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■ Consumers' Appetite for Texts from Dealerships Solidifies

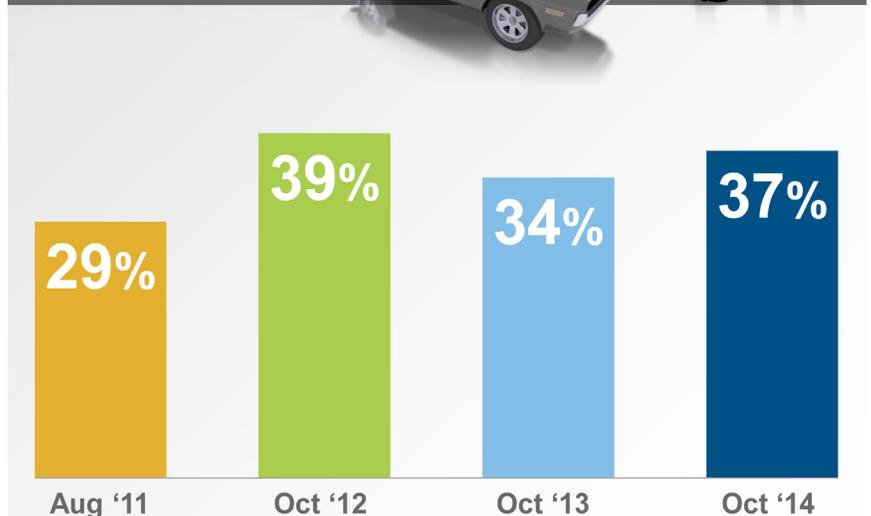
Text messaging is an opportunity for dealerships to connect with their customers, before and after vehicle purchase, in a convenient and cost-effective way.

Car Buying Process

Percentages shown indicate 'Very Interested' or 'Somewhat Interested' among those who text message on a regular basis (varies from 67-80% over the years).



Q1. Specific to buying a vehicle, during the shopping process, how interested would you be in using text messaging to communicate with a dealership (e.g. vehicle availability, price, discounts, purchase negotiation, etc.)? Rated on a 5-pt. scale where 1 is 'Not at all interested', 2 is 'Somewhat uninterested', 3 is 'Neither interested nor uninterested', 4 is 'Somewhat interested', and 5 is 'Very interested'.



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During the vehicle purchase process, consumer interest in communicating with dealerships via text messaging peaked in 2012 with nearly 40% of consumers being 'very' or 'somewhat interested' (39% Oct '12). Trends over the past two years indicate consumers remain engaged (37% 'very' or 'somewhat interested' in Oct '14). This suggests an opportunity for dealerships to incorporate text messaging into their overall marketing strategy as a channel to connect to current and potential customers during the car buying process.

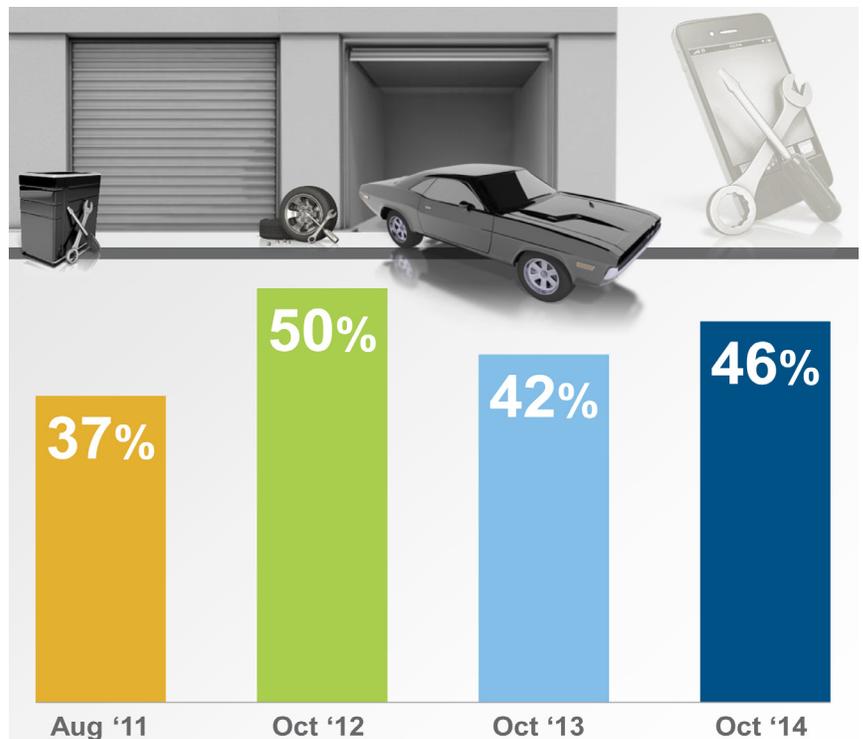
Text messaging can also be useful in engaging the customer after vehicle purchase

Just under one-half of consumers are interested in receiving text messages from the dealership with information pertaining to their vehicle, such as service updates, recall notices, etc. (46% in Oct '14). Trends remain consistent over the past two years, with a high of 50% 'very' or 'somewhat interested' in Oct '12. The opportunity exists for text messaging to be used as a vehicle in retaining a dealership's customer base.

Car Servicing Process

Percentages shown indicate 'Very Interested' or 'Somewhat Interested' among those who text message on a regular basis (varies from 67-80% over the years).

Q2. After a vehicle purchase, how interested would you be in voluntarily agreeing to receive text messages from the dealership about your vehicle (e.g.: services updates, recall notices, maintenance information, etc.)? Rated on a 5-pt. scale where 1 is 'Not at all interested', 2 is 'Somewhat uninterested', 3 is 'Neither interested nor uninterested', 4 is 'Somewhat interested', and 5 is 'Very interested'.



All Morpace Omnibus data was based on online surveys of U.S. consumers matched to U.S. Census Data Demographics. August 2011 data was fielded August 11-15, 2011 and included 667 respondents. October 2012 data was fielded October 9-14, 2012 and included 743 respondents. October 2013 data was fielded October 14-19, 2013 and included 738 respondents. October 2014 data was fielded October 14-20, 2014 and included 804 respondents.

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