# SOCIAL ADVERTISING IMPROVES RETENTION

## Boost awareness and encourage sales and service visits

Learn how Alamo Toyota added Facebook to their marketing mix to increase service retention, generating a \$30:\$1 return!

#### **CHALLENGE**

For many dealerships, service customer retention is a top priority. A dealership's ability to grow and retain service customers can make or break their business. After a prolonged decline in customer retention, Alamo Toyota (San Antonio, Texas), needed to boost service retention and encourage their Toyota customers to return for service.

#### **HOW WE HELPED**

Alamo Toyota partnered with GSM to offer inactive and defecting customers a special service discount to return for service. The team used Facebook ads and a Custom Audience to precisely target the right people in the dealership's database of current Toyota owners. The offers and creative were aligned across **Direct Mail, Email,** and **Facebook** to ensure a true omnichannel marketing customer experience at every touch point.

Each channel targeted inactive customers (6-12 months since last service visit), and the dealership's defecting customers (8-12 months since last service). Integrating Facebook advertising into their marketing mix created an opportunity for the dealership to close another communication gap in the automotive customer journey—creating a more broad and unified presence across all touch points.

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Since I started using Facebook ads, my customer retention has increased every month and traffic to the service drive has increased!

- Scott Knight Service Director, Alamo Toyota

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The automotive marketing people.

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#### **SOLUTIONS USED**

The dealership added Facebook advertisements and direct mail with email-to-mail match to round out their retention strategy. This omnichannel approach worked to bring more visibility to Alamo Toyota's relevant service offerings.

- Facebook advertisements promoted savings on services such as oil changes and tire rotations across the Facebook platform.
- atomDirect service customer retention direct mail with email-to-mail match reinforced direct mail messaging by using the same offers and creative. This helped incentivize and remind customers to bring their vehicle in for service.

### **RESULTS**

Alamo Toyota incorporated Facebook advertisements into their ongoing marketing efforts for a two-month period, bringing about impressive results. During the campaign's life, Alamo Toyota experienced an impressive \$30:\$1 ROI.

Lifetime Campaign Engagement











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