund of a portion of the purchase price.
- Appear most prominently in automobile promotions


## Methods of Handling Transportation Expenses

1. The buyer pays all transportation charges.
2. The seller pay all transportation charges.
3. The buyer and the seller share the charges.

# Four Basic Types of Pricing Policies 

1. Psychological Pricing
2. Price Flexibility
3. Product-line Pricing
4. Promotional Pricing

## Psychological Pricing

- Belief that certain prices or price ranges make products more appealing.
- Odd Pricing, marketers set prices at odd numbers just under round numbers.
- Unit pricing states prices in terms of some recognized unit of measurement.
- 9.99 instead of 10
- 7 instead 8


## Price Flexibility

- Variable pricing is more likely to be applied in marketing programs based on individual bargaining.
- May conflict with provisions of the Robinson-Patman Act.
- May also lead to retaliatory pricing by competitors.
- May stir complaints among customers.


## Product-Line Pricing

- The practice of setting a limited number of prices for a selection of merchandise.
- Retailers practice extensive product-line pricing.
- A potential problems with product-line pricing is that once marketers decide on a limited number of prices to use as their price lines, they may have difficulty making price changes on individual items.


## Promotional Pricing

- A lower-than-normal price is used as a temporary ingredient in a firm's selling strategy.
- Retailers rely most heavily on promotional pricing.
- Loss Leaders:
$\square$ goods priced below cost.
$\square$ States with unfair-trade laws prohibit the practice.
- Leader Pricing:
— Prices slightly above cost.


## Promotional Pricing Pitfalls

- Some buyers are not attracted by promotional pricing.
- By maintaining an artificially low price for a period of time, marketers may lead customers to expect it as a customary feature of the product.


# Three Export Pricing Strategies 

1. Standard Worldwide Price
2. Dual Pricing
3. Market-Differentiated Pricing

## Influences on the Internet on Pricing

- Cannibalization secures additional sales through lower prices that take sales away from the marketer's other products.
- Bots, also known as robots or shopbots, act as comparison shopping agents.
- Bundle pricing is offering two or more complementary products and selling them for a single price.


## Consumer considerations

Customer psychology important:

- Need to pay
- Price expectations:
- market segment: some price range in mind
- fair/just price: perceptions of cost
- past prices: as remembered
- quality perceptions
- value for money:
- (price, quality, service, image)



## Strategic considerations



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## Homework

- Reading: Chapters 10\&11
- Two Company cases for a group presentation
-Sowthest Airlines: Waging War in Philly, p 302
-ExxonMobil: Achieving Big Profits During Hard Times, p 329


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