# THE CASE FOR PAGE-BASED COMPENSATION

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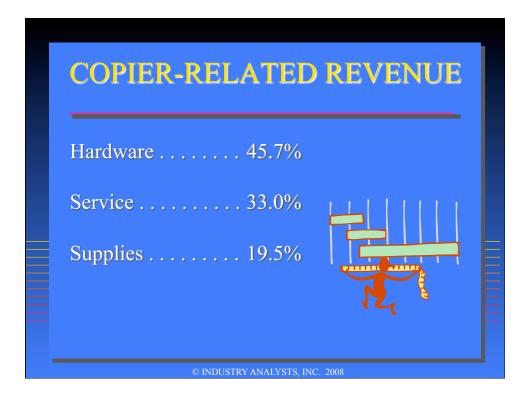


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# WEIGHTED MARGINS Hardware ... 29.4% Service ... 42.0% Supplies ... 37.4% Weighted ... 35.2%

# CURRENT BUSINESS MODEL

- $\blacksquare$  SAG = 32%
  - Sell hardware at or near cost
- ■29.4% GM
- Earn higher margins on residual (aftermarket)
  - Service = 42.0% GM
  - Supplies = 37.4% GM



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# AGENDA A Look at Your Business Model Analysis of the Business Model Compensation Strategies Benefits/Challenges

# THE MODEL IS BROKEN

- Sell hardware at or near cost to recoup aftermarket
  - Higher margins
- Pure copy volume is decreasing
  - Estimates at 5% 10% per year
- Print volume not increasing fast enough
  - HP share is up



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### **HP IMPACT**

- Controls >60%+ of the printer market
- Convince your customers to transfer 100 pages from copier to printer...
  - HP gains >60%
  - You split balance with traditional competitors
- HP's new entries will accelerate trend



# HP IN THE IMAGING MARKET Monochrome

### 4345mfp Series:

- Copy/print/scan/fax
- Color scan
- 45 PPM
- Auto duplex
- Embedded print server
- \$1,995 street price

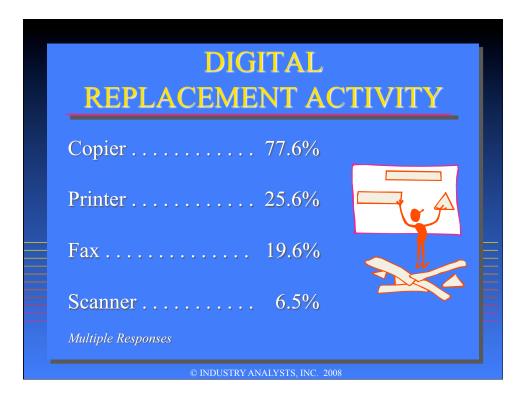


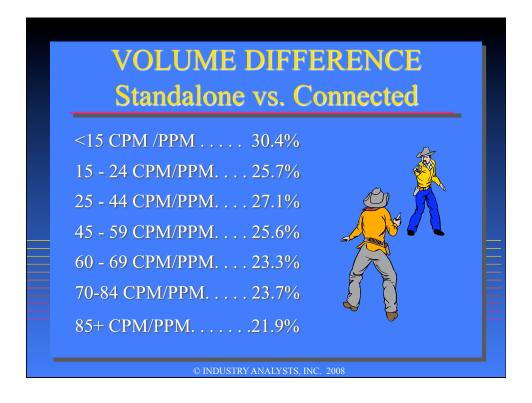
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# HP IN THE IMAGING MARKET Color

### Edgeline CM8060:

- 71 ppm (max) color/mono
- Color scan 600 dpi
- Fax 50,000 page memory
- Ink jet technology disruptive pricing
- Full page print head
- <\$20,000 street price





# **CONNECT RATES**

<15 CPM . . . . . . . . 58.9%

15 - 24 CPM . . . . . . 69.7%

25 - 44 CPM . . . . . . 78.5%

45 - 59 CPM . . . . . . 81.0%

60 - 69 CPM . . . . . . 86.5%

70 - 84 CPM . . . . . . 80.2%

85+ CPM . . . . . . . . 85.6%

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### **DIGITAL VOLUME**

Copy ..... 52.3%

Print . . . . . . . . . . . . 39.0%

Fax . . . . . . . . . . 8.8%

# **CURRENT PROFIT MODEL**

SAG . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32.0%

Weighted Margin . . . . 35.2%

Net Profit . . . . . . . . . 3.2%



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## 10% VOLUME REDUCTION

SAG . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32.0%

Weighted Margin . . . . 30.7%

Net Profit . . . . . . . . 2.5%



Decrease . . . . . . . . . . 21.8%

# ADD PRINT VOLUME @ 30.5%

SAG . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32.0%

Weighted Margin . . . . 36.8%

Net Profit . . . . . . . . 4.8%

Increase . . . . . . . . . . . 50.0%



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# AGENDA

- A Look at Your Business Model
- Analysis of the Business Model
- Compensation Strategies
- Benefits/Challenges





# THE PROBLEM Sales reps are paid to place "boxes" Page volume will continue to drop unless someone focuses on page strategies Sales reps not motivated in this direction Service contract and supply revenues too remote

# THE NEED Increase connectivity rate Can't print to a standalone device Download drivers Train users Set your device as default Remove workstation printers © INDUSTRY ANALYSTS, INC. 2008



# PAGE-BASED COMPENSATION

- Transition from hardware compensation
- Page volume drives income
- Compensate on volume *increase*
- Include all output devices
  - Copiers
  - Printers
  - Facsimile



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### **FRAMEWORK**

- Exclude base volume
- Pay on increment only
- Adjust quarterly
- Include all pages
  - Copier
  - Printer
  - Fax
  - Scan



# **FRAMEWORK**

- Transition from existing commission plan
  - Possible bonus for *new* installation
- Increase commission as increment increases



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### **BEHAVIOR CHANGE**

- Provides incentive for sales rep to identify applications to build volume
- Sales rep maintains account presence
- Sales rep provides training
  - Users won't print to system they don't understand



# **EXAMPLE**

- Exclude first 80% of page volume
  - Would have had that without trying
- Commission begins at 80%
- Commission increases at 100%
- Target 110%
  - Compensation equals original plan at quota

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# **SETTING TARGETS**

Revenue/Month \$32,311

■ GM @ 29.4% \$ 9,499

■ Comp/Month (40%) \$ 3,800

■ Comp/Year \$45,597

■ 110% of page volume should equal monthly compensation under current plan



# **ALTERNATIVE**

- Higher page-based commission for 90 days
  - Target 20%
  - Reduce/eliminate hardware commissions
- Promotes training and workflow integration
- Easier to administer
- No incentive to revisit account

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# **ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE**

- "Page specialist"
- .0015 .0020 per incremental page
- Compensate on pages only
- Career path leads to account rep jobs



# MANAGED PRINT SERVICES STRATEGY

- Provide service to existing printer base
- Service and supplies bundled into single cost per page
- Focus on HP
  - Majority of installed base
  - Achieve critical mass quickly

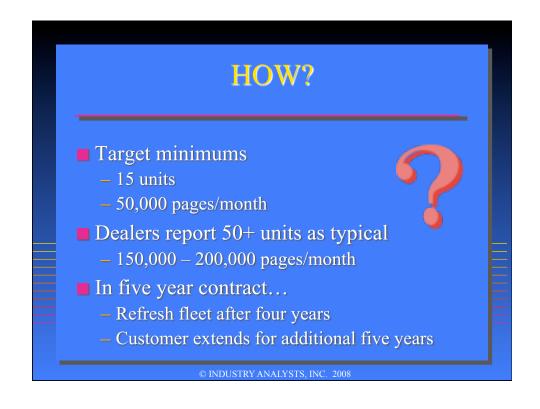


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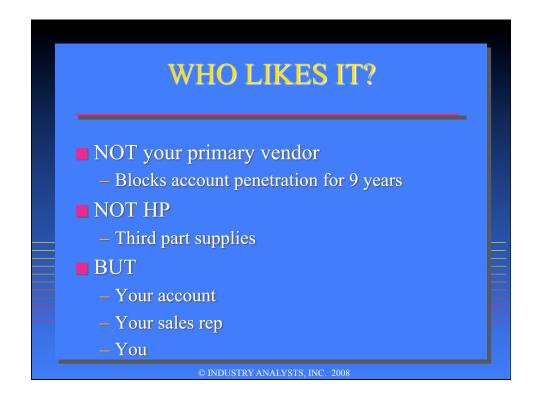
### WHY?

- May be the *only* growth area left
  - Color margins not materializing
  - Revenue per unit dropping
  - Margins declining
  - Sales reps must sell 4X to stay even
- Dealers report gross margins of 60% 70%
- Offers the *only* chance to begin page-based compensation without interrupting existing plan

# Contract length 3 - 5 years Service/supplies combined into single CPP Measure unit volumes - Third party thumb devices Price at 15% less than current costs Pay sales rep \$0.002 per page



# FIOW? If sales rep consolidates equipment using primary brand MFP: Pay "box" commission Deduct pages from comp Goal – replace HP with HP Minimal service Good third party supplies available



# PLAN PARAMETERS

### Any plan must be ...

- Tied to measurable performance
- Reward performance immediately
  - Quarterly or annual bonus less effective
- Direct behavior toward generation of *incremental* page volume
- Promote account liaison

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# BENEFITS Sales rep diverts print volume from workstation systems Constant account presence Sales rep becomes strategic partner Insulate yourself from competition Reduce turnover as "annuity" builds



# **CHALLENGES**

- Measuring existing volume in territory
- Buy-in from sales force

- Accounting
- Accurate payment of commissions
- Impact of territory changes
- Existing supply sales group
- Service profit center

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"If you don't like change you're going to like irrelevance even less."

General Eric Shinseki Chief of Staff US Army



