

**HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES:
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(COVERING FIRST QUARTER
OF 1987) 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 first quarter of 1987, compared with data collected for the first quarter of 1986. 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 decreased by 6.2 percent, to 22,153 units during January-March 1987, from 23,627 units during January-March 1986 (table 1). U.S. producers' shipments of heavyweight motorcycles increased by 5.4 percent, from 20,902 units during January-March 1986, to 22,029 units during January-March 1987. Producers' and dealers' inventories decreased during January-March 1987 compared with the corresponding period of 1986, while producers' retail sales and exports increased.
- o The average unit net selling price for U.S.-produced heavyweight motorcycles decreased from \$4,661 during January-March 1986, to \$4,650 during January-March 1987.
- o Total employment decreased by 2.5 percent, from 2,965 workers as of March 1986 to 2,929 workers as of March 1987, and total hours worked by production and related workers decreased from 382,000 hours as of March 1986 to 319,000 hours as of March 1987.
- o U.S. imports of heavyweight motorcycles decreased by 41.1 percent, to 10,669 units in the first quarter of 1987 compared with 18,112 units in the first quarter of 1986.
- o U.S. shipments of imported heavyweight motorcycles declined by 31.9 percent, from 20,689 units in January-March 1986 to 14,099 units in January-March 1987 (table 2).
- o U.S. importers' retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased by 54.0 percent, from 14,662 units in January-March 1986 to 6,739 units in January-March 1987 (table 3).
- o Combined importers' and dealers' inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased by 44.7 percent, from 87,795 units as of March 31, 1986, to 48,567 units as of March 31, 1987 (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production,
January–March 1986, and January–March 1987

(In units)

Period	Quantity
January–March 1986.....	23,627
January–March 1987.....	22,153

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

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
January–March 1986, and January–March 1987

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)

Period	Quantity	Value
January–March 1986.....	20,689	84,272
January–March 1987.....	14,099	67,584

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, January–March 1986, and January–March 1987

(In units)

Item	January– March 1986	January– March 1987
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	7,542	2,261
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	1,376	708
Over 970 cc.....	5,744	3,770
Total.....	14,662	6,739

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, March 31, 1986, and March 31, 1987

(In units)

Item	March 31, 1986	March 31, 1987
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	4,802	2,496
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	4,329	293
Over 970 cc.....	8,946	9,336
Total.....	18,077	12,125

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, March 31, 1986, and March 31, 1987

(In units)

Item	March 31, 1986	March 31, 1987
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	38,288	11,125
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	5,116	2,857
Over 970 cc.....	26,314	22,460
Total.....	69,718	36,442

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

