

**AAPL**  
  
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 Let's Talk Stock  
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### New accounting procedures

Under the historical accounting principles, the Company was required to account for sales of both iPhone and Apple TV using subscription accounting because the Company indicated it might from time-to-time provide future unspecified software upgrades and features for those products free of charge. Under subscription accounting, revenue and associated product cost of sales for iPhone and Apple TV were deferred at the time of sale and recognized on a straight-line basis over each product's estimated economic life. This resulted in the deferral of significant amounts of revenue and cost of sales related to iPhone and Apple TV. Costs incurred by the Company for engineering, sales, marketing and warranty were expensed as incurred. As of September 26, 2009, based on the historical accounting principles, total accumulated deferred revenue and deferred costs associated with past iPhone and Apple TV sales were \$12.1 billion and \$5.2 billion, respectively.

The new accounting principles generally require the Company to account for the sale of both iPhone and Apple TV as two deliverables. The first deliverable is the hardware and software delivered at the time of sale, and the second deliverable is the right included with the purchase of iPhone and Apple TV to receive on a when-and-if-available basis future unspecified software upgrades and features relating to the product's software. The new accounting principles result in the recognition of substantially all of the revenue and product costs from sales of iPhone and Apple TV at the time of sale. Additionally, the Company is required to estimate a standalone selling price for the unspecified software upgrade right included with the sale of iPhone and Apple TV and recognizes that amount ratably over the 24-month estimated life of the related hardware device. For all periods presented, the Company's estimated selling price for the software upgrade right included with each iPhone and Apple TV sold is \$25 and \$10, respectively. The adoption of the new accounting principles increased the Company's net sales by \$6.4 billion, \$5.0 billion and \$3.2 million for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of September 26, 2009, the revised total accumulated deferred revenue associated with iPhone and Apple TV sales to date was \$483 million; revised accumulated deferred costs for such sales were zero.

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### Restated 2008

	EPS	PTP	Sales
Original	6.28	7,984	36,537
Restated	9.07	12,066	42,905
Increase	2.79	4,082	6,368
	44%	51%	17%

PERIOD	EPS		PRE-TAX PROFIT			SALES		
	\$	% CHANGE	\$ MIL	% SALES	% CHANGE	\$ MIL	% CHANGE	
Original	12/08	1.78	1.1	2,284.00	22.5	-1.8	10,167.00	5.8
	03/09	1.33	14.7	1,730.00	21.2	17.1	8,163.00	8.7
	06/09	1.35	13.4	1,732.00	20.8	14.7	8,337.00	11.7
	09/09	1.82	44.4	2,238.00	22.7	41.5	9,870.00	29.0
Restated	12/08	2.50	42.0	3,259.00	27.4	40.1	11,880.00	23.6
	03/09	1.79	34.3	2,386.00	26.3	61.5	9,084.00	20.9
	06/09	2.01	68.9	2,692.00	27.7	78.3	9,734.00	30.4
	09/09	2.77	119.8	3,729.00	30.5	135.7	12,207.00	54.6

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## Beliefs

- Rule of 5 is correct –
  - 1/5 will exceed my expectations
  - 3/5 will generally meet my expectation
  - 1/5 will not meet my expectations
- I don't have a crystal ball. 100% confidence is not achievable.
- My judgment is as good as the analysts
  - 2002 study reveals 59% of consensus forecasts are at least 15% off.
- Mr. Market is bi-polar.
  - He normally does a good job of representing the value of a company but occasionally presents unjustified manic optimism or unjustified depressed skepticism.
  - Mr. Market's opinions cannot be assumed are correct.

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Do I want to own this stock?

## QUALITY REVIEW

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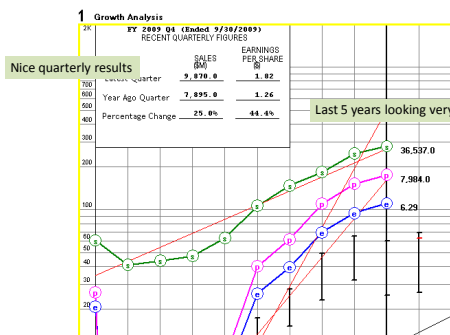
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## Section 1 – Growth Rate




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Check analysts consensus estimates for consistency

## WHAT DO THE ANALYSTS SAY?

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### Analyst 5 years estimates?

Fiscal Year End	Consensus EPS* Forecast	High EPS* Forecast	Low EPS* Forecast	Number of Estimates	Over the Last 4 Weeks Number of Revising	
					Up	Down
Sep 2010	7,912	9.61	6,795	45	17	0
Sep 2011	9,422	12.57	7,500	36	15	0
Sep 2012	10,689	14	8,26	10	1	1
Sep 2013	9,85	9.85		1	0	0

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Dip in 2013??? Only 1 analyst.

Forecasts being adjusted up.

[http://www.nasdaq.com/earnings/earnings\\_forecast.asp?symbol=AAPL&selected=AAPL](http://www.nasdaq.com/earnings/earnings_forecast.asp?symbol=AAPL&selected=AAPL)

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### Add analyst estimates to section 1

**1 Growth Analysis**

FY 2009 Q4 (Revised 9/18/2009)		EARNINGS PER SHARE	
RECENT QUARTERLY FIGURES		PER SHARE	
	SALES		
Latest Quarter	9,839.0	1.82	
Year Ago Quarter	7,895.0	1.26	
Percentage Change	25.8%	44.4%	

Good start.

Let's check other analysts ...

Judgment - Analysts' EPS Estimates			
2010	7,912	2013	9.85
2011	9,422	2014	
2012	10,689	2015	

Sources: Nasdaq 1-23-2010

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I have a feeling for earnings but my projection is built on sales growth

### WHAT ABOUT SALES GROWTH?

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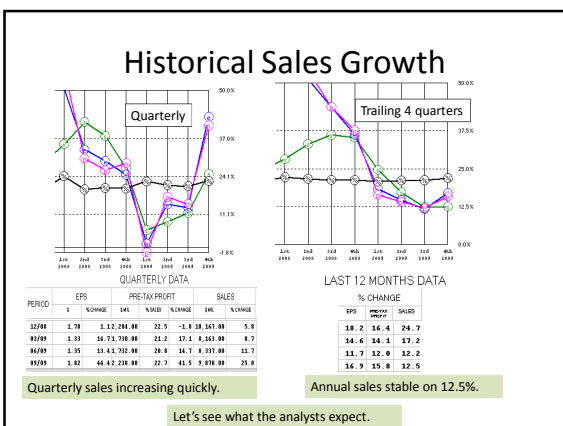
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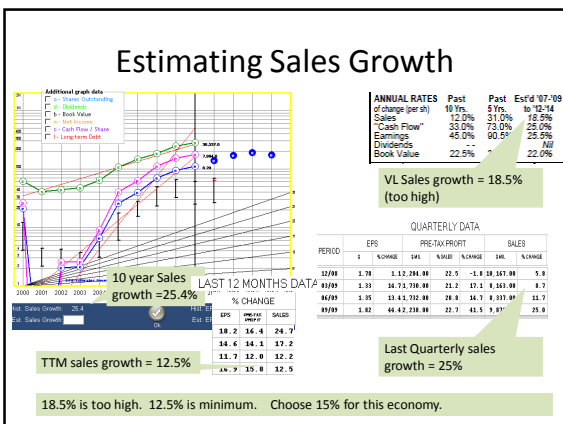
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**USE SALES GROWTH TO ESTIMATE  
EPS GROWTH**

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### Preferred Method

**Revenue-based EPS Growth Rate Estimate**

Revenue-based EPS Estimate		Defaults		Overrides		% Pretax Profit Margin (%)	
Projected 5 Year Sales (S):	15.0%			0.0	\$ 73,489.0	2009	14.9
Less Expenses(\$ Yr Avg % Pre Tax Profit Margin):	18.3%			5.0	-56,056.3	2001	-8.8
Less Taxes(Last yr. Tax Rate %):	28.5%			0.0	-4,398.3	2002	2.0
Less Preferred Dividends (Current Pref'd Div):	\$0.0			0.0	0.0	2003	1.9
Projected 5 Yr Total Earnings					\$ 11,034.4	2004	4.5
Divided by Shares Outs. (Current Sh's. Outs.(M)):	899.8			0.0	12.28	2005	13.0
						2006	14.6
						2007	20.9
						2008	21.2
						2009	21.9

**Make Earnings Per Share Selection Here:**

	EPS \$	EPS % Growth
EPS by "Revenue Estimate":	12.28	14.3
Projected EPS:	12.27	14.3
Other:	0.00	0.0
Analysts' Estimate:	15.13	

14.3% EPS growth

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### Sanity check

**Judgment - Analysts' EPS Estimates**

2010	7,912	2013	9,05
2011	9,622	2014	
2012	10,689	2015	

Source: Nasdaq 1-23-2010

Year	Sales (\$B)	EPS (\$)
2009	6.29	6.29
2010	7.984	6.29
2015	73,489.0	12.26

1. Sales projection visually seems reasonable.
2. 5-year projected sales, \$73,489, is lower than Value Line projection of \$78,000.
3. 5-year projected EPS visually seems conservatively below ACE.
4. 5-year projected EPS, \$12.26, is well below \$16 Value Line projection.
5. 1-year projected EPS is  $\$6.29 \times 1.143\% = \$7.19$  (above low forecast of \$6.80)

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