## I Reputation

Reputation Report 2021 Automotive Industry


## What Does It Take to Be a Top Automotive Brand?

The past year in the automotive industry has been a whirlwind. After the pandemic cast a huge cloud over the future of automotive in 2020, the industry took off for the first half of 2021. Then, it began to stall during the summer. At first, surging demand sent sales skyrocketing, and a global chip shortage ensured that prices of new and used cars soared. That meant sweet profits for dealers but eroding margins for OEMs. By August, the shortage caught up to the industry globally, as a lack of inventory caused sales to drop in large global markets from Germany to the United States.

During this time:
$\rightarrow$ How did car shoppers feel about their experience?
$\rightarrow$ Which automotive dealers did the best job meeting their needs?

Our 2021 Automotive Reputation Report provides answers.
We analyzed:

20,000 automotive dealerships and brands in the United States and Canada
15,000 automotive dealerships and brands in Europe

## Then we ranked the leading dealerships and brands.

Read on to find out who the leaders in customer experience were and why.

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## Key Findings

## Reviews are more important than ever.

Review volume for 2021 is higher than ever, which is especially significant because

## 80\%

$80 \%$ of consumers say reviews are important when selecting a dealership.

41\%
say they will read at least five reviews before visiting a dealership.


## Ratings and Reviews drive leads.

## 64\%

of consumers surveyed say they would travel more than 20 miles to a top-rated dealership.


## Customer service is the main driver of positive ratings for auto dealerships.

Despite the rise of digital, buying a car remains a largely human-centered, face-to-face experience.

## 65\%

of car shoppers told us they are influenced significantly by in-person visits as they decide which dealership to buy a car from.


## Price is the top driver of negative ratings

Dealerships need to manage consumers' expectations about prices, especially when demand outstrips supply during the inventory shortage.

## 82\%

of consumers we surveyed with YouGov said price is an important consideration, more than any other factor.


## Inventory shortages are top of mind for customers

### 32.6X

Reviews mentioning shortages have increased
32.6x from January 2021 to July 2021

The automotive industry is improving its online reputation.

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The industry's overall Reputation Score has increased from 603 in February 2020 to 613 in 2021.


## Effective reputation management drives sales volume.

## $\uparrow 10 \%$

Auto dealerships that effectively manage their digital reputation increase sales up to $10 \%$


## Introduction

To compile this report, our Data Science team analyzed 20,000 automotive dealerships and their affiliated brands in the United States and Canada and 15,000 more across Europe.

We collected data from sources such as Google, Facebook, Twitter and more. Using Reputation's proprietary machine learning algorithms and natural language processing technology, we analyzed actual customer feedback from each brand and dealership to understand how car shoppers perceive them. To dig deeper, we partnered with research firm YouGov to survey 1,000 consumers to learn more about how they research and purchase cars. From there, we published rankings for the leading dealerships and brands across several categories, including luxury and non-luxury.

The rankings are based on our proprietary Reputation Score, which looks at a business's sentiment, visibility, and engagement across nine elements ranging from the volume of reviews accumulated for a business to its star average.

Let's take a closer look at how the industry is evolving and how car shoppers are responding.

## The Great Transition for the Automotive Industry

## Automobile sales surged for the first half of 2021

Cars helped millions of people reclaim their lives during the pandemic. As economies reopened everywhere, people relied on their cars to visit stores, eat out, visit movie theaters, and many other moments denied to them for much of 2020.

Cars were something else, too-a sanctuary. At the height of the pandemic, $62 \%$ of drivers traded public transportation for personal vehicles, where personal health and safety could be better managed. Cars also have provided a safer way to travel. As the pandemic took hold, vacation plans changed drastically, with people driving within 200 miles of their homes for summer vacations instead of choosing more crowded forms of travel such as air travel.

So, it's no surprise that automobile sales surged for the first half of 2021, even as a chronic shortage of automobiles caused by a global chip shortage sent car prices rising to their highest levels in history. By June 2021, JD Power and LMC Automotive were forecasting that new-vehicle retail sales for the first half of 2021 were going to reach 7.1 million units, a $36 \%$ increase from the first six months of 2020 and a $10.8 \%$ increase from the first half of 2019 when adjusted for selling days.



## The Chip Shortage Takes Its Toll

The heady days didn't last. By August, the global chip shortage was taking its toll. With inventory levels shrinking, sales fell behind 2020 monthly totals. Meanwhile, OEMs suffered from a disruption to production, with brands such as GM forecasting weaker earnings as 2021 progressed. In September, it was estimated that the shortage would cost the automotive industry $\$ 210$ billion in lost revenues in 2021.

The chip shortage may continue well into 2022. Sales volume may not increase in coming years, and in fact it may drop. As a result, OEMs and dealerships are experiencing a shift in thinking, with more of a focus on driving profits than selling more units. Volume will remain important, but finding ways to improve margins is becoming more important than ever. For example, dealerships need to find ways to win over customers from competitors; and attract more customers to the Service and Parts Department, which accounts for about half a dealership's profits.
$\rightarrow$
As a result, it's becoming critical that OEMs, dealer groups, and dealers have a strong process around managing the customer journey. For example, maximizing profitability increasingly means providing the highest levels of customer service pre- and post-sale. In order to do so, dealerships and OEMs need a stronger understanding of what customers are saying.

## Heavy Reliance on Digital

One factor remained constant amid the industry's shifting fortunes: as Americans bought and serviced their cars, they continued to rely heavily on digital, whether searching for dealerships on Google or reading online reviews of dealerships and cars. Our survey with YouGov showed that 74\% of car shoppers are influenced significantly by digital sources, like review sites and a dealership's website, as they decide which dealership to buy a car from.


In fact, the volume of reviews for 2021 continues to climb to its highest yearly total, reflecting shoppers' comfort with relying on digital word of mouth. Our Google My Business (GMB) traffic analysis shows an increase in GMB views and actions. Views have risen 15\% since August 2020, and actions are up 4\%.

## 个15\%

GMB views have risen 15\%
since August 2020


GMB actions have risen 4\% since August 2020

## 个8\%

GMB clicks to directions have increased 8\% since August 2020

## GMB Metrics



- Views. Views mean someone is looking at a dealership location to learn everything about it, from its address to contact information for the sales team.
- Actions. Actions constitute actual clicks to do something after visiting a GMB listing - such as calling a dealership, getting directions to visit a location, or clicking through to its website for more information.
- Click-to-directions. We've seen the most significant increase in clicks to directions, which have increased 8\% since August 2020. This increase in activity shows that shoppers have been actively using Google to learn where to buy a car.


## Buyers seek more flexible services.

In addition to using digital avenues to find and evaluate dealerships, shoppers also asked for more flexible services from dealerships.

According to a Cars.com consumer study, buying behavior changed during the Covid-19 pandemic, with shoppers relying more on digital features such as chat and on-demand services such as home delivery. In 2020, 57\% of car buyers made the bulk of their vehicle purchases online, and several opted for contactless home delivery from their local dealership.


Dealerships' ability to adapt allowed shoppers to choose contactless purchasing and delivery. Dealers also doubled down on digital tools, turning to online messaging, virtual retailing, video appointments, and virtual test drives to help shoppers find the right car.

How have shoppers felt about their experience with auto dealers during this extraordinary year? Read on to find out.

Dealerships adapted:
$69 \%$ *
of franchised dealerships added at least one digital step due to Covid-19.

## 个35\%

the number of dealerships offering home-delivery services increased $35 \%$ within the first six months of the pandemic.

## 个41\%

of consumers expect a response within an hour when they message a dealership either through social media or direct messaging tools.

At AutoNation, the Customer experience is of vital importance.
We're honored to have over 500,000 five star reviews and growing, the most out of any automotive group (public or private). As America's largest and most admired automotive retailer, understanding what our Customers need and being able to address their comments online and in-person is a priority to our Associates and leadership. Using Reputation's tools to solicit, aggregate, and respond to Customer reviews helps us measure and act on our Customer feedback at scale. This has been vital to our Reputation Management strategies. Each year we surpass a new record in review management and Customer engagement. We're excited to be on track to add another estimated 150,000 positive reviews this year alone because of the care each of our Associates brings to the Customer experience.

## Rebecca K. Sampson (she/her),

Manager, Digital Advertising

## AutoNation

## What Customers Think of Car Dealerships

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## Data Shows

The Reputation Data Science team examined more than 4.8 million ratings/reviews across auto dealers' websites, GMB listings, and social media channels to measure consumer sentiment.

We used our own proprietary data analysis methodology that uses natural language processing to detect patterns in consumers' comments.

Here's what we found.

## Shoppers Are Leaving More Reviews Than Ever and Average Star Ratings Are Holding Their Own

Car shoppers have a lot on their minds. Review volume for 2021 is higher than ever. In 2020, reviews were essentially at the same levels as 2019, even though Google briefly suspended reviews during the pandemic. Review volume has increased across the board, including luxury and nonluxury categories.

And dealership sentiment is holding its own. Average star ratings have either stayed the same or increased slightly since 2020 and have increased since 2018, even as shoppers face inventory shortages and rising car costs. This data is especially significant. Our study with YouGov highlights the importance of reviews and star ratings:

Nearly 80\% of consumers say that reviews are important in their selection of a car dealership.

41\% say they read at least five reviews before visiting a dealership, according to your study with YouGov.

64\% of consumers are willing to drive more than 20 miles to a top-rated dealership.

Average monthly reviews per year


Review volume, star average


## Dealerships <br> Respond to the <br> Inventory Shortage

The worsening inventory shortage caused by a scarcity of computer chips has caused challenges that many car shoppers are not accustomed to experiencing. Finding a car means navigating dealership lots with fewer choices and longer wait times.

We see consumers' growing concern about the inventory shortages reflected in a rise in reviews mentioning the issue, especially from May 2021 onward.


Unfortunately, sentiment about shortages is dragging down the automotive industry's reputation. In fact, reviews mentioning shortages are roughly twice as likely to be negative compared to reviews about the industry generally.

Review volume, star average



## What's Causing the Dissatisfaction?

Consumer comments suggest that their dissatisfaction stems not necessarily from a lack of inventory but rather rising prices as these comments from reviews show:
"Even during the car shortage, the audacity to go 30\% over MSRP and try to justify it shows what kind of people own and manage this dealership."
"Prices above average and unwillingness to discount due to 'Vehicle shortage' while their lot is full of vehicles that have been sitting for months. Taking advantage of COVID to gouge customers is disrespectful ..."
" . . . watch other dealers taking advantage of chip shortage by raising MSRP . . . We are fine paying MSRP for a demanding vehicle but to add on an extra $\$ 2,000$ is wrong."

Another shopper detailed their experience:
"When I arrived at the lot the [Name of Vehicle] was there, had the features I like and the MSRP showed the price to be $\$ 27 \mathrm{k}$. When I asked the sales rep about the second sticker showing a price of 35 k I was told that due to shortage of inventory that it was their selling price. An $\$ 8000$ markup, talk about highway robbery."

In this particular instance, the customer's level of dissatisfaction escalated after the shopper asked to speak to someone senior in the dealership and then felt talked down to when the customer pressed the issue.

## The Rise of

## Electric Vehicles

We also took a closer look at review volumes and average star ratings for electric vehicles and hybrids given their heightened public interest, such as the launch of the European Union's "Fit for 55" plan to make emissions-free cars accessible for all, and the Biden Administration's announcement of a plan to invest $\$ 174$ billion in the EV market.

Review volumes have increased noticeably since 2020, and sentiment has stayed roughly the same. The increase in review volumes reflects an increase in EV sales. The relatively flat customer sentiment raises the question of how EV makers and dealerships might improve sentiment.

Review volume, star average


## Strengths:

## Customer Service, Sales, and Staff

Customer service is the main driver of positive ratings for auto dealerships, followed by the sales experience and dealership staff.

We saw a slight improvement in sentiment for all three categories compared to 2020. All three categories increased their overall impact on the star average for the industry, going from 0.48 to 0.64 . This indicates that customers put more weight on these categories in 2021 than they did in 2020.


When we analyzed shoppers' perceptions of dealerships in their online reviews, we were impressed by how often customers praised individuals by name for providing friendly, knowledgeable service and for making the purchase of a car less stressful. And staff willing to go the extra mile - such as driving an hour to deliver a new car to a customer earned high marks.

## Sentiment categories with the highest positive impact on star ratings

## Customer Service

89

Mentions: 806.7K
Impact: +0.3

## Sales

Mentions: 704.1K
Impact: +0.19

## Staff

Mentions: 580.2K
Impact: +0.15

## Analysis

Our research with YouGov underlines the importance of service, sales, and staff:

- Leaning into the human factor differentiates a dealership. Despite the rise of digital, buying a car remains a largely humancentered, face-to-face experience. The sales team remains a dealership's strongest network of brand ambassadors, but so is the staff that handles everything from scheduling test drives to managing car delivery
- Customers want dealerships to respond with service relevant to their changing needs, so long as dealers do it right. Options such as online chat, home delivery, and video appointments will resonate so long as dealerships manage those functions efficiently, but customers will notice when they do not. We saw a range of negative and positive comments about online chat. For every customer who characterized a dealership's online chat as annoying or unhelpful, others praised dealerships' online chat features for being personable and easy. Ease and responsiveness are essential with chat.


## Positive Reviews

"[Name] drove an hour to deliver my new car to me."
"[Name] helped me find my new car and did a great job!"
"Friendly and knowledgeable staff!"
"A big thank you to [Name] for all of your patience, your help, and making my life less stressful . . ."
"Truly customer-focused with friendly and knowledgeable staff, it is always a pleasant experience every visit."
of car shoppers told us they are influenced significantly by in-person visits as they decide which dealership to buy a car from.

## 53\%

are influenced specifically by the professionalism of the dealership's staff.

## Weaknesses:

## Pricing, Service, and Administration

Price is the top driver of negative sentiment, perhaps not surprisingly given the increase in prices for used and new cars.

And this situation is not likely to change as the global chip shortage continues. The other two top drivers of negative sentiment are service and administration. Only pricing has seen a slight increase in the negative impact on the overall rating, where it now pulls down the average rating by 0.07 stars instead of 0.06.

Complaints about service frequently had more to do with service teams being sloppy and rude than with the actual quality of vehicle repairs. Service teams leaving clutter in cars or responding with indifference to questions about a repair were called out by annoyed customers. We also noticed that complaints about price did not always focus on high prices, per se, but unexpected costs. No one likes surprises, least of all customers making one of the most expensive purchases of their lives.

## Sentiment categories with the highest negative impact on star ratings

## Pricing

## 61

 100Mentions: 232.8 K
Impact: -0.07 $\star$

## Service

68

Mentions: 396.8K
Impact: -0.04 $\star$

## Administration

62

## Mentions: 38.6K

Impact: Low $\star$

## Implications for dealers:

It may seem like there's not much a dealer can do about car prices. But dealers should monitor what customers are saying, respond, and consider options that might ease the burden of higher prices, such as offering service discounts or other incentives.

They should also clearly state all costs upfront and in detail to avoid surprises. This is critical because price is the most vital factor for buyers - 82\% of consumers we surveyed with YouGov said price is the most important consideration.

When it comes to service, dealers may want to refresh how well they are training their teams on the nuances of customer service.

## Negative Reviews

"Once the truck was ready, your staff contacted us and very rudely said we had to pick up today or you would start charging us $\$ 35$ a day."
"Wrappers from parts used to repair my vehicle were left in my car as if it were just a trash can."
"When picking up my keys that day, I asked about a walk around to make sure repairs were satisfactory and was told, 'you won't find anything wrong with it, here's your keys.' Then went about their day."
"Simply a courtesy call by someone who had inspected the vehicle to review the damage found and the intended repairs after the initial estimate was completed would go a long way to improve the experience."

We are thrilled with the dedication of our Honda dealers for creating an enhanced customer experience during the past year that resulted in a big leap up the industry rankings.
The tools that the Reputation platform provides have positively impacted Honda dealers while creating an even better shopping experience for our Honda customers.

Jessika Laudermilk,
Marketing

## Honda



## U.S. Rankings

The bar was higher for making the Top 100 list in the 2021 report. The Top 100 dealerships in the 2021 report earned a Reputation Score of 884 and above. That's 271 points above the industry average.

In the United States,

- The average engagement score for all brands in our study was $69 \%$. That said, brands still have a ways to go before they reach the $100 \%$ response rate Reputation recommends.
- Hendrick had an impressive five dealerships in the Top 10.
- Hendrick Lexus Charleston rose from Number Two in the last report to Number One in the 2021 report, followed by Hendrick Volvo Cars of Charleston.
- Large dealer groups excel at reputation management: 19 of 23 had Reputation Scores above the industry average.


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the Top 100 dealerships in the 2021 report earned a Reputation Score 271 above the automotive industry average.


## U.S. Top Non-Luxury Brands

| Ranking | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Nissan | 681 | 72\% | 71\% | 81\% |
| 2 | Subaru | 673 | 76\% | 65\% | 79\% |
| 3 | Honda | 656 | 72\% | 70\% | 74\% |
| 4 | Mitsubishi | 651 | 75\% | 65\% | 72\% |
| 5 | Toyota | 639 | 70\% | 66\% | 75\% |
| 6 | Hyundai | 635 | 73\% | 66\% | 68\% |
| 7 | GMC | 631 | 75\% | 61\% | 69\% |
| 8 | Ford | 630 | 73\% | 65\% | 67\% |
| 9 | Chevrolet | 629 | 75\% | 61\% | 69\% |
| 10 | Buick | 629 | 76\% | 60\% | 69\% |
| 11 | Kia | 617 | 66\% | 68\% | 65\% |
| 12 | Dodge | 614 | 73\% | 61\% | 65\% |
| 13 | Mazda | 604 | 67\% | 65\% | 65\% |
| 14 | Jeep | 603 | 71\% | 61\% | 65\% |
| 15 | Chrysler | 602 | 71\% | 61\% | 65\% |
| 16 | Ram | 601 | 71\% | 61\% | 65\% |
| 17 | MINI | 600 | 82\% | 49\% | 65\% |
| 18 | Volkswagen | 593 | 68\% | 62\% | 66\% |
| 19 | Fiat | 576 | 68\% | 60\% | 69\% |

- Nissan earned the highest Reputation Score among non-luxury brands. Having the highest visibility and engagement scores were vital to Nissan's top ranking.
- Subaru was a close second. Subaru achieved the highest sentiment score. For Subaru to climb to the top, Subaru needs to improve its visibility score.
- Nissan needs to focus on its sentiment score to remain on top: only one of the top five brands had a lower sentiment score than Nissan.
- Mitsubishi made a giant leap in the rankings, jumping 13 positions and increasing their score by 58 points.
Honda also made a big improvement by increasing their score by 53 points.


## U.S. Top Luxury Brands

| Ranking | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | INFINITI | 710 | $76 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $83 \%$ |
| 2 | Lexus | 707 | $76 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $83 \%$ |
| 3 | BMW | 674 | $73 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| 4 | Acura | 662 | $74 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| 5 | Audi | 646 | $74 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| 6 | Mercedes-Benz | 638 | $71 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| 7 | Lincoln | 628 | $75 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| 8 | Porsche | 623 | $77 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| 10 | Land Rover | 607 | $72 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| 11 | Jolvo | 589 | $75 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| 12 | Tesla | 561 | $72 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| 13 | Cadillac | 518 | $69 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| 14 | Genesis | 500 | $73 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $79 \%$ |

- INFINITI ranked highest among the luxury brands because it had the highest score in sentiment, visibility, and engagement.
- INFINITI made the biggest jump in the rankings, gaining 93 points to take first place. The brand improved in sentiment, visibility, and engagement, with the main driver being the improvements in visibility.
- Tesla ranked third to last in the rankings, with their Reputation Score dropping 2 points since the previous report. Tesla improved its visibility by $12 \%$, but Tesla also decreased in sentiment by $3 \%$. The brand's $4 \%$ engagement score is the lowest of any brand we analyzed. To put that score in perspective, the secondlowest score was Genesis at $46 \%$. Tesla should focus on improving all aspects of its Reputation Score, but mainly sentiment and engagement..

We are thrilled to have been honored as the top luxury (and overall) automotive brand in the 2021 Automotive Reputation Report. Active client listening, engagement, and support has led to this significant accomplishment - our retailers have proven to be among the best in the industry in customer satisfaction year after year. We are so proud that our customers and credible third-parties within the industry recognize our online reputation efforts, as well as our retailer's focus on taking care of customers and responding to their feedback.

## Matthew Wilson,

Director - Client Experience and Training
INFINITI AMERICAS

## U.S. Top Dealership Groups - Private

| Ranking | Dealership Group | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Hendrick Automotive Group | 836 | $85 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $99 \%$ |
| 2 | Holman Automotive Group Inc. | 769 | $80 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $96 \%$ |
| 3 | Prime Automotive Group | 731 | $78 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| 4 | Napleton Automotive Group | 729 | $74 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $95 \%$ |
| 5 | MileOne Autogroup | 712 | $75 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $93 \%$ |
| 6 | Findlay Automotive Group | 708 | $78 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| 7 | The Herb Chambers Companies | 688 | $76 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| 8 | Serra Automotive Inc. | 676 | $78 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| 9 | Ganley Auto Group | 656 | $72 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| 10 | Ken Garff Automotive Group | 650 | $64 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| 11 | Larry H. Miller Dealerships | 640 | $62 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $92 \%$ |
| 12 | Morgan Automotive Group | 626 | $63 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $92 \%$ |
| 13 | RML Automotive Inc. | 598 | $66 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| 14 | Victory Automotive Group | DARCARS Automotive Group | 583 | $62 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| 16 | Greenway Auto Group | 568 | $52 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $90 \%$ |

- Hendrick had the highest score among the private dealer groups and all dealer groups. The brand earned the highest sentiment, visibility and sentiment score among all private and public groups. As a result, Hendrick has a comfortable lead over second place holder Holman Automotive.
- Holman made significant improvements during the year and increased its score by 102 points. Holman improved its social score by $4 \%$, visibility by $11 \%$, and engagement by $13 \%$.
- Herb Chambers had the biggest improvement with a 105 point increase. Herb Chambers improved sentiment by $4 \%$, visibility by $20 \%$, and engagement $17 \%$.

First, I would like to thank our customers for trusting us with their automotive business. Their reviews are what earned us this distinction as the number-one overall ranked public or private dealer group for online reputation, three years in a row. Providing the very best customer service and taking care of people is at the heart of our company culture, and our 11,000 teammates live out those values every day. They are why we have both the top-rated dealership overall and the top dealer group. At every level, our people are what make the difference. We are so proud of them for this amazing achievement.

## Greg Gach

President

## Hendrick Automotive Group

## U.S. Top Dealership Groups - Public

Ranking Dealership Group

| 1 | Penske Automotive Group Inc. | 743 | $81 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | Sonic Automotive Inc. | 732 | $70 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $94 \%$ |
| AutoNation Inc. | 726 | $65 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $98 \%$ |  |
| 5 | Group 1 Automotive Inc. | 689 | $68 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $92 \%$ |
| 6 | Asbury Automotive Group Inc. | 657 |  | $67 \%$ | $75 \%$ |

- Penske grabbed the top spot for the public dealer groups by having the highest sentiment score by a good margin compared to other public dealer groups. To keep this position, Penske should focus on improving its visibility score, which is currently the lowest of the top five businesses.
- AutoNation had the highest visibility score at $83 \%$ and the highest engagement score of $98 \%$ of the public dealer groups. AutoNation also had the highest volume score of $92 \%$, meaning that it has received the highest volume of reviews.

Holman is - and always will be - a customer-centric business and delivering an exceptional experience remains our top strategic priority. The voice of our customers serves as a catalyst for change and we've made a concerted effort to amplify their feedback across our entire organization in order for our service-oriented culture to thrive and evolve. We're incredibly proud to be included among the industry leaders for customer satisfaction and receive this tremendous recognition for our commitment to aligning with what truly matters to our customers. Their voice along with the long-standing core values and principles of the Holman Way will continue to guide our organization, ensuring we always do the right thing for our people, our customers, and our community.

## Chad Jernberg,

Vice President, Customer Experience

## Holman Automotive

## U.S. Top 100 Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | State | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Hendrick Lexus Charleston | Charleston | SC | 938 |
| 2 | Hendrick Volvo Cars of Charleston | Charleston | SC | 931 |
| 3 | Ada Nissan, Inc. | Ada | OK | 929 |
| 4 | Hendrick Lexus Kansas City | Merriam | KS | 929 |
| 5 | Hendrick Lexus Northlake | Charlotte | NC | 928 |
| 6 | BMW of Southpoint | Durham | NC | 927 |
| 7 | Champion Chevrolet Buick GMC | La Grange | KY | 927 |
| 8 | Hendrick Lexus Charlotte | Charlotte | NC | 927 |
| 9 | Hendrick Lexus Kansas City North | Kansas City | MO | 924 |
| 10 | Lexus of Pleasanton | Pleasanton | CA | 923 |
| 11 | Hendrick Porsche | Charlotte | NC | 923 |
| 12 | Mercedes-Benz of Durham | Durham | NC | 922 |
| 13 | Bill Jacobs MINI | Naperville | IL | 921 |
| 14 | Hendrick Acura Southpoint | Durham | NC | 921 |
| 15 | East Bay MINI | Pleasanton | CA | 920 |
| 16 | Terry Henricks Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram | Archbold | OH | 920 |
| 17 | Stevenson-Hendrick Honda Wilmington | Wilmington | NC | 920 |
| 18 | Honda Of Olathe | Olathe | KS | 918 |
| 19 | Acura of Pleasanton | Pleasanton | CA | 915 |
| 20 | Lexus of Omaha | Omaha | NE | 915 |
| 21 | Mercedes-Benz of Northlake | Charlotte | NC | 913 |
| 22 | Rick Hendrick Toyota Sandy Springs | Atlanta | GA | 912 |
| 23 | Land Rover Palm Beach | West Palm Beach | FL | 910 |
| 24 | Volkswagen of Murrieta | Murrieta | CA | 910 |
| 25 | Hendrick Volkswagen of Concord | Concord | NC | 909 |

## U.S. Top 100 Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | State | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | INFINITI Of Central Arkansas | Benton | AR | 908 |
| 27 | Porsche Southpoint | Durham | NC | 908 |
| 28 | Myers Ford Co Inc. | Elkton | VA | 908 |
| 29 | AutoNation Acura Gulf Freeway | League City | TX | 908 |
| 30 | Madison Ford | Madison | VA | 907 |
| 31 | Hendrick Honda | Charlotte | NC | 905 |
| 32 | Land Rover Charlotte | Charlotte | NC | 905 |
| 33 | Holiday Ford | Fond du Lac | WI | 904 |
| 34 | Honda of Concord | Concord | NC | 904 |
| 35 | Friendly Ford, Inc. | Geneva | NY | 904 |
| 36 | BMW of Delray Beach | Delray Beach | FL | 904 |
| 37 | Stevinson Toyota West | Lakewood | CO | 903 |
| 38 | RC Hill Mitsubishi - Ocala | Ocala | FL | 903 |
| 39 | Nissan Of Bismarck | Bismarck | ND | 902 |
| 40 | Jim Schmidt Ford, Inc. | Hicksville | OH | 901 |
| 41 | Wickstrom Ford | Barrington | IL | 901 |
| 42 | Bayou Ford | LaPlace | LA | 901 |
| 43 | BMW of Wyoming Valley | Wilkes-Barre | PA | 901 |
| 44 | AutoNation Acura South Bay | Torrance | CA | 901 |
| 45 | Van Horn Ford Lomira | Lomira | WI | 901 |
| 46 | Honda Of Bellingham | Bellingham | WA | 900 |
| 47 | MINI of Charleston | Charleston | SC | 899 |
| 48 | Causeway Honda | Manahawkin | NJ | 898 |
| 49 | Bommarito Volkswagen Hazelwood | Hazelwood | MO | 897 |
| 50 | Ronnie Thompson Ford | Ellijay | GA | 896 |

## U.S. Top 100 Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | State | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 | INFINITI Of Williamsville | Williamsville | NY | 896 |
| 52 | Cook County Ford Inc. | Adel | GA | 896 |
| 53 | Rick Hendrick BMW | Charleston | SC | 896 |
| 54 | Feyer Ford of Williamston | Williamston | NC | 895 |
| 55 | Paoli Ford | Paoli | PA | 895 |
| 56 | Keenan Honda | Doylestown | PA | 895 |
| 57 | Lighthouse Buick GMC | Morton | IL | 895 |
| 58 | Keller Bros Motor Co | Lebanon | PA | 895 |
| 59 | Jim Browne Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Dade City | Dade City | FL | 894 |
| 60 | Elkins Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram | Elkins | Wv | 894 |
| 61 | Audi Colorado Springs | Colorado Springs | CO | 893 |
| 62 | BMW of Catonsville | Baltimore | MD | 893 |
| 63 | BMW of Kansas City South | Kansas City | MO | 893 |
| 64 | Carriage Mitsubishi | Gainesville | GA | 893 |
| 65 | Honda of El Cerrito | El Cerrito | CA | 892 |
| 66 | Lexus of Las Vegas | Las Vegas | NV | 892 |
| 67 | Germain Lexus of Naples | Naples | FL | 892 |
| 68 | South Bay Lexus | Torrance | CA | 892 |
| 69 | Mercedes-Benz of Calabasas | Calabasas | CA | 892 |
| 70 | Trent Cadillac Buick GMC | New Bern | NC | 891 |
| 71 | Baxter Toyota La Vista | La Vista | NE | 891 |
| 72 | Preston Ford | Burton | OH | 891 |
| 73 | Lexus of Northborough | Northborough | MA | 891 |
| 74 | North Park Lexus Rio Grande Valley | San Juan | TX | 890 |
| 75 | Varsity Lincoln, Inc. | Novi | MI | 890 |

## U.S. Top 100 Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | State | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 76 | DELLA Toyota of Plattsburgh | Plattsburgh | NY | 889 |
| 77 | Stokes Toyota Hilton Head | Bluffton | SC | 889 |
| 78 | D'Ella Honda Of Glens Falls | Queensbury | NY | 889 |
| 79 | Fred Haas Nissan | Tomball | TX | 889 |
| 80 | West Herr Toyota of Williamsville | Williamsville | NY | 889 |
| 81 | New Motors Subaru | Erie | PA | 889 |
| 82 | Audi Westmont | Westmont | IL | 889 |
| 83 | Garber Buick Saginaw | Saginaw | MI | 888 |
| 84 | Kimber Creek Ford | Pine River | MN | 888 |
| 85 | BMW of Fort Lauderdale | Fort Lauderdale | FL | 888 |
| 86 | Friendly Ford of Hamilton | Hamilton | NY | 887 |
| 87 | Bill Jacobs BMW | Naperville | IL | 887 |
| 88 | AutoNation Acura Spokane Valley | Spokane Valley | WA | 887 |
| 89 | Jack Kain Ford, Inc. | Versailles | KY | 887 |
| 90 | Family Toyota of Burleson | Burleson | TX | 886 |
| 91 | Marketplace Motors, Inc. | Devils Lake | ND | 886 |
| 92 | Bob-Boyd Lincoln, Inc. | Columbus | OH | 886 |
| 93 | BMW of South Austin | Austin | TX | 885 |
| 94 | DELLA Subaru of Plattsburgh | Plattsburgh | NY | 885 |
| 95 | Landmark Lincoln | Englewood | CO | 885 |
| 96 | Audi South Orlando | Orlando | FL | 884 |
| 97 | Terry Henricks Ford | Archbold | OH | 884 |
| 98 | Gates Honda | Richmond | KY | 884 |
| 99 | Herlong Chevrolet Buick | Batesburg-Leesville | SC | 884 |
| 100 | Ivey Motors | Robert Lee | TX | 884 |

## Canada Top Brands

| Ranking | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Lincoln | 635 | 75\% | 66\% | 68\% | Lincoln took first place with a reputation score of 635 , followed by |
| 2 | Ford | 608 | 77\% | 59\% | 63\% |  |
| 3 | Hyundai | 601 | 70\% | 61\% | 90\% | Ford with 608 and Hyundai at 601. |
| 4 | Honda | 580 | 70\% | 61\% | 66\% | These are the same Top Three as in |
| 5 | Jeep | 578 | 70\% | 59\% | 67\% |  |
| 6 | Mazda | 566 | 71\% | 58\% | 64\% | At the bottom we have Mitsubishi at 513 . |
| 7 | Toyota | 562 | 71\% | 59\% | 70\% |  |
| 8 | Kia | 562 | 73\% | 57\% | 60\% | Ford had the highest sentiment score at $77 \%$, |
| 9 | Buick | 556 | 72\% | 56\% | 63\% |  |
| 10 | Volkswagen | 555 | 68\% | 56\% | 72\% | Lincoln had the highest visibility score at 66\% |
| 11 | BMW | 554 | 65\% | 63\% | 53\% |  |
| 12 | Chevrolet | 550 | 72\% | 51\% | 63\% | Hyundai had the highest engagement score at 90\%. |
| 13 | GMC | 541 | 72\% | 55\% | 62\% |  |
| 14 | Chrysler | 541 | 68\% | 56\% | 58\% |  |
| 15 | Dodge | 536 | 67\% | 57\% | 55\% |  |
| 16 | Nissan | 519 | 68\% | 53\% | 65\% |  |
| 17 | Mitsubishi | 513 | 63\% | 55\% | 86\% |  |



## Europe Rankings

## United Kingdom

- Hyundai had the highest Reputation Score at 715. The lowest was Alfa Romeo at 498
- Hyundai had the highest sentiment score at $83 \%$.
- Audi had the highest visibility score at $65 \%$.
- Toyota had the highest engagement score at $94 \%$.
- Renault made the biggest improvement with an increase of 106 points. This earned Renault a 4th place position, up from 22 nd in the last report.
- For dealer groups in the U.K. Snows Motor Group had the biggest improvement with an increase from 26th place to Number One.
- Vantage Motor Group and RRG Group also performed well, remaining in the Top Three for the second year in a row.


## France

- The top-rated brand in France was MINI, with a score of 630 .
- The lowest rated was Mitsubishi at 403.
- Renault had the highest sentiment and engagement scores at $76 \%$ and $89 \%$.
- BMW had the highest visibility at $63 \%$


## Germany, Austria, and Switzerland (DACH):

- Mitsubishi had the highest average Reputation Score of all brands at 720, which was an increase of 54 points.
- Dacia had the lowest at 499.
- Mitsubishi had the highest sentiment at $88 \%$.
- MINI, had the highest visibility and engagement at $65 \%$ and $76 \%$ respectively.
- Subaru has made an improvement of 81 points, which has earned them the second place in the rankings.

We are delighted to have achieved the biggest growth of any other automotive brand in the last 12 months. This is testament to the great work carried out by the team within Renault UK Customer Experience combined with the fantastic levels of engagement seen throughout our dealer network. Our retailers have quickly recognised the role that online review presence and good listings management can play in driving positive customer experience. E-reputation management will continue to be a core element in our customer excellence plans for Renault, Dacia and Alpine brands in 2022.

## Verity Mercer,

Head of Customer Experience and Quality,

## Groupe Renault UK

## U.K. Brands

| Ranking | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Hyundai | 715 | 83\% | 64\% | 86\% |
| 2 | Kia | 686 | 79\% | 59\% | 85\% |
| 3 | Toyota | 671 | 81\% | 58\% | 94\% |
| 4 | Renault | 660 | 77\% | 63\% | 90\% |
| 5 | Lexus | 658 | 82\% | 57\% | 86\% |
| 6 | MINI | 626 | 75\% | 55\% | 84\% |
| 7 | Mazda | 619 | 74\% | 60\% | 77\% |
| 8 | Honda | 606 | 74\% | 55\% | 77\% |
| 9 | Nissan | 603 | 72\% | 60\% | 79\% |
| 10 | BMW | 600 | 64\% | 61\% | 80\% |
| 11 | Audi | 585 | 63\% | 65\% | 83\% |
| 12 | Tesla | 583 | 84\% | 57\% | 24\% |
| 13 | Volvo | 581 | 72\% | 55\% | 73\% |
| 14 | Suzuki | 577 | 75\% | 54\% | 66\% |
| 15 | MG | 577 | 71\% | 58\% | 63\% |
| 16 | Peugeot | 575 | 68\% | 59\% | 73\% |
| 17 | Ford | 571 | 69\% | 58\% | 75\% |
| 18 | Vauxhall | 568 | 68\% | 49\% | 74\% |
| 19 | Fiat | 564 | 68\% | 57\% | 71\% |
| 20 | Skoda | 556 | 68\% | 57\% | 68\% |

## U.K. Brands

| Ranking | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Citroen | 549 | 66\% | 57\% | 74\% |
| 22 | Jeep | 543 | 66\% | 56\% | 72\% |
| 23 | Land Rover | 539 | 58\% | 59\% | 82\% |
| 24 | Volkswagen | 533 | 64\% | 57\% | 72\% |
| 25 | Mercedes-Benz | 532 | 63\% | 57\% | 73\% |
| 26 | Dacia | 530 | 81\% | 50\% | 90\% |
| 27 | Mitsubishi | 526 | 71\% | 53\% | 54\% |
| 28 | Jaguar | 522 | 59\% | 57\% | 80\% |
| 29 | Seat | 501 | 65\% | 52\% | 66\% |
| 30 | Alfa Romeo | 498 | 63\% | 55\% | 66\% |

## U.K. Dealer Groups

| Ranking | Dealer Group | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Snows Motor Group | 751 | 89\% | 68\% | 96\% |
| 2 | Vantage Motor Group | 746 | 89\% | 66\% | 93\% |
| 3 | RRG Group | 722 | 79\% | 73\% | 93\% |
| 4 | JCT600 | 711 | 77\% | 72\% | 93\% |
| 5 | Listers | 699 | 83\% | 66\% | 86\% |
| 6 | Sytner | 661 | 76\% | 64\% | 79\% |
| 7 | T G Holdcroft | 654 | 77\% | 68\% | 83\% |
| 8 | Lookers | 651 | 71\% | 70\% | 94\% |
| 9 | Eden Motor Group | 644 | 75\% | 64\% | 77\% |
| 10 | Hendy Group | 643 | 74\% | 60\% | 98\% |
| 11 | Steven Eagell | 640 | 68\% | 67\% | 97\% |
| 12 | Glyn Hopkin | 632 | 78\% | 65\% | 95\% |
| 13 | Cambria Automobiles | 632 | 71\% | 63\% | 94\% |
| 14 | Motorline | 631 | 74\% | 63\% | 87\% |
| 15 | Inchape | 626 | 61\% | 75\% | 96\% |
| 16 | Helston Garages Group | 626 | 76\% | 57\% | 97\% |
| 17 | Arnold Clark | 614 | 72\% | 61\% | 99\% |
| 18 | Vertu Motors | 611 | 69\% | 62\% | 88\% |
| 19 | Lloyd Motors | 611 | 71\% | 55\% | 93\% |
| 20 | Eastern Western Motor Group | 607 | 71\% | 64\% | 60\% |

## U.K. Dealer Groups

| Ranking | Dealer Group | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Pendragon | 605 | 65\% | 67\% | 96\% |
| 22 | Group 1 Automotive | 587 | 62\% | 66\% | 83\% |
| 23 | Jardine Motors Group | 575 | 61\% | 64\% | 87\% |
| 24 | Johnsons Cars | 574 | 71\% | 57\% | 73\% |
| 25 | John Clark Motor Group | 566 | 60\% | 62\% | 95\% |
| 26 | Allen Motor Group | 553 | 60\% | 64\% | 79\% |
| 27 | Park's Motor Group | 553 | 65\% | 52\% | 95\% |
| 28 | Marshall Motor Holdings | 546 | 63\% | 58\% | 94\% |
| 29 | Perrys Group | 546 | 61\% | 57\% | 94\% |
| 30 | TrustFord | 542 | 55\% | 67\% | 96\% |
| 31 | PSA Retail UK | 538 | 56\% | 60\% | 84\% |
| 32 | Renault Retail Group | 533 | 72\% | 61\% | 94\% |
| 33 | Pentagon | 527 | 64\% | 52\% | 90\% |
| 34 | Stoneacre Motor Group | 437 | 52\% | 51\% | 77\% |
| 35 | Rybrook Holdings | 427 | 55\% | 51\% | 80\% |

## U.K. Top 50 Dealerships

| Ranking | Dealership | City | Rep Score | Ranking | Dealership | City | Rep Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Porsche Centre Teesside | Stockton-on-Tees | 927 | 26 | Brayley Kia Harpenden | Harpenden | 852 |
| 2 | Vospers Peugeot Torquay | Torquay | 889 | 27 | Croyde Motors Seat Brauton | Braunton | 852 |
| 3 | Brayley Honda St Albans | St Albans | 885 | 28 | RRG Lexus Stockport | Stockport | 851 |
| 4 | Listers Seat Worcester | Worcester | 880 | 29 | Vantage Lexus Leeds | Leeds | 851 |
| 5 | Glyn Hopkin Nissan Ipswich | Ipswich | 878 | 30 | Arnold Clark Southampton | Southampton | 850 |
| 6 | Vospers Peugeot Plymouth | Plymouth | 874 | 31 | Stoneacre Fiat Scunthorpe | Scunthorpe | 849 |
| 7 | Listers Toyota Grantham | Grantham | 871 | 32 | Ancaster Hyundai Welling | Welling | 848 |
| 8 | Brayley Honda Ruislip | Middlesex | 867 | 33 | Motorline Lexus Cardiff | Cardiff | 848 |
| 9 | T W White \& Sons Suzuki Effingham | Effingham | 865 | 34 | Vantage Lexus Preston | Preston | 847 |
| 10 | Listers Seat Coventry | Coventry | 865 | 35 | Listers Audi Worcester | Worcester | 847 |
| 11 | Vospers Fiat Plymouth | Plymouth | 864 | 36 | Vantage Toyota Scarborough | Scarborough | 847 |
| 12 | T W White \& Sons Mazda Orpington | Orpington | 863 | 37 | Helensburgh Toyota | Helensburgh | 847 |
| 13 | Brayley Dacia Milton Keynes | Milton Keynes | 862 | 38 | Listers Toyota Boston | Boston | 846 |
| 14 | Snows Lexus Hedge End | Hedge End | 861 | 39 | Porsche Centre Newcastle | Wallsend | 846 |
| 15 | Stoneacre Aston Martin Newcastle | Wallsend | 861 | 40 | Listers Toyota Coventry | Coventry | 846 |
| 16 | Ancaster Nissan South Croydon | South Croydon | 860 | 41 | Porsche Centre Sheffield | Sheffield | 846 |
| 17 | Arnold Clark Innovation Centre | Glasgow City | 859 | 42 | Listers Honda Solihull | Shirley | 846 |
| 18 | JCT600 Mercedes-Benz of Chesterfield | Chesterfield | 858 | 43 | Vospers Seat Plymouth | Plymouth | 846 |
| 19 | Listers Lexus Coventry | Coventry | 858 | 44 | JCT600 Mazda Leeds | Leeds | 845 |
| 20 | Blue Bell Crewe MINI | Crewe | 858 | 45 | Snows Seat Salisbury | Salisbury | 845 |
| 21 | Toomey Vauxhall Southend | Southend-on-Sea | 857 | 46 | W R Davies Toyota Shrewsbury | Shrewsbury | 845 |
| 22 | T W White \& Sons Mazda Bookham | Bookham | 857 | 47 | W M Couper Limited | St Albans | 844 |
| 23 | JCT600 Aston Martin Leeds | Leeds | 856 | 48 | TC Autos | Omagh | 844 |
| 24 | RRG Toyota Rochdale | Rochdale | 855 | 49 | Roadside (Garages) KIA | Coleraine | 843 |
| 25 | Vospers Peugeot Torquay | Torquay | 852 | 50 | Charles Hurst Toyota Dundonald | Belfast | 842 |

## France Top Brands



## France Top Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Renault ETS Gasquet \& Fils Eysines | Eysines | 876 |
| 2 | Audi Lemauviel Exclusive Vire | Vire | 868 |
| 3 | Seat Jeannin New Car Auxerre | Auxerre | 858 |
| 4 | Peugeot Garage Gavignet Tavaux | Tavaux | 856 |
| 5 | Volkswagen BYmyCAR Châtillon | Châtillon-sur-Seine | 855 |
| 6 | Lexus GCA Rennes | Cesson-Sévigné | 851 |
| 7 | Volkswagen BYmyCAR Carpentras | Carpentras | 850 |
| 8 | Volkswagen Garage Rabès Villeneuve-St-Georges | Villeneuve-Saint-Georges | 849 |
| 9 | Mazda Automobiles Autos Sélection Laval | Laval | 848 |
| 10 | Toyota - Alpes Sud Autos - Volx | Volx | 845 |

## DACH Top Brands

| Rank | Brand | Reputation Score | Sentiment | Visibility | Engagement |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Mitsubishi | 720 | 88\% | 59\% | 64\% |
| 2 | Subaru | 701 | 86\% | 58\% | 47\% |
| 3 | MINI | 659 | 74\% | 65\% | 76\% |
| 4 | Skoda | 629 | 77\% | 58\% | 55\% |
| 5 | BMW | 623 | 73\% | 59\% | 74\% |
| 6 | Jaguar | 621 | 76\% | 58\% | 74\% |
| 7 | Mazda | 618 | 79\% | 57\% | 59\% |
| 8 | Jeep | 616 | 74\% | 60\% | 47\% |
| 9 | Opel | 615 | 75\% | 59\% | 54\% |
| 10 | Volkswagen | 613 | 73\% | 60\% | 62\% |
| 11 | Audi | 607 | 73\% | 59\% | 62\% |
| 12 | Toyota | 607 | 82\% | 53\% | 49\% |
| 13 | Kia | 606 | 80\% | 54\% | 48\% |
| 14 | Ford | 605 | 76\% | 57\% | 47\% |
| 15 | Seat | 601 | 76\% | 56\% | 54\% |
| 16 | Land Rover | 598 | 75\% | 56\% | 59\% |
| 17 | Volvo | 596 | 75\% | 55\% | 45\% |
| 18 | Fiat | 596 | 76\% | 57\% | 49\% |
| 19 | Hyundai | 591 | 74\% | 57\% | 50\% |
| 20 | Honda | 589 | 78\% | 58\% | 50\% |
| 21 | Alfa Romeo | 588 | 76\% | 55\% | 47\% |
| 22 | Citroen | 587 | 74\% | 54\% | 59\% |
| 23 | Mercedes-Benz | 581 | 70\% | 56\% | 66\% |
| 24 | Nissan | 573 | 76\% | 53\% | 53\% |
| 25 | Peugeot | 569 | 74\% | 53\% | 65\% |
| 26 | Suzuki | 558 | 80\% | 49\% | 49\% |
| 27 | Renault | 526 | 73\% | 38\% | 49\% |
| 28 | Dacia | 499 | 67\% | 36\% | 55\% |

## DACH Top Dealerships

| Rank | Dealership | City | Reputation Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Autohaus Strobel OHG | Auerbach/Vogtland | 933 |
| 2 | Auto-Epple Erich Epple Rutesheim | Rutesheim | 915 |
| 3 | Autohaus Nobis GmbH \& Co. KG | Stollberg/Erzgeb. | 911 |
| 4 | Auto Reißland GmbH | Dellfeld | 906 |
| 5 | Autohaus Hansa Nord Oldenburg | Oldenburg in Holstein | 906 |
| 6 | Automobile Rosenkranz GmbH | Recklinghausen | 904 |
| 7 | Autohaus Lenz GmbH \& Co. KG | Oelde | 900 |
| 8 | Autohaus Unterberger GmbH | Freilassing | 898 |
| 9 | Autohaus Herzog GmbH \& Co. KG | Neustadt in Holstein | 897 |
| 10 | Autohaus Schaden Inh. Frank Schaden | Landkern | 895 |
| 11 | Autohaus Hansa Nord Wismar | Dorf Mecklenburg | 892 |
| 12 | Autohaus H. Oesterhelweg e.K. | Gütersloh | 891 |
| 13 | Autohaus Eck GmbH | Würzburg | 890 |
| 14 | Autohaus Widmann + Winterholler GmbH (Weilheim) | Weilheim in Oberbayern | 889 |
| 15 | Autohaus Joas OHG | Dillingen an der Donau | 889 |
| 16 | Hermann Menton GmbH \& Co KG | Reutlingen | 888 |
| 17 | Autohaus Nieß GmbH | Hoyerswerda | 884 |
| 18 | BMW Scheller Bad Dürkheim | Bad Dürkheim | 883 |
| 19 | Autohaus Ralf Zeisberg, Inh. Ralf Zeisberg | Münchweiler | 882 |
| 20 | Porsche Zentrum Magdeburg | Magdeburg | 881 |

## What Dealerships Should Do

Our findings prove that dealerships need to take a more holistic approach to managing the entire customer journey, especially with sales volumes expected to either flatten or decrease beyond 2021.

Growing as a dealership will mean thinking differently by focusing on profitability, not volume. That means for dealers:

Steal market share from competitors by boosting your online presence and reputation while car shoppers are early in the awareness and consideration process.

Boost profitability by providing the highest levels of customer service pre- and post-sale. Dealerships need an exceptional understanding of what customers are saying to do that.

## Own the entire customer journey with reputation experience management (RXM). This refers to the process of

 managing online ratings/reviews to get found, get chosen, and get better. When dealerships encourage reviews, respond to them, and learn from them, they make themselves more visible online.

- One of the most important ways dealerships can own that journey is to meet customers at Google and on social media. Customers search with intent on Google and share their own experiences with brands on both social media and Google. For example, dealerships need to take advantage of the ways they can publish information on their Google My Business (GMB) listings.
- Google permits new car dealerships to manage multiple GMB listings for the same location. According to Google, dealerships can have one GMB listing for each brand for which it sells new cars.
- In addition, dealerships can have separate listings for their sales, service, or parts departments. Dealerships must capitalize on this feature to improve their visibility when people search for sales, services, or parts on Google.

Get an edge on competitors by making it easier for customers to do business with you. Respond to shopper preferences for valet services and easier online scheduling.


Humanize dealerships. Use social media, GMB listings, your website, and every other possible touchpoint to make shoppers familiar with your sales team. Empower the sales team to use social media to talk about the dealership and their commitment to customers. Everyone at the dealership is a brand ambassador.

## Anticipate customer needs by analyzing customer reviews.

According to our YouGov study, nearly $80 \%$ of consumers say reviews are important, and $41 \%$ say they will read at least five reviews before visiting a dealership. Always listen to reviews, respond to them, and learn from them. Watch for common themes emerging in both positive and negative reviews. Doing so will give dealerships first-hand insight into what customers want and how to respond.

Transform feedback from reviews, likes, listings, comments and clicks into your competitive advantage. Google says that high-quality, positive customer reviews will improve your dealership's visibility and increase the likelihood that a potential customer will visit you.

Be responsive. Rely on rapid-response tools such as text and chat to respond to customer queries and survey them proactively. Consider the fact that text message open rates are 4 X that of email. Our YouGov study shows that $41 \%$ of consumers expect a response within an hour when they message a dealership either through social media or direct messaging tools. Reputation's Conversational Surveys tool is a great option for doing this, as it collects customer feedback via short, unobtrusive conversations conducted via text message.


## About Reputation Score

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Measured on a scale of 0 to 1,000 , our Reputation Score is an index of the digital presence of business locations spanning more than 70 industries. Reputation Score looks at a location's sentiment, visibility, and engagement across nine elements:

Star average. A strong star rating demonstrates a commitment to customer service and can influence customers' decisions to choose a location.

Review volume. This represents the total quantity of reviews - both positive and negative - that have been written about a business. Review volume has a significant impact on locations' search rankings and Reputation Score.

Review recency. Recently published reviews convey that the business is requesting feedback from their customers and that their customers are active and engaged. Newer reviews also help increase search rankings for locations.

Review spread. The spread refers to the total number of sites on which reviews are being posted - from Google and Facebook to dozens of industry-specific review sites. The broader the spread, the better.

Search impressions. This plays a role in how businesses look when customers search for locations on Google or other search engines. The higher a business or location appears in the search results, the easier it is for consumers to find it.

Social engagement. Engaged users on social networks are more likely to convert customers.

Listing accuracy. Accurate listings on sites attract more customers.

Review response. Responding to reviews demonstrates a commitment to customer experience and helps influence conversations about a brand.

Review length. The length of your reviews indicates how invested customers are in a business. It is a measure of how much time they were willing to spend giving feedback.

## REPUTATION SCORE

0 Poor Fair Good Excellent $\quad$ 1,000

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