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# Strategic Problem

- Management Issues
- Decreasing Profit Margins
- Slashing staff strengthens Key Competitor
- Diseconomies of scale
- More effective substitutes

## **The Five Forces Analysis**

Force	Threat to Profits
	High — internal distraction; little customer loyalty;
Internal rivalry	mature market; large, infrequent purchase decisions
Entry	LOW — high cost of entry, specialized industry; tight seller concentration, internal know-how
Substitutes / Complements	LOW — few alternatives; competitor price cutting, price-value considerations
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Buyer Power	LOW — two companies control 92% of the market
Supplier Power	LOW — many supply alternatives; low threat of forward integration

## Financial Results

### **DuPont Analysis**

#### **ROE** drivers (Profitability, Activity and Financial Leverage)

		1983 - New Management	1985 - New Baseline	1986 - Diversification	1990 - The beginning of the End	Analysis
Profit Margin on Sales	Net Income / Net Sales	-15.71%	4.37%	0.18%	4.11%	Measure of profit per dollar of sales
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Asset Turn	Net Sales / Average Total Assets	53.01%	57.86%	75.20%	112.72%	Use of assets to generage sales
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Return on Assets	Net Income / Average Total Assets	-8.33%	2.53%	0.13%	4.64%	Assets are effectively being utilized.
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Equity Multiplier	Average total assets/ Average total equity	3.78	2.80	4.56	2.71	Measure of assets financed with debt; indicates ability to pay down debt, presumably through a strong gross profit.
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Return on shareholders' equity	Net Income / Average shareholders' equity	-31.48%	7.09%	0.61%	12.55%	Diversification has resulted in positive outcome for shareholders.

### **Strategic Alternatives**

- Boundaries of the Firm
  - Horizontal boundaries:
    - Reduce Product Market
    - Workforce Management
  - Vertical boundaries:
    - Consider outsourcing
    - Buy vs. make
- Market and Competitive Analysis
  - Product innovation re-design the sling
- Position and Dynamics
  - Production innovation lower cost & quicker delivery times
  - Broader marketing strategy
- Internal Organization
  - Decentralize the organization
  - Non-compete agreements