

# P<sup>3</sup> Profitable Product Performance

Concept for the Reverse Calculation at MD



#### Introduction

- The purpose of this paper is to **explain the tool of the Reverse Calculation** within the Target Costing methodology.
- The paper is one of 6 concept papers in the Target Costing compendium for MD.
- The paper is divided into 3 chapters:
  - The first chapter gives a methodological overview of the tool.
  - The second chapter provides a view on how to customize the Reverse Calculation to the specific situation of MD.
  - The third chapter shows the defined standard graphs.

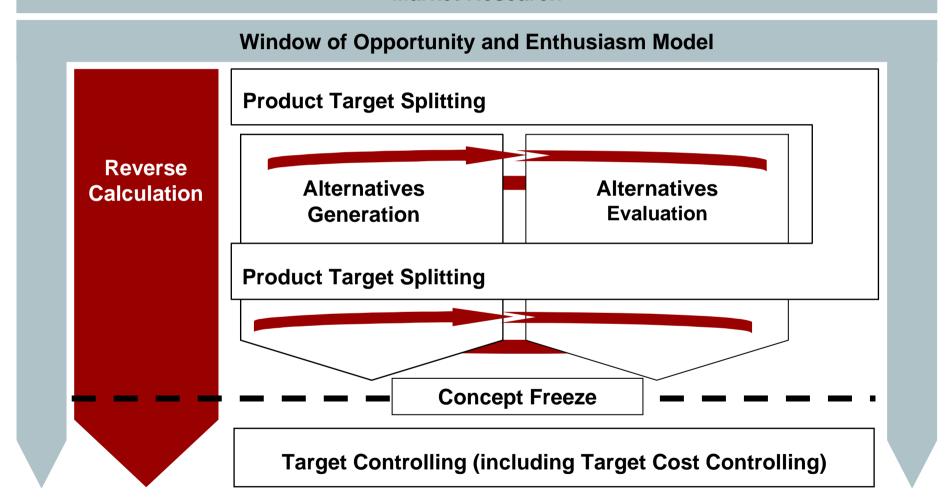
# Agenda

- Methodology and benefits of the Reverse Calculation
- The Reverse Calculation at Siemens MD
- Standard graphs at Siemens MD

# **The Target Costing concept**

The Reverse Calculation provides key financial data for all other Target Costing core tools

#### **Market Research**





#### **Definition Reverse Calculation**

The Reverse Calculation helps to define cost targets derived from the market

The Reverse Calculation is a tool to allow a **market-oriented product calculation**. Therefore it starts with the relevant market data and profit targets to **derive the Allowable Costs**. This overall cost target is then **split into costs categories** that are structured according to their influenceability.

# **Benefits of the Reverse Calculation**

- The Reverse Calculation supports the change from a cost-oriented price policy to a market-oriented cost management.
- Due to it's market orientation the Reverse Calculation offers an improved acceptance of management targets.
- The fixation of a necessary Target Profit secures the commitment to profitability.
- The Reverse Calculation shows a **transparent cost structure** for a product allowing the **identification of optimization potentials**.
- The Reverse Calculation allows to reveal possible cost gaps even at very early stages of the product development process and thus secures the necessary profit orientation.



#### **Reverse Calculation versus traditional calculation**

In comparison to the Cost Plus calculation which uses given product costs to calculate a sales price, the Reverse Calculation calculates allowable product costs based on a given price and volume

#### **Cost Plus calculation**

(period-oriented)

Material costs
Material overhead
Direct labor
Production overhead

#### PRODUCTION COSTS

Development overhead Administration overhead Sales overhead

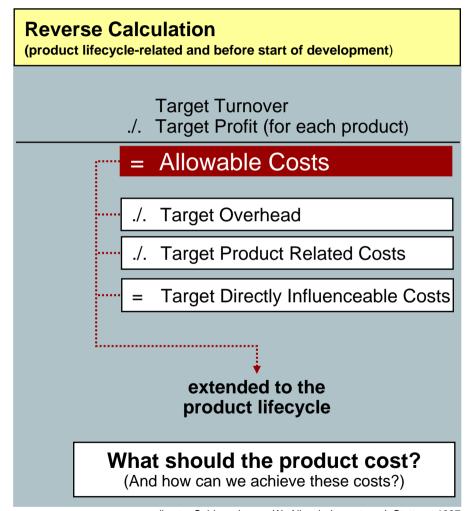
**TOTAL COSTS** 

Profit margin

SALES PRICE

#### How much will a product cost?

(And how can we transfer the cost to the customer?)



according to: Seidenschwarz, W.: Nie wieder zu teuer!, Stuttgart 1997



# The structure of Reverse Calculation

Reverse Calculation structures the Target Cost categories according to their influenceability and calculates a Target Cost Gap

	./.	Target Turnover Target Profit	
Target Cost categories	./.	Allowable Costs	
	./.	Target Overhead I	Comprises of costs allocated to the division from corporate functions.
	./.	Target Overhead II	Comprises of costs related to the division that accrue for processes not directly associated with the product.
	./.	Product Related Costs	Comprises of those costs that accrue by decisions of the product manager and his team. Cost transparency depends on cost allocation to processes.
	=	Directly Influenceable Costs	Made up of all costs that can be influenced by the product team if a Target Costing-friendly organizational structure exists.
∀		TARGET COST GAP	

Actual cost projections conditions.

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Product costs are calculated as if the concept was to be realized under actual

Reverse Calculation considers lifecycle information

# Possible actions to close the Target Cost Gap

To close the Target Cost Gap the product team can influence each category in various ways

- **Target Turnover Target Profit**
- **Allowable Costs**
- Overhead I
- Overhead II
- **Product Related Costs**
- **Directly Influenceable Costs**
- **TARGET COST GAP**
- **Actual cost projection**

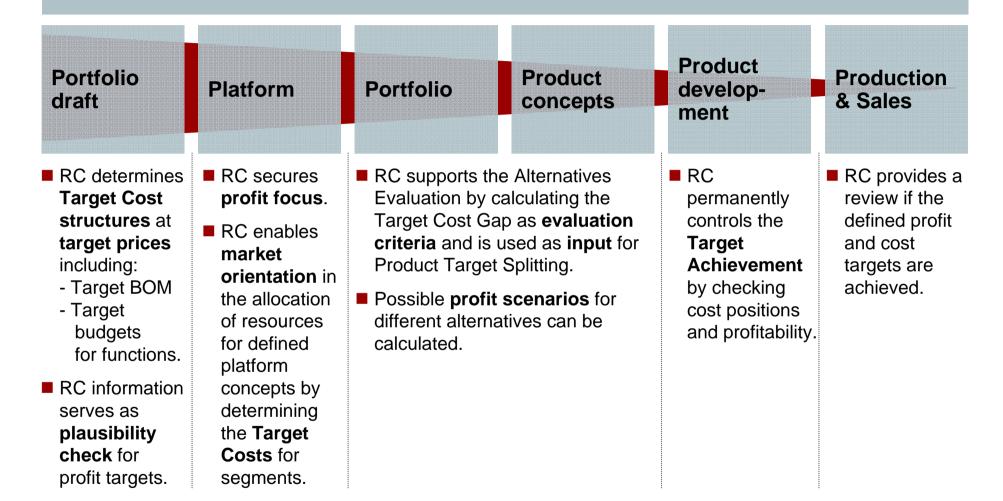
- Clear competitive and regional positioning of the product
- Meeting time to market requirements
- Active marketing
- Not influenceable by Target Costing
- Can only be influenced by the corporate functions
- Process management by the business unit headquarter
- Efficiency programs targeting administration process
  Subject for mid / long term overhead cost optimization
- Establishment of a process view of the organization including cost drivers
- Introduction of process management programs together with product management teams

- Changes in production processes and location
- Changes in the product/platform concept
- Changes in feature sets or technical specifications
- Reduction of material costs



# Benefits of the Reverse Calculation during the product development process

With the given information the product development process benefits in different ways



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#### **Actual MD Business Case**

#### The Reverse Calculation is based on the existing Business Case structure

#### **Business Case tool structure**

Units Units cumulated Turn Over Turn Over per unit Manufacturing Costs Manufacturing Costs per Unit Sales Margin Sales Margin % Sales Margin per Unit COGS COGS % COGS per Unit Gross Margin Gross Margin % Gross Margin per unit Overhead Overhead % Overhead per unit **EBIT** EBIT Cumulated EBIT% EBIT per unit

The MD calculation starts with market derived targets (price, volume and EBIT targets).

Costs are mainly directly budgeted
(around 90% of all costs)
For all remaining cost categories the turnover is used as an overhead rate base.

These preconditions are taken into account for the design of the MD Reverse Calculation to align both, Business Case Tool and MD Reverse Calculation.

In addition to the Business Case Tool the MD Reverse Calculation structures costs according to their ability to be influenced and calculates a Target Cost Gap.

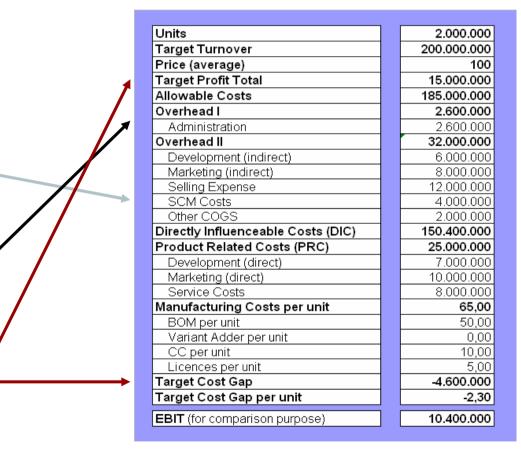
#### Transition of the Business Case to the Reverse Calculation

By rearranging the cost categories and considering a Target Profit, the Reverse Calculation provides a clear cost reduction target

#### **Business Case tool structure**

Units	2.000.00			
Units cumulated	2.000.00			
Turn Over	200.000.00			
Turn Over per unit	100,0			
Manufacturing Costs	130.000.00			
Manufacturing Costs per Unit	65,0			
Sales Margin	70.000.000			
Sales Margin %	35,00%			
Sales Margin per Unit	35,00			
COGS	14.000.00			
Other COGS	2.000.00			
SCM Costs	4.000.00			
Service Costs	8.000.00			
COGS %	7,00%			
COGS per Unit	7,0			
Gross Margin	56.000.00			
Gross Margin %	28,00%			
Gross Margin per unit	28,0			
Overhead	45.600.00			
Administration	2.600.00			
Development (direct)	7.000.00			
Development (indirect)	6.000.00			
Marketing (direct)	10.000.00			
Marketing (indirect)	8.000.00			
Selling Expenses	12.000.00			
Overhead %	22,80%			
Overhead per unit	22,8			
EBIT	10.400.00			
EBIT Cumulated	10.400.00			
EBIT%	5,20%			
EBIT per unit	5,2			

#### **MD Reverse Calculation**



# Possible actions to close the Target Cost Gap at MD

To close the Target Cost Gap the MD product team should focus on Product Related Costs and Manufacturing Costs

Target Turnover

/. Target Profit

 With an efficient time to market and lifecycle management the product teams can influence volume developments and the price erosion of a product with the help of Marketing and Sales.

- = Allowable Costs
- ./. Overhead I
- ./. Overhead II
- = Directly Influenceable Costs
- ./. Product Related Costs (PRC)
- J. Manufacturing Costs
  Bill of Material (BOM)
  Conversion Costs (CC)
  Licenses Costs
- **= TARGET COST GAPS**

- MP management can influence the OH II costs by infrastructural changes (e.g. reorganization of global sales structures)
- Direct R&D costs can be influenced by the technical product concept (e.g. reuse of components)
- Service costs can be influenced by the product specifications
   & warranty
- Marketing costs can be influenced by the advertising approach
- BOM can be influenced by component specifications (e.g. display brilliance guarantee)
- Conversion Costs can be influenced by the product construction concept (e.g. number of components)
- Licenses can be influenced by feature changes or own developments

# **Reverse Calculation for Target BOM I**

Additional to the calculation of the Target Cost Gap the Target BOM can be calculated

- In the early phases of the product development processes a BOM estimation is not available. Thus the Target Cost Gap can not be calculated.
- Therefore a Target BOM is calculated as a first estimate on material costs for the development process. The Target BOM reflects the maximum available amount for material costs.
- To calculate the Target BOM, prices, volumes, Overhead Costs and Product Related Costs are market derived or base on MD business planning.
- The Target BOM is also used in later phases of the product development process
  - In the later phases of the product development process the Target BOM is used as target value for cost reductions.
  - The Target BOM is used in all phases as an input for the Product Target Splitting to calculate target component costs.
- To reach the Target BOM, the product development team can influence the Product Related Costs and the actual BOM (prices and volumes are market derived and Overhead costs are already planned including targeted cost reductions).



# **Reverse Calculation for Target BOM II**

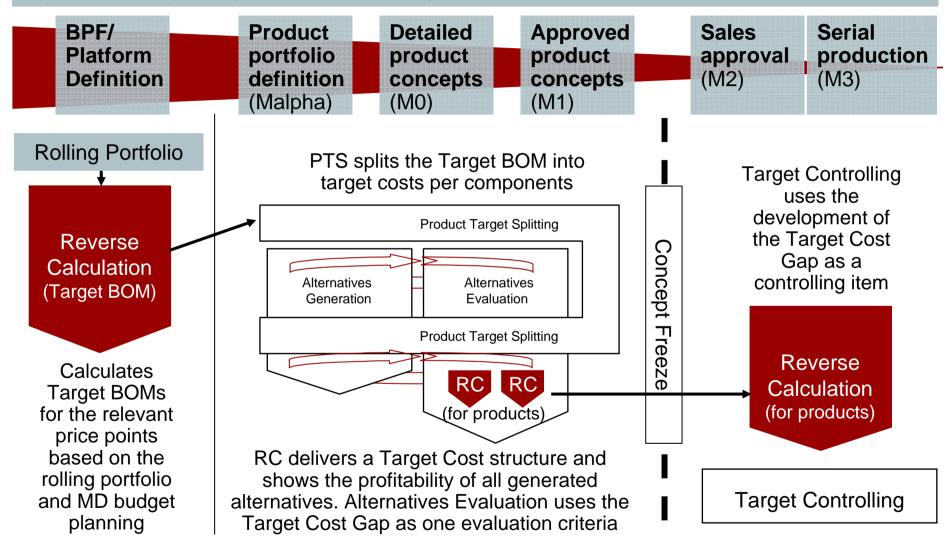
The Target BOM is calculated by setting the Target Cost Gap to zero

**Target BOM** Reverse Calculation Target Cost Gap Units 2.000.000 2.000.000 200.000.000 Target Turnover 200.000.000 Price (average) 100 Target Profit Total 15.000.000 15.000.000 185.000.000 Allowable Costs 185.000.000 Overhead I 2.600.000 2.600.000 2 600 000 Administration 2.600.000 Overhead II 32.000.000 32.000.000 6.000.000 6.000.000 Development (indirect) 8.000.000 Marketing (indirect) 8.000.000 Selling Expense 12.000.000 12.000.000 SCM Costs 4.000.000 4.000.000 2.000.000 Other COGS 2.000.000 Directly Influenceable Costs (DIC) 150,400,000 150.400.000 25.000.000 Product Related Costs (PRC) 25.000.000 7.000.000 Development (direct) 7.000.000 10.000.000 Marketing (direct) 10.000.000 8.000.000 Service Costs 8.000.000 Manufacturing Costs per unit 62.70 65.00 BOM per unit 50.00 = 48,08 0.00 variant Adder per unit 10.00 9.62 CC per unit 5.00 Licences per unit 5.00 Target Cost Gap 4.600.000 0,00 Target Cost Gap per unit -2,30 10.400.000 15.000.000 **EBIT** (for comparison purpose)

- The same calculation scheme and cost positions are used.
- The target value changes from the Target Cost Gap to the (Target) BOM.
- The Target Cost
  Gap is set to zero
  (the point where the product reaches exactly its Target Profit).

# The role of the Reverse Calculation during the product development process

With the Target BOM and the Target Cost Gap the Reverse Calculation supports all phases of the product development process in various ways





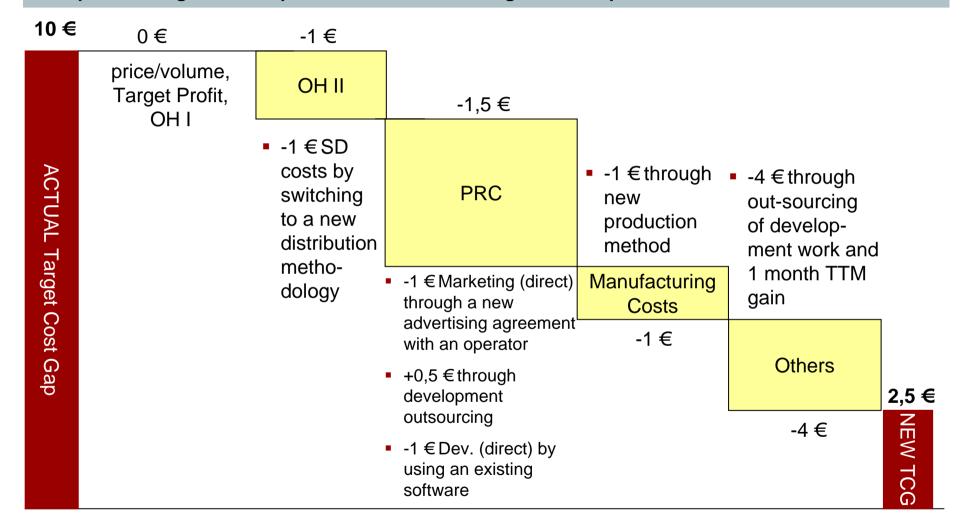
# **Management Templates of the Reverse Calculation I**

The first management template shows the deviations between the original targets out of the Target BOM calculation and the actual status of the Reverse Calculation

	Target BOM Reverse Calculation	M1 Reverse Calculation	M3 Reverse Calculation	Actual	Life-Cycle to Date	Deviation Analysis			
Life Cycle (months)	13			13		The actual Reverse Calculation can not yet meet the set			
Units	3.500.000			3.500.000					
Target Turnover ASP	603.000.000 172,29			603.000.000 <i>17</i> 2,29		targets.			
Target Profit Total	45.225.000			45.225.000		The deviation in the Target			
Allowable Costs	557.775.000			557.775.000		Cost Gap has to be closed by			
Overhead I Administration	7.839.000 7.839.000			7.839.000 7.839.000		the product team.			
Overhead II Development (indirect) Mark eting (indirect) Selling Expense SCM Costs Other COGS	83.376.500 7.700.000 24.662.700 28.160.100 16.642.800 6.210.900			83.376.500 7.700.000 24.662.700 28.160.100 16.642.800 6.210.900					
Directly Influenceable Costs	466.559.500			466.559.500					
Product Related Costs  Development (direct)  Mark eting (direct)  Service Costs	30.870.000 7.000.000 8.575.000 15.295.000			30.870.000 7.000.000 8.575.000 15.295.000					
Manufacturing Costs per unit thereof (Target) BOM	120,36 <i>99,4</i> 9			120,36 <i>95,56</i>					
Target Cost Gap per unit	0 0,00			14.437.900 <i>4</i> ,13					
EBIT	45.225.000			59.662.900					

# **Management Templates of the Reverse Calculation II**

The second management template shows the measure taken to close the deviations and the respective Target Cost Gap shown in the first management template



# **Management Templates of the Reverse Calculation II**

# The third template shows six standard simulations

Reverse Calculation	Base Case	TCG = 0	EBIT = 0	Hist. ASP	TTM delay	Volume	Volume	Volume	Volume
- Standard Simulations -	Finch Music	100 = 0		0 €	1 month	-10%	+10%	-30%	+30%
	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle	Lifecycle
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Units	2.285.000	2.285.000	2.285.000	2.285.000	1.985.000	2.056.500	2.513.500	1.599.500	2.970.500
Target Turnover	173.350.000	181.787.606	173.823.198	0	155.350.000	156.015.000	190.685.000	121.345.000	225.355.000
Price (average)	75,86	79,56	76,07	0,00	78,26	75,86	75,86	75,86	75,86
Target Profit Total 4,0%	6.934.000	7.271.504	6.952.928	0	6.214.000	6.240.600	7.627.400	4.853.800	9.014.200
Allowable Costs	166.416.000	174.516.102	166.870.270	0	149.136.000	149.774.400	183.057.600	116.491.200	216.340.800
Overhead I	2.080.200	2.181.451	2.085.878	0	1.864.200	1.872.180	2.288.220	1.456.140	2.704.260
Administration	2.080.200	2.181.451	2.085.878	0	1.864.200	1.872.180	2.288.220	1.456.140	2.704.260
Overhead II	20.051.250	20.684.070	20.086.740	7.050.000	18.701.250	18.751.125	21.351.375	16.150.875	23.951.625
Development (indirect)	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000	7.050.000
Marketing (Pull + SF)	2.080.200	2.181.451	2.085.878	0	1.864.200	1.872.180	2.288.220	1.456.140	2.704.260 6.760.650
Selling Expense SCM Costs	5.200.500 3.467.000	5.453.628 3.635.752	5.214.696 3.476.464	0	4.660.500 3.107.000	4.680.450 3.120.300	5.720.550 3.813.700	3.640.350 2.426.900	4.507.100
Other COGS	2.253.550	2.363.239	2.259.702	0	2.019.550	2.028.195	2.478.905	1.577.485	2.929.615
Directly Influenceable Costs (DIC)	144.284.550	151.650.580	144.697.652	-7.050.000	128.570.550	129.151.095	159.418.005	98.884.185	189.684.915
Product Related Costs (PRC)	20.082.600	20.082.600	20.082.600	20.082.600	18.430.618	18.824.340	21.340.860	16.307.820	23.857.380
Development (direct)	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000	7.500.000
Marketing (Push + HQ) Service Costs	6.342.000	6.342.000	6.342.000	6.342.000	5.509.352	5.707.800	6.976.200	4.439.400	8.244.600
	6.240.600	6.240.600	6.240.600	6.240.600	5.421.265	5.616.540	6.864.660	4.368.420	8.112.780
Manufacturing Costs	131.567.980	131.567.980	131.567.980	131.567.980	114.294.285	118.411.182	144.724.778	92.097.586	171.038.374
Manufacturing Costs per unit	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58	57,58
BOM per unit	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79	52,79
Variant Adder per unit	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63	0,63
CC per unit	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16	4,16
Licences per unit	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Target Cost Gap	-7.366.030	0	-6.952.928	-158.700.580	-4.154.352	-8.084.427	-6.647.633	-9.521.221	-5.210.839
Target Cost Gap per unit	-3,22	0,00	-3,04	-69,45	-2,09	-3,93	-2,64	-5,95	-1,75
EBIT (for comparison purpose)	-432.030	7.271.504	0	-158.700.580	2.059.648	-1.843.827	979.767	-4.667.421	3.803.361
EBIT in % of T/O	-0,25%	4,00%	0,00%	0,00%	1,33%	-1,18%	0,51%	-3,85%	1,69%



# **Standard graphs for the Reverse Calculation**

The second management template shows the measure taken to close the deviations and the respective Target Cost Gap shown in the first management template

