



Successful Sales, Finance and Insurance Strategies Have Changed...Has Yours? Part 2







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Tim Parsons has 25 years' experience in the automotive industry at the dealership and OEM level. His industry history includes success at turning around under-performing dealerships, increasing sales volume and F&I income while maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction. He is experienced at building, training and motivating staff to enhance productivity, as well as devising strategies to increase revenue and profitability.

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- HBK CPAs has been serving dealers since the 1950s, and our Dealership Solutions members have been dedicated to the dealership industry for over 30 years. We have an experienced staff of more than 500 professionals and our relationships with clients go back many, many years.
- Our staff has worked with hundreds of dealers over the years. In addition to
  working with automobile, construction equipment, heavy truck, RV and
  agricultural equipment dealers, we also serve the unique needs of the dealer's
  related finance companies, producer owned reinsurance companies and the
  real estate entities. Our Dealership Solutions Group members have been
  intimately involved in developing tax saving strategies relative to the industry.
  As a matter of fact, we testified before the House Ways and Means Committee
  prior to the passage of the Trump Tax Act and were instrumental in getting
  beneficial changes made to the legislation.
- HBK CPAs is a firm of business advisors who take a direct, hands-on interest in our clients' financial well-being. Because of our comprehensive service mix, we serve the unique needs of dealers and their dealerships. Our work generally increases our clients' profitability, either through reduced taxes and expenses or through increased gross profits.





A New Wave of Buyers Emerge





Putting Things in Perspective





### What Customers Tell Us:

### According to CarEdge:

- Shoppers are visiting 2.3 dealerships before making a purchase...down from 2.7 in 2017
- 41% visited only 1 dealership
- 56% would rather have a root canal done without anesthesia than visit a dealership
- 72% would feel more comfortable if the buying process was less stressful.





- 70% are more likely to buy from a dealership if they can start the process ...online
- 95% use digital for information
- 63% use smartphones to compare prices
- 53% use smartphone to research models
- 40% use smartphone to find a dealership





# Top 5 Customer Online Activities:

Researching prices ... 71%

Comparing different models ... 64%

Determine Trade-in value... 63%

Locate a dealer... 46%





# Popular Social Media Sites:

- YouTube ... 13%
- DealerRater... 7%
- Facebook ... 5%





 What Does an 'Exceptional Experience' Look Like?





- An 'Exceptional' Dealership Experience:
  - Negotiation
  - F&I





 An 'Exceptional' Online Experience





 The Livingroom Becomes the Showroom





- Customer Benefits:
  - A Positive Experience
  - Time





### Conclusion





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## Let us answer YOUR dealer specific questions



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