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## 2005 ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE REPORT

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Provide data on a calendar year basis for 2005 and 2004, if applicable. If data are not available in this format, indicate in the appropriate items the period covered.
- Always provide book figures. If they are not available, carefully prepared estimates, labeled "Est," are acceptable.
- Any significant change in your firm's operations should be noted in the "REMARKS" section of this report.

**Include**

- All domestic/U.S. retail establishments operated by your company and its subsidiaries, except for subsidiaries which report on separate Annual Retail Trade reports.
- Data for auxiliary facilities of your firm primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services to your retail establishment(s) (such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices, and repair services)
- Retail leased departments and concessions operated by this firm in establishments of others (e.g., shoe departments in department stores or prescription counters in food stores)
- Data for establishment(s) sold or acquired during 2005 and 2004 for the period they were operated by your firm

**Exclude**

- Data for retail establishments operated by other firms, such as franchises
- Departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail store(s)

▶ **NOTE: A store front is not required for your firm to be classified as retail. For more information on classification, visit [www.census.gov/epcd/www/drnaics.htm](http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/drnaics.htm)**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Item 1A - OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL**

**1.** Does another firm own more than 50 percent of the working stock or have the power to control management and policies of this firm?

- 050 1  YES →  
2  NO

051 Name of owning or controlling company										
Address - Number and street					052 EI Number (9 digits)					
City, State, and ZIP Code						-				

**2.** Did your firm experience any organizational change during 2005 or 2004?

- 025 1  YES -

- 026 1  Sold to  
027 1  Merged with  
028 1  Acquired

- 2  NO - **Go to Item 1B**

029 Name of company sold to/merged with/acquired									
Number and street									
City, State, and ZIP Code									
Date of sale/merger or acquisition →			030	Month	Year	031 EIN →			
							-		

**CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE** →

Item 1B – NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS	Number as of December 31, 2005	Number as of December 31, 2004
How many retail establishments, including departments and concessions, were covered by this report as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004?	110	160

► **NOTE:** Do not include cents. Always round to the nearest dollar.

Item 2A – TOTAL SALES FOR 2005 AND 2004	2005 Dollars	2004 Dollars
1. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts for 2005 and 2004? INCLUDE e-commerce sales and excise taxes on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco. EXCLUDE all sales taxes. See below for detailed directions. →	100 \$	150 \$
2. Did your firm collect any sales taxes during 2005 and 2004? 120 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES – What were the total sales taxes collected? EXCLUDE excise taxes reported in Item 2A1. → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – <b>Go to Item 2B</b>	102 \$	152 \$
3. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts including sales taxes for 2005 and 2004? (Sum of Items 2A1 and 2A2) →	103 \$	153 \$

**INCLUDE**

- Credit and cash sales of merchandise
- E-commerce sales
- Excise taxes
- Wholesale sales made by retail establishments covered by this report
- Receipts from layaway purchases
- Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Receipts from deliveries
- Receipts from installations, maintenance contracts, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Value of trade-ins taken as part payment for other merchandise
- Value of manufacturers' rebates
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by your firm in establishment(s) of other firms

**AUTOMOTIVE – Additional**

- Charges for dealer preparation, warranty charges, and delivery cost
- Combined sales for a new and used car location, and service and parts facilities
- Fleet sales

**EXCLUDE**

- Carrying or other credit charges
- Commissions (such as vending machine operators, government lottery tickets, or other stores)
- Non-operating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by other firms in your firm's retail establishment(s)
- Refunds and allowances for returned goods
- Value of rebates and discounts offered by your firm that are granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

**AUTOMOTIVE – Additional**

- Receipts from customers for tag and title fees, licenses, etc. forwarded to State or local licensing agencies

Item 2B – E-COMMERCE SALES FOR 2005 AND 2004	2005 Dollars	2004 Dollars
E-commerce sales and other operating receipts are sales of goods and services where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.		
<b>AUTOMOTIVE – Additional</b>		
• Include in e-commerce the sales of cars where a binding sales price is established online through the dealer's or a third party's web site		
Did your firm have any e-commerce sales during 2005 and 2004? 130 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES – What were the total e-commerce sales? EXCLUDE excise taxes reported in Item 2A1. → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – <b>Go to Item 2C</b>	113 \$	163 \$

Item 2C – SALES REPORT PERIOD FOR 2005 AND 2004	2005			2004		
Do the reported data in items 2A and 2B represent the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) for 2005 and 2004?	Month 104	Day	Year	Month 154	Day	Year
121 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES – <b>Go to Item 3</b>	Beginning . . . . .					
2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO – <b>What were your beginning and ending dates for 2005 and 2004?</b> →	Ending . . . . .					
	105			155		

**Item 3 – MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES AS OF DECEMBER 31**

Report the total value of all inventories for the retail establishment(s) reported in Item 1B on December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. If any part of inventory is valued using the LIFO method, report the amount before adjustment. If data are not available for December 31, specify the date that the data represent in item 3f.

► **NOTE: Report merchandise inventories covered by this report, regardless of where held, owned as of December 31:**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	Dollars	Dollars
a. Merchandise inventories in retail stores. (Include leased departments and concessions operated by your firm in other establishments) . . . . .	201 \$	251 \$
b. Merchandise inventories in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail stores . . . . .	202 \$	252 \$
c. Total of inventories before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment (if any) (Add Items 3a and 3b) . . . . .	200 \$	250 \$
d. LIFO reserve included in lines a–c (if any) . . . . .	301 \$	351 \$
e. TOTAL inventories after LIFO adjustment (line c minus line d) . . . . .	307 \$	357 \$

f. Are the reported data in Items 3a through 3e as of December 31?

220 1  YES – Go to Item 4

2  NO – **When was inventory taken?** →

<b>2005</b>			<b>2004</b>		
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
203			253		

**Item 4 – INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD AND LOCATION**

a. Report how much of the inventory in Item 3c was subject to each valuation method:

► **NOTE: Total should equal amount reported in Item 3c.**

(1) LIFO valuation method before adjustment . . . . .

(2) Any other valuation method . . . . .

(3) Total (Add Items 4a1 and 4a2) . . . . .

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	Dollars	Dollars
302		352
\$		\$
303		353
\$		\$
306		356
\$		\$

b. Were any of the inventories from Item 3c stored or en route outside the U.S. (50 states and the District of Columbia), or stored in U.S. Customs In-Bond Warehouses or Foreign Trade Zones?

221 1  YES – Report the amount (in dollars) →

2  NO – Go to Item 5

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	Dollars	Dollars
204		254
\$		\$

**Item 5 - TOTAL PURCHASES FOR 2005 AND 2004**

a. What is the total cost of all merchandise bought for resale to customers at your retail establishment(s) (net of returns, allowances, and trade and cash discounts) for the period reported in Item 2C, for which you took title during 2005 and 2004 whether or not payment was made during the year? See below for detailed directions. →

2005		2004	
Dollars		Dollars	
400		450	
\$		\$	

► **NOTE: If purchases are greater than sales, explain in "REMARKS."**

**INCLUDE**

- Cash and credit purchases by your firm
- Merchandise owned, but in transit to your firm
- Purchases made by both your warehouse(s) and establishment(s)
- Freight, delivery, and other transportation costs
- Import duties (if paid separately)
- Costs of services resold without any processing
- Parts and supplies used in repair work or other services

**AUTOMOTIVE – Additional**

- Value of automotive and other trade-ins exclusive of rebates and rebates and discounts granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

**EXCLUDE**

- Expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for your company's own use.
- Sales and other taxes collected directly from customers and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal Tax Agency
- Purchases made by other firms operating departments and concessions in your establishment(s)
- Purchases of merchandise held outside the U.S.
- Purchases of containers, wrappings, packaging and selling supplies for your company's own use

b. Did you purchase any goods reported above over an Internet, extranet, EDI, or other online system?

405 1  YES      2  NO      3  DON'T KNOW

**Item 6A - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES**

Does this company extend credit to customers at any of its retail establishments or departments and concessions covered by this report?

► **NOTE:** Do not include credit that is provided by others, such as banks, finance corporations, oil or other credit card issuing companies. **Exclude credit extended to commercial customers.**

520 1  YES – Refer to definitions of accounts receivable below – Go to Item 6B      2  NO – **SKIP to Item 9**

**DEFINITIONS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

**Open or revolving accounts** – Retail credit that is extended on a credit-line basis. A single contract governs multiple use of the account and purchases may or may not be made with a credit card. Generally, credit extensions can be made at the customer's discretion, provided that the outstanding balance does not exceed a prearranged credit limit. The amount of repayment is also made at the discretion of the customer, subject to a prearranged minimum usually with the option of paying the balance in full.

**Closed or non-revolving accounts** – Retail credit accounts for which full payment is scheduled to be made at the end of the customary billing period or installment contracts that specify a fixed schedule of payments and the amount and due date for the payment.

**Item 6B - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES FOR 2005 AND 2004**

Mark (X) to indicate if types of credit are extended and report balances as of December 31 for account types your company extends. **Exclude credit extended to commercial customers.**

**1. Types of accounts**

(a) Open (revolving) accounts      521 1  YES 2  NO

(b) Closed (non-revolving) accounts      522 1  YES 2  NO

**2. Total Accounts Receivable – Sum of lines 1(a) and 1(b)** →

Balances outstanding as of			
December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
Dollars		Dollars	
511		561	
\$		\$	
512		562	
\$		\$	
510		560	
\$		\$	

► **NOTE: Items 7 and 8 do not apply to this form.**

**REMARKS – Use this space for clarification of responses**

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**Item 9 – CERTIFICATION** – This report is substantially accurate and has been prepared to the best of my ability in accordance with instructions.

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