

Automotive has always been one of the most innovative industries to work in, but probably never more so than it is today.

The auto shopping process continues to undergo a transformation. People are researching vehicles more than ever (spending, on average, four hours more than they did in 2010) and using multiple devices to do so (54\% of Jumpstart shoppers who plan on buying within a month do the majority of their research on a mobile device). And autonomous technology-once a distant notion of the future-is now part of many OEMs' product road maps. It's a pivotal time for the industry.

It's a momentous time for Jumpstart, too. This year marked the beginning of a new business in Canada-including an exclusive partnership with Canadian Black Book, Canada's most trusted vehicle valuation site for more than 50 years-and the addition of Daily News Autos and autoweek.com. To top things off, the National Association for Business Resources recognized Jumpstart as one of the 2015 Best and Brightest companies to work for.

With that, I'm excited to share with you our annual Insights Book. Along with all the marketplace insights you've come to expect from us, this year's edition includes a custom campaign case study (page 74), a look at one brand's successful cross-tier strategy (page 76), 2016 predictions from Vice President of Strategic Insights \& Analytics Libby Murad-Patel (page 86), and more. I'm also happy to announce the addition of more regional and dealer-specific content, as well as a special Canadian Insights section.

We remain committed to delivering innovative solutions that provide an intuitive shopping experience for consumers-and perform for our publishers and advertisers. In the year ahead, look for:
" New tier $\mathbf{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ ad products to enhance the customer's shopping experience " An expanded version of suggestive selling for consumers browsing body styles
"A new first-party data product to give our clients deeper insights into their shoppers
") The addition of more publishing partners, to allow advertisers to reach more in-market consumers
" More from our newly launched Brand POV unit, our first-to-market ad product that gives advertisers the ability to speak directly to customers

The auto industry is taking some of the most innovative strides it's taken in decades, and we plan to stay one step ahead (check out page 96 to see what I'm talking about).

Here's to blazing a trail in 2016!

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CEO, Jumpstart Automotive Group


## What's Inside...

## ( $\begin{aligned} & \text { The Jumpstart } \\ & \text { U.S. Audience } \\ & \text { How shoppers } \\ & \text { reach our portfolio, } \\ & \text { the devices they're } \\ & \text { using, and more }\end{aligned}$



2016
Predictions



More than 17 million new vehicles sold in 2015-setting a record sales volume.


Jumpstart is: Car and Driver, U.S. News Best Cars,
With the emergence of so many new models, we made some classification changes in 2015, further segmenting vehicles to present a more detailed view of the competitive landscape. In addition-for the first time-we've included sales data to provide perspective on how consumer interest' translates into sales (and vice versa).
 NADAguides, J.D. Power Cars, autoweek.com, Auto Daily News Autos, Leftlane, CarSoup, and CarBuzz.
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## THE JUMPSTART AUDENCE <br> 21 MILLION STRONG

2014-2015 Jumpstart Visitors

Smartphones And Tablets


51\%
Android Phone
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24\%
iPad
now
The number of shoppers visiting umpstart exclusively from a mobile device


Smartplones And Tablets

## AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION



[^0] third-party automotive website

## ABOUT OUR SHOPPERS

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Jumpstart Reaches More People In These Two Key Age Groups Than Any Of Its Core Competitors

One－Third Are Considered Affluent

$43 \%$
Have Children

Audience：Men And Women

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More Men Visited Jumpstart Sites $\ln 2015(60 \%$ In 2014）

## HOW SHOPPERS ARE REACHNG OUR PORTFOLIO

New And Returning Visitors

Traffic Sources

| $=$ | $57 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $=$ | $19 \%$ |
| $=$ | $16 \%$ |
| $=$ | $4 \%$ |

## THE 2015 JUMPSTART PATH TO PURCHASE

In 2015 more viewers started visiting shopeng pages instead of homepages upon entry, largely because of mobile traffic (where visitors tend to go straight to a model page from search).

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As with 2014, shoppers viewed photo galleries more during the second interaction, before moving on to reviews and rankings.
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During the third interaction, $73 \%$ of shoppers were more active on shopping pages, or were starting to narrow their choices by viewing vehicle rankings.

[^1]
## WHERE WE LANDED

Before we review 2015 shopping trends and our outlook for the year ahead, here's where we landed with last year's predictions

Prediction \#1: Demand For Trucks And SUVs Will ContinueEspecially If Gas Prices Stay Low

In the midsize truck segment, Chevrolet Colorado had a $33 \%$ increase in consumer interest and GMC Canyon had an $82 \%$ increase. The two pulled share from Nissan Frontier, Honda Ridgeline, and Toyota Tacoma. But, as we expected, Tacoma maintained its top position. In addition, the gap between the Top 3 full-size trucks (Ford F-150, Chevrolet Silverado 1500, and RAM 1500)
narrowed substantially, as both Silverado 1500 and RAM 1500 are now less than nine percentage points away from F-150 in shopper interest-a first in Jumpstart history. Interest in SUVs and CUVs also stayed strong in 2015-once again-and saw a $9.4 \%$ increase in consumer interest. Sales numbers reflected this trend, too: 2015 marked the best year ever for SUV and truck sales.

## Prediction \#2: Automakers Will Start To Push More Fuel-Efficient

## Vehicles, In The Midst Of Trucks' Soaring Popularity

Automakers have stayed focused on fuel-efficiency improvements across their product lineups. Helping them meet the 2025 fuel economy standards, a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration June 2015 report concluded that existing technologies, such as eightspeed transmissions, lighter materials, and advanced turbochargers, could allow brands to get there with more ease than was previously thought. To help boost
car sales and keep production steady over the course of 2015, manufacturer and dealer incentive spending increased to levels that left some in the industry a little nervous. According to a November 2015 Automotive News article, automakers spent \$3,104 in incentives per vehicle sold in October 2015-an increase of 14\% from 2014 and a total of $9.5 \%$ of the industry's average transaction price of $\$ 32,529$.

## Prediction \#3: Luxury Brands Will Strive To Differentiate

Themselves As Once-Coveted Features Become Commonplace

Luxury automakers have upped their game with postsale service offerings, personalization, and unique brand experiences. One brand has a test track near its Atlanta headquarters so would-be buyers can drive its vehicles. Another has dealerships near airports and offers free parking, shuttle service, servicing, and cleaning or detailing while customers are traveling. And most every luxury automaker is focusing heavily on transforming the dealership experience; some are creating a more Apple-
like environment by having dedicated tech specialists available at all times and training employees in the art of delivering exceptional customer service. Other brands have started focusing on eco-conscious customers with interiors constructed of responsibly managed wood and vegan-friendly seats. At the end of 2015, through consumer focus groups, Jumpstart found that the dealership experience is the single-biggest point of differentiation between mass and luxury manufacturers.



## Top $10=$

| ALFA ROMEO' | +589\% | MITSUBISHI | +16\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TESLA | +63\% | INFINITI | +8\% |
| LAND ROVER | +30\% | SUBARU | +7\% |
| JEEP | +18\% | GMC | +5\% |
| Volvo | +17\% | AUDI | +5\% |

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## BOOY STYLES <br> Share Of Interest

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| umar ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 31.3\% | -2\% |
| \%ome | 68.7\% | +1\% |
| suvcuv | 35.4\% | +9\% |
| -0 | 25.1\% | -12\% |
| ¢0\% | 14.5\% | -3\% |
| $\because$ | 9.6\% | +11\% |
| क- | 3.2\% | -6\% |
| \%- | 3.0\% | -8\% |
| von | 2.7\% | +12\% |
| mome ロo | 2.5\% | -8\% |
| masen | 2.5\% | -1\% |
| Nateiel | 1.6\% | +13\% |

## Share Of Shopper Interest And Sales <br> All aUTOMTVE Branos

| BRAND | SHARE OF SHOPPER INTEREST |  | SHARE OF LIGHT VEHICLE SALES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 |
| Ford | 10.2\% | -6\% | 14.4\% | 0\% |
| Chevrolet | 9.2\% | -4\% | 12.2\% | -1\% |
| Toyota | 6.6\% | +1\% | 12.0\% | -1\% |
| Honda | 6.1\% | +2\% | 8.1\% | -3\% |
| Nissan | 5.3\% | +6\% | 7.7\% | +1\% |
| BMW | 4.7\% | -3\% | 2.0\% | -4\% |
| Dodge | 4.3\% | -2\% | 3.0\% | -15\% |
| Mazda | 3.7\% | 0\% | 1.8\% | -1\% |
| Jeep | 3.6\% | +4\% | 5.0\% | +18\% |
| Audi | 3.5\% | -7\% | 1.2\% | +5\% |
| Mercedes-Benz | 3.4\% | +51\% | 2.1\% | -1\% |
| Volkswagen | 3.3\% | -13\% | 2.0\% | -10\% |
| Subaru | 3.3\% | -3\% | 3.3\% | +7\% |
| GMC | 2.8\% | +11\% | 3.2\% | +5\% |
| Hyundai | 2.7\% | -15\% | 4.4\% | -1\% |
| Lexus | 2.4\% | +10\% | 2.0\% | +5\% |
| Cadillac | 2.3\% | +3\% | 1.0\% | -3\% |
| Kia | 2.3\% | 0\% | 3.6\% | +2\% |
| Acura | 2.3\% | +2\% | 1.0\% | 0\% |
| Porsche | 2.1\% | +1\% | 0.3\% | +4\% |
| Infiniti | 1.6\% | +17\% | 0.8\% | +8\% |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 |
| RAM | 1.5\% | +10\% | 2.8\% | 0\% |
| Buick | 1.5\% | -19\% | 1.3\% | -8\% |
| Land Rover | 1.5\% | +29\% | 0.4\% | +30\% |
| Chrysler | 1.3\% | -8\% | 1.9\% | -1\% |
| Lincoln | 1.3\% | +7\% | 0.6\% | +1\% |
| Mitsubishi | 1.2\% | +15\% | 0.5\% | +16\% |
| Volvo | 1.2\% | +12\% | 0.4\% | +17\% |
| Scion | 0.8\% | -9\% | 0.3\% | -8\% |
| Jaguar | 0.8\% | -12\% | 0.1\% | -13\% |
| MINI | 0.8\% | -11\% | 0.3\% | -1\% |
| FIAT | 0.7\% | +12\% | 0.2\% | -13\% |
| Tesla | 0.5\% | -28\% | 0.1\% | +63\% |
| Alfa Romeo ${ }^{1}$ | 0.4\% | +59\% | 0.0\% | +589\% |
| smart | 0.3\% | -1\% | 0.0\% | -32\% |
| Maserati | 0.3\% | -10\% | 0.2\% | -24\% |








## T00 $5 \begin{aligned} & \text { Full-Size Luxury } \\ & \text { Sedans }\end{aligned}$



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## Top 5 natum

| Toyota Tacoma | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2015 35.9\% | -5\% |
| 2014 37.7\% |  |
| Chevrolet Color |  |
| 2015 25.6\% | +33\% |
| 2014 19.3\% |  |
| Nissan Frontier |  |
| 2015 14.5\% | -28\% |
| 2014 20.1\% |  |
| GMC Canyon |  |
| 2015 13.4\% | +82\% |
| 2014 7.4\% |  |
| Honda Ridgeline |  |
| 2015 10.5\% | -32\% |

2015 10.5\%


2014 13.1\%


| Ford Transit Connect | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2015 31.9\% | -28\% |
| 201444.7\% |  |
| RAM ProMaster City |  |
| 2015 20.6\% | +366\% |
| 2014 4.4\% |  |
| (3) Nissan NV200 Compact Cargo |  |
| 2015 13.5\% | -48\% |
| 2014 26.0\% |  |
| Chevrolet City Express |  |
| 2015 11.1\% | +106\% |
| 2014 5.4\% |  |
| Mercedes-Benz Metris |  |
| 2015 9.7\% | N/A |
| 2014 N/A |  |




## Emerging Trends: A Look At Regional Interest

From the mid-Atlantic where people are researching European luxury brands to the Mountain region where consumers are shopping for minivans and alternative fuel vehicles, we've compared growth in consumer interest levels. Through this analysis, we're able to see trends emerge and, more importantly, where brands have opportunities to align their products with consumer interest and more effectively reach their audiences.

Pacific Alternative Fue Midsize Pickup Truck $+9 \%$

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Key
European Brand Loyalty
Asian Brand Loyalty
Domestic Brand Loyalty
ค Luxury Loyalty (Region is higher than national average)

๘- Non-Luxury Loyalty (Region is higher than national average)


## Loyaty Matters: Where Brands Beat <br> The Nationa Averace

## Because today's auto shoppers

are not as tied to one or two particular brands like previous generations were, loyalty has become an increasingly important topic. Here are the Top 3 brands that hold a higher percentage of consumer loyalty regionally versus nationally.


West South Central



Mid
Atlantic

South Atlantic

|  | Brand | Index | Brand | Index |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (1) smart | 129 | 1 | Infiniti | 112 |
| (2) Subaru | 110 | 2 | Hyundai | 112 |
| (3) Mitsubishi | 110 | 3 | Kia | 109 |



The Canadian auto market experienced record sales in 2015 with 1.9 million new vehicles sold.

With all the great momentum in the marketplace, Jumpstart is excited to report on our Canadian audience for the first time ever. Because our expansion into Canada is in its first year, our trend data compares the first expansion into Canada is in its first year, our trend data compares the first half (H1) to the second half (H2) of 2015 . From 2016 onwards, we'll shift to annual data and provide year-over-year trends.


## THE JUMPSTART AUDIENCE

## 1．3 MILLION STRONG

2015 Jumpstart Visitors

## $51 \% ~ 50 \%$ 35\％36\％ <br> $$
15 \% \text { 14\% }
$$ <br> H1 <br> Tablet <br> H2

Mobile Device Operating Systems
58\％39\％

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$5^{5 / 4}$
Jumpstart smartphone traffic in Canada increased $5 \%$ in the second half of 2015

## HOW SHOPPERS ARE REACHNG OUR PORTFOLIO

New And Returning Visitors

Traffic Sources
Organic
Landing on Jumpstart pages
through natural（lorganic）search
（non－sponsored or non－paid）

## $\uparrow \bigcap \cap 1 \bigcap \frac{\text { BRANDS }}{\text { Share Of Canadian Light Vehicle Sales }}$

| CHRYSLER | \% Chang | HYUNDAI | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 14.7\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 15.4\% } \end{aligned}$ | -5\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 7.1\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 7.2\% } \end{aligned}$ | -2\% |
| FORD |  | NISSAN |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 14.3\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 13.8\% } \end{aligned}$ | +3\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 6.3\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 6.2\% } \end{aligned}$ | +2\% |
| TOYOTA |  | GMC |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 9.6\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 10.2\% } \end{aligned}$ | -6\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 4.6\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 4.4\% } \end{aligned}$ | +5\% |
| HONDA |  | MAZDA |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { H2 2015 8.8\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 7.7\% } \end{aligned}$ | +14\% | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { H2 2015 3.8\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 3.8\% } \end{aligned}$ | +2\% |
| CHEVROLET |  | VOLKSWAGEN |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 7.9\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 20157.8 \% \end{aligned}$ | +2\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 2015 3.5\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 4.0\% } \end{aligned}$ | -13\% |

$10 \cap 1 \cap \frac{\text { BRANDS }}{\text { Highest Gron }}$

| TESLA | +42\% | INFINITI | +13\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LINCOLN | +36\% | CADILLAC | +12\% |
| ISUZU | +30\% | MITSUBISHI | +12\% |
| LAND ROVER | +23\% | Lexus | +10\% |
| HONDA | +14\% | ACURA | +7\% |


| ALFA ROMEO | +33\% | TOYOTA | +14\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fiAt | +30\% | CHRYSLER | +12\% |
| MERCEDES-BENZ | +22\% | SCION | +12\% |
| INFINITI | +19\% | HONDA | +11\% |
| MASERATI | +15\% | JAGUAR | +9\% |



BODY STYLES
Share Of Interest

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| r | 家。 | 31.5\% | +2\% |
| Nom-1uxur | 당 | 68.5\% | -1\% |
| suvcuv | Tor | 36.7\% | +2\% |
| sadan | - | 22.8\% | 0\% |
| sport | 5-01 | 15.9\% | -4\% |
| Tow | 50\% | 9.0\% | +17\% |
| von | \%or | 3.0\% | +3\% |
| mane | -o | 3.0\% | -11\% |
| e | \%or | 3.0\% | -13\% |
| Compat | क- | 2.9\% | 19\% |
| exwesen | 당앙 | 2.3\% | 2\% |
| Altemasere beic | 500 | 1.5\% | +18\% |

## Share Of Shopper Interest And Sales

all automotve brands

| BRAND | SHARE OF SHOPPER INTEREST |  | SHARE OF LIGHT VEHICLE SALES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 |
| Ford | 9.4\% | -3\% | 15.1\% | -5\% |
| Chevrolet | 6.8\% | -3\% | 14.1\% | +3\% |
| Honda | 6.3\% | +22\% | 8.3\% | +14\% |
| Toyota | 5.5\% | +2\% | 9.9\% | -6\% |
| BMW | 5.4\% | -8\% | 2.2\% | +3\% |
| Nissan | 5.2\% | +5\% | 6.3\% | +2\% |
| Audi | 4.8\% | -6\% | 1.4\% | -5\% |
| Mercedes-Benz | 4.7\% | +34\% | 2.4\% | -3\% |
| Mazda | 4.7\% | +6\% | 3.8\% | +2\% |
| Volkswagen | 4.2\% | -13\% | 3.7\% | -13\% |
| Dodge | 3.7\% | -2\% | 4.6\% | -9\% |
| Subaru | 3.3\% | -12\% | 2.5\% | -5\% |
| Hyundai | 3.2\% | -4\% | 7.2\% | -2\% |
| Jeep | 3.1\% | -1\% | 4.2\% | +10\% |
| Porsche | 2.7\% | -6\% | 0.3\% | +6\% |
| Acura | 2.5\% | +8\% | 1.1\% | +7\% |
| GMC | 2.3\% | +8\% | 4.5\% | +5\% |
| Kia | 2.2\% | +2\% | 3.6\% | -13\% |
| Lexus | 2.1\% | -4\% | 1.2\% | +10\% |
| Cadillac | 2.1\% | 0\% | 0.6\% | +12\% |
| RAM | 1.8\% | -13\% | 5.1\% | +1\% |


| BRAND | SHARE OF SHOPPER INTEREST |  | SHARE OF LIGHT VEhicle Sales |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 | 2015 | \% CHANGE 2014-2015 |
| Land Rover | 1.6\% | +35\% | 0.4\% | +23\% |
| Infiniti | 1.6\% | +11\% | 0.6\% | +13\% |
| Mitsubishi | 1.2\% | +23\% | 1.1\% | +12\% |
| Volvo | 1.2\% | +4\% | 0.3\% | +3\% |
| Buick | 1.2\% | -19\% | 0.9\% | +3\% |
| Lincoln | 1.1\% | +4\% | 0.4\% | +36\% |
| Chrysler | 1.1\% | -9\% | 1.3\% | -4\% |
| Jaguar | 1.0\% | -16\% | 0.1\% | -18\% |
| Scion | 0.8\% | -11\% | 0.2\% | +15\% |
| FIAT | 0.8\% | +21\% | 0.3\% | -33\% |
| MINI | 0.7\% | -16\% | 0.4\% | +28\% |
| Tesla | 0.5\% | -50\% | 0.1\% | +42\% |
| Alfa Romeo ${ }^{1}$ | 0.4\% | +46\% | 0.0\% | +5848\% |
| Maserati | 0.3\% | -34\% | 0.0\% | +6\% |
| smart | 0.3\% | -8\% | 0.0\% | -73\% |

[^2]Sales data fom WardsAuto, December 2015.
Alfa Romeo sold fewer than 100 vehicles in 2014


## Sales

As with the U.S., low prices at the pump contributed to a weaker car market in Canada in 2015-it also helped drive consumers into larger vehicles rather than smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Car sales dropped 6\% in volume, which translated to a $9 \%$ decline in total market share.

Among the seven brands that did see volume growth in their car lineup, five were luxury brands (Tesla, BMW, Porsche, Audi and Daimler/Mercedes).

## Shopper Interest

Toyota Yaris moves up six spots and finishes 2015 as the 5 th ranked subcompact car. Scion iA also sees a $\mathbf{1 8 1 \%}$ growth. This is interesting because despite these two brands' success in this segment Mazda has decided to stop selling the Mazda2 in North America. Instead, it is focusing on its popular CUV segment.
Honda Civic is the leader in the compact car Honda Civic is the leader in the compact car
segment with $17 \%$ growth in share of consumer segment with $17 \%$ growth in share of consumer
interest, it also has the highest growth within its competitive segment (42\%).


Nissan Altima jumps 36\% ahead and up four spots in the rankings for the first half of 2015. It now ranks 5th among all midsize sedans.
European vehicles hold four of the Top 5 entry luxury sedan spots, followed by Infiniti Q50 (which
 Top 5 midsize luxury sedans, but C-Class still holds the top rank with nearly $27 \%$ of shopper interest.








## Sales

SUVs and CUVs made up nearly half of the Top 30
 cars sold in Canada last year, boosting the light truck category in 2015.

With fuel prices low, shoppers migrated back to larger vehicles, which kept demand for SUVs/ CUVs strong throughout the year-and helped the segment steal market share from cars.

FCA Group's Jeep brand excelled in SUV/CUV sales, helping FCA take the highest sales in Canada in 2015.

## Shopper Interest

The Jeep brand drives a lot of shopper interest in 2015, with its models holding strong presence in the subcompact, compact, and midsize SUV/ CUV categories: Renegade (\#4 in subcompact), Wrangler (\#3 in compact) Cherokee (\#7 in compact), and Grand Cherokee (\#1 in midsize).

Among the new and popular subcompact SUV/ CUVs, FIAT 500X saw the highest growth with $59 \%$ while Honda HR-V and Mazda CX-3 ranked highest. In the second half of the year, Lincoln MKX saw the most growth (43\%) among top luxury midsize SUV/ CUVs and Volvo XC 90 grew 34\%.

Already the large luxury SUV/CUV leader Mercedes-Benz GL-Class grew $58 \%$ in the second half of the year.

| Honda HR-V | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 23.2\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 19.2\% } \end{aligned}$ | +21\% |
| Mazda CX-3 <br> H2 2015 19.4\% HI 2015 22.2\% | -13\% |
| (3) $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nissan Juke } \\ & \text { H2 } 2015 \text { 15.4\% } \\ & \text { H1 } 2015 \text { 18.1\% }\end{aligned}$ | -15\% |
| 4 Jeep Renegade <br> H2 2015 13.2\% <br> H1 2015 12.3\% | +7\% |
| Chevrolet Trax <br> H2 2015 10.4\% <br> H1 2015 9.3\% | +11\% |









## Sales

The Canadian truck market was strong in 2015 with five of the seven truck lines seeing growth in sales volume, helping light truck sales outpace car sales.

## Although Ford's F-Series was one of the truck

 brands that saw a decline in volume in 2015, it still is the top-selling vehicle in Canada today, accounting for more than $10 \%$ share of truck salesand an impressive $6 \%$ of all Canadian vehicle sales.Dodge Caravan led the van segment last year by a wide margin, and also ranked 8th in the Top 10 vehicles sold in Canada in 2015.

## Shopper Interest

Anticipation for the 2017 Honda Ridgeline is helping drive shopper interest ( $43 \%$ increase in the second half of the year). It now ranks 3rd in the midsize truck category, ahead of GMC Canyon.

Ford F-150 finishes the second half of the year with a 10 percentage point lead over Chevrolet Silverado 1500, while Nissan Titan sees a $15 \%$ increase in share during the same period.

Although the Dodge Caravan leads sales by a lons shot, it ranks third in shopper interest just behind Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna.
It's FCA minivans, however, that have the highest growth in share of minivan interest in the second half of the year, with Dodge Grand Caravan increasing 16\% and Town \& Country increasing 36\%.





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| Ford F-250 Super Duty | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: |
| H2 2015 23.4\% | +38\% |
| H1 2015 17.0\% |  |
| RAM 2500 |  |
| H2 2015 15.8\% | -16\% |
| H7 2015 18.9\% |  |
| GMC Sierra 2500HD |  |
| H2 2015 12.4\% | -7\% |
| H1 2015 13.2\% |  |
| Ford F-350 Super Duty |  |
| H2 2015 11.5\% | +36\% |
| H1 2015 8.4\% |  |
| Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD |  |
| H2 2015 11.0\% | -16\% | HI 2015 13.1\%





## Perspective And <br> Predictions

## RULESa a ATTRACTON

The Evolution Of A Digital Ad Campaign
$\Rightarrow$ Amid short attention spans,
and an overwhelming
amount of competing
information and messages
out there, advertisers and
marketers know they need
to kees content fresh to
stay relevant. Here's a
look at how Jumpstart
has helped evolve the
Ford EcoBoost campaign
to ensure shoppers stay
interested and engaged.

First Gear: Less Fuel. More Fun.
In the initial creative, shoppers were prompted to take the Ford EcoBoost Challenge: Find out how much money you can save buying an EcoBoost model, and then choose how to spend it. To reveal savings, we asked shoppers to complete multiple activities in a $300 \times 600$ banner (e.g., choose a competitor model, a Ford model, miles driven per year, zip code, etc.), they were then shown an expanded panel with results (e.g., enjoy \$30 savings or a pizza night).
While the unit saw great engagement, multiple required actions were somewhat cumbersome for shoppers and also limited the available space for client branding and a clear call to action.



What can you bob with
your savingss? your savinss?
mooursow:
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$00>600 \times 60$


Expanded


Second Gear: Not Reinventing The Wheel, Just Refreshing It
After the success of the first campaign, Ford renewed the program to promote its seasonal sales events. To simplify the process for shoppers and boost engagement, Jumpstart ecommended a few simple layout and functionality updates:


## Third Gear: Ford EcoBoost

 Gets Mobilizedonce the refreshed options were defined, Jumpstart built mobile and ablet units for a complete crossplatform experience.

## THE BIG Picture <br> How One Brand Employed A Cross-Tier

Strategy With Great Success
$\Rightarrow$ When it comes to
developing an advertising strategy that is effective and engaging, consistency reigns supreme. While every tier provides the consumer with a
unique value, each one must work together
to deliver consistent
messaging and creative.
When campaigns are aligned across all three tiers, brands experience
better recognition-and
better returns

To help illustrate that advertising across all three tiers is the most effective strategy-and one that does not have a cross-tier cannibalization effect on advertising ROI or erode campaign performance-Jumpstart evaluated a brand that had a strong presence across national (tier 1), regional (tier 2), and local (tier 3) in the first half of 2015.

Employing a more unified strategy, this brand effectively kept consumers engaged and drove strong performance across all tiers.


Building brand awareness and consideration for tier 1Utilizing regional promotions and sales events to drive qualified leads for tier 2


Developing local messaging to increase dealership visits and sales for tier 3

## About The Tiers

Manufacturers and retailers exist in almost every industry. But there are sometimes three in automotive: the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and two divisions of retail-regional dealer groups and local dealerships. Advertising efforts are focused on three distinct areas:

## Cros-Tier Buying Stategy



## The Results

Not only did the brand maintain a competitive advantage in markets where it was already strong and discover new markets to conquest where consideration was low, it also.

Saw a $9 \%$ increase in consumer interest, nationally

92\%
Had up to a $92 \%$ increase in conversion rates on tier 1 and tier 2 campaigns


Revealed that dealer website visitors who were exposed to display ads prio to visiting a dealer's site were 14\% more likely to submit a lead

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Saved the brand money. Having a stronger presence across all three tier drove down costs, saving the brand $19 \%$ on cost per visit.



Libby Murad-Patel
Vice President, Strategic Insights \& Analytics

Advertisers and marketers understand the importance of having a presence across all screens, to be able to reach consumers throughout their entire shopping process, and to maximize messaging along all touchpoints. As a result, there has been a shift in our approach from device targeting to 'people-based' targeting. Everyone wants to (naturally) be able to successfully implement this, but the technology to accurately make this happen still faces challenges. To addres a few of the common beliefs and misconceptions around cross screen targeting, measurement, and attribution, here is some clarification around the capabilities and limitations of targeting a single shopper across all screens.

The Hurdles
As it stands today, there isn't a single, universal way to track a visitor across all digital platforms. Advertisers and marketers used to rely on cookies to identify shoppers, but many of today's devices and browsers either don't allow cookies or have the capability to block them altogether

Unless a brand or publisher website requires a visitor to log in, we do not have a reliable way to track the same visitor across smartphones, tablets, and computers.


## The Solution Is Really Not Much Of A Solution

User metrics (unique users, frequency of exposure, user path, etc.) across most analytics platforms, ad servers, or measurement platforms are still fragmented and not capable of reporting true unique visitor activity across all devices.

Advertisers and marketers that are dedicated to people-based targeting are forced to rely on technology companies or different measurement platforms to identify the consumer path and touchpoints across multiple devices. There are typically two forms of cross-screen measurement that companies are offering:

Deterministic:
This option, which relies on user information (login to a website, or app.), gives marketers the ability to understand the consumer, their shopping patterns, and the degree of interest they have in a specific brand or content.

Example: A person shopping for jeans logs into a denim retailer's website from their work computer and starts browsing a specific style and brand of jeans. Later, when the person logs into the store's mobile app, the retailer is able to let them know that those jeans they were looking at earlier are now on sale.

Probabilistic:
In this option, marketers track customers using a shopper's IP address, web analytics log files, or ad server data to identify-with a high degree of probability-that that same shopper is accessing content from a different device. This information could include geo-location, Wi-Fi signal, device type, browser, IP address, and more

Example: A Ford F-150 shopper is looking at reviews and photos on CarandDriver.com from thei home computer. An hour later, they check their local dealer's inventory from their phone (i.e., to see ifthat dealer has the Ford F-150 they're looking for). Two hours later, that same person opens their browser on their tablet and sees an advertisement with a finance offer on Ford F-1 50. This happens because there is a pattern in activity from the location, the Wi-Fi signal, or the devices-a pattern that creates a high degree of probability that this is the same F-150 shopper

## So, What Happens Next?

Accurate cross-device measurement will continue to be a work in progress. We know that consumers are jumping from one device to another, and that we need to be there no matter what. Testing the technologies that allow for cross-device measurement and attribution will allow us to create a better ad experience for the customer and-ultimately-build greater customer loyalty.


## Will Silicon Valley Be The New Motor City?

## As technology reshapes the industry-and Silicon Valley plays a more central role-will the San Francisco Bay Area become the new automotive (or, rather, "mobility") hub, or will Detroit stay in the

 proverbial driver's seat?By and large, technology has become the driving force in the automotive industry. From smarter owner manuals that help consumers learn about and operate their vehicles with the use of augmented reality to the first-affordable-fully electric car for the masses, the industry is evolving at an accelerated pace.

As automakers are now partnering with ridesharing and ride-hailing companies and investing heavily in research and development facilities in and around the Bay Area (Toyota announced in November 2015 that it was investing $\$ 1$ billion in an artificial-intelligence research facility, which will be one of the largest of its kind in the area), all eyes are on Silicon Valley. The region is also home to Apple, Google, and Uber-all of which have selfdriving cars in the works-as well as Tesla, the of-the-moment EV maker that is also bucking the traditional dealer model to sell directly to the consumer

## But make no mistake: Detroit is not about to be left eating anyone's dust.

U.S. automakers have been testing the waters with transportation companies and services for the past few years now (Daimler and Car2Go, General Motors and RelayRides, Ford and Getaround). But more recently, they've been pivoting their businesses to meet the changing transportation needs of today's consumer. In 2015, Ford launched its Ford Smart Mobility program, embracing the notion that "people value access more than ownership." And GM announced in January 2016 that it was investing $\$ 500$ million in the ridehailing service, Lyft. It's also worth mentioning that GM, not Apple or Tesla, has successfully brought the first electric vehicle-with a 200-mile range and an affordable price tag (under $\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}$ after federal tax credit)-to market.

Most people who work in and around the tech industry believe that the companies that have the most patents (in areas such as computing, hardware and software tech, and mobility) are the ones with the upper hand. According to a January 5, 2016, Automotive News article, it's automakersnot Silicon Valley tech companies-that currently have the most autonomous vehicle patents.

This conversation also raises another very interesting question: What makes Detroit the automotive capital? Is it the culture? Its skilled-trades workforce? Or the city's history? Many Detroiters would argue that's it's all the above and more.

To be sure, the West Coast is alluring: the region has plenty of talent, it's the center of technological innovation, and it offers mild year-round temperatures (no harsh winters or smoldering Michigan summers). However, it's also one of the most expensive, densely populated areas in the United States (i.e., not the most ideal option for young engineers, programmers, designers, and skilled laborers looking for low-cost living). Conversely, Detroit's affordability has proven to be a huge draw for some. Tech entrepreneur (and San Franciscan) Aaron Mason told NPR in 2015 "to go to a place like Detroit and see that you have fairly cheap space and an infrastructure that is already in place, it's a very exciting place to be."

Over the next several months, industry professionals and consumers are likely to ask one question more and more: Will Detroit be able to remain competitive in this technology-driven automotive market? The answer has yet to be seen, but, as a recent Forbes article pointed out, it will definitely involve a change in mindset. "[Detroit's staying on top] will take a risktaking approach that's embedded in the DNA of the tech industry."
"Rather than 'duking it out,' I think the two will fully embrace partnerships and re-imagine the technology and automotive spaces completely. We're just seeing the beginning of a very powerful alliance."

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## The Scorecard

A Few Recent Innovation Milestones:
OCTOBER 2010
Google announces self-driving-car project, with a clear goal of making driving safer, more enjoyable, and more efficient.
FEBRUARY 2014
Two Tesla employees drive from Los Angeles to New York in a Model S, spending $\$ 0.00$ on gas.

## JANUARY 2015

Ford announces its Ford Smart Mobility plan at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES).

## FEBRUARY 2015

The Wall Street Journal reports that Apple has "several hundred employees" working on an electriccar project, code-named Project Titan

## JULY 2015

Mcity-the world's first mock city designed specifically to test University of Michigan camp

JANUARY 2016
GM and Lyft announce a long-term strategic alliance to create "an integrated network of on-demand autonomous vehicles in the U.S."


As the chief operating officer of the largest family-owned dealer group in the Bay Area, Jeremy Beaver knows a thing or two about what it takes to build a successful business. From embracing the next generation of car shoppers to finding the right partners, he tells Jumpstart how he does it.

1. What are two ways you ensure a good customer experience?

## JB: The Dealership Experience.

When our customers come in to buy a car or to service their vehicle, they're most likely not expecting to be wowed or blown away by the experience. We're focused on changing that perception by making their visit a little more impactful and memorable. One way we do this is by being mindful of time. Time is valuable to everyone. If someone wants to be moved along the financing process more quickly, we help make that happen. And if someone wants to spend three hours pairing their Bluetooth and setting up their radio, we'll have a product specialist there to help.

## JB: The Negotiation.

Helping the customer validate that they got a good deal is important. Today's consumer is not always looking for the lowest price, but rather looking for a fair price validated by either outside resources or friends and family. This is especially true for younger (Millennial, Gen Z) generations. We share competitor and comparison vehicles with our guests to ensure they know we have nothing to hide. This way, they can feel confident they're making the right decision


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2. Is it important for OEMs to align communication and media strategy across all three tiers? When it comes to OEMs creating a strategy that helps dealers, what do you find works best?
JB: Media strategy needs to be collaborative. It needs to be communicated well. And it needs to be one voice to the consumer. When you have consistent messaging (customers are seeing the message on TV, on the manufacturers' websites, and on tier 2 and 3 websites) that is aligned across all three tiers, you build trust and confidence.

As for the second part of this question, It's really a best-of-both-worlds scenario. As a dealer, we need the ability to be creative and include our message the way we see fit but still to work within the OEM's brand guidelines to maintain the integrity of their brand-and recognition in the eyes of the consumer.

With increasing ad standards and many OEMs now opting to have preferred partnerships with "advertising vendors," it should be an interesting next couple of years. I think this may work for dealers who are not as knowledgeable, but a sophisticated dealer, who has extensive experience buying media, may find it prevents them from being in the right place at the right time.
3. In your opinion, what emerging technology or product will change the dealer business most over the next 5 to 10 years?

JB: Technology is going to be-and needs to bethe foundation of growth. This could be in the dealership or in the marketplace (e.g., driverless cars). Technology will keep creating buzz for the industry and drive consumers to continue to want to purchase new vehicles. People love driving. People love cars.
4. As the chief operating officer of Del Grande Dealer Group, overseeing 14 dealerships in the Bay Area, you're on the front lines of innovation. With media changing as quickly as it is, how do you stay current? If you could give advice to other dealers who may not be so close to the changes (or as savvy as you are), what would you say?
$J \mathbf{B}$ We're blessed to be in the heart of Silicon Valley, so we get to see a lot of amazing things on a daily basis. But staying current really starts with our team and our culture: being nimble and quick, designing a process around what our guests want, and having partners (like Jumpstart) who are truly invested in our business
My advice: Look for partners who are interested in seeing you grow and growing with you-not someone you're just paying a monthly service fee.
5. It's no secret that the auto shopping process has changed quite a bit the past few years. What have you learned about the way people research that has informed your business decisions?

## JB: Two Things

One: Mobile must be 100\% integrated into our media strategy. People are no longer using just one device they're using many-desktops, tablets, and phones. So, we're making sure we have a solid cross-platform strategy to ensure our message is in front of our customer no matter where they are
Two: Content is king. When our customers are in the market for a new vehicle, they're reading reviews, viewing images, and comparing prices in different places (OEM, dealership, and third-party sites). We'd like to bridge that gap to make it even easier for customers to find the information they're looking for We're exploring some possibilities for 2016, and one idea is to leverage content from a third-party site (like Car and Driver) on our dealer site. Stay tuned!


Auto Companies Will Continue To Surprise Us Through Innovation
Automakers have always invested in research and development and innovated at a steady pace. But today's automotive market is better than ever (the U.S. reported record sales volume in 2015), which is allowing manufacturers to explore new ideas and really shift their attention to future growth (technology partnerships, integrating mobility into strategy). Brands are now innovating at a much faster pace and taking risks that may have seemed out of character just five years ago. For 2016, we expect to see manufacturers continue to push the envelope with new technology partnerships and by integrating more mobility into their businesses. Low prices at the pump, sales of higher-margin vehicles, and an election year will definitely help fuel this momentum.

Building And Maintaining Customer Loyalty Will Be A Challenge
Today's consumer has more options-good options-to choose from when shopping for a vehicle (about 27\% more than they had in 2010). As a result of expanded product lineups, major improvements in quality, fuel efficiency, and standard features offered, it's become more difficult to differentiate between vehicles or brands. And generally speaking Americans' shifting mindset about manufacturing also leaves fewer of today's auto shoppers connected to brands like prior generations were. Although this topic is no new to automakers, the struggle is real. Only $14 \%$ of our visitors state that they're loyal to just one brand so the stakes are high. In 2015, we saw a $20 \%$ increase in brands that were buying into conquest strategies, which shows us that competition is heating up. In 2016 we expect to see automakers continue to explore new ways (such as more personalized messaging and unique brand experiences) to not only reach these customers, but also make sure they hold their interest before and after they purchase.

People Will Fall In Love With Driving-All Over Again We've seen the data on the decline of manuals, and how fewer teens (who are reaching the driving age) are concerned about getting their driver's license, but we believe the passion for cars and driving is about to make a comeback. This renewed passion will come from two very different groups of drivers:

1. Early adopters who are drawn to autos because of technological advancements-which will eventually allow for every aspect of their life to be connected-will have more options than ever before. Their vehicle will become the last device to bring their onnectivity nirvana full circle. 2. Whether it's simplicity nostalgia, or rebellion (e.g., think comeback of artisanal products and vinyl records), these people will join the long-time enthusiasts, who are passionate about driving and have an appreciation for the raw mechanics. They have pride in their vehicles, and are true advocates (\#savethemanuals!).

The more automakers can build a naturally devoted audiencewith customers who feel truly connected to their vehicle-the more they will create advocacy. In 2016, we expect to see an entirely new demographic of ardent driving enthusiasts surface, and shopper interest in the ultra-luxury or high-performance segments continue to grow.


## Super Bowl XLIX Real-Time Report: Auto Ads Bring It.

From animated and star-studded to tearjerkers and healthy doses of nostalgia, this year's Super Bowl ads were full of surprises. Jumpstart's overall traffic on Super Bowl Sunday was up 12\% (when compared to the previous two Sundays). And smartphone traffic accounted for $46 \%$ of all Jumpstart visitors on game day-compared to an average of $38 \%$ for the month of January.

Here's the lowdown on how each ad performed-in real-time.


## Shopper Interest Increases

| ADVERTISER \& SPOT NAME | LENGTH OF <br> SPOT <br> (SECONDS) | PLACEMENT IN <br> GAME | SHARE OF ACTIVE <br> VIEWERS WITHIN TWO <br> MINUTES OF AIRING |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mercedes-Benz AMG GT S "The Big Race" | $: 60$ | Fourth Quarter | $85 \%$ |
| BMW i3 "Newfangled Idea" | $: 60$ | First Quarter | $60 \%$ |
| Jeep Renegade "Beautiful Lands" | $: 90$ | Third Quarter | $36 \%$ |
| Lexus RC "Let's Play" | $: 30$ | Third Quarter | $17 \%$ |
| FIAT 500X "Blue Pill" | $: 60$ | Second Quarter | $14 \%$ |

## First Quarter:

Chevrolet Colorado "4G LTE Wi-Fi"
» Following the very "unexpected" Chevrolet Colorado spot, visitors to Colorado pages increased to nearly 4\% across mobile and desktop
3. Visits to Colorado pages jumped after the commercial aired, making its pages the second and third most-viewed (mobile pages ranked higher pages the seco
than desktop)
» During the Colorado sponsored post-game, Colorado pages were the third and fifth most-viewed pages, with more than $4 \%$ of active visitors viewing them

C1* QuARTER
Five minutes after the soot aired, the Chevrolet Colorado First Drive (CarandOriver.com's first review on every vehicle) moved up to the second mostviewed page - second only to the homepage

## BMW i3 "Newfangled Ideas"

" BMW jumped to the first and second most-viewed pages within one minute after airing and had the attention of more than $60 \%$ of visitors, ( $38 \%$ coming from mobile devices)
2Following the i3 spot, Jumpstart's total traffic jumped to three times the average due to consumers searching for the i3, and the i3 held the Top 2 average due to consumers searching for the 13 , and the
pages viewed by visitors for the next hour of the game
i8 was also viewed more during this time, being the third most-viewed page, and holding $4 \%$ of active visitors' attention

## Second Quarter:

Lexus NX "Make Some Noise"
"BMW i3 and i8 still held three of the Top 5 active pages during this timeframe

## Nissan Maxima "With Dad"

" Following the emotional ad from Nissan, Maxima mobile pages shot up to the most-viewed page, representing $8 \%$ of all active visitors
" Maxima also held the sixth spot from its desktop pages, and brought the active visitor percentage up to 10\%

## FIAT 500x "Blue Pill"

》 Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) made its first appearance with the FIAT 500X ad, later ads appeared for Dodge Challenger and Jeep Renegade giving FCA the most spots under one brand, and the most airtime with a total of three and a half minutes of commercial time
" FIAT 500X mobile page jumped to the fifth most-viewed page during airtime, and then to the third most-viewed page within the first minute after airing, grabbing $14 \%$ of active visitors

## Half-Time Sponsor: <br> Half-Time Sponsor: Toyota Camry "My Bold Dad" (Second Camry Ad)

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Active visitors dropped from an average of 4,800 during the game to an average of 2,400 during the haif-time show, showing viewers were either engaged with the half-time performance or they stepped away from their devices during this period
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## Third Quarter:

Lexus RC "Let's Play" (Second spot for Lexus)
» Lexus RC pages jumped to first and second most-viewed pages within one minute of airing, holding more than $17 \%$ of active traffic
" Lexus RC held four of the Top 10 most-viewed pages within two minutes of airing, with mobile capturing $14 \%$ of visitors
Active visitors during this commercial break were nearly twice the average for the game period
$2^{\text {nd }}$ QUARTER
Atter one minute of aring, the Lexus NX jumped to the third most-viewed page with mobile driving $3 \%$ of its visitors and desktop accounting for 1.6\% of vistors
$3^{\text {sde}}$ QUARTER
After five minutes, Jeep Renegade held 42\% share of active pages, with mobile accounting for $75 \%$ of that

## Dodge Challenger "Wisdom" (Second for FCA)

" After the first minute of airing "Wisdom," Dodge Challenger pages jumped to the sixth most-viewed
» After five minutes, Challenger pages made up three of the Top 10, representing $9 \%$ of active pages

## Kia Sorento "The Perfect Getaway"

Kia Sorento jumped to the second most-viewed page within one minute of airing, representing $5 \%$ of active pageviews

## Jeep Renegade "Beautiful Lands" (Third ad for FCA)

» Jeep Renegade immediately jumped to the highest active pages, holding six of the Top 10 pages and more than $36 \%$ of visitors within the first two minutes of airing

## Fourth Quarter:

## Mercedes AMG GT S "The Big Race"

" More than $60 \%$ of the AMG's most-viewed pages were from mobile visitors » Active pages jumped above 51,000 during this commercial break-nearly twelve times the average during the game, and more than five times of any other spike in the game
" Five minutes after the commercial aired, AMG GT S still held more than $42 \%$ of visitors and eight of the Top 10 pages
" CarandDriver.com's First Drive articles/reviews were among the most-viewed pages during this timeframe
» AMG GT S traffic didn't start dropping off until 20 minutes after the ad aired, and Renegade made its way back into the Top 10 , sharing four of the Top 10 pages with AMG GT S
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$4^{\text {th }}$ QUARTER
The AMG GT S grabbed 85\% of the pages viewed by vistors, holding seven of the 10 most active pages-making it, by far, the highest immediate impact seen from all 2014 Super Bowl commercials

## How to Reach Consumers Through Emotion and Logic

By Libby Murad-Patel
As consumers, we like to eat delicious food, drink wine, and buy nice things, even when we understand the potential negative impacts, health or otherwise. With more data and information available to help us make choices, we're torn between giving into what we really want and making rational decisions.
As marketers, we must find ways to keep consumers focused on the positive, to appea to emotion (trust, imagination) and rationale (convenience, logic). Here are three ways to do it Keeping it real
Target is the perfect example of a company that does a great job of appealing to consumers' emotional side (fun, sparkly commercials that make even laundry look peppy) and rational (savings and one-stop-shop convenience). They are not the rational "low-price leader" like Wal-Mart, but a master of mixing practical with frivolous to somehow make a \$300 purchase seem like a savings. Shoppers are attracted to their designer collections because they benefit from high-end names at bargain prices. And people who don't traditionally shop at big-box stores benefit from big-box savings.
Appeal to value (rationale):
Consumers like to save money, so tout value as much as you can.
Appeal to belonging (emotion)
Use humor -- when it makes sense -- to humanize your brand and win hearts.

## Shifting perception

People are well aware of the effects of sugar (diabetes, weight gain, mood). This means companies that produce products containing sugar must compel consumers to buy. One way to effectively do this is by finding -- and publicizing -- evidence that shifts public opinion. Just last month, Coca-Cola helped fund a study sugesting exercise - not diet-is at the heart heath problems like Type 2 diabetes and obesity. By offering "hard evidence," Coca-Cola is helping people feel better about their sugar consumption. I know when see elite cyclists and ultra marathoners chugging soft drinks, I rationalize the sweet stuff as a "recovery drink." Who doesn't need a little post-workout boost?

Appeal to logic (rationale):
In this data-focused age, people look for research to make decisions, so use data and statistics to back up your brand and support your message.
Appeal to trust (emotion):
Turn negative press into an opportunity to educate your consumers and build trust.

## Convenience takes center stage

Even if consumers know they're never going to drive through the Sahara or the Amazon, chances are some SUV advertisements make them want to. Auto marketers are great at tapping into imagination and fantasy. But while emotion might do some of the heavy lifting, auto marketers must stay equally focused on convenience. Despite how far SUVs have come in the last 10 years they're more fuel efficient, smaller, and the stigma of owning one no longer exists), a few truths remain. They do require more fuel (i.e. greater negative impact on the environment, more expensive to drive), take up more road space, and can be more difficult to park. But they are also very convenient. Extra cargo space is appealing o parents who need extra storage for child accessories and groceries and urbanites who just want more utility Additionally, all-wheel drive models give people the freedom to go from the city streets to the mountains (even if it's not for off-roading).

Appeal to convenience (rationale):
People are busy and crave simplicity. Communicate how your product/brand/service makes life easier and you'll have a customer for life.

Appeal to trust (emotion):
We are, by nature, emotional creatures who like to dream. Whether it's following the latest TV drama or reading fictional fantasy, we enjoy escapism. Find a way o fuel consumers' imaginations and you'll connect in a more meaningful way.

With that, I think I'll finish the last season of "Game of Thrones."

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## For The Road Ahead

## "This car should be sleek, modern, forward-thinking... <br> - Nick Ricci, Director of Digital Sales, East Coast

Jumpstart Designs The Driverless Car Of Its Dreams

It's no surprise that most of us here at Jumpstart are super stoked" about autonomous technology. And as a company who is entrenched in the automotive industry (more than half of us are either from Detroit with deep auto roots, total gearheads-or both), we know what we want to see in a driverless car.

From body style (we overwhelmingly want either a CUV or an SUV) to an interior with every imaginable tech feature and our own personal playlists ( $84 \%$ of us want to listen to streaming music versus NPR, audio books, or radio), we asked everyone to describe their ideal self-driving car. We then hired fellow Detroiter and auto designer, Angelo Kafantaris, to bring our vision to life.

Jumpstart's Driverless Luxury Sport Crossover


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[^0]:    On average, $32 \%$ of the competitors' audience
    is visiting a Jumpstart website, while $11 \%$

    * of Jumpstart's audience is viewing a competitive

[^1]:    Shopping pages include category, make/ model pages, and listings
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