

# What's Costing Auto Dealers Thousands in Lost Leads— And How to Fix It Today

Discover the hidden flaws in your digital strategy that are silently killing your lead generation. Presented by Digital Marketing Group.

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## CAR DEALERSHIP



# The 7 Digital Strategy Mistakes You Can't Afford in 2025

## You're losing thousands in potential revenue

Your competitors are capturing leads that should be yours. We'll show you why.

## Your marketing isn't broken—it's misdirected

Minor adjustments can dramatically increase conversion rates. No major overhaul needed.

## Implement today, see results this month

These fixes are quick to deploy but deliver lasting impact on your bottom line.

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Sales Manager

# Your Marketing Isn't Broken—It's Misdirected

## LOW PERFORMING DEALER WEBSITE

### DEALERSHIP



HOME · INVENTORY · CONTACT

**HIGH BOUNCE RATE**

## OPTIMIZED LEAD FORM

### Let's Find Your Car

**SUBMIT**

### CONVERSIONS



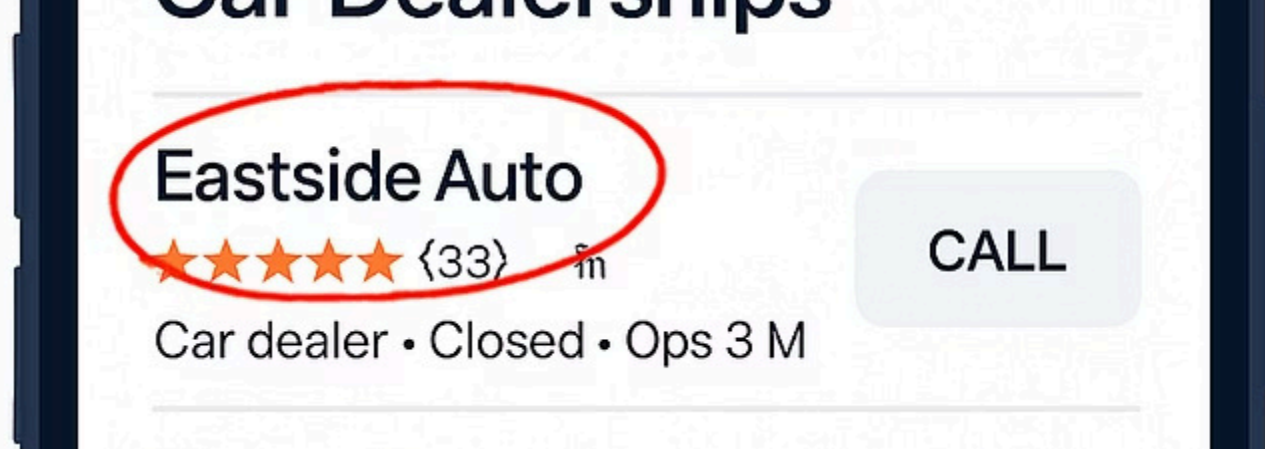
## The Disconnect

Most dealerships spend on SEO, ads, and social. Yet their leads remain flat.

Why? They're missing foundational elements that make traffic convert.

78% of car buyers start their journey online, but 60% of dealer websites lack conversion paths.

Sources: AutoTrader, Google



## Mistake #1: Ignoring Local SEO



### What Happens

Your dealership doesn't appear for high-intent local searches. Buyers can't find you when they're ready.



### What to Fix

Optimize your Google Business Profile.  
Add vehicle schema markup to your inventory pages.



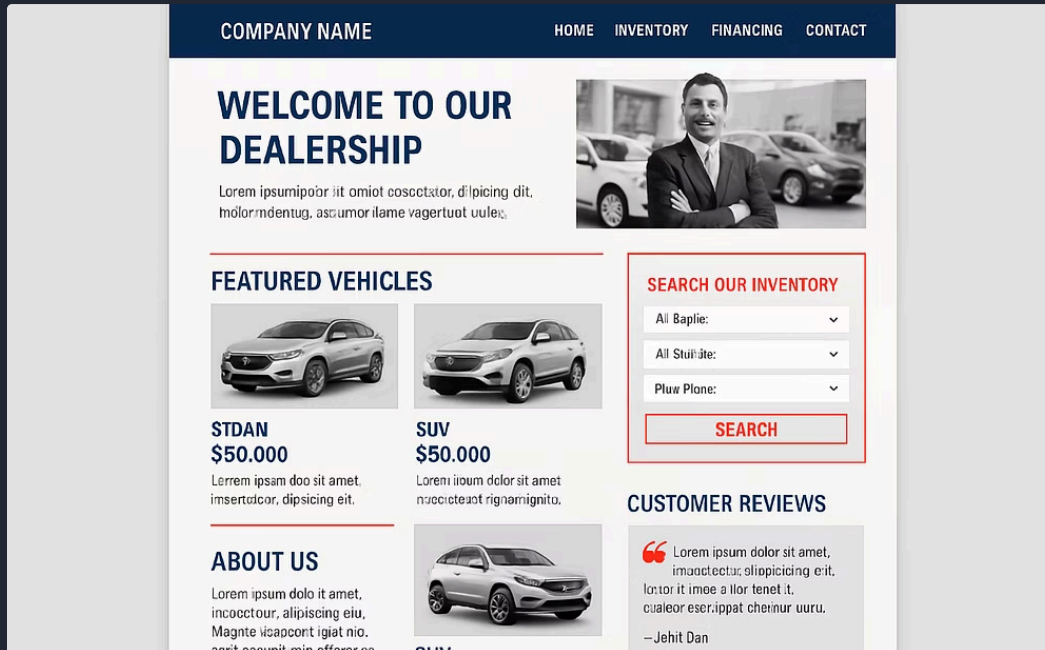
### Cost of Ignoring

You miss out on 24-hour intent buyers in your zip code. They choose competitors instead.



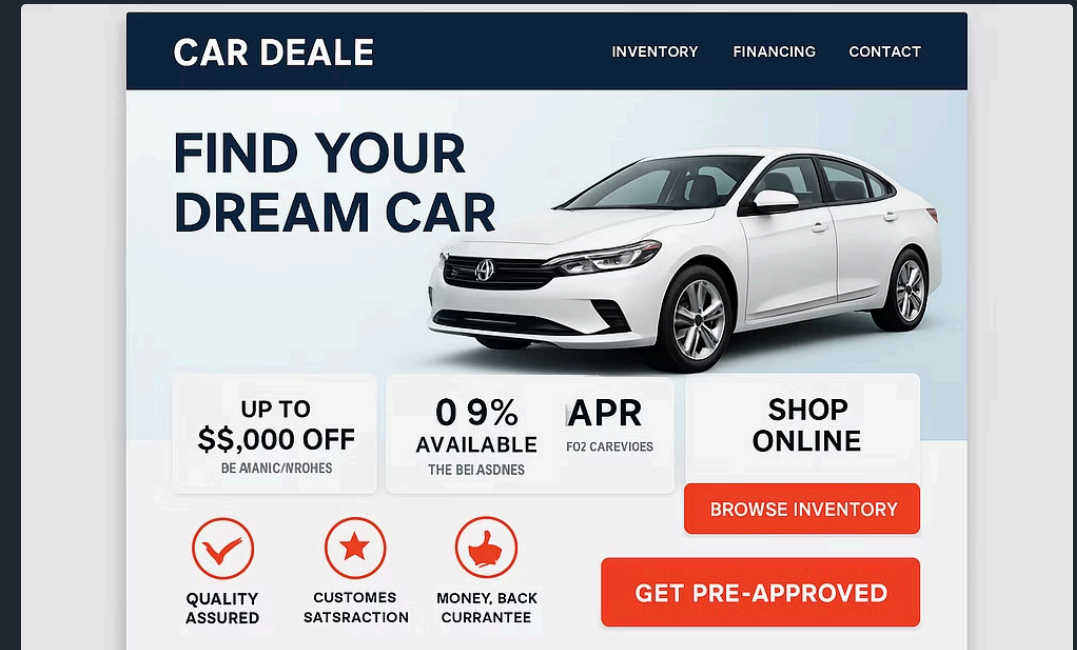
# Mistake #2: Website Like a Brochure

65% Bounce Rate = Lost Inventory Views



Before

Generic welcome message. No clear next steps. Buried inventory search.



After

Bold value proposition. Visible offers. Multiple conversion paths.

# Mistake #3: Ad-Only Strategy

## What Happens

Leads vanish completely when your ad spend pauses. No sustainable traffic foundation.



## What to Fix

Blend SEO + paid ads + retargeting for consistent lead flow. Build compounding assets.

## Cost of Ignoring

Dependence on rising CPCs with no brand lift. Competitors gain edge in organic channels.

# Mistake #4: No Offers or Pricing

## What Happens:

Visitors leave confused or skeptical about your pricing. They assume the worst.

## What to Fix:

Use bold, specific offers that create urgency and clarity.

- \$99/month leases on select models
- No credit check financing options
- Trade-in guarantees with minimum values

45%

Fewer Submissions

Websites without clear offers see nearly half the form completions.

3.2x

More Leads

Dealers with transparent pricing generate triple the qualified leads.

# Mistake #5: Ignoring Reviews + Retargeting

## The Problem

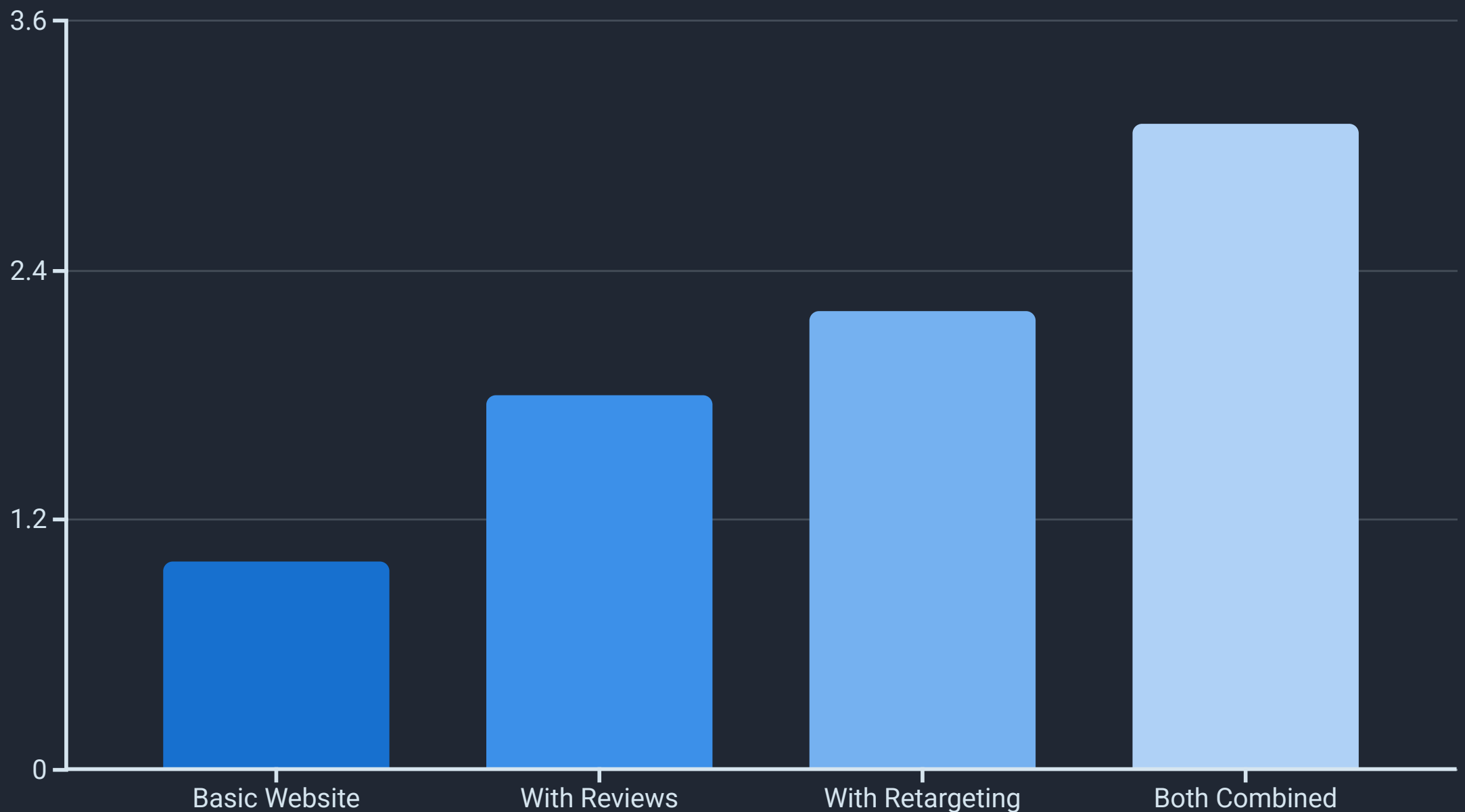
You're missing low-hanging conversion boosters. Visitors leave without reminders to return.

## The Solution

Showcase verified reviews prominently. Run reminder ads to warm traffic that viewed inventory.

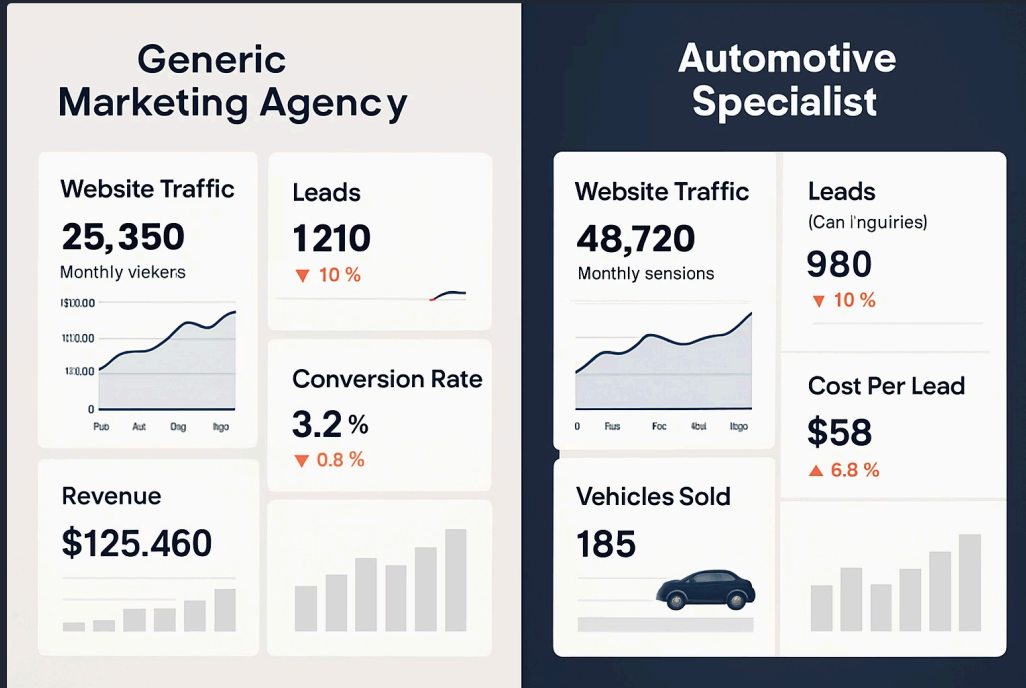
## The Impact

Up to 30% increase in return visitors. Trust signals convert browsers into buyers.





# Mistake #6: Using Generalist Agencies



## What Happens

Poor targeting and generic messaging waste your ad spend.  
Your results suffer.

## What to Fix

Hire an automotive marketing expert who understands car buyers' psychology.

**\$3.5K**

Monthly Waste

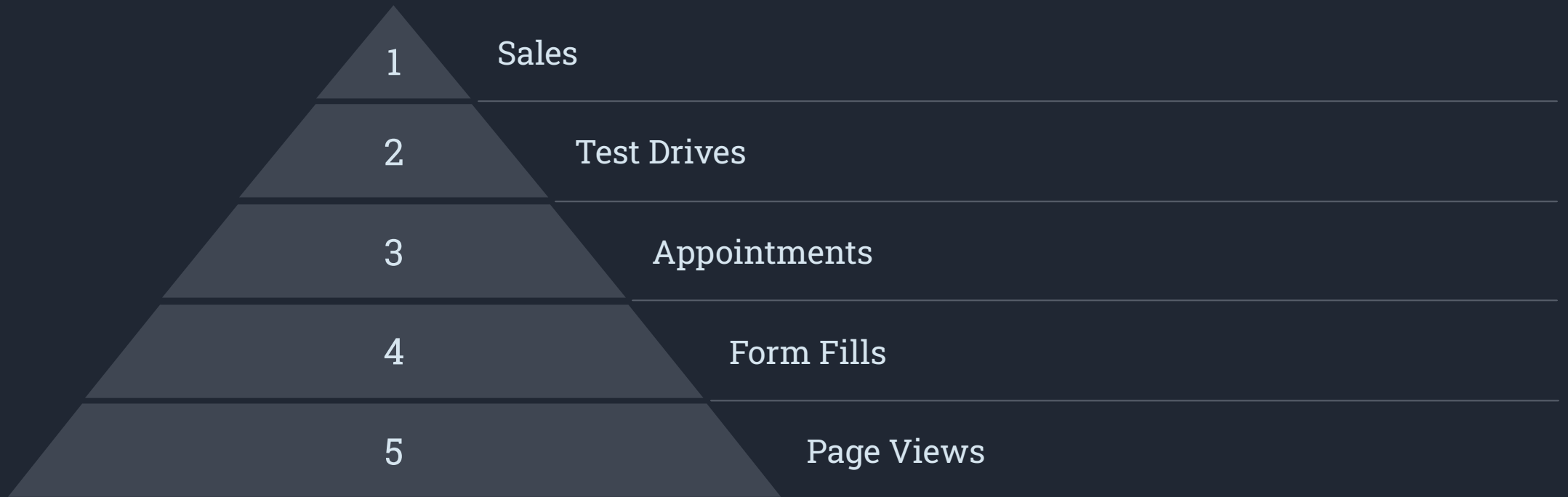
Average mismanaged ad spend with generalist agencies.

**40%**

CPA Reduction

Typical improvement when switching to auto specialists.

# Mistake #7: Not Tracking What Works



You're focusing on clicks, not conversions. Track what matters: leads, appointments, and sales.

Up to 50% of marketing budgets are misallocated to tactics that don't drive real results.

# What Top Dealerships Do Differently

The Winning Formula for 2025



## Local Dominance

Clear local SEO targeting captures high-intent buyers in your market. You appear when it matters.



## Consistent Engagement

Content plus retargeting strategy keeps your dealership top-of-mind during the buying cycle.



## Transparent Offers

Strong offer visibility builds trust and creates urgency. Customers know what to expect.



## ROI Tracking

Transparent reporting tied to real business outcomes. Every marketing dollar is accountable.

# SUCCESSFUL MODERN CAR DEALERSHIP



# Fix Your Strategy Before Q4 Misses You Again



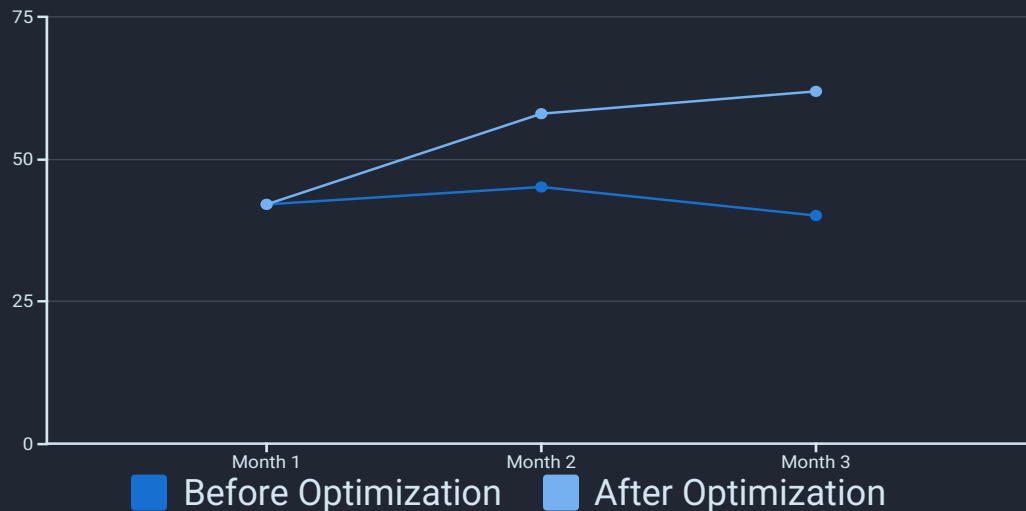
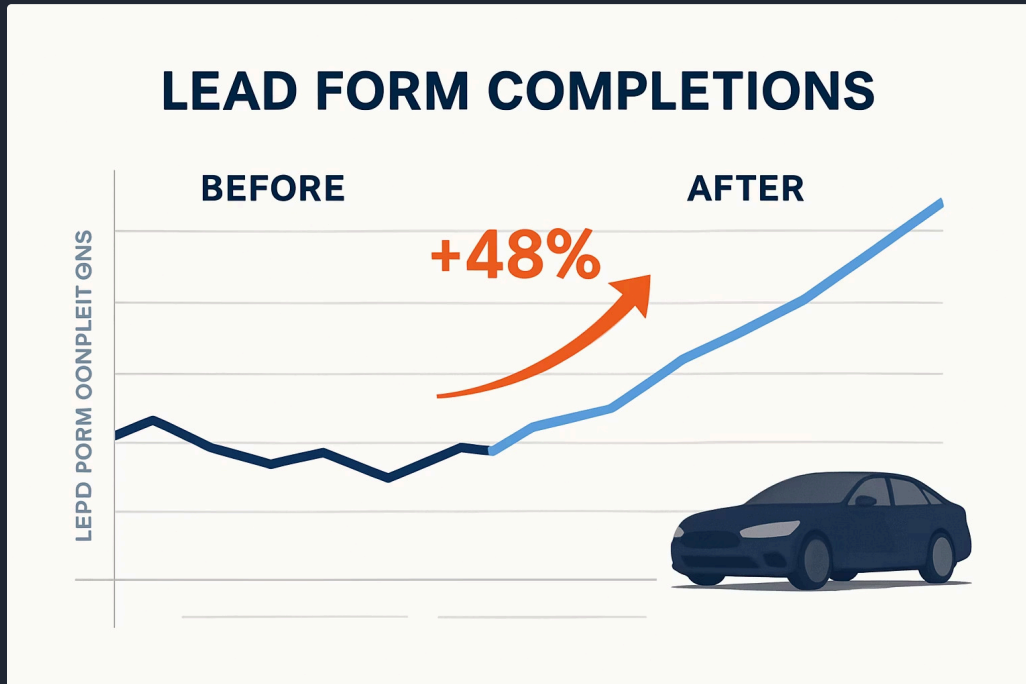
## Your Next Step

Get a personalized audit of your dealership's digital strategy—see what's missing and how to fix it.

- Comprehensive website analysis
- Local SEO performance check
- Conversion rate optimization plan
- Custom implementation roadmap

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# Case Study: Real Results



## 90-Day Transformation

By fixing just 3 of these 7 issues, this dealer achieved:

**+48%**

Lead Form  
Completions

**+32%**

Test Drive Requests

"We implemented these changes in Q1 and saw immediate results. Our cost per lead dropped while volume increased."

- **Mike Johnson, Sales Manager**

Performance Motors

# Ready to Transform Your Dealership's Digital Strategy?

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