



## Importance of inventory management

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- 1. Decoupling function
  - Buffer between manufacturing processes.
- 2. Storing resources
  - When demand varies over time (agriculture).
- 3. Irregular supply or demand
  - Seasonal demand.
- 4. Quantity discounts
  - Cost of products vs carrying costs.
- 5. Avoiding stockouts and shortages
  - Shortage costs.

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## EOQ model

- EOQ = economic order quantity
- Wilson model
- Assumptions:
  - Demand known and constant.
  - Lead time known and constant.
  - Receipt of inventory is instantaneous.
  - No quantity discounts.
  - Only ordering cost and carrying cost.
  - Stockouts can be avoided completely.

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## Example: Brass Dpt Store

- Purchase of toy race cars.
- Quantity discount schedule:

Discount number	Discount quantity	Discount	Discount cost
1	0 to 999	0%	\$5.00
2	1,000 to 1,999	4%	\$4.80
3	More than 2,000	5%	\$4.75

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- Ordering cost = \$49 per order.
- Annual demand = 5000 race cars.
- Carrying charge = 20% of cost.

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