

2012 MOBILE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Demanding Consumers Drive Retailers Toward More Sophisticated Mobile Experiences
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## I. STATE OF MOBILE

"All key indicators are up, and we expect mobile sites to continue their rapid evolution in order to meet the customer's omni-channel expectations that include efficiencies, cross channel access and merchandising consistent with the best-of-the-web," observes Lauren Freedman, President of the e-tailing group. The goal of our 3rd Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study was to follow this evolution as the gap between channels narrows, sharing with the ecommerce industry important benchmarks that shape the customercentric, mobile user experience.
II. METHODOLOGY

Based on our audit of 168 metrics on 50 mobile sites (EG M50), the mobile shopping experience has shown strong improvements in overall efficiency of the experience with more consistent cross-channel branding and evolved merchandising, coupled with a proliferation of promotional tactics. A more direct connection between the mobile customer and their closest store location facilitates shopping the customer's way.

## III. TOP PERFORMERS

For the 2nd consecutive year, in conjunction with our 3rd Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study, we created the Mobile Customer Experience Index, which leverages quantitative analysis to uniquely understand how mobile merchants stack-up against the 50 mobile websites in the e-tailing group study (EG M50), direct competitors and their categories. Mobile websites were scored on a 100-point scale based on an assessment of metrics on five key pages, presence and execution of vital merchandising tactics, along with accessible and effective customer service. Our scoring emphasizes what shoppers truly want and need to shop via mobile.

Last year only five sites studied achieved a score of $80+$ on our 100 -point scale. This year that number doubled to 10, with the overall average Mobile Customer Experience Index score increasing from 64.56 to 71.53 -- a significant $11 \%$ increase in these early days of mobile. One of the sites, REI, was recognized for the past two years as a top mobile performer and is still on our top-ten list. Kudos for the stellar execution!

| the e-tailing group 2012 Mobile Customer <br> Experience Index <br> Top-5 Performing Websites <br> (Scoring rounded out of a possible 100) |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| EG M50 MOBILE MERCHANTS | 2Q ‘12 |
| American Eagle Outfitters | 87.00 |
| Sephora | 84.50 |
| Crate and Barrel | 84.00 |
| Nordstrom | 83.75 |
| REI | 83.00 |
| Staples | 82.75 |
| HSN | 82.42 |
| Chico's | 81.75 |
| eBags | 81.32 |
| Best Buy | 80.50 |

## IV. CATEGORY PERFORMANCE

The e-tailing group's Mobile Customer Experience Index was also evaluated on a category basis. Four or more merchants were represented in nine out of 13 product categories that comprise the Mobile Mystery Shopping Study. The aggregated Mobile Index Scores for this 43 merchant subset of the EG M50 are charted here. Notably both Food/Gifting and Apparel, our largest category, saw increases in excess of $20 \%$.

| the e-tailing group Mobile Category Index Scores <br> (Scoring rounded of a possible 100) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CATEGORY <br> (Number of merchants) | 2012 Category <br> Score | 2011 Category <br> Score | $\%$ <br> Change |
| Health \& Beauty (4) | 76.81 | 69.19 | $11.01 \%$ |
| Mass Merchants (5) | 74.38 | 69.41 | $7.16 \%$ |
| Accessories/ Shoes (5) | 73.81 | 67.04 | $10.10 \%$ |
| Apparel (8) | 73.66 | 63.25 | $16.46 \%$ |
| Sporting Goods (4) | 72.69 | 60.21 | $20.73 \%$ |
| Department Stores (4) | 71.38 | 60.00 | $18.97 \%$ |
| Food/Gifting (3) | 70.50 | 55.28 | $27.73 \%$ |
| Home/Garden (6) | 69.80 | 66.16 | $5.50 \%$ |
| Technology (4) | 68.07 | 72.62 | $-6.27 \%$ |

## V. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

From efficiency that begins with browsing through buying and backend advancements, all KPIs are trending up. Engagement evolution is seen in more compelling shopping experiences along with a broader range of traditional merchandising and promotional tactics. Connections to local stores are critical for this cross-channel shopper and also see strong gains in this research.

With improvements in the overall site quality, usability and branding scores, there is an obvious effort to create more engaging pages while optimizing real estate. Creative merchandising and promotional tactics combine with more feature-rich content to move toward a winning experience that more closely mirrors that encountered on ecommerce counterparts.

| Key Performance Indicators | Definition | EGM50 <br> 2Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2Q11 | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall Score (1-10; 10=Best) | Assessment of usability, branding, <br> merchandising, promotions, store <br> locator, product page and social <br> engagers | 7.66 | 6.36 | $20 \%$ |
| Usability Rating (1-5; 5=Best) | Based upon site accessibility, <br> keyword search functionality, cart <br> efficiencies | 3.99 | 3.78 | $6 \%$ |
| Cross-Channel Branding (1-3; <br> 3-consistently Branded) | Consistency experience across all <br> channels | 2.81 | 2.43 | $16 \%$ |
| Merchandising Tactical <br> Deployment (1-3; 3= Best) | Effectiveness with which <br> merchandising is executed <br> throughout the site | 2.42 | $2.17^{*}$ | $9 \%$ |
| Promotional Tactical Deployment <br> (1-3; 3=Best) | Effectiveness with which <br> promotional strategies are <br> executed throughout the site | $2.59^{*}$ | $1.98^{*}$ | $31 \%$ |
| thee-tailing group $3^{\circ}$ Annua/MobileMystery Shopping Study | Subset ofmetrics |  |  |  |

## VI. KEY PAGE PERFORMERS

A. Home Page

The home page is the "first impression" and sets the tone for the remainder of the mobile shopping experience. Shoppers can hit the ground running with a home page that affords quick entrance into some of the top merchandise categories.

| Home Page Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :--- | :--- |
| Combination of merchandising branding, <br> appeal and navigation | 1800 Flowers, American Eagle Outfitters, Aveda, <br> Foot Locker, REI, Staples, Steve Madden |

## B. Category Page

The category page should be leveraged to draw customers in; it is a "gateway" to the merchandise customers are seeking and eventually might purchase.

| Category Page Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :--- | :---: |
| Combination of merchandising, consistent <br> branding and navigation | Coach, Harry \& David, HSN, Sundance |

## C. Search Results

Merchants continue their efforts to provide search tools that help customers to find it fast; product is made the star on search results pages that remain uncluttered.

| Search Results Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :--- | :--- |
| Useful refinement options in a shoppable <br> format | Barnes \& Noble, Best Buy, JCPenney, <br> Sears, Sephora |


| Search Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Refine Results Options | American Girl, Crate \& Barrel, <br> Crutchfield, J. Crew, Office Depot | $66 \%$ | $49 \%^{*}$ |
| Landing Page Sorts | Footlocker, L.L. Bean, Lowes, <br> Sears, Toys R' Us | $84 \%$ | $64 \%^{*}$ |
| Shop by Attribute | Anthropologie, Dell, Macy's, <br> Pottery Barn, Victoria's Secret | $60 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | *Subset of metrics |  |  |

## D. Product Page

A comprehensive product page should intrigue with engaging product enhancements and entice with relevant recommendations that encourage shoppers to buy more.

| Product Page Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :--- | :--- |
| Product information is presented in an <br> easy to follow, informative and engaging <br> manner | Chico's, Crate \& Barrel, Nordstrom, <br> Sephora, Steve Madden |


| Product Page Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Recommended Products | Gap, Amazon, Bath \& Body Works, Best <br> Buy, Staples | $62 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Link to Others in Category/Designer | Barnes \& Noble, Buy.com, Container <br> Store | $22 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Alternative Views | Brookstone, Coach, Garnet Hill, HSN | $72 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Ratings/ Reviews | Dell | $86 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| Share | Dick's Sporting Goods, Lane Bryant, <br> Nordstrom, Target | $48 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | *Subset of metrics |  |  |

## E. Shopping Cart

With more merchants implementing a stepped checkout or collapsible cart interface combined with the greater integration of product recommendations and the overall increase in the checkout rating, it is clear that strides have been made that improve the mobile checkout process.

| Shopping Cart Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :--- | :--- |
| Emphasis on efficiency, convenience and <br> branding continuity | American Eagle Outfitters, Lane <br> Bryant, Nordstrom, Pottery Barn |


| Shopping Cart Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Delineated/Stepped Checkout | DSW, J. Crew, Petsmart, Staples | $60 \%$ | $31 \%^{*}$ |
| Collapsible Cart | American Eagle Outfitters, Coach, <br> Sears | $10 \%$ | $4 \%^{*}$ |
| Recommended Products Beyond Product Page | Amazon, Best Buy, Chico's, <br> Garnet Hill, Nordstrom | $26 \%$ | $16 \%^{*}$ |
| One-Click Settings | Amazon, Chico's, JCPenney, <br> Office Depot, Pottery Barn | $25 \%^{*}$ | $26 \%$ |
| Rating of Checkout Process (1-3; 3=Best) | eBags, GNC, Office Depot, Saks <br> Fifth Avenue, Walmart | 2.48 | 2.38 |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | ${ }^{*}$ Subset of metrics |  |  |

## F. Customer Service Center

The ideal customer service center should include comprehensive ordering, shipping and return information in addition to detailed contact options.

| Customer Service Center Quality | Merchant Bests |
| :---: | :--- |
| Organized hub for information and contact <br> information | Bath \& Body Works, Gap, Sephora, <br> Sundance, Target.com |


| Customer Service Center Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dedicated Customer Service Area/Help/FAQ's | $1-800$ Flowers, Anthropologie, <br> Brookstone, DSW, Victoria's Secret | $64 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| 800\# or Toll-Free \# | American Eagle Outfitters, <br> Crutchfield, Dell | $90 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| Contact via Email | Anthropologie, Coach, eBags.com, <br> Foot Locker | $64 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | *Subset of metrics |  |  |

## VII. CROSS-CHANNEL CONNECTORS

While the majority of sites have a retail locator (95\%), and this has remained constant since the last study, the quality and evolution of features is helping to close the cross-channel gap. Of the 44 sites that have store locations, $82 \%$ enable geolocation from the store locator vs. $54 \%$ last year. Wisely, $50 \%$ of store merchants now allow shoppers to locate desired products at local stores with $64 \%$ enabling geolocation and $34 \%$ offering store pick-up of these items. Clearly mobile merchants are gaining a better understanding about some of the unique needs of the "on-the-go" shopper.

| Customer-Store Connectors | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Retail Locator | Barnes \& Noble, Finish Line, Office <br> Depot, Sephora, Walmart | $95 \%^{*}$ | $95 \%$ |
| Geolocator | Best Buy, Crate \& Barrel, Petsmart, <br> REI, Target | $82 \%^{*}$ | $54 \%^{*}$ |
| Quality of Retail Locator (1-5; 5= Best) | Crate \& Barrel, L.L. Bean, Target.com | $4.27^{*}$ | $4.06^{*}$ |
| Store Product Locator | Chico's, Coach, Container Store, <br> Macy's, Staples | $50 \%^{*}$ | $41 \%^{*}$ |
| Geolocation | American Eagle Outfitters, DSW, <br> Lowes, Nordstrom, Sears | $64 \%^{*}$ | N/A |
| Store Pick-Up | Best Buy, Container Store, Foot <br> Locker, Lane Bryant, Walmart | $34 \%^{*}$ | $22 \%^{*}$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | ${ }^{* S u b s e t ~ o f ~ m e t r i c s ~}$ |  |  |

## VIII. MERCHANDISING BEST PRACTICES

## Merchandising and Promotions

Whereas initially merchants simply wanted a mobile presence so that they could "keep up with the Joneses", they now see that when done right, it can be a profitable channel. Creative merchandising and promotional tactics combine with more feature-rich content to move towards an engaging experience that more closely mirrors that encountered on their ecommerce counterparts.

| Merchandising and Promotional Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Merchandising Tactical Deployment (1-3 3=Best) | Aveda, Gap, HSN, Sephora, Target, <br> Victoria's Secret | 2.42 | $2.17^{*}$ |
| Promotional Tactical Deployment (1-3 3=Best) |  <br> Body Works, Best Buy, Saks Fifth <br> Avenue, Toys 'R Us | $2.59^{*}$ | $1.98^{*}$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | *Subset of metrics |  |  |

## A. Custom Content

While last year less than $1 / 4$ ( $22 \%$ ) of mobile merchants included product-oriented guides and tips, this year, $30 \%$ have beefed up content. Video content was also on the move, up from $16 \%$ last year to $26 \%$ this year with over half (54\%) of the sites that had video, featuring it on their product pages.

| Custom Content Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2 Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 2Q11 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Guides/Tips | American Eagle Outfitters, <br> Crutchfield, Lowes, REI | $30 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Streaming Video | Buy.com, Foot Locker, JCPenney, <br> Sephora, Victoria's Secret | $26 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Product Page | Brookstone, Chico's, HSN, Pottery <br> Barn, Staples | $54 \%{ }^{*}$ | N/A |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | ${ }^{\text {STSubset of metrics }}$ |  |  |

B. Gifting

An increased number of mobile sites (82\%) offer gift cards to their time-pressed shoppers. And while seasonality is certainly a factor, only $36 \%$ of mobile sites presented a gift center; this is dramatically less than the EG100 (91\%). Modest improvements were seen, however, with gift services: $40 \%$ offered optional gift wrap/boxes, $44 \%$ included the ability to enclose a gift message and $36 \%$ enabled gifts to be sent to multiple addresses. It seems that mobile merchants are becoming somewhat more conscious of the mobile gift shopper.

| Gifting Features | Merchant Bests | EG M50 <br> 2Q12 | EG M50 <br> 2 211 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Gift Certificate/Gift Card | American Eagle Outfitters, Amazon, <br> Finish Line, Nordstrom | $82 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Gift Center | 1800 Flowers, Coach, Pottery Barn, <br> Sephora, Sundance | $36 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Gift Wrap/ Box Available? | Bath \& Body Works, REI, Victoria's <br> Secret | $40 \%$ | $31 \%^{*}$ |
| Multiple Ship-To Addresses |  <br> David, L.L. Bean, Walmart | $36 \%$ | $14 \%^{*}$ |
| the e-tailing group 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Annual Mobile Mystery Shopping Study | ${ }^{\text {*Subset of metrics }}$ |  |  |

## IX. THE E-TAILING GROUP MOBILE ESCALATION CHECKLIST

1. Throughout the site, use branded messaging, visual merchandising, promotional offers and rich content to "translate" the ecommerce experience to the small screen and close the crosschannel gap.
2. Sell by creating a flawless shopping experience; eliminate dead links and remove any obstacles that would keep the shopper from completing their transaction.
3. Be mindful of creating content-laden, streamlined page layouts without compromising accessibility; shopping should still be convenient from any page in the site.
4. Help customers to find it fast by providing relevant refinement options for keyword searches.
5. Don't bury rich features within the site; make all content accessible through the navigational structure as customers on the move won't necessarily take the time for deep site exploration.
6. If select features like guides, product configurators or customization options cannot be supported on the mobile device, don't include them; you won't hook 'em with features that are non-existent or inaccessible.
7. Create an omni-channel experience by making membership-based ecommerce features, like account information and shopping lists, easily accessible on the mobile device.
8. Enable shoppers to reach out and touch someone by emailing product details to friends, sharing product information or engaging with the merchant on social networking sites.
9. Narrow the divide between you and your customers, providing a way for shoppers to contact you where choices of a clickable 800\# and email are advisable.
10. Keep pace with the changing mobile landscape, implementing site improvements and always testing them for usability and performance

APPENDIX I: THE EG M50

| EG M50=Mobile Merchants 2Q12 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1-800 Flowers | Buy.com | eBags | JCPenney | Saks Fifth Avenue |
| Amazon | Chico's | Finish Line | L.L. Bean | Sears |
| American Eagle Outfitters | Coach | Foot Locker | Lane Bryant | Sephora |
| American Girl | Container Store | Gap | Lowes | Staples |
| Anthropologie | Crate \& Barrel | Garnet Hill | Macy's | Steve Madden |
| Aveda | Crutchfield | GNC | Nordstrom | Sundance |
| Barnes \& Noble | Dell | Harry \& David | Office Depot | Target |
| Bath \& Body Works | Dicks Sporting Goods | Home Depot | Petsmart | Toys R Us |
| Best Buy | Discovery Channel | HSN | Potterybarn | Victoria's Secret |
| Brookstone | DSW | J Crew | REl | Wal-Mart |

## APPENDIX II: THE COMPANY

The e-tailing group, inc. serves as the multi-channel merchant's eye, bringing a merchant's sensibility to evolving the multi-channel shopping experience. A Chicago-based consultancy, they provide practical strategic perspectives and actionable merchandising solutions to merchants selling online as well as to enabling technology firms.

For more background about this research study, including a list of merchants surveyed or for additional information on the e-tailing group, inc. please contact Lauren Freedman at LF@e-tailing.com or visit the e-tailing group website www.e-tailing.com.

| Feature or Functionality | $\begin{gathered} \text { e-tailing } 50 \\ \text { 2Q12 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { e-tailing } 50 \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | \% change | $\begin{gathered} \text { e-tailing } 100 \\ \text { 4Q11 } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Penetration | \% Penetration |  | \% Penetration |
| OVERALL EXPERIIENCE |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Score (1-10 10=Best) | 7.66 | 6.36 | 20\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Efficiency |  |  |  |  |
| Usability Rating (1-5 5=Flawless) | 3.99 | 3.78 | 6\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Branding |  |  |  |  |
| Cross-Channel Consistency (1-3 3=Consistently Branded) | 2.81 | 2.43 | 16\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Navigation |  |  |  |  |
| Top Level Navigation (1-3 3=Includes Merchandising Tactics) | 2.50 | 2.35 | 5\% | N/A |
| Open Top Level Navigation | 50\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hidden Navigation | 4\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Expandable Navigation | 32\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Link to Categories | 36\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Available From All Pages | 40\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| MERCHANDISING/PROMOTIONS |  |  |  |  |
| Top Level Category Range (1-2 2=Same As Ecommerce Site) | 1.78 | 1.77 | 1\% | N/A |
| Product Range (1-2 2=Same As Ecommerce Site) | 1.97 | 1.87 | 5\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Home Page |  |  |  |  |
| Text/Navigation Only | 10\% | 22\% | -55\% | N/A |
| Graphics | 78\% | 78\% | 0\% | N/A |
| Slide Show | 36\% | N/A | N/A | 53\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandising Tactics | 100\% | 88\% | 14\% | N/A |
| Visual Merchandising (graphics of merchandised groups) | 70\% | 61\% (44 sites) | 15\% | N/A |
| Merchandising via Navigation or Labeling | 90\% | 93\% (44 sites) | -3\% | N/A |
| Merchandising Tactical Deployment (1-3 3=Plethora Of Tactics) | 2.42 | 2.17 (44 sites) | 9\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Promotional Strategies | 96\% | 94\% | 2\% | N/A |
| Mobile Only Promotions | 4\% (48 sites) | 9\% (47 sites) | -56\% | N/A |
| Promotional Tactical Deployment (1-3 3=Plethora Of Tactics) | 2.59 (48 sites) | 1.98 (47 sites) | 31\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| INFORMATION GATHERING |  |  |  |  |
| Find A Store Location |  |  |  |  |
| Store Locations | 44 stores | 39 stores | 6 stores | 80 stores |
| Retail Locator | 95\% (44 sites) | 95\% | 0\% | 99\% (80 sites) |
| Stores Listed By State Only | 7\% (42 sites) | 3\% (37 sites) | 133\% | N/A |
| By City/State | 79\% (39 sites) | 70\% (37 sites) | 13\% | N/A |
| Zip Code | 90\% (39 sites) | 95\% (37 sites) | -5\% | N/A |
| Geolocator | 82\% (39 sites) | 54\% (37 sites) | 52\% | N/A |
| Directions to Location | 90\% (42 sites) | 73\% (37 sites) | 23\% | N/A |
| Map | 90\% (42 sites) | 89\% (37 sites) | 1\% | N/A |
| Store Hours | 83\% (42 sites) | 73\% (37 sites) | 14\% | N/A |

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[^1]| Feature or Functionality | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { e-tailing } 50 \\ \text { 2Q12 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { e-tailing } 50 \\ \text { 2Q11 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | \% change | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { e-tailing } 100 \\ \text { 4Q11 } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Penetration | \% Penetration |  | \% Penetration |
| Other (Pre-Orders, Fashion Trends, etc.) | 58\% (33 sites) | 48\% (23 sites) | -21\% | 61\% (93 sites) |
| Sale | 45\% (33 sites) | 17\% (23 sites) | 165\% | 32\% (93 sites) |
| Size | 45\% (33 sites) | 15\% (20 sites) | 200\% | 48\% (89 sites) |
| Top Rated/Ratings | 34\% (29 sites) | 22\% (18 sites) | 55\% | 27\% (81 sites) |
| Product Type | 24\% (33 sites) | 17\% (23 sites) | 41\% | N/A |
| Gender | 24\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | 14\% (93 sites) |
| What's New | 24\% (33 sites) | 13\% (23 sites) | 85\% | 25\% (93 sites) |
| Material | 21\% (33 sites) | 13\% (23 sites) | 62\% | 16\% (93 sites) |
| Channel-Merchant Exclusives | 15\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | 11\% (93 sites) |
| Top Sellers | 12\% (33 sites) | 9\% (23 sites) | 33\% | 12\% (93 sites) |
| Department | 9\% (33 sites) | 13\% (23 sites) | -13\% | 86\% (93 sites) |
| Features | 9\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Style | 9\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Availability | 9\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | 9\% (93 sites) |
| Age | 6\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | 4\% (93 sites) |
| Occasions | 6\% (33 sites) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Rating of Refinement Options (1-3 3=Best) | 2.38 (33 sites) | 2.61 (23 sites) | -7\% | N/A |
| Faceted Navigation | 76\% (33 sites) | 87\% (23 sites) | -13\% | 74\% (97 sites) |
| View All | 18\% | 11\% (47 sites) | 64\% | 53\% |
| Landing Page Sorts | 84\% | 64\% (47 sites) | 31\% | 89\% |
| Price Low-High | 86\% (42 sites) | 80\% (30 sites) | 8\% | 97\% (89 sites) |
| Price High-Low | 83\% (42 sites) | 77\% (30 sites) | 8\% | 96\% (89 sites) |
| Ratings/Top Rated | 58\% (36 sites) | 54\% (28 sites) | 7\% | 65\% (77 sites) |
| Best Match/Relevancy | 57\% (42 sites) | 50\% (30 sites) | 14\% | 49\% (89 sites) |
| Top Sellers | 50\% (42 sites) | 53\% (30 sites) | -6\% | 55\% (89 sites) |
| What's New | 40\% (42 sites) | 47\% (30 sites) | -15\% | 56\% (89 sites) |
| Name/Alphabetical | 21\% (42 sites) | 40\% (30 sites) | -48\% | 38\% (89 sites) |
| Brand | 21\% (38 sites) | 21\% (29 sites) | 0\% | 16\% (80 sites) |
| Price | 12\% (42 sites) | 13\% (30 sites) | -8\% | N/A |
| Sales/Specials | 7\% (42 sites) | 10\% (30 sites) | -30\% | 3\% (89 sites) |
| Featured | 7\% (42 sites) | N/A | N/A | 6\% (89 sites) |
| Other (Recommended, Featured) | 5\% (42 sites) | 10\% (30 sites) | -50\% | 18\% (89 sites) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Shop by Attribute | 60\% | 50\% | 20\% | N/A |
| Shop by Brand | 85\% (27 sites) | 48\% (42 sites) | 77\% | 84\% (83 sites) |
| Shop by Size | 27\% (30 sites) | 47\% (44 sites) | -43\% | 29\% (94 sites) |
| Shop by Color | 14\% (29 sites) | 7\% (46 sites) | 100\% | 33\% (94 sites) |
| Shop by Price | 17\% (30 sites) | 4\% | 325\% | 22\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Descriptive Phrase Search | Varies | Varies | N/A | Varies |
| Correct Results Found | 98\% | 98\% (47 sites) | 0\% | 98\% |
| 1st Page Relevancy (1-5) | 4.88 | 4.89 (47 sites) | 0\% | 4.8 |
| Misspelled Phrase | Varies | Varies | N/A | Varies |
| Correct Results Found | 92\% | 68\% (47 sites) | 35\% | 89\% |
| 1st Page Relevancy (1-5) | 4.28 | 3.24 (47 sites) | 32\% | 3.97 |
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|  | \% Penetration | \% Penetration |  | \% Penetration |
| Custom Content |  |  |  |  |
| Product Compare | 4\% | N/A | N/A | 38\% |
| Guides/Tips | 30\% | 22\% | 36\% | 74\% |
| Streaming Video | 26\% | 16\% | 63\% | 83\% |
| Product Page | 54\% (13 sites) | N/A | N/A | 69\% (83 sites) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Product Page Enhancements |  |  |  |  |
| Product Page Format |  |  |  |  |
| Open Format | 42\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Tabbed Format | 20\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Expandable Interface | 60\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Recommended Products | 62\% | 28\% | 121\% | 99\% |
| Link To Others In Category/Designer | 22\% | 12\% | 83\% | 42\% (99 sites) |
| Guides/How To | 80\% (15 sites) | N/A | N/A | 48\% (83 sites) |
| Zoom | 64\% | 42\% | 52\% | 89\% |
| Alternative Views | 72\% | 52\% | 38\% | 90\% |
| Color Change | 45\% (49 sites) | 45\% (47 sites) | 0\% | 71\% (93 sites) |
| Product Information Depth (1-3 3=Comparable To Main Site) | 2.90 | 2.88 | -3\% | N/A |
| Ratings/ Reviews | 86\% | 76\% | 13\% | 85\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Social/Mobile |  |  |  |  |
| Refer/ E-Mail Product Details To A Friend | 44\% | 34\% | 29\% | 82\% |
| Text Product Details To a Friend | 4\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Blog | 8\% | N/A | N/A | 50\% |
| Mobile Apps | 66\% | 74\% (47 sites) | -11\% | 66\% |
| Mobile Apps Promoted | 61\% (33 sites) | 51\% (35 sites) | 20\% | 65\% (66 sites) |
| SMS Alerts Sign-Up | 28\% | 30\% (47 sites) | -7\% | 31\% |
| Link to Social Networking Site | 48\% | 18\% | 167\% | 95\% |
| "Like" Button | 42\% | 10\% | 320\% | 71\% |
| Google + | 10\% | N/A | N/A | 30\% |
| Pinterest | 6\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Share | 48\% | 18\% | 167\% | 71\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gift Services |  |  |  |  |
| Gift Certificate/Gift Card | 82\% | 62\% | 32\% | 95\% |
| Mailed Certificate/Card | 88\% (41 sites) | 94\% (31 sites) | -6\% | 89\% (95 sites) |
| Electronic Certificate/Card | 61\% (41 sites) | 42\% (31 sites) | 45\% | 75\% (95 sites) |
| Mobile Gift Card | 5\% (41 sites) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Check Gift Card Balance | 14\% | 19\% (47 sites) | -26\% | N/A |
| Gift Center | 36\% | 44\% | -18\% | 91\% |
| Gift Center Rating (1-3 3=best) | 2.14 (18 sites) | 1.83 (22 sites) | 17\% | N/A |
| Gift Services |  |  |  |  |
| Gift Wrap/ Box Available? | 40\% | 31\% (49 sites) | 29\% | 65\% |
| Gift Message Available? | 44\% | 39\% (49 sites) | 13\% | 78\% |
| Add Item to Wish List | 38\% | 26\% | 46\% | 56\% |
| Multiple Ship-To Addresses | 36\% | 14\% (49 sites) | 157\% | 42\% |

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| CUSTOMER SERVICE |  |  |  |  |
| Membership/My Account |  |  |  |  |
| My Account Area | 68\% | 58\% | 17\% | N/A |
| Able To Edit Profile Info? | 76\% (34 sites) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Requires Membership | 4\% | 10\% (48 sites) | -60\% | 11\% |
| Able To Sign-In? | 98\% | 96\% |  | N/A |
| Universal Password (same username/password for both ecommerce and mcommerce sites) | 100\% (49 sites) | 100\% (48 sites) | 0\% | N/A |
| Ability to Save Password | 10\% (49 sites) | 6\% (48 sites) | 67\% | N/A |
| Ability to Request Forgotten Password/ Reset Password | 92\% (49 sites) | 71\% (48 sites) | 30\% | N/A |
| Ability to Create an Account/Register | 84\% | 65\% (48 sites) | 29\% | N/A |
| Ability to Create List/Save Items On Main Site | 84\% | 84\% | 0\% | N/A |
| Wish List/Shopping List/Favorites | 95\% (42 sites) | 90\% (42 sites) | 6\% | 56\% |
| Saved Cart | 12\% (42 sites) | 14\% (42 sites) | -14\% | 6\% |
| Retrieve Shopping List/Saved Items | 52\% (42 sites) | 40\% (42 sites) | 30\% | N/A |
| Mcommerce Ability to Save Items/Save Entire Cart | 28\% | 17\% (47 sites) | 65\% | N/A |
| Shared Cart | 56\% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pre-Populated Customer Information | 98\% (49 sites) | 98\% (47 sites) | 0\% | 98\% |
| One Click Settings | 25\% (48 sites) | 26\% (47 sites) | -4\% | 51\% |
| Online Order Status | 80\% | N/A | N/A | 98\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Shopping- Buy An Item |  |  |  |  |
| Shopping Cart |  |  |  |  |
| Persistent Cart | 86\% | 58\% | 48\% | 97\% |
| Fast Buy/Direct To Cart Buying/ Quick Look | 24\% | 24\% | 0\% | 71\% |
| Delineated/ Stepped Checkout | 60\% | 31\% (49 sites) | 94\% | 88\% |
| Collapsible Cart | 10\% | 4\% (49 sites) | 150\% | 17\% |
| Neither Delineated Nor Collapsible | 40\% | 67\% (49 sites) | -40\% | N/A |
| International Shipping | 34\% | N/A | N/A | 49\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| The Order |  |  |  |  |
| How Many Clicks To Checkout? | 4.98 | 5.78 (49 sites) | -14\% | 4.83 |
| Recommended Products Beyond Product Page | 26\% | 16\% (49 sites) | 63\% | 87\% |
| Rating of Checkout Process (1-3 3=Flawless/Effortless) | 2.48 | 2.38 | 4\% | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer Service Contact |  |  |  |  |
| Dedicated Customer Service Area/Help/FAQ's | 64\% | 64\% | 0\% | N/A |
| Phone Contact |  |  |  |  |
| 800\# Or Toll-Free \# | 90\% | 88\% | 2\% | 100\% |
| Clickable Phone Number Link | 100\% (45 sites) | 98\% (44 sites) | 2\% | N/A |
| Manual Dial | 0\% (45 sites) | 2\% (44 sites) | -100\% | N/A |
| Phone Number Visible/Clickable On Home Page | 62\% (45 sites) | 68\% (44 sites) | -9\% | 75\% |
| Accessibility of 800\# (1-3 3= Most Accessible) | 2.31 (45 sites) | 2.34 (44 sites) | -1\% | 2.46 |
| Email Contact |  |  |  |  |
| Contact Via Email | 64\% | 70\% | -9\% | N/A |
| Contact Us Form | 66\% (32 sites) | 63\% (35 sites) | 5\% | N/A |
| Contact Via Email Address | 38\% (32 sites) | 43\% (35 sites) | -12\% | N/A |
| Clickable Email Link? | 100\% (12 sites) | 93\% (15 sites) | 8\% | N/A |
| Manual Entry | 0\% (12 sites) | $7 \%$ (15 sites) | -100\% | N/A |

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