Ecommerce and the Changing Needs of Repair Shops

Upgrading your customer experience.

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- ✓ Parts Ordering: State of the Union.
- ✓ Changing Shop Management System Landscape
- ✓ Your Online Presence
- ✓ WD's: Defending Brick and Mortar
- ✓ Trends to Watch





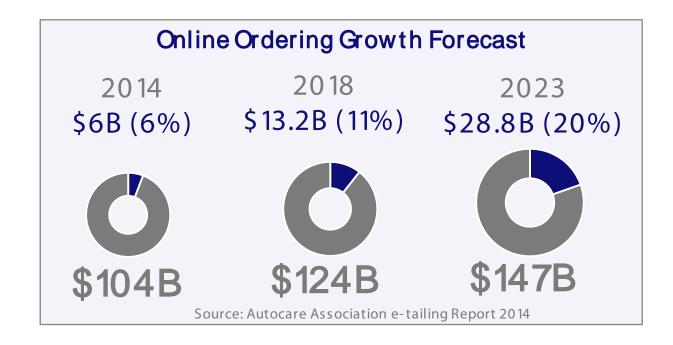
Parts Ordering: State of the Union

Online: The fastest growing channel?

Laggard: Commercial Ordering

Lack of tech innovation in B2B

Garages return to the phone. Why?





Parts Ordering: State of the Union

Parts Ordering Landscape

Ordering: Over the phone



Ordering: Remaining

B2B Parts Ordering Gateways











Single-channel e-Commerce (B2C and/or B2B)

















B2C Marketplace







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In 2015, LKQ handled 47,000,000 calls in North America.

<15% of total sales placed online.





Typical Parts Procurement Process

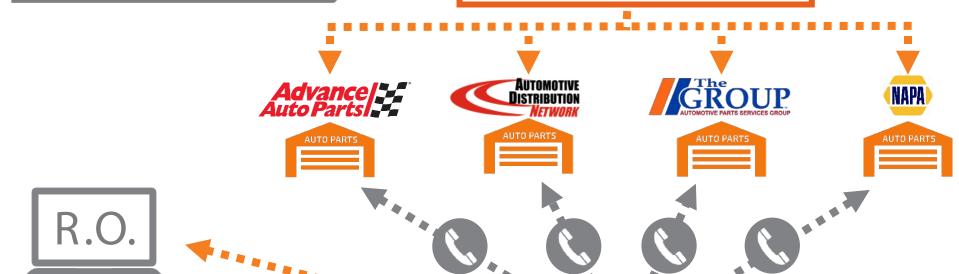


Manufacturers





1,000's of brands. Millions of parts.



Shop Mgmt.
System

Most repair shops buy from 3-5 stores.

Repair Center





Problem: Shops Spend Hours Per Day Searching For Parts

Roughly 80% of commercial parts orders are still placed by **TELEPHONE**



20+calls or website visits per day

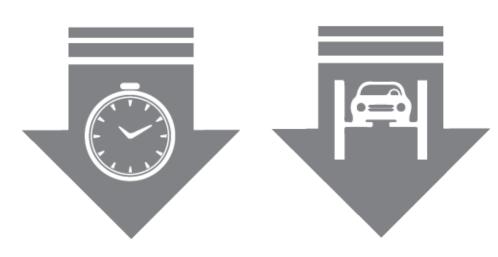
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Hours wasted

on the phone or online

Less Time repairing cars



The cost of inefficient ordering: Repair shops spend \$1.5 Billion in labor costs annually.





Problem: Why do garages pick up the phone?

Parts Ordering



"When I call, I know exactly the parts will arrive."

"I want to know I can hold someone accountable."

"I don't trust the inventory I see on the computer"

Time Spent Researching Part Availability and Price



UI / UX

Reliability

Accountability



Shop Management System Landscape





Changing SMS Landscape

A new wave of systems entering the market.



- Incumbent systems: Generally, not meeting the very basic user experience expectations of repair shops.
- Prediction: Changing of the guard will occur over next few years as these new systems mature and gain clients.

Your Online Presence
What do you look like
online? You might be
surprised.



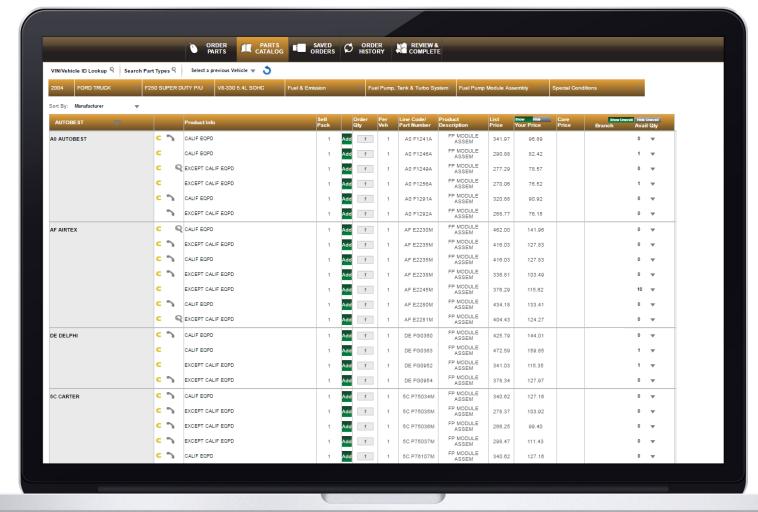


Your Online Presence

- Over 150 shop management systems in play. How do you integrate with each?
- Most SMS systems rely on catalog integrations designed and coded decades ago.
- Pay attention to how you appear in these systems. This is your customer experience. MCL mapping critical.

Example: How a national retailer appears in many SMS systems.

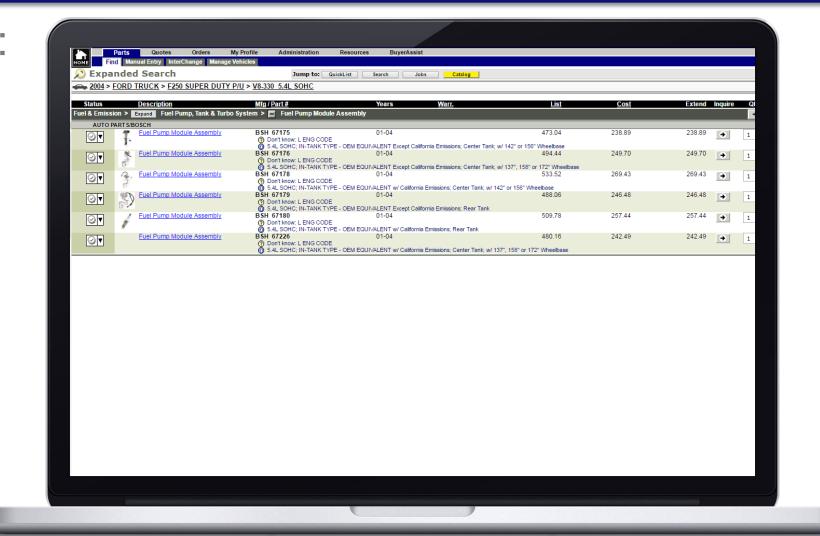
- Images?
- ProductDescriptions?





Another example: How another national retailer appears in many SMS systems.

- Brand name?
- Logo?
- Want it on a mobile?

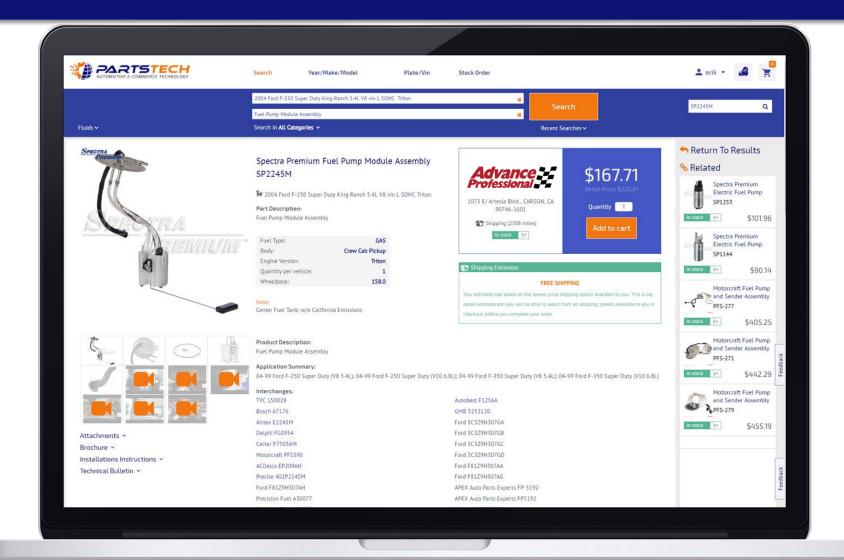






Your Online Presence: Applying modern UX

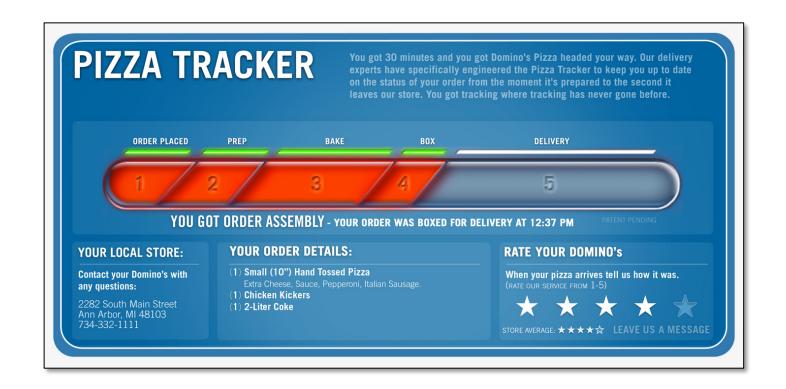
A modern take on B2B ecommerce.







Your Online Presence: Applying modern UX



Order confirmation & delivery estimates are critical



Leading systems are now integrating digital tracking and confirmation

Defending **Brick & Mortar** Critical to the industry.





Defending Brick and Mortar

Your e-commerce strategy should fully support your physical presence. And vice versa.

Most independent WD's use e-commerce tools that keep their inventory hidden behind a password.

Increasingly, distributors are exposing their inventory to their local markets. Why? **Customer acquisition**.

Questions to consider:

Imagine a new shop in your areas is looking for a hard-to-find part that you have in stock. Can they easily discover that you have this part online?



I want to always be first call: I should stock everything!

Duplicating inventory allows for a race to the bottom on price. How many Camry rotors does one region need?

Better deals over the phone. Pricing discipline at the parts counter is critical. You lose out on cost-savings and margin the lower you go on the phone.

Future Trends

Trends that will shape parts procurement.

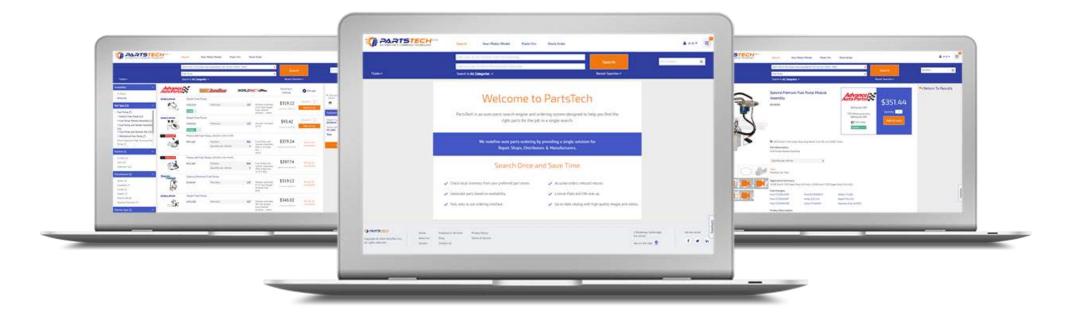


Trends to Watch:

- Stronger Regional VIO data
- Better product failure data by region
- Inventory Visibility
- Telematics communication to shop & WD
- Developments in wear sensor technology







Parts Ordering, Upgraded.

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