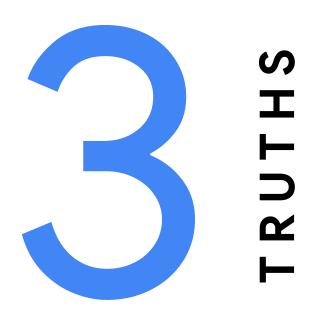
# The Dealer Guidebook 2.0

Practitioners' Guide



# Car shoppers research heavily

63% discover their purchasing dealership online. You can't win on the showroom floor if you don't first win online.

# ...over a three-month period

81% of purchasers spend up to 3 months doing research.

# ...and are ready to buy when they arrive at your door

71% of purchasers do not submit an online lead action (up from 39% in 2013). 41% have their first communication with you when they arrive at the store.



# Newer isn't always better

55% of new car shoppers consider used or CPO (up from 30% in 2016).

# I'm on the phone!

69% of shoppers will ONLY interact with your mobile site.

#### Search is still #1

88% of purchasers are still searching just 3 days before purchase. And search is the #1 last step before visiting a dealership.



# Automate to drive profit

Focus on the business objective to grow your business profitably. Then let Google automation deliver the results you need to achieve your goal.

# A Dealer's Guide for Maximizing Google's Products (2.0)

#### **DEALER GUIDEBOOK 1.0**

Catch up to your peers. If you are not doing this, you are behind.

#### **FAIR SHARE**

Maintain your current market share and start to track the profitability of your Google investment.

#### **GROW SHARE**

Align your Google investment to your sales goals to reach new customers and grow market share.

#### **MARKET LEADER**

Use the full power of machine learning and automation to be smarter and more profitable with every dollar spent.

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#### **DEALER GUIDEBOOK 1.0**

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TrueView

Google Display Gmail Ads

	Conversion Tracking in Google Ads
	Link your Google Ads Account to your Google Analytics for post ad click analysis
	Create goals aligned with business outcomes (Calls, Leads, Store Visits)
	Link your verified Google My Business account to Google Ads
	Reach out to your agency partner to review the incremental opportunities in your Dealer Opportunity Explorer dashboard
Search	Capture the intent of customers by answering their Google searches
	Paid Search Coverage: Build Keywords to cover entire customer journey and optimize account structure using Micro Moments to prioritize budge to campaigns that drive business outcomes (Structure for Intent + Micro Moments)

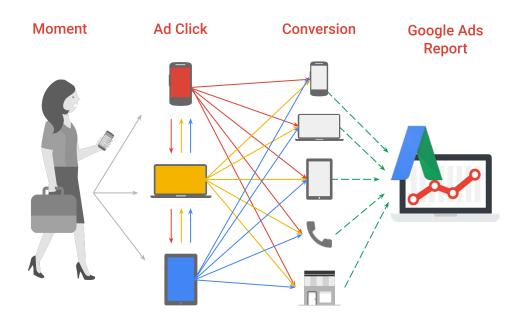
Measurement: Define digital success for your business and track those actions on site and after the ad click

Video + Display: Get people into your store by driving awareness through Video and Display

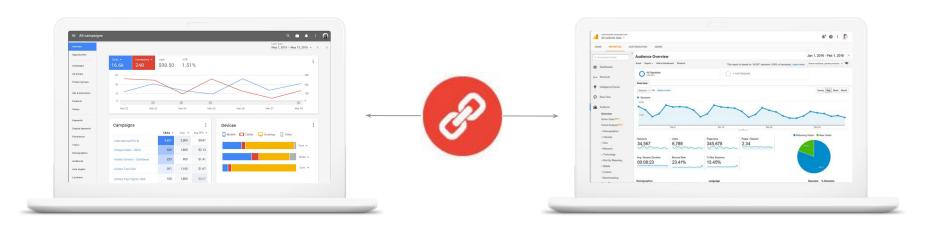
Develop creative targeted to your dealership's market

Video Ad Extensions: Location & Call-To-Action

# Gain insight into the performance of your Google Ads Campaigns using Google Ads Conversion Tracking



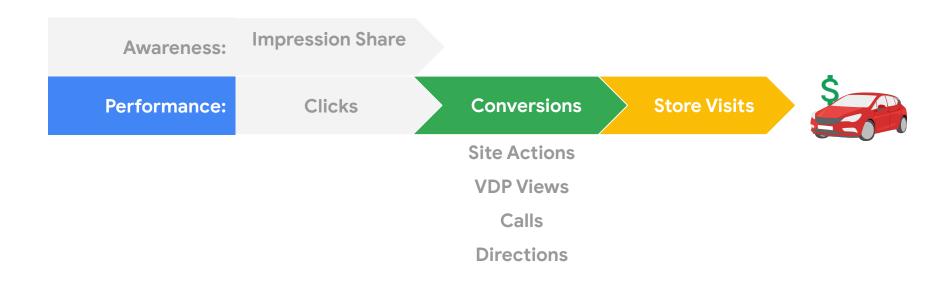
Set up Google Analytics and link to your Google Ads account to fully understand customer journey



Google Ads

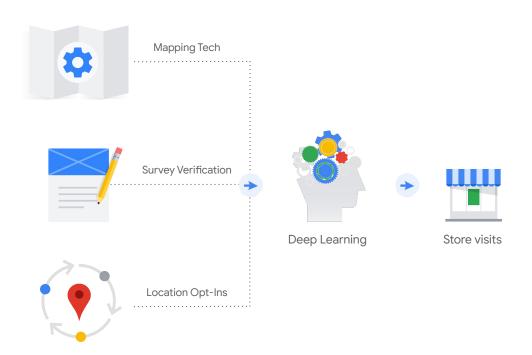
**Google Analytics** 

#### Define success metrics based on business outcomes closest to sales



# Store Visits is the gold star metric and strongly correlates to sales





#### Factors that influence store visits conversions

- → Too few Location Extensions/Affiliate Location Extensions
- Too few clicks
- → Change of conversion window
- Change of conversion count
- → Number of clicks (website and mobile)
- Seasonality



Google My Business is fundamental to Store Visits and bridging the online-to-offline gap



# A verified Google My Business account is required for Store Visits reporting



each of your store locations in your Google My Business account



your Google My Business to Google Ads



View reporting

with 'all conversions' column and segment by conversion source

# Dealer Opportunity Explorer

A machine-learning model custom developed for US Auto Dealers...

that analyzes each dealer's adoption of the **Dealer Guidebook Best Practices...** 

and

predicts the Store Visits impact each dealer could see from improved adoption.

Dealer Opportunity Explorer is a Machine Learning project developed specifically for US Auto Dealers. We hope it will help you prioritize areas of optimization and better understand the incremental monthly opportunity available.



How well as your account adopted the Dealer Guidebook Best Practices? Here you can view the status of your account and an estimate of the

potentia improve Visits to be gained from improvement

% Impact vs. current estimated store visit volume

Progress towards practice adoption



Click to view Optimizations

#### Maximize Your Budget

Dealers frequently ask Google, "How much should I be spending?". To answer this, we use your market share as an indicator of what your search share could be, and provide an estimate of your monthly incremental opportunity, based on your current budget level of search investment.

monthly incremental search opportunity based on your current investment and market share

missed clicks

444

store visits

36

typestment \$2K

Incremental Opportunity based on Fair Share Click Capture

Click to view Budget Opportunity

Google

# Defend your brand across all moments

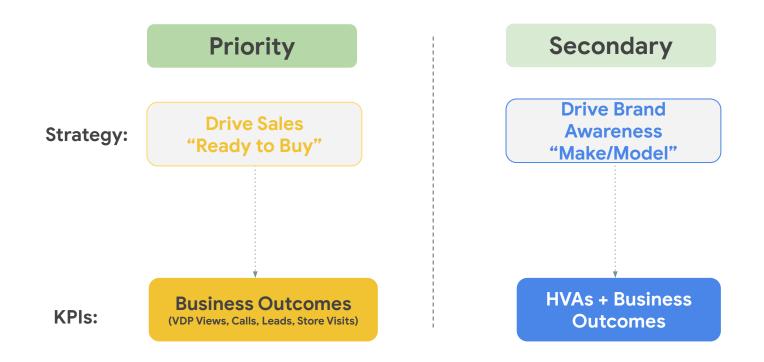


Prioritize budget to lower funnel keywords

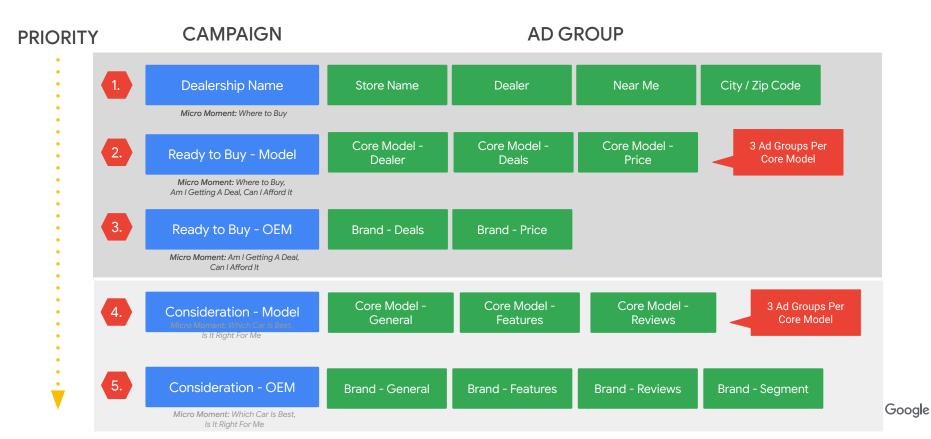
# Why structuring for intent still matters

- 1 Improve ad relevance and experience for users
- 2 Improve control & align investment strategy
- 3 Improve recognition of investment opportunities
- 4 Maximize investment on lower funnel terms
- 5 Align strategy to business priorities

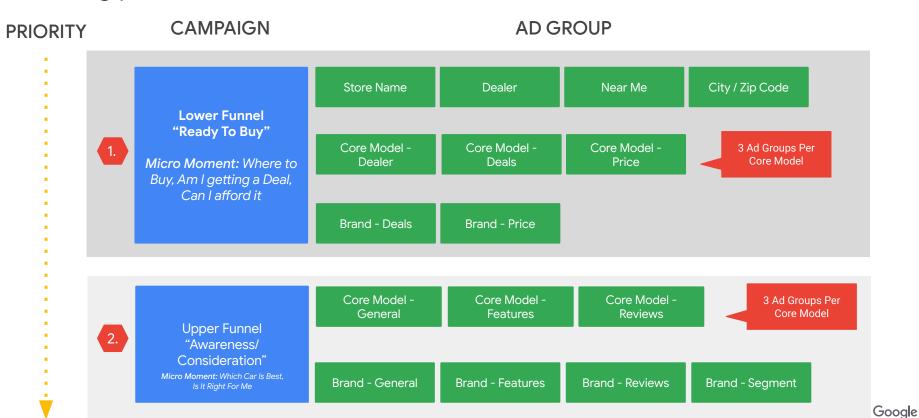
# Align campaigns goals to business outcomes



# Starting point #1



# Starting point #2

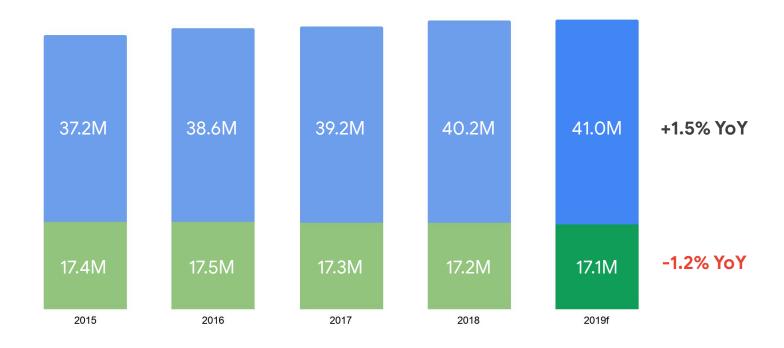


#### THE OPPORTUNITY: let's talk volume...



for every 1 NEW vehicle sold, there are 3 USED vehicles sold

# & used sales are expected to grow while new is projected to decline



11%

searched for both New, CPO & Used vehicles

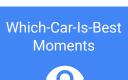


2019 Ford Escape	Ů
Used Mazda cx5	•
2016 toyota RAV4	<b>.</b>

# Build out search keywords related to the used car makes/models you sell









Is-It-Right-For-Me Moments



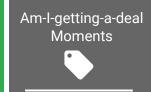
Can-I-Afford-It



**Ready to Buy** 









Price / Financing

2015 ray 4 price for used sienna Used Nissan Altima price

#### Dealer / Geo

CPO toyota dealer Toyota CPO Used Carola Detroit

#### Deals / Incentives

- GMC used Sierra deals
- Offers for used Chevy Malibu
- Sales on second hand Ford **Explorers**



# Parts and service drive profitability and loyalty brands and dealerships



# Shoppers go online when deciding where to service their vehicles



Nearly 25% of all automotive searches are parts, services, and maintenance related



Of the parts and services shoppers that use search, more than half call the service provider directly from a search result

# Campaign & Ad Group Structure

CAMPAIGN	DEALER + GEO	PARTS & SERVICE PRIORITY	PARTS & SERVICE SECONDARY
	Dealer	Oil Change	Engine
	Geo	Maintenance	Transmission
		Tires	Lights
AD GROUP		Brakes	Suspension
		Battery	General Accessories
			Liners & Mats
			Runners/Rails/Guards

Not only does video drive dealer-related actions,

of auto shoppers who used online video during the research process reported visiting a dealership or dealer website after watching a video of the a vehicle they were considering

...it also aids with vehicle purchase **certainty** 

88%

of purchasers who **used online video said they were 100% certain** before visiting the dealership
on which vehicle they were going to buy

YouTube

#### Create content that will move shoppers down the funnel

#### walkarounds



#### comparisons



#### vehicle features





#### > 1 month from purchase

10 videos 3 brands

#### 1 month from purchase

6 videos 2 brands

#### 2 weeks before purchase

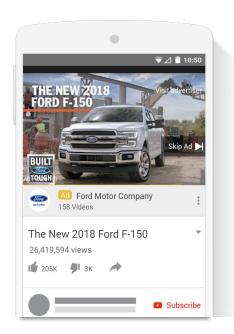
5 videos 2 brands

# Promote your video content to users who choose to watch

#### **Trueview**

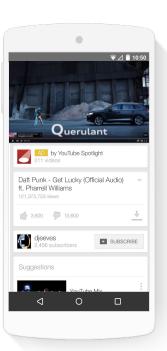
:15- or :30-second skippable video ads

You only pay if the consumer watches your full :30



#### **Bumper Ads**

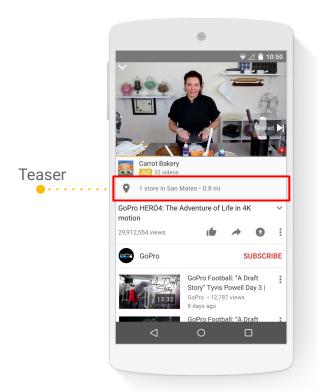
6-second video ads so you can capture the attention of mobile viewers

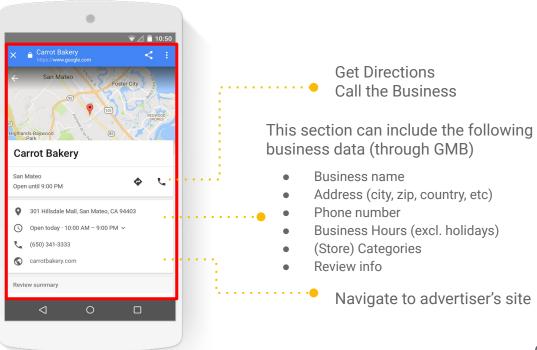




# Capture nearby shoppers with YouTube Location Extensions

Show business info alongside a TrueView video ad & direct users to your business locations





How do you connect with consumers when they aren't necessarily searching for you?



spent searching proactively (~3 minutes/hour)\*

#### **Display**

# Revolutionize your approach to Display advertising

Smart Display campaigns: Built for simplicity, transparency and scale, allowing you to work faster and smarter for more conversions



#### **Smart Creatives**

Auto-generate Smart Display ads by supplying the **building blocks** 



#### Smart Bidding

Optimize your bids by analyzing myriad of **signals** in real-time



#### Smart Targeting

Expand to **newer audiences** using a single
campaign type

With Smart Display campaigns, advertisers see 20% more conversions at the same CPA, when compared to their other Display campaigns\*

#### **Display**

As you choose the metrics that gauge the effectiveness of your Display campaign, keep in mind:



Display ads have the ability to influence potential clients and encourage them to make a purchase - at the time of seeing an ad, later through search or a direct site visit.



Even if no click occurs on your Display ads, they may still attract your clients' interest in your brand and products.



Most advertisers place value on whether an ad view resulted in a conversion, regardless of whether the customer interacted with the ad.

# Gmail Ads: A premium native solution built to drive qualified actions



100% Viewable



100% Native

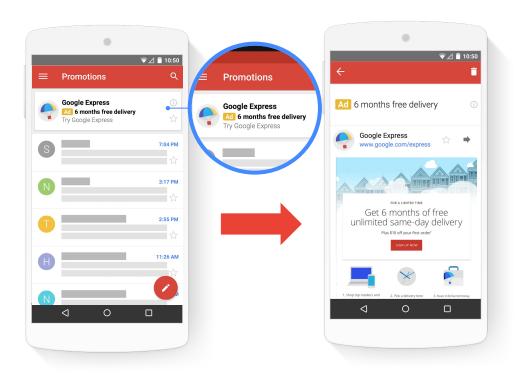


Mobile first and cross-screen



Social & Promo tabs reach users in a consumer-mindset

# Reach existing customers or new prospects with prime placements





You are only charged when someone **chooses to engage** and clicks to open the email



**Re-engage** existing customers or leads on Gmail by uploading your email marketing lists into Google Ads

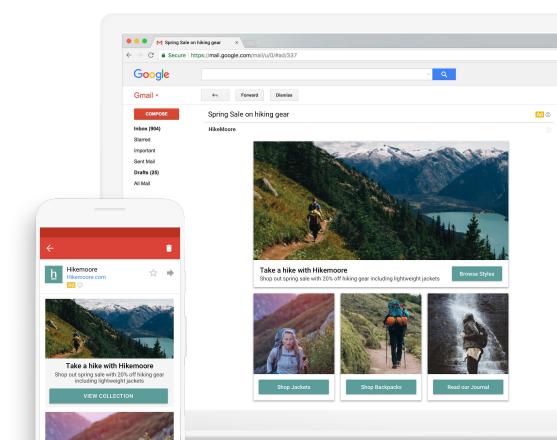


Reach more of your best customers with similar audiences automatically generated by Google based on your uploaded lists

# When clicked, the ad opens as a mini landing page

Ads are truly native and 100% viewable

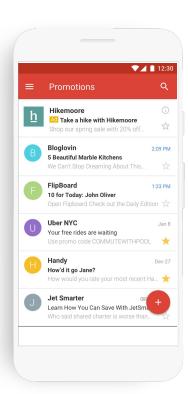
Drive only real and qualified leads to the dealer's site



### Gmail Ads success for automotive advertiser

\$17.99

Cost per store visit



- Impressions 600,401
- Clicks 394,677
- Avg. CTR 65.74%
- Avg. CPC \$0.07
- Gmail Clicks to Website 4,433
- Store Visits 1,586
- Total spend \$28,541

**Gmail Ads** 

# Strategies for success



Targeting Choose targeting options that align with your objective

Automate
Use Target CPA or Target ROAS
Your Bidding

Maximize Your
Creatives

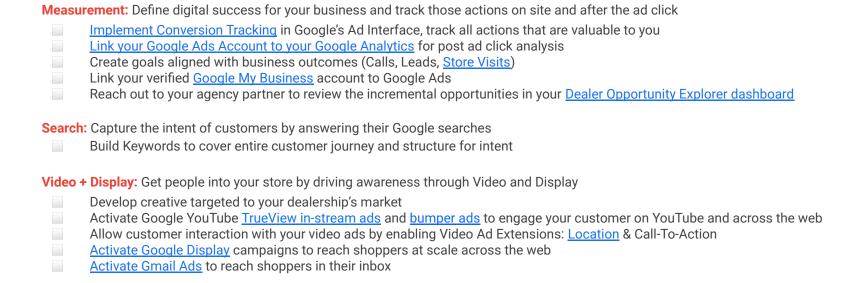
Add multiple images and text for the system to use

**Expand**Adjust yout auto-targeting to scale your campaigns and and Scale
reach additional customers

Find New
Use audience insights to find new targeting

## DEALER GUIDEBOOK 1.0

### **Actions To Take**



# FAIR SHARE

**Goal:** Maintain your current market share and start to track the profitability of your Google investment.

Display and TrueView Remarketing

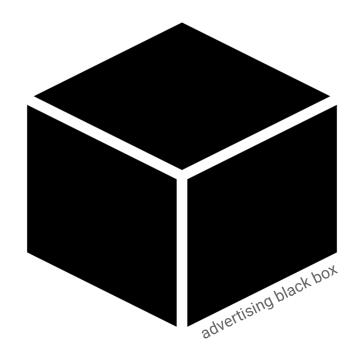
Dynamic Display

Customer Match for Display, Video and Gmail Ads

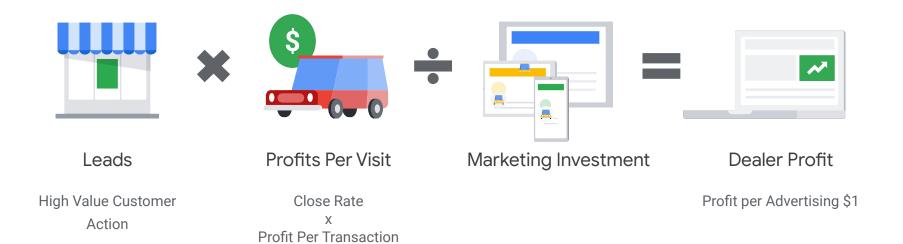
Measur	ement: Understand the profit impact of your Google investment
	Google Profitability Calculator Non-Last Click Attribution
Search:	Segment your customers through Google Audience Solutions to identify and prioritize the ones most likely to convert to a sale
	Remarketing List for Search Ads (RLSA)
	Customer Match

Video + Display: Hold on to current customers and re-engage them throughout the research phase

Do you know the ROI for your advertising investments?



# Calculate the ROI of your Google investments using our simple calculator



# How much do you get for your Google \$1?

You can apply this to any media channel to show Google is your best \$1 spent.

 $3,350 \times $510 \div $100K = $17.09$ 

Store Visits

3.350 Store Visits

**Profits Per Visit** 

In-Store Close Rate of 30%

X
In-Store Profit Per
Transaction of \$1,700

Marketing Investment

Investment of \$100,000

**Dealer Profit** 

Per \$1 spent

# Return on Ad Spend (ROAS) Calculator

Soogle Ads

Your Dealership

YOUR DATA		
Google Ad Budget	\$50,000	
Ad Clicks	14,285	
Total Store Visits	1,428	
Store Visits Rate	10%	
Sales Close Rate (Dealer Supplied)	35%	
Gross Profit Per Transaction (Dealer supplied)	\$500	

YOUR RESULTS	
Est. Transactions (Store Visits x Sales Close Rate)	500
Est. Influenced Revenue (Transactions x Profit Per Transaction)	\$250,000
Gross Profit (Influenced Revenue - Ad Budget)	\$200,000
ROAS Ratio (Revenue/Cost)	5.0
ROAS Percentage	500%
Break Even Point	100

# Return on Ad Spend (ROAS) Calculator Without store visit reporting

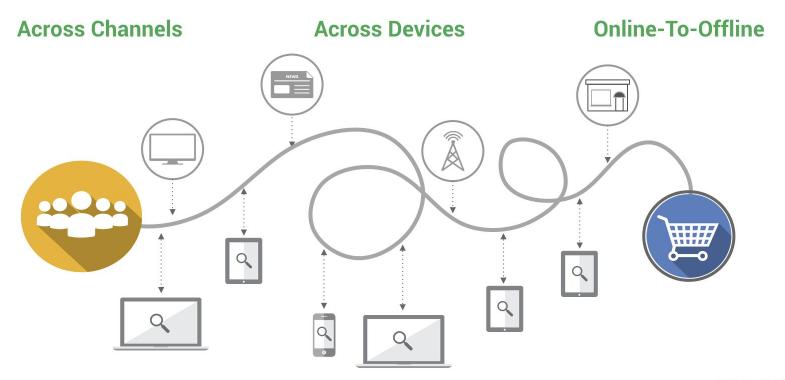
Soogle Ads

Your Dealership

YOUR DATA		
Google Ad Budget	\$50,000	
Ad Clicks	14,285	
Lead Rate (From Phone Calls and/or Form Submissions)	10%	
Total Leads (Phone Calls and/or Form Submissions)	1,428	
Sales Close Rate	35%	
Gross Profit Per Transaction	\$500	

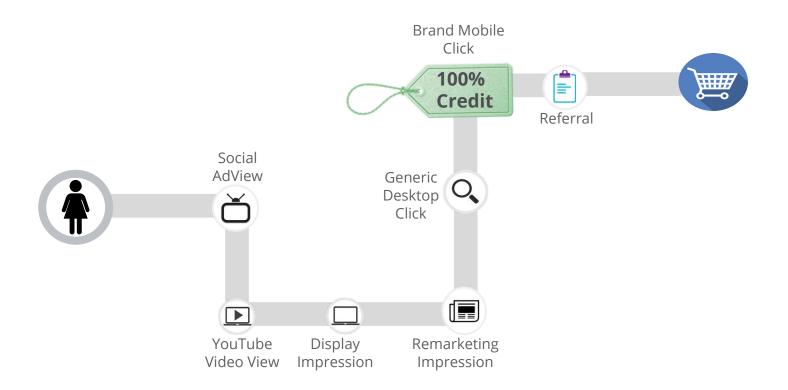
YOUR RESULTS		
Est. Transactions	500	
Est. Influenced Revenue	\$250,000	
Gross Profit	\$200,000	
ROAS Ratio	5.0	
ROAS Percentage	500%	
Break Even Point	100 Leads	

# The consumer journey is complex

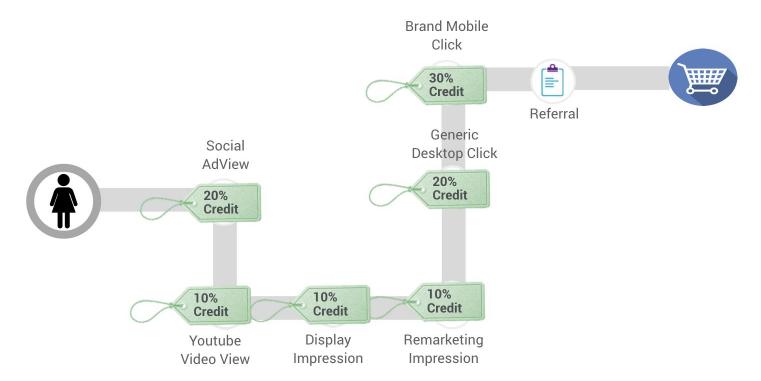


#### **Non-Last Click Attribution**

# But conversions are still attributed to just the last click

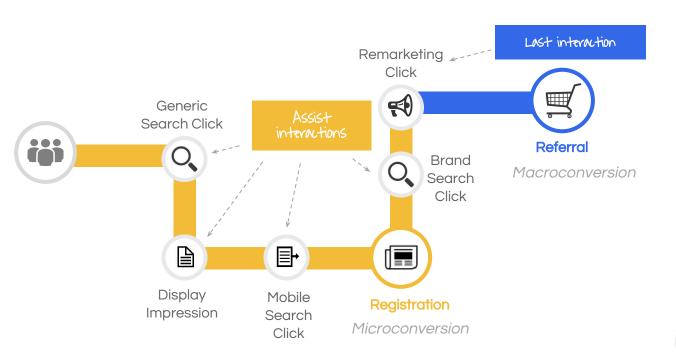


# What about all the other touchpoints?



#### **Non-Last Click Attribution**

# Digital marketing is not a scorer's game... Assists matter!



	Assist Conversions	Last-click Conversions
0,	1	0
	1	0
	1	0
<b>F</b>	0	1

#### **Non-Last Click Attribution**

# Move beyond last-click attribution by testing different attribution models



**Linear:** credit distributed equally across all keywords

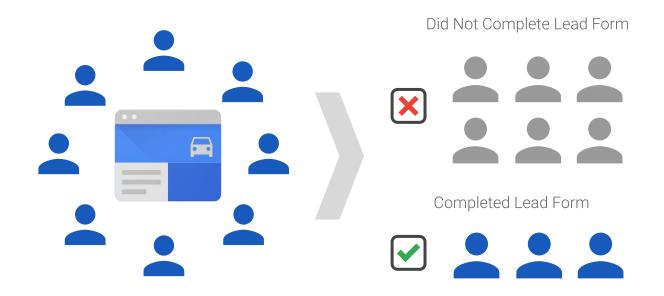
**Position-based:** first and last clicked keywords each receive 40% of credit; 20% is distributed across all other keywords

**Time Decay:** recent clicks are valued higher than older clicks (using 7-day half-life)

Don't worry if you don't have the "perfect model", it's more important to give some credit all steps in the customer journey

### Remarketing

# Reconnect with customers that previously interacted with your brand



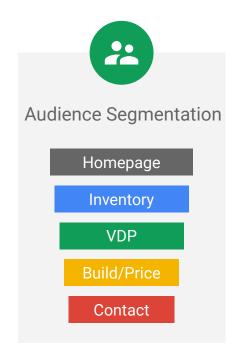
### Remarketing

# Cross- and upsell to primed customers with remarketing



#### Personalized Ads

Show personalized messages with exactly the products users browsed on your site together with recommended items





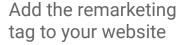
### Machine Learning

Smart Bidding and Recommendation Engine enable performance at scale

### Remarketing

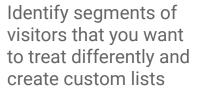
### How it works





Visitors are automatically added to the 'All Visitors' remarketing list after they visit your website





For example, VDP Page Viewers and Lead Form Abandoners









Remarketing lists are available to target on Search, YouTube and the Google Display Network

Target past site visitors across all devices

Tailor your messaging, and optimize your bids to prioritize users from your most valuable lists

For example, increase your bid by 15% for visitors who abandoned a lead form in the past 30 days

### **Remarketing for Search**

# Remarketing List for Search Ads (RLSA) Framework

- 1 Target all website visitors
- 2 Apply RLSA to all campaigns using a 0% bid modifier
- 3 Bid effectively for the top positions
- 4 Segment lists based on the conversion funnel & time
- 5 Add new keywords to extend reach

### **Remarketing for Youtube**

## YouTube creative best practices

Watched your video



Visited your channel



Saw or clicked on your masthead



### **Moving Consumers from Awareness to Consideration**

- Use Bumper and Trueview formats
- Create custom combinations of your remarketing lists

### **Moving Consumers from Consideration to Action**

- Use TrueView for Action
- Promote customer loyalty & retention by offering repeat customers discounts and rewards programs
- Cross-sell existing customers with customized creative to promote associated products

### **Dynamic Display Remarketing**

# Dynamic Remarketing Benefits



Drive sales and loyalty



**95%** of users worldwide



100% transparency



Powerful bidding and recommendation engine

### **Dynamic Display Remarketing**

# Strategies for success

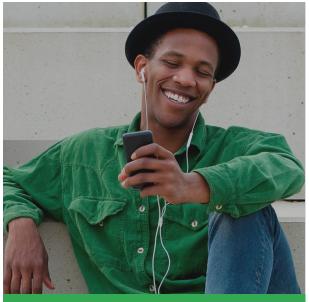
- Tag your entire desktop and mobile site
- Activate Dynamic Remarketing
- Use lists to segment audiences following the purchase funnel
- Set up high-quality product feeds
- Use Responsive Ads to maximize reach and performance
- Use Target CPA bidding to maximize conversions
- Add Similar Audiences and In-Market Audiences to expand Remarketing lists

#### **Customer Match**

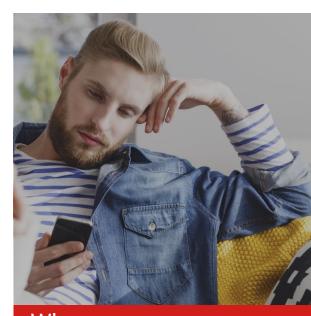
# You know your customers...



Who are my **loyal customers**?



Who is **likely to consider**?



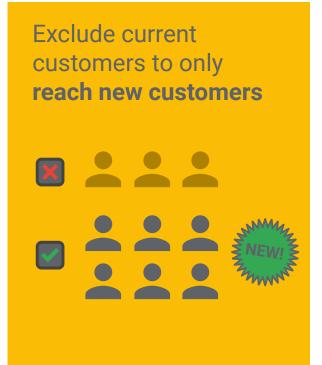
Who hasn't bought in a while?

But are you putting that information to work?

#### **Customer Match**

Customer Match makes it easier to realize the full value of your customer data in Google Ads (Search, YouTube, Display, Gmail)







### **Audience Targeting Basics**

### How Customer Match works

Upload first-party data in Google Ads as an audience list

Lists are uploaded via a privacy-safe, hashed method

 Google Ads matches your email addresses to Google accounts

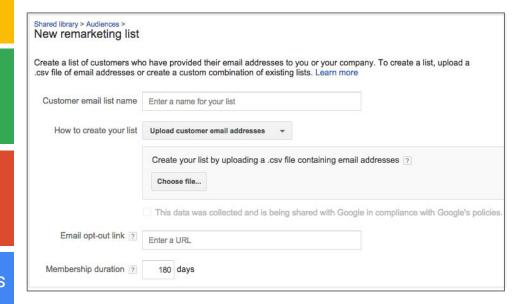
Once we create your audience list, we discard all data

✓ You target or exclude your new audience list across devices and channels

Improve reach of your Search, Gmail and YouTube campaigns

✓ Google Ads generates 'Similar Audience' lists from original email lists (when eligible)

Available for Gmail and YouTube only

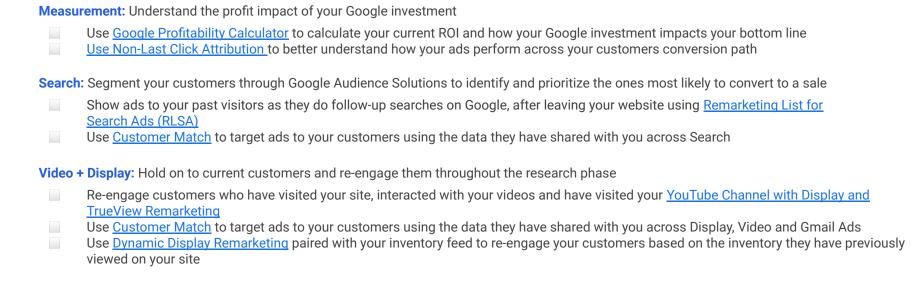


# Customize your strategy based on marketing objectives

Objective	Example Segmentation	Best Practices (Search, YouTube, Display)
Generate Awareness	Existing customers and similar users (new customers) likely to be interested in product based on past purchases	<ul> <li>Use creative that speaks to high level product value proposition</li> <li>Make it easy to learn more</li> </ul>
Influence Consideration	Lapsed customers (haven't made a purchase recently) and shopping cart abandoners	<ul> <li>Include special offers or coupons</li> <li>Customize messaging based on past behavior or known interests</li> </ul>
Drive Purchases	Existing customers likely to be interested in a product based on recent purchases (upsell / cross-sell)	<ul> <li>Customize messaging based on purchase history</li> <li>Create sense of urgency with limited time offer</li> </ul>
Increase Loyalty	Existing customers and similar users (new customers) most valuable to your business	<ul> <li>Reward loyalty with special gifts or limited availability products</li> <li>Upsell to other products or promote your mobile application for increased engagement</li> </ul>

# FAIR SHARE

#### **Actions To Take**



# **GROW SHARE**

**Goal:** Align your Google investment to your sales goals to reach new customers and grow market share.

Measu	rement: Set a sales goal and calculate the Google investment needed to profitably grow market share
	Use the Google Profitability Calculator to estimate how many Store Visits, Calls and Leads you need to drive to meet your sales goal
Search	Expand your Search Strategy to get you more conversions and reach more audiences
	Smart Bidding to Maximize Conversions
	Similar Audiences
	Responsive search ads
Video +	Display: Reach new customers that are likely to result in a sale on Youtube and Display
	Google Audience Solutions (In-Market, Similar, Custom Intent & Affinity)
	Video Ad Sequencing
	Responsive Display

### **Smart Bidding**

# Unlock growth through automation

Machine learning enables you to understand and act on consumer intent in real time, to ultimately connect with potential customers.







Reach potential customers at a speed and scale that's impossible to do manually



#### **Work Smarter**

Free up more bandwidth to think strategically by automating tasks

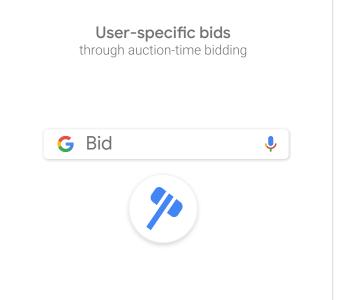


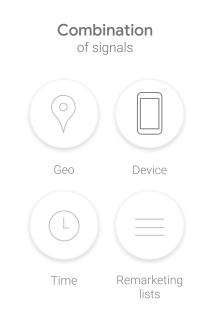
#### Win More

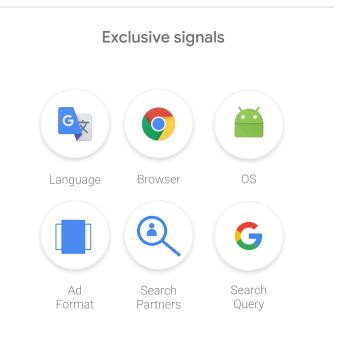
Drive growth by achieving a **higher ROI** with a fully automated strategy



# Google Ads Smart Bidding has unique features









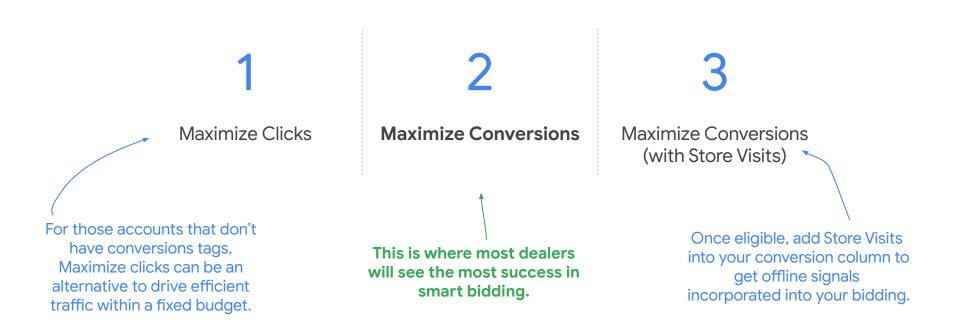
### **Smart Bidding**

# Pick the right bid strategy for your business

Campaign Goal	Recommended Bidding Strategy
Maximize website clicks	Maximize Clicks
Maximize conversions within a given budget	Maximize Conversions
Maximize conversion value at a ROAS target	Target ROAS
\$ Maximize conversion value within a given budget	Maximize Conversion Value

### **Smart Bidding: Max. Conversions**

# Maximize strategies that are the best option for most dealers



### Smart Bidding: Max. Conversions

# Drive as many conversions as possible within your specified budget with Maximize Conversions



Uses machine learning capabilities to **set bids for each individual auction** 



Algorithms **continually learn from user behavior** to ensure bid accuracy



Gives you more time to focus on strategic initiatives by **eliminating the guesswork** from bid optimization



Currently available for campaigns opted into the **Search** and **Display** network

Use Maximize Conversions if:



Your goal is to drive more conversions within your current budget



You do not have a specific CPA goal and your focus is maximizing conversion volume



Your campaign has low conversion volume or no conversion history



Your campaign is limited by budget and you have <90% impression share

### **Smart Bidding**

# Common pitfalls to avoid:



- 2. Changing too many variables
- 3. Not enough volume for the system to optimize
- 4. Conversions misaligned to campaign-type

Consideration: the system is only as smart as the inputs it's given.





# What are responsive search ads?

- Create an ad that adapts to show more text and more relevant messages to your customers.
- By entering multiple headlines and descriptions (text assets), Google Ads will automatically test different combinations and learn which combination performs best over time.

#### Responsive Search Ads are the next wave of Text Ads



#### Simplicity

Save time by creating one ad with multiple headlines and description options so Google Ads can show the most relevant message to your customers.

\*Google internal data



#### Flexibility

Create flexible ads that adapt to device widths that could show up to three headlines and two descriptions, giving you more room to share your message to potential customers.



#### Control

You still provide all headline and description content. For advertisers who need more control, you can restrict a position to show specific headline(s) or description(s) with pinning.



#### Performance

Reach more potential customers by increasing your opportunity to compete in more auctions and match to more queries. Ad groups with Responsive Search Ads tend to have a click uplift of 5 to 15%.

#### **Responsive Search Ads**

## Strategies for success

- ✓ Within each ad group, focus on providing as many distinct assets as possible
- Try to phrase an idea in different ways: our system will avoid showing redundant text side-by-side
- Test both shorter and longer headlines. Machine learning will assemble relevant ads for better performance.
- ✓ Provide more headlines related to the keywords
- ✓ Add headlines with different meanings

### Similar audiences: a closer look at prospecting new customers



29%

**lower Search CPA** on audience lists vs. non-audience segments <sup>1</sup>

41%

more Display conversions
when Similar Audiences
are applied in conjunction
with Remarketing <sup>2</sup>

# Uses your audience lists to find new users with similar characteristics to your existing customers



We consider your existing customers ...

through Site visits, Conversion data, Purchase history



Have remarketing seed lists in place:

**Display**: Website visitors, App user list, Existing customers

**Search:** Remarketing list for Search Ads



# ... analyze hundreds of signals ...

via Machine Learning: Intent, Demographic, Interests, Search Queries etc.



Similar Audience lists are automatically generated.

Original remarketing seed lists are excluded to ensure you only reach new users.



... and find **new users similar to your existing customers.** 

created in real time and refreshed constantly



Implement Similar Audience lists across all networks:

Google Display Network, Google Search, YouTube

# Strategies for success | Search

- ✓ Apply Similar Audience lists at the campaign-level
- ✓ Uses smart bidding
- ✓ Begin with your most successful lower funnel lists such as Converters and Purchasers
- ✓ Use Conversion Rate & Cost-Per-Acquisition as your success measures
- Ensure that your list is broad enough to capture opportunity, yet specific to improve conversions

# Strategies for success | Display

- ✓ Ideally, set up a different campaign, but at minimum, a different ad group with an existing remarketing campaign
- ✓ Use Responsive ads to test creative variations
- ✓ Use Dynamic Display Ads by attaching product feeds to your campaign
- ✓ Begin with your most successful lower funnel lists such as Converters and Purchasers
- ✓ Measure success by evaluating the lift in volume of your remarketing campaigns
- ✓ Use View-through-Conversions to measure the full value of conversions



## Choosing keywords & URLs

#### Tips for both:

- Include your own company or product name/URLs
- Include similar company or product names and websites

#### **Keywords specifically:**

- We do not use match types; consider all keywords as broad match
- Lists should be snappy not exhaustive

#### **URLs specifically:**

- Choose the most specific URL possible
- YouTube channel / video URLs can also be used!
- Do not use Facebook or other sites that require a login



## Campaign Set Up (Creative, Bidding Estimates)

#### Creative

- TrueView, Lightbox, and display ads perform well
- Pair the most relevant creative ads with each custom affinity

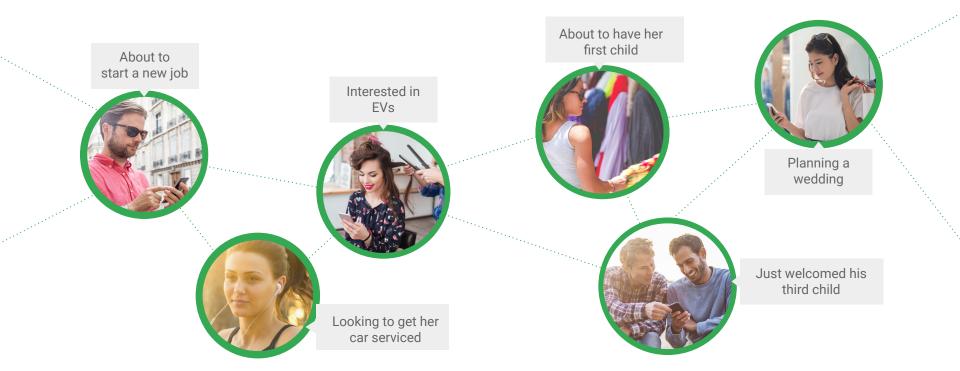
#### **Bidding**

- Include CPV, cost-per-engagement, and viewable impression bidding in your bid
- Start bids on par with what you would normally use on regular affinity audiences

#### **Estimates**

- Build your custom affinity audience within Google Ads
- Metrics like 'view-through rate' and 'engagement rates' are generally on par or higher than Affinity audiences

# But how do you identify and reach the right audience?



#### **Customer Intent Audiences**

Custom Intent: Combine learnings from your Remarketing Lists + Google Search to find new customer

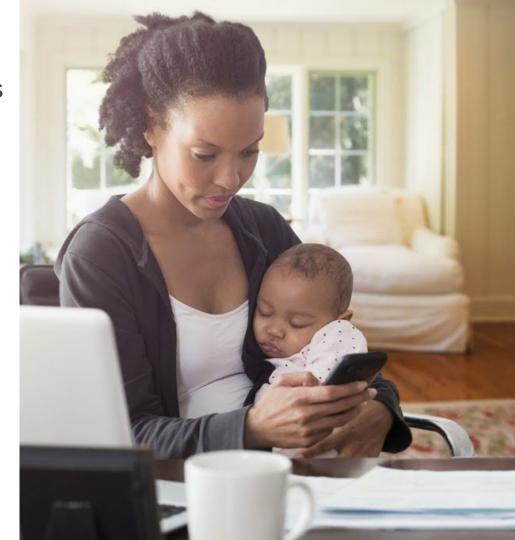
Build personalized audience segments tailored to your business

Available on Youtube, GDN, Gmail









# Key benefits

#### **Greater Performance**



+10-15% increase in conversions (versus keyword targeting)

#### **Simplified Keyword Management**



View performance of the audience, rather than optimizing individual keywords

#### **Personalized**



Custom define your target audience using keywords and/or URLs

### Quick tips to setup your first campaign

1

#### **Avoid layering**

Custom intent audiences have more limited reach that other targeting types – layering in additional audiences will further reduce scale. We do not recommend laying audiences.

2

# Group audiences that share the same call to action into one ad group

Including all audiences in the same ad group will allow us to garner enough data to build models that are personalized for your business, which should yield better campaign performance.

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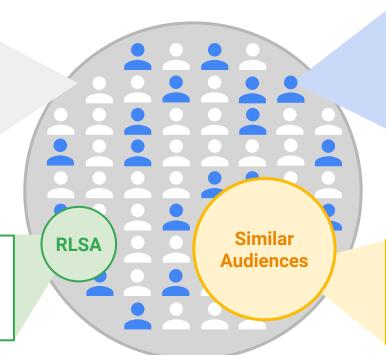
# Uses smart bidding for optimal performance

Uses Target CPA or Target ROAS where possible.

## Reach customers beyond those you're already targeting

All people **searching** for your products & services

People who previously engaged with your business



People with strong intent to purchase your products & services

People with a similar profile to your current customer base

## Key benefits



# Reach intenders, not interest

Through machine learning, Google is able to identify groups of users whose online behavior indicates clear intent, versus simply interest in a given product or service category



#### Scale

1B+ daily search users, organized into 24 top-level categories and 500+ segments



#### Relevant and Refreshed

Google's In-Market algorithm reevaluates user intent signals in real-time to ensure audiences are qualified and relevant



# Customization & Control

Apply In-Market audiences to customize bids, budgets and creatives by segment. Using Google Ads Audience Insights, advertisers can also learn which segments their existing audiences fall into

# Strategies for success | Google Display Network

- ✓ Tailor the creative to the segment
- ✓ Check language settings
- Use Target CPA bidding
- ✓ Use Google Ads Conversion Tracking
- ✓ Don't target an unrelated segment
- Don't mix with other targeting



# Strategies for success | YouTube

- ✓ Uses Trueview In-stream & Discovery ads to maximize reach
- ✓ Use strong calls-to-action
- ✓ Don't forget about view-through conversions!
- ✓ Use one in-market segment per targeting group
- ✓ Use Target CPA bidding
- ✓ Don't target an unrelated segment
- ✓ Don't mix with other targeting
- Don't target in-market segments to YouTube Search without refining with additional keywords (broad and branded)



## Storytelling is key to effective advertising

Video ad sequencing is a new tool to help you tell the story of your brand, product or service across a series of video creatives and video ad formats in order to create lasting impact - across a single bid type.

Bring your most valuable audiences on a journey by mixing or using multiple TrueView in-stream and 6-second bumper ads in a sequence. Google's machine learning optimizes for completed sequences, so you can feel confident that users will experience your whole story.





## Build narrative journeys for specific audiences using Video Ad Sequencing



# Bring stories to life across devices

Drive effectiveness by building for specific audiences across desktop, tablets, mobile, and TV screens. Use a single format, or a mix of formats, based on your campaign's goal.

# Craft stories for audiences throughout the funnel

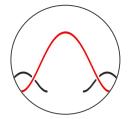
Break up your your creative into smaller units, and create stories that speak to each of your audiences. Use their views and skips to help dictate the next ad they see.

#### **Drive impact**

Sequencing drives higher Brand Lift and increased video completion rates, optimizing for users In your audience most likely to complete your sequence.

#### **Video Ad Sequencing**

## Sequencing frameworks that work



Tease, Amplify, Echo

Tease your audience with short ads, amplify with long-form, echo to spur action



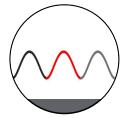
The Mini Series

Break your story into thematic chapters, told over time



The Follow Up

Serve viewers a long-form ad, followed by shorter ads reinforcing the message



**The Direct Shot** 

Use short-form video to highlight specific uses/features

# **GROW SHARE**

determine what ad performs the best

#### **Actions to take**

Measu	rement: Set a sales goal and calculate the Google investment needed to profitably grow market share
	Use the Google Profitability Calculator to estimate how many Store Visits, Calls and Leads you need to drive to meet your sales goal
Search	: Expand your Search Strategy to get you more conversions and reach more audiences
	Activate <u>Smart Bidding to Maximize Conversions</u> across; remember to customize campaign level conversion settings based on campaign goals
	Create Similar Audiences from your remarketing lists to reach new customers
	Use <u>Responsive Search ads</u> to show more more relevant messages to your customers by uploading creative and letting Google Automation determine what ad performs the best
Video	+ Display: Reach new customers that are likely to result in a sale on Youtube and Display
	Activate Google Audience Solutions (In-Market, Similar, Custom Intent & Custom Affinity) on current YouTube & Display campaigns to reach
	high value customers
	Keep customers engaged by using Video Ad Sequencing to tell your brand story
	Use <u>Responsive Display ads</u> to show more more relevant messages to your customers by uploading creative and letting Google Automation

## MARKET LEADER

**Cross-Platform** 

Local Campaigns
Discovery Campaigns

**Goal:** Use full power of Machine Learning and automation to be smarter and more profitable with every dollar.

Measur	ement: Compare your profitability to other marketing channels and prioritize the largest opportunities
	Use Google Profitability Calculator to compare Google ROI and profitability to other channels Use Google Analytics to track Store Visits
Search:	Fully automate your Search Strategy to allow the Machine to drive the most profitable growth
	Bidding to Value Dynamic Search Ads Portfolio Bidding
Video +	<b>Display:</b> Acquire new customers by deploying a dynamic video solution that surfaces your inventory and relevant offers Dynamic inventory and offer-based video TrueView for Action Smart Display Campaigns



Store Visits in Google Analytics is a new tool advertisers can use to gain insights into how all their online channels influence omni-channel customers without complex setup or loyalty card information.



#### Best practices to use the Store Visits reports today

- Understand the customer journey better i.e. not only which regions users buy the most online but also if this holds true offline.
- 2. Observe the impact of your advertising campaigns (across Google Analytics channels) on users actually visiting your physical store locations by leveraging the channel reports
- 3. Keep track of store visit rates after marketing invitations or promotions as well as for city level engagement.

## Designed to get you as much conversion value as possible



#### Simplicity

In **just a few clicks**, you can make the most of your budget while saving time, eliminating the guesswork related to setting bids manually



#### Performance

Drive as much conversion
value as possible within your
specified budget



#### Efficiency

Use Google machine learning to **automatically set bids for every single auction**, leveraging a unique and wide

range of signals

### Top tips to know before opting into Maximize Conversion Value



- Maximize Conversion Value aims to drive as much value as possible within
  your fixed budget. If your campaign was not previously spending its entire
  budget, Maximize Conversion Value will spend most or all of the campaign
  budget once enabled, so you should set your budget at the target amount that
  you want to spend
- Maximize Conversion Value does not optimize based on your ROAS metric.
   If your goal is to drive conversion value within a target return on ad spend, consider using <u>Target ROAS</u> bidding in Google Ads
- Metrics such as CPCs, ROAS, CTR, or CPA may increase or decrease after opting into Maximize Conversion Value, as the algorithm's primary objective is to drive conversion value

## Strategies for success

Criteria	Best Practice
Clicks	We recommend campaigns have at least 20 clicks/day
Conversions	We recommend campaigns have at least 30 conversions in the last 28 days (note that there is no campaign-level requirement to opt-in). Conversions should be included in the "Conversions" column by using the "Include in Conversions" setting
Conversion Value	Advertisers should be tracking dynamic or static conversion values with their conversion actions
Budget	Maximize Conversion Value aims to drive as much value as possible within a fixed budget. Maximize Conversion Value will spend most or all of a campaign budget once enabled, so you should set the budget at the target amount that you would like to spend
Impression Share	Campaigns should have additional available inventory before switching to Maximize Conversion Value so that the algorithm has headroom to increase value. If a campaign is already maxing out on impression share, you can also look to add additional broad match keywords before opting into the strategy to increase available inventory if needed

Please note metrics such as CPCs, ROAS, CPA, etc. may increase or decrease after opting into Maximize Conversion Value, as the algorithm's primary objective is driving conversion value.

After opting in, we recommend allowing the strategy 7 days to learn and adjust to drive more conversion value

# Dynamic Search Ads can capture additional queries and drive valuable performance



85-90%



of search terms targeted by DSA are **new and incremental search terms** not present in existing search campaigns and not covered by existing keywords



#### **Drive Performance**

Generate incremental traffic and conversions in your account



#### Save Time

Automatically create ads based on your website inventory to account for seasonality or changes in demand



#### **Cover More Queries**

Cover relevant queries that might not be captured in your keyword lists

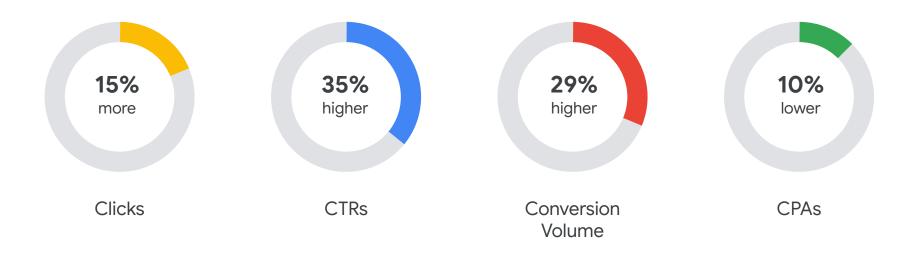


#### Maintain Control

Keep control over your bids and exclusions of irrelevant traffic using the Search Terms Report



# Performance impact of DSA



## All you need is a description & a targeting definition



**Target DSA** 



**Add Description** 



Google Scan



**User Search** 



Match LP



Define which Landing Pages to target using DSA to start the process



Manually add descriptions to your DSA ad groups based on your targeting



Google scans & understands the content of your website in detail



A user searches keywords which may not be in your account but are relevant

hotels boston 🜷



A landing page is matched with the search from your defined target pages



**Ad Created** 

Book your stay in Boston today

Ad www.example.com Search, compare and saving using the World's Best Hotel Website Eg.com Book your stay in Boston today!

A headline is automatically generated for each query to create the final ad

### Recommended targeting options for DSA expansion

#### **Page Feeds**



Set up a feed to customise URL targeting, creatives, and bidding at scale

Good for

Larger websites / Advertisers familiar with feeds and DSA

Not good for

Advertisers without resources to set up and maintain feeds

#### Categories



Google's SEO indexing will provide logically grouped category suggestions

Good for

Advertisers expanding from "landing pages"/Websites organised clearly by theme

Not good for

Non-crawlable sites

#### URL is/contains



Target specific URLs or URL strings on your site

Good for

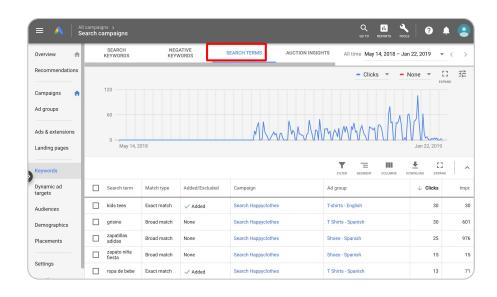
Advertisers with non- indexed sites or limited pages/Advertisers using URL is /contains for traffic optimisation

Not good for

Implementation by itself, should be combined with broader targeting

#### Strategies for success

- Turn on smart bidding
- Pair with all relevant audiences and extensions
- Set an unconstrained budget for maximum performance uplift
- Ensure website targeting coverage is at minimum 75%
- Use **search terms reports** to check the performance of all auto-generated headlines and landing pages
- Add 3+ creatives per ad group with tailored description lines based on targeting goals
- Monitor and remove **low-performing** exact match keywords from standard search campaigns
- Follow <u>SEO best practices</u> including creating landing page titles that read like ad copy



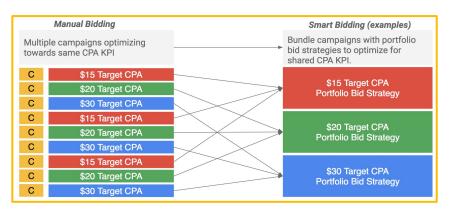


### Portfolio Bidding to optimize bids across accounts via smart bidding

Use Portfolio Bid strategies when you have similar goals across multiple campaigns, and you want to efficiently share budgets to maximize performance.

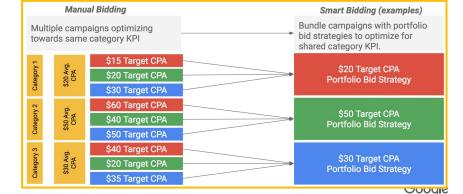


#### Ideal campaign setup to maximize Portfolio Bidding performance



Consolidate campaigns based on shared CPA targets

Consolidate campaigns based on shared category-level targets

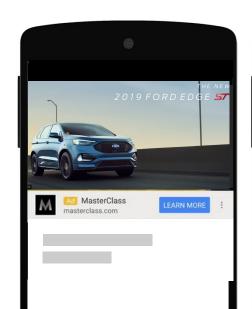


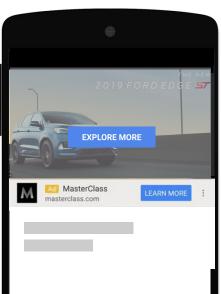
#### TrueView for Action drives actio directly to video views

95% of auto purchasers said online video triggered them to take an action

#### **Top 3 Actions:**







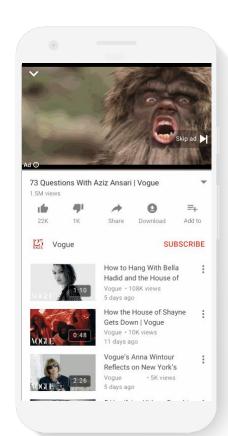
# TrueView for action

video ads with Smart Bidding:

Maximize Conversions &

Target CPA

automatically optimize to Maximize conversion volume within budget or meet desired CPA



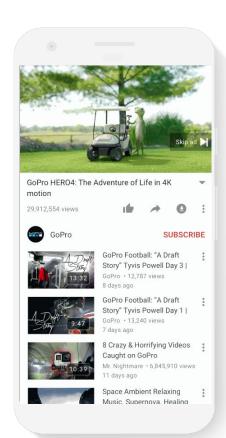
Drive clicks right from TrueView for action video ads.

- Customizable blue action button (10 character limit)
- Auto-generated clickable end-card shows for 5 sec after video completes
- Skippable ads of any length (skip button appears after 5 seconds)

## lead form extensions

for TrueView for action

Drive leads in a privacy safe way from your video ad



#### Drive leads directly from video ads

- Form fill options include name, email, phone number, and zip code (any combination)
- User information is pre-filled when available (logged-in user base)
- Skippable ads of any length (skip button appears after 5 seconds)
- Smart Bidding: Target CPA & Max Conversions

#### Strategies for success

- Use Google Ads Web Conversion Tracking and optimize for a light conversion event such as a site visit
- Use Maximize Conversion bidding
- Set a daily budget that is at least 10x the expected CPA of your campaign. Consider a budget that is 20x your Display CPA or 30x your Search CPA if you're not confident in expected CPA
- Start with campaigns for Custom Intent and Remarketing.
- Run multiple creative variants (at least 5 if possible, changing up call to action button, headline text or core video asset) following these tips:
  - Have a clear call-to-action
    Use clear phrases such as:
    'Learn more,' 'Sign-up,' or
    'Buy Now.'

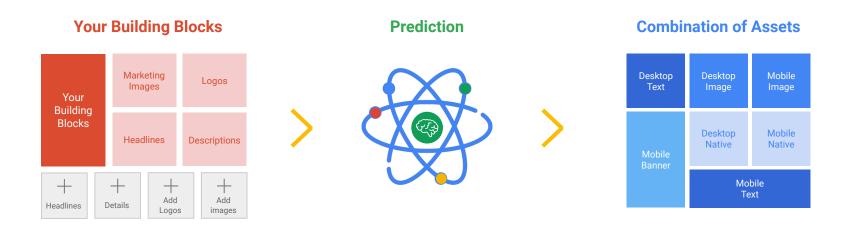
- Front-load your offer
  Hook attention in the first 5 to
  10 seconds with a
  problem-statement and how
  your product or service
  solves it.
- Repeat what you're offering
  Repeat the call-to-action and
  ensure it's echoed in the
  voiceover & superimposed
  graphics.

- Drive performance on the GDN by using the power of Google's machine learning
- Reach people at all stages of the buying cycle
- Minimize guesswork and spend less time on campaign management



**Built for simplicity and transparency** 

#### Smart Display Ads: creative testing & optimization



We do creative testing across billions of combinations for you.

Uses multiple machine learning modules (asset selection, colour extraction, auto-fitting, etc) to generate the right message to the right user across desktop, mobile; image, native and text inventory

#### Setting up for success



**Set Your Budget** 

Set a daily budget that is >20x the Target CPA bid. This provides the campaign sufficient bandwidth to explore at all hours of the day. Use your CPA bid to control volume.



**Set Your Bid** 

Bid based on the amount you're willing to pay for a conversion. Given that Smart display provides more mid-funnel targeting, we recommend a bid that is also reflective of the price you're willing to pay to acquire new customers.



Maximize Your Creatives

Maximize usage of the creative template. Include as many assets as possible: 5 headlines, 5 description lines, 15 marketing images, and 5 logos. Only use new templates to introduce new creative pairings or asset combinations.



Wait Before Acting

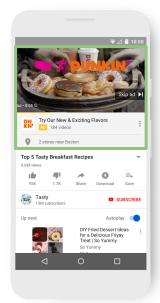
Allow the campaign 1-2 weeks to ramp-up and stabilize with minimal changes. Wait 4 weeks before assessing overall performance and results.

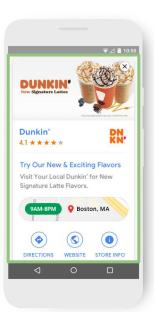


**Optimize Your Campaign** 

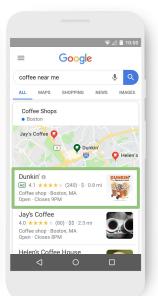
Adjust your CPA bid no more than once per week and in increments of 10-20% to minimize volatility. Review creatives on a weekly or bi-weekly basis: remove 'low' performing assets from your creative template and replace with new assets.

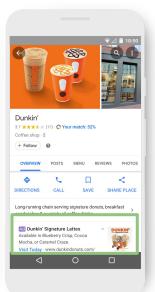
## Use Local Campaigns to drive visits by showcasing your locations across Google























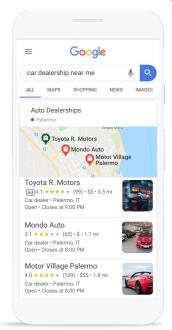


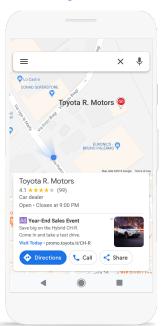


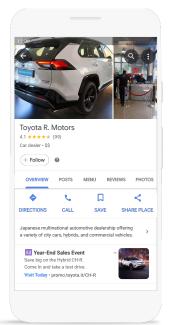
#### 1 Set of assets with 1 goal: Drive dealer visits

#### A few pieces of ad creative

Logo, video, image, headline, call-to-action







Google takes care of the rest...

## Drive ready-to-buy actions (calls, directions) with Local Campaigns for Local Actions

Created for dealers that can't track store visits



Drive as many **clicks to calls and directions** as possible within your specified budget



Algorithms **continually learn from your conversion data** to ensure bid accuracy



Achieve **maximum reach with minimum effort** and run ads across Google Search, the Google Display Network, Youtube, Google Maps and the Business Profiles

#### Strategies for success



#### **Start Early**

• Longer campaign duration means **more time for learning & reporting** (30 days is the recommended minimum)



#### Manage Holiday Peak Periods

- Best practice is to adjust creatives or budget within a longer-running campaign
- For burst campaigns schedule early (for policy review) & consider the caveats:



#### **Identify Location-Specific Goals**

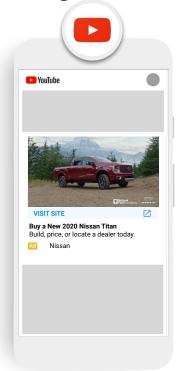
 Some business goals require targeting Local campaigns to a subset of locations (store-specific budgets, creatives, unique services, etc)



#### **Use Multiple Ad Groups**

- Keep assets separate that that can't be mixed & matched (i.e. different product offers)
- Pre-schedule or rotate promotional messaging

#### Create high reach, high performing ads with Discovery Campaigns



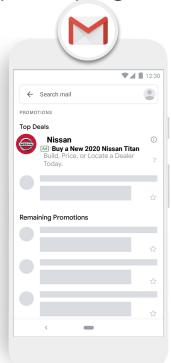
YouTube Feed

Open the YouTube app. The YouTube feed surfaces on the Homepage and Watch Next.



**Discover Feed** 

Open the Google search app. The Discover feed surfaces just below the search box.



**Gmail Promotions** 

Open Gmail (any device), navigate to the Social & Promotions tab.



#### Discovery Campaigns: Simple, Scalable & Smart

#### Simple

Utilize existing assets from campaigns on social platforms and implement seamlessly.

No *new* creative needed.

#### Scalable

Drive more conversions across key properties -YouTube, Discover, and Gmail.

...with one single campaign.

#### Smart

Best-in-class automation combines Smart Bidding, native formats, and Google-only audience signals.

Quickly scale and drive better performance over time.

#### Connect with consumers in the moments they are open to discovering you



#### Rich and relevant creative

Inspire consumers with an open canvas showcasing your brand or products in a swipeable image carousel, rendered natively across each Google property.



#### Results

By combining this incredible reach and creative canvas with Google's understanding of intent, you can be confident you're anticipating what your customers want and delivering the results you care about.



#### Unmatched reach

Reach hundreds of millions of people across the YouTube home feed, the Gmail Promotions and Social tabs, and the feed in Discover using a single campaign.

#### Ideal for advertisers interested in:

- Extending the reach of remarketing campaigns
- ✓ Lead generation
- New customer acquisition
- ✓ Driving efficient website traffic
- Driving sales for a subscription service or limited set of products

#### Strategies for success

RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGY	TIMING	OPPORTUNITY	Target CPA	RESULTS
Discovery Campaigns	Automotive Target: Google In-market, Custom Intent and 1P Customer Match audiences	1 Month	\$250K	\$25	1.25M clicks 10k conversions



#### **Build effective creative**

Upload high-resolution lifestyle imagery (at least 1200x628) that showcases your brand. Use the description and call to action text fields to include a clear CTA.

2

#### Reach the right audiences

Group audiences with similar goals in the same ad group. Successful campaigns start with Remarketing, Custom intent, or In-market audiences and grow from there.

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#### Give your campaign time to deliver positive results

Choose a daily budget you're comfortable running at least 2-3 weeks; we recommend daily budgets at least 10 times the value of your target CPA bid. Wait for 40 conversions before making any changes.

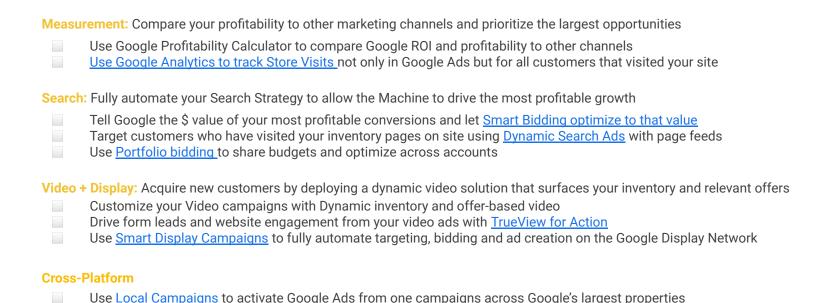
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#### Track and measure performance

Enable conversion tracking to see how effectively your ads are driving valuable customer activity, such as website clicks and high value actions.

#### MARKET LEADER

#### **Actions To Take**



Get exclusive reach across YouTube, Gmail and Discover with a single ad campaign using Discovery Campaigns

### Appendix

#### **Product List**

Dealer Guidebook 1.0	Fair Share	Grow Share	Market Leader
<ul> <li>Measurement</li> <li>Conversion tracking</li> <li>Link Google Ads &amp; Google Analytics</li> <li>Google My Business</li> <li>Dealer Opportunity Explorer</li> </ul>	ROAS calculator to measure ROI     Non-last click attribution	Measurement  Use the calculator estimate the number of leads, SV needed reach goals	<ul> <li>Measurement</li> <li>Compare Google ROI to other channels</li> <li>Use GA to track SVs</li> </ul>
Search      Keyword coverage     Structure accounts and campaigns based on Micro Moments  Video + Display     Market-based creative     TrueVlew     Video ad extensions     Google Display     Gmail ads	<ul> <li>Remarketing List for Search Ads</li> <li>Customer Match</li> <li>Video + Display</li> <li>YouTube Display &amp; TrueVlew Remarketing</li> <li>Customer Match</li> <li>Dynamic Display remarketing</li> </ul>	Search  Smart bidding to max. conversions Responsive Search  Video + Display Audience solutions Video ad sequencing Responsive display	Search  Dynamic Search Ads Portfolio Bidding Bid-to-value  Video + Display Dynamic inventory and offer-based video ads TrueView for Action Smart Display campaigns  Cross-channel Local campaigns Discovery campaigns