The Cup Theory The Concept of Contribution Margin

## Sales Dollars



To Calculate Break-even:

1. Separate into fixed (F) and variable (V)
2. $\mathrm{VC} \%=\frac{\text { Variable Costs }}{\text { Sales }} \times 100=$ \%

Contribution Margin \% $=100 \%-\mathrm{VC} \%=$
3. $\mathrm{FC} \$$ : Total all $\mathrm{FC}=\mathrm{FC} \$$
4. $\quad$ Break-even $=\frac{\mathrm{FC}}{100 \%-\mathrm{VC} \%}=\frac{\mathrm{FC}}{\mathrm{CM} \%}=\$$
5. If FC $\uparrow$ or $\mathrm{FC} \downarrow$ by $\$ 1$ :

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\frac{1}{100 \%-\mathrm{VC} \%}=\$ \text { must go } \uparrow \text { or } \downarrow \text { by }
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