## It Is Okay to Increase Your Prices

If Your Present Margin Is.....
$\mathbf{2 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{2 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{3 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{3 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{4 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{4 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{5 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{5 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{6 0 \%}$

## And you increase Your Price by:

Your sales would have to DECLINE by the amount shown before your Profit is reduced...

| $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $23 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $33 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $38 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $41 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $44 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $47 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $50 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $56 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $60 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $33 \%$ |

When you adopt a premium pricing strategy this table shows the amount by which your sales would have to decline following a price increase before your gross profit is reduced below it's current level. For example, at the same $25 \%$ margin, a $10 \%$ increase in your price could sustain a $29 \%$ reduction in sales volume.

# Discounting Your Prices If Your Present Margin Is..... 

$\mathbf{2 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{2 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{3 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{3 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{4 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{4 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{5 0 \%} \quad \mathbf{5 5 \%} \quad \mathbf{6 0 \%}$

## And you discount Your Price by:

Your sales must INCREASE by the amount shown below to keep the same margin...

| $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $25 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $43 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $67 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $100 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $150 \%$ | $92 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $233 \%$ | $127 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $400 \%$ | $178 \%$ | $114 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $900 \%$ | $257 \%$ | $150 \%$ | $106 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | - | $400 \%$ | $200 \%$ | $133 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | - | - | $500 \%$ | $250 \%$ | $167 \%$ | $125 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | - | - | - | $600 \%$ | $300 \%$ | $200 \%$ | $150 \%$ | $120 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

The table above indicates the increase in your sales that are required to compensate for a price discounting strategy. For example, if your margin is $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ and you reduce your price by $10 \%$, you would need your sales volume to increase by $\mathbf{3 3 \%}$ to maintain your profit. Rarely has such a strategy worked in the past and it's unlikely it will work in the future...!!

