

# **HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES: ANNUAL REPORT (COVERING 1985) ON SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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## Highlights

The following are highlights of the economic data collected on the heavyweight motorcycle industry for calendar year 1985, compared with data collected for calendar year 1984. Since virtually all data obtained by the Commission regarding the domestic heavyweight motorcycle industry are business confidential (even in the aggregate), little information concerning the domestic industry is available in the public report.

- o U.S. producers' and dealers' inventories of heavyweight motorcycles increased as of December 31, 1985, compared with December 31, 1984.
- o Unfilled orders as of December 31, 1985, increased somewhat when compared with December 31, 1984.
- o U.S. production capacity decreased slightly during the comparative periods, however, capacity utilization increased.
- o Inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles held by U.S. importers decreased from 59,063 units as of December 31, 1984 to 23,082 units as of December 31, 1985, or by 61 percent (table 1).
- o Inventories held by dealers of imported heavyweight motorcycles declined from 66,769 units as of December 31, 1984 to 58,154 units as of December 31, 1985, or by 13 percent (table 2).
- o The average net selling price of imported heavyweight motorcycles increased from \$3,742 during October-December 1984 to \$3,939 during October-December 1985 (table 3).



Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, December 31, 1984, and December 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	December 31, 1984	December 31, 1985
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	29,401	6,115
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	15,519	5,630
Over 970cc	14,143	11,337
Total	59,063	23,082

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, December 31, 1984, and December 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	December 31, 1984	December 31, 1985
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	32,153	31,045
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	7,221	6,146
Over 970cc	27,395	20,963
Total	66,769	58,154

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' average net selling prices, by engine sizes, October–December 1984, and October–December 1985

Item	October– December 1984	October– December 1985
Over 700cc but not over 790cc	-	3,573
Over 790cc but not over 970cc	-	3,874
Over 970cc	\$3,742	4,669
Average	3,742	3,939

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

