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Building Enterprise Value: A Manufacturing Case Study

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Today's Value Building Journey



Financial levers that
drive enterprise value
in manufacturing



Case study



Qualitative drivers of
enterprise value



Practical
next steps





Financial Levers that Drive Value in Manufacturing



POLLING QUESTION 1

What is the biggest constraint to increasing profitability in your business today?

- A. Capacity utilization
- B. Labor availability or productivity
- C. Pricing / customer mix
- D. Material costs
- E. Overhead / fixed cost structure



What is Enterprise Value?

- **Enterprise Value** is what your business is worth to a buyer.
- Base Price = Adjusted EBITDA x Multiple
- Cash-free, debt-free
- Assumes ordinary course Working Capital



Think of Enterprise Value Like an Iceberg

The financial results *are visible*. The operational capabilities beneath them *create the value*.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Above the water: **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Value-added revenue
- EBITDA
- Cash flow

VALUE DRIVERS

Below the water: **VALUE DRIVERS**

- Capacity utilization
- Leadership team
- Customer diversification
- Efficient operations
- Reliable financial information
- Repeatable processes
- Growth capacity

The deeper the foundation, the greater the value.



What Financial Drivers Build Enterprise Value in Manufacturing?

1.

Value-added
revenue



Create more value
with existing resources

2.

EBITDA



Convert value into
sustainable earnings

3.

Cash flow



Turn earnings into
usable cash

4.

Revenue quality
and predictability



Create confidence
in future earnings

More *cash flow* + more *confidence* = higher enterprise value

What is Value Added Revenue?



Why Value Added Revenue Matters

The fastest way to increase enterprise value is often utilizing more of the capacity you already own.



Increase capacity utilization



Improve throughput



Improve yield and quality



Improve product mix and pricing



Bring work in-house





What is EBITDA and Why does it Matter?



What Drives Cash Flow?





Let's Talk About Revenue Quality and Predictability





Case Study



POLLING QUESTION 2

How confident are you in understanding which products, customers, or jobs create the most value?

- A. Very confident
- B. Somewhat confident
- C. Not very confident
- D. We do not currently analyze this consistently



Case Study - *Turning Unused Capacity into Enterprise Value*

Sales	11,900	8,200	9,250	10,400
Cost of Goods Sold - Materials	(2,380)	(1,720)	(2,070)	(2,220)
Value Added Revenue	9,520 80%	6,480 79%	7,180 78%	8,180 79%
Costs of Goods Sold -Direct Labor	(3,185)	(2,950)	(3,065)	(3,150)
Costs of Goods Sold - Factory OH	(3,390)	(3,180)	(2,985)	(3,005)
Gross Profit	2,945 25%	350 4%	1,130 12%	2,025 19%
SG&A	(1,610)	(1,660)	(1,685)	(1,575)
Net Income (Loss)	1,335	(1,310)	(555)	450
Interest Expense	50	75	125	100
Depreciation	300	290	285	295
EBITDA	1,685	(945)	(145)	845
Change in Value Added Revenue (VAR)		(3,040)	700	1,000
Change in EBITDA		(2,630)	800	990
Correlation b/w Change in VAR and Change in EBITDA		87%	114%	99%



Case Study - *Turning Unused Capacity into Enterprise Value*

How does increase in profitability impact Enterprise Value?

Increase in Profitability	\$	990
Multiple of EBITDA*		4
Increase in Enterprise Value	\$	3,960



POLLING QUESTION 3

*Which qualitative value driver
needs the most attention in
your business?*

- A. Leadership / management depth
- B. Documented processes and systems
- C. Customer concentration or market positioning
- D. Talent, culture, and accountability
- E. Succession or ownership transition readiness





Qualitative Drivers of Enterprise Value



What Qualitative Drivers Build Enterprise Value?

The capabilities beneath the financial results (iceberg) determine whether performance is sustainable, scalable, and transferable.

- Leadership depth
- Systems and processes
- Customer and supplier diversification
- Reliable financial information
- Growth capacity

Enterprise value is determined not only by financial performance, but also by how sustainable and transferable that performance is.



What Makes Financial Performance Sustainable and Transferable?

Sustainable + scalable + transferable performance

1.

Leadership
depth



2.

Repeatable
systems



3.

Diversified
relationships



4.

Reliable financial
information



5.

Growth capacity



The **stronger** the foundation, the more **confidence** a buyer has
that cash flow will continue.





Practical next Steps for Building Enterprise Value



QUESTION

Which of the following best describes your current priority for the business?

- A. Improving profitability and cash flow in the next 12 months
- B. Understanding what drives value in the business
- C. Preparing for ownership transition, succession, or a future sale
- D. Building a stronger management team and operating platform
- E. General interest / staying informed



Practical Steps to Build Business Value



Improve capacity utilization before investing in additional people, equipment, or facilities.



Strengthen pricing discipline and regularly evaluate profitability by customer and product line.



Develop leadership beyond the owner to reduce key-person risk and improve scalability.



Document critical processes and knowledge to create a more repeatable and transferable business.



Reduce customer and supplier concentration risk through diversification.



Invest in people and culture to improve retention, engagement, and leadership development.

Practical Steps to Build Business Value



Build governance and accountability through clear KPIs, reporting, and decision-making processes.



Create a succession and transition plan long before it is needed.



Run the business like a buyer is looking at it today, focusing on profitability, scalability, and transferability

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