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\$ millions except EPS	Τ	Third Quarter			Year-to-Date			
	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change		
Sales	\$227.3	\$190.0	20 %	\$679.7	\$546.8	24 %		
Gross Profit	126.3	104.6	21 %	383.2	295.8	30 %		
% of Sales	55.6 %	55.0 %	0.6 pts	56.4 %	54.1 %	2.3 pts		
Operating Earnings % of Sales	56.8 25.0 %	43.4 22.9 %	31 % 2.1 pts	172.1 25.3 %	115.3 21.1 %	49 % 4.2 pts		
Net Earnings	\$ 36.6	\$ 30.4	20 %	\$111.9	\$ 75.8	48 %		
% of Sales	16.1 %	16.0 %	0.1 pts	16.5 %	13.9 %	2.6 pts		
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.50	20 %	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.25	46 %		

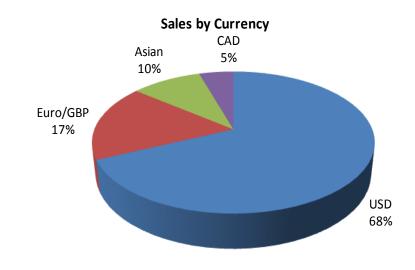
Operating expenses for the quarter included \$3 million related to the pending acquisition of ITW's finishing businesses, year-to-date \$6 million



Consolidated Financial Results - Effect of Currency

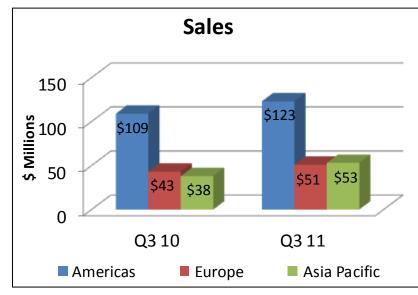
	Third Quarter							
	Segment				Region			
	Industrial	Contractor	Lubrication	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	C <u>onsolidate</u> d	
Volume and Price	22%	8%	21%	12%	10%	34%	16%	
Currency	3%	3%	2%	1%	8%	7%	4%	
Total	25%	11%	23%	13%	18%	41%	20%	

	Year-to-Date								
	Segment				Region				
	Industrial	Contractor	Lubrication	Americas	Europe	Asia Pacific	C <u>onsolidate</u> d		
Volume and Price	24%	15%	32%	18%	19%	31%	21%		
Currency	3%	2%	2%	1%	7%	6%	3%		
Total	27%	17%	34%	19%	26%	37%	24%		

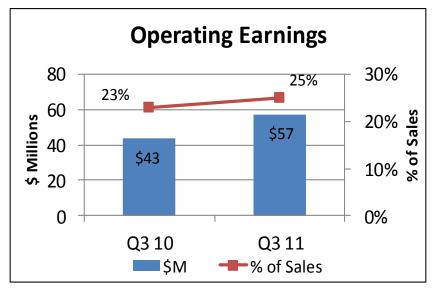


Asian currencies include: AUD, CNY/RMB, KRW, JPY



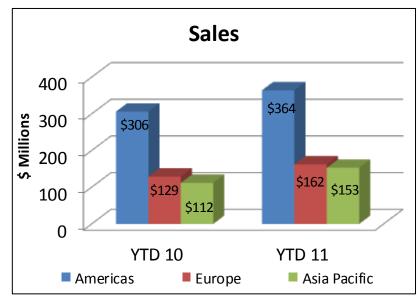


- Sales increase of 20% (4 percentage points from currency translation)
- Gross profit margin improvement 0.6 percentage points from prior year
 - Translation
 - Higher production volumes
 - Higher material costs partially offset by manufacturing efficiencies

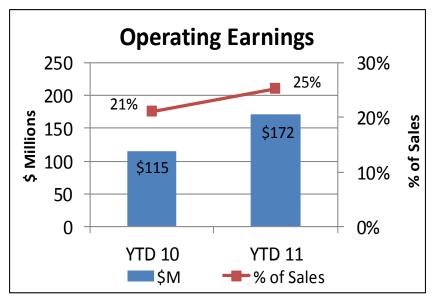


- Operating expenses up \$8 million
 - \$3 million transaction costs relating to pending acquisition
 - \$2 million currency translation
 - Increased marketing and selling (primarily Industrial)
- Tax rate 32% is higher than prior year rate of 28%. Last year's rate reflected the favorable effects of tax law rulings and expiring statues of limitations.





- Sales increased 24% (3 percentage points from currency translation)
- Gross profit margin improvement of 2 percentage points from prior year
 - Higher production volumes
 - Translation
 - High material costs offset by manufacturing efficiencies, pricing



- Operating expenses up \$31 million
 - \$6 million in transaction costs related to pending acquisition
 - \$4 million currency translation
 - Increased selling and marketing, higher marketing and promotion, headcount primarily Asia Pacific
- Tax rate of 33% is consistent with prior year

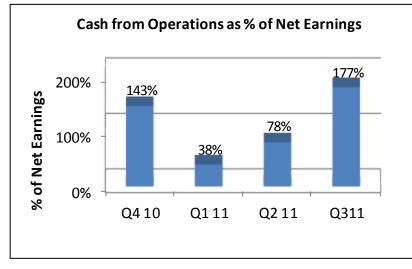


Change in % of sales	e in % of sales <u>Third Quarter</u>		
2010 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	23 %	21 %	
Translation effect	1	1	
Product cost / mix / price	(1)		
Unabsorbed manufacturing costs, reduction		1	
Transaction costs for pending acquisition	(1)	(1)	
Volume effect on expense leverage	3	3	
2011 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	25 %	25 %	

Revenue Leverage (\$M)		
	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date
Year-Over-Year Revenue Change	\$ 37	\$ 133
Year-Over-Year Operating Earnings Change	\$ 13	\$ 57
Revenue Leverage	36%	43%





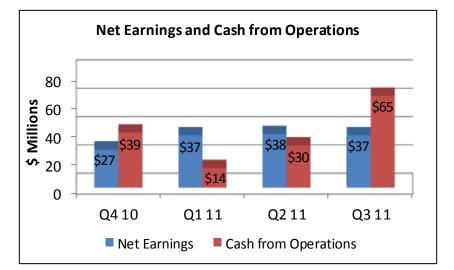


2011 cash flow from operations of \$109M versus \$62M in 2010

- Cash uses
 - Capital expenditures \$17M
 - Dividends \$38M

Share repurchases \$38M

- \$35M paid, balance in accounts payable



Working capital

- Increase in inventories \$20M
 - Balance consistent with second quarter
- Increase in accounts receivable \$32M
 - Up \$3M in third quarter

Private placement long-term debt \$300M

Interest expense \$3M for the quarter, \$5M for the year

Available unused current credit lines of \$264M

Acquisition of Finishing Businesses from ITW

Entered into a definitive agreement to purchase the finishing business operations of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (ITW) in April 2011.

- Cooperating with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to close transaction as soon as possible
- Graco and ITW have submitted responses to the FTC's request for additional information and the FTC has up to 60 days from October 18, the date of substantial compliance, to respond

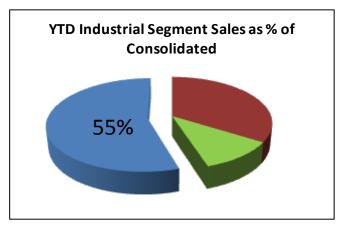




- Material cost pressures expected to moderate in fourth quarter
- Expenses associated with the pending acquisition expected to be \$3 million in fourth quarter
- Interest expense for fourth quarter expected to be \$4 million
- Based on expected profitability of our international subsidiaries and current currency exchange environment, the fourth quarter and annualized tax rate is projected to be approximately 33 percent
- Company will continue to make opportunistic share repurchases
- An additional week of shipping occurred during fiscal fourth quarter 2010









	Third Quarter			Year-to-Date			
Sales (\$ M)	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change	
Americas Europe Asia Pacific	\$ 54 33 38	\$ 47 25 27	15% 29 40	\$ 163 104 110	\$ 134 81 82	21% 29 35	
Total	\$ 125	\$ 99	25%	\$ 377	\$ 297	27%	
Operating Earnings	\$ 43	\$ 31	37%	\$ 133	\$91	46%	
% of sales	34%	31%		35%	31%		

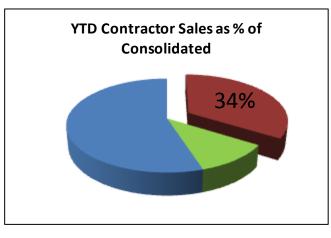


Change in % of sales	ge in % of sales Third Quarter Y		
2010 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	31 %		31 %
Translation effect	1		1
Product cost / mix / price	(1)		—
Unabsorbed manufacturing costs, reduction	1		1
Volume effect on expense leverage	2		2
2011 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	34 %		35 %

Revenue Leverage (\$M)			
	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date	
Year-Over-Year Revenue Change	\$ 25	\$ 80	
Year-Over-Year Operating Earnings Change	\$ 11	\$ 42	
Revenue Leverage	45%	52%	









	Third Quarter			Year-to-Date		
Sales (\$ M)	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change
Americas	\$ 51	\$ 47	10%	\$ 149	\$ 130	14%
Europe	16	16	(2)	52	44	19
Asia Pacific	11	7	43	28	21	35
Total	\$ 78	\$70	11%	\$ 229	\$ 195	17%
Operating Earnings	\$ 17	\$ 14	21%	\$ 44	\$ 32	39%
% of sales	21%	20%		19%	16%	

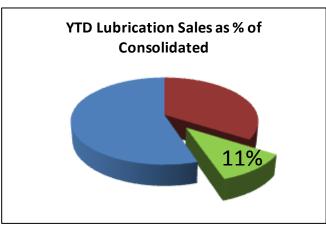


Change in % of sales	<u>e in % of sales</u> <u>Third Quarter</u>		
2010 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	20 %	16 %	
Translation effect	1	1	
Product cost / price	—	1	
Unabsorbed manufacturing costs	(1)	1	
Channel mix	(1)	(1)	
Volume effect on expense leverage	2	1	
2011 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	21 %	19 %	

Revenue Leverage (\$M)			
	Third Quarter	Year-to-Date	
Year-Over-Year Revenue Change	\$ 7	\$ 34	
Year-Over-Year Operating Earnings Change	\$ 3	\$ 12	
Revenue Leverage	40%	37%	









	Third Quarter			Year-to-Date			
Sales (\$ M)	2011	2010	Change	2011	2010	Change	
Americas	\$ 18	\$ 15	17%	\$ 53	\$ 41	28%	
Europe	2	1	29	6	4	46	
Asia Pacific	5	4	46	15	10	56	
Total	\$ 25	\$ 20	23%	\$ 74	\$ 55	34%	
Operating Earnings	\$ 4	\$ 3	59%	\$ 14	\$6	116%	
% of sales	17%	14%		18%	11%		



Change in % of sales T	hird Quarter	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
2010 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	14 %	11 %	
Translation effect	1	1	
Product cost and factory performance	(4)	(1)	
Unabsorbed manufacturing costs, reduction	3	4	
Volume effect on expense leverage	3	3	
2011 Operating Earnings (percentage of sales)	17 %	18 %	

Revenue Leverage (\$M)					
	Third	Third Quarter		Year-to-Date	
Year-Over-Year Revenue Change	\$	5	\$	19	
Year-Over-Year Operating Earnings Change	\$	2	\$	7	
Revenue Leverage		34%		38%	







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