

**HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES:
QUARTERLY REPORT
(COVERING FOURTH QUARTER
OF 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 the fourth quarter of 1985, compared with data collected for the fourth quarter of 1984. Since most 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. production of heavyweight motorcycles increased to 29,271 units during October–December 1985 from 21,020 units during October–December 1984, or by 39 percent (table 1). U.S. shipments of heavyweight motorcycles increased from 18,661 units valued at \$85 million during October–December 1984 to 21,948 units valued at \$98 million during October–December 1985. Retail sales, dealers' inventories, and export value increased during October–December 1985, compared with the corresponding period of 1984.
- o The average net selling price for U.S.–produced heavyweight motorcycles decreased from \$3,856 during October–December 1984, to \$3,774 during October–December 1985.
- o Total employment decreased slightly from 3,213 workers as of December 1984 to 3,021 workers as of December 1985, and total hours worked by production and related workers increased in December 1985 compared with the same period in 1984.
- o Import shipments fell from 8,929 units in October–December 1984, to 3,983 units in October–December 1985, or by 56 percent (table 2).
- o Retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 6,790 units in October–December 1984, to 4,814 units in October–December 1985, or by 29 percent (table 3).
- o Combined importers' and dealers' inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 125,832 units as of December 31, 1984, to 81,236 units as of December 31, 1985, or by 35 percent (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production
October–December 1984, and October–December 1985

(In units)	
Period	Quantity
October–December 1984	21,020
October–December 1985	29,271

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

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
October–December 1984, and October–December 1985

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)		
Period	Quantity	Value
October–December 1984	8,929	28,653
October–December 1985	3,983	13,431

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

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' retail sales, by
engine sizes, October–December 1984, and October–December 1985

(In units)		
Item	Oct.– Dec. 1984	Oct.– Dec. 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	2,483	1,585
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	956	723
Over 970 cc	3,351	2,506
Total	6,790	4,814

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

Table 4.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, Dec. 31, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	Dec. 31, 1984	Dec. 31, 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	29,401	6,115
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	15,519	5,630
Over 970 cc	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 5.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, Dec. 31, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985

(In units)

Item	Dec. 31, 1984	Dec. 31, 1985
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc	32,153	31,045
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc	7,221	6,146
Over 970 cc	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.

