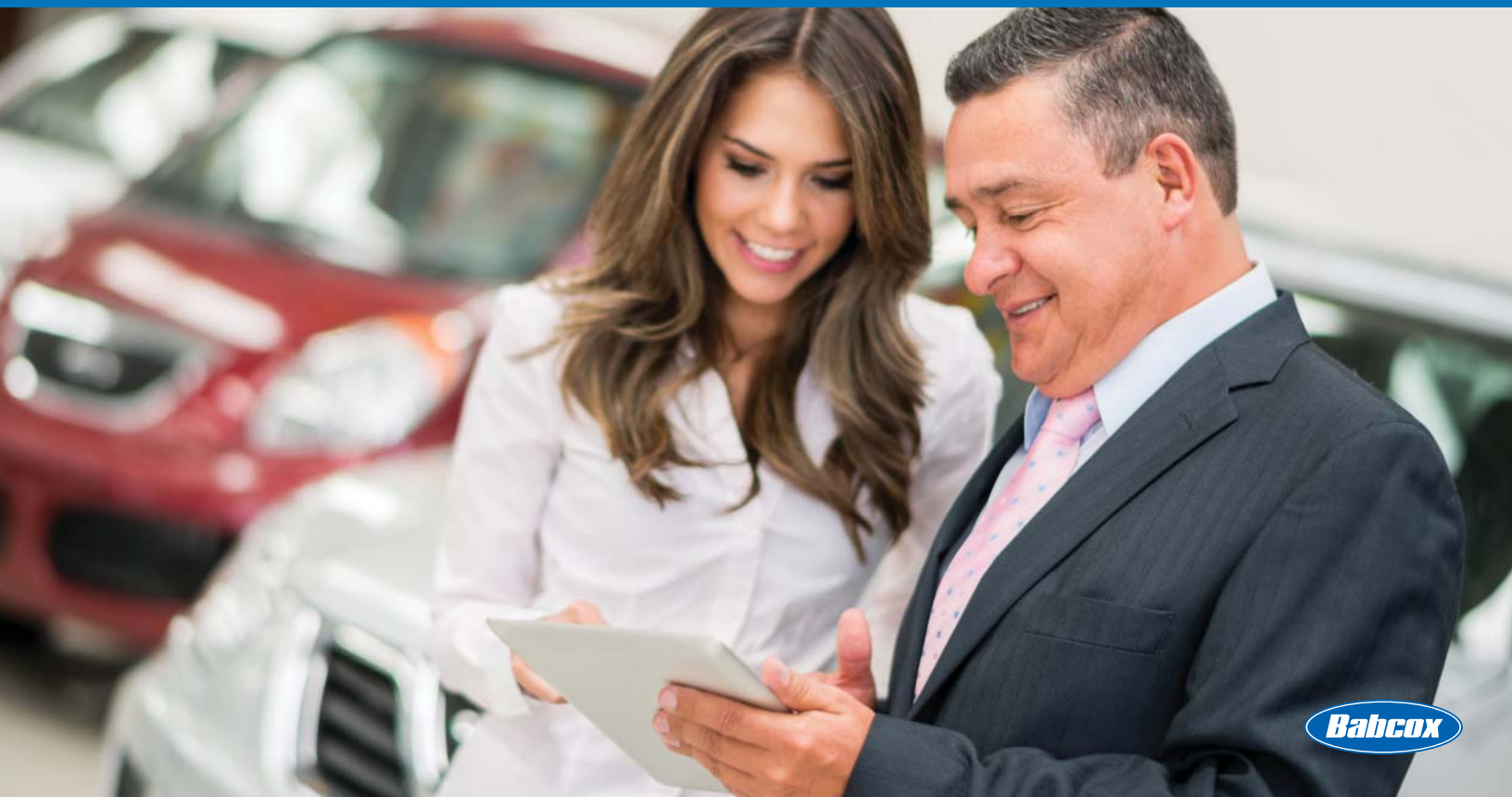


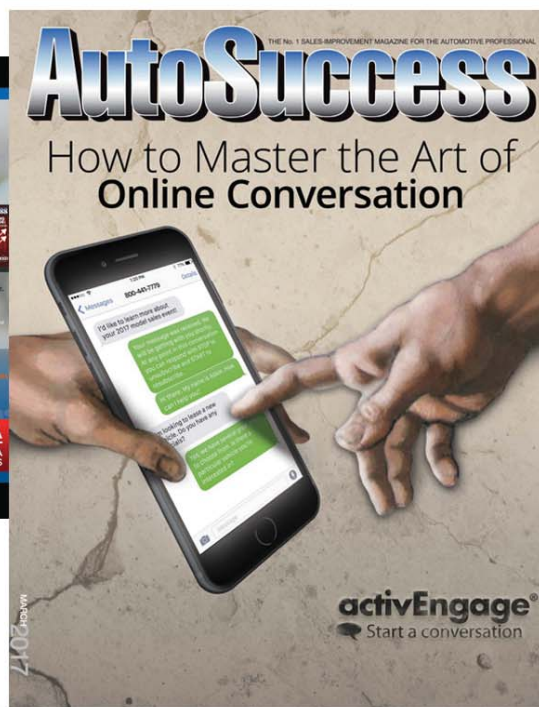


2017 MEDIA GUIDE

AutoSuccess

THE No. 1 SALES-IMPROVEMENT MAGAZINE FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE PROFESSIONAL





WE KNOW THE BUSINESS

AutoSuccess addresses the specific needs of new car and light truck dealerships by providing ideas, tips and solutions on topics impacting those in the automotive sales marketplace. Our “how-to,” solution-based editorials and content provide instantly actionable steps that these professionals can take to improve their team’s effectiveness and their dealership’s profitability in both the short and long term. For nearly two decades, **AutoSuccess** has never lost focus on this core concept, and has evolved to encompass new technology and the evolving needs of sales professionals as they strive to meet the evolving needs of their customers.

The **AutoSuccess** target audience is made up of automotive professionals in leadership roles — primarily dealers, general managers and department managers — who are capable of making final decisions about their areas of influence. **AutoSuccess** is delivered to more than 22,500 new car and light truck dealerships in the United States and Canada each month. The publication reaches far more professionals than that, however, thanks to pass-along readership and its availability on mobile and Web platforms. **AutoSuccess** also connects with its audience through Webinars, podcasts, eNewsletters and more, all designed to support and enhance the magazine’s core mission.

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OUR PHILOSOPHY












The advertising philosophy at **AutoSuccess** is to match quality vendors with those on the front lines of the automotive sales field. By working together, we believe that all three parties — **AutoSuccess**, our advertising partners and our readers — can benefit, grow and prosper into the future.

MAGAZINE ADVERTISING DETAILS & RATES

AutoSuccess offers our advertising partners packages with various lengths of commitment and other options. Whether you are an established company looking to maintain and extend your branding and message, or a smaller company looking to make your presence felt in the market, we have you covered. All of our magazine advertising commitments — large or small — come with opportunities for an editorial submission, a podcast interview, Web and eNewsletter banners, a company profile page, and priority placement of submitted press releases for our eNewsletter.

AutoSuccess is printed using an offset process and is saddle-stitched, with a trim size is 8.375" x 10.75", and an image area of 7.875" x 10.25". Copy for bleed pages should not exceed the image area, unless you desire it to extend off the page and be trimmed. We print in four-color process (CMYK). **AutoSuccess** is not responsible for the appearance of submitted ads that do not meet the above specifications.

ROP DISPLAY RATES & SIZES

Ad Unit Size	1X	3X	6X	12X
 Cover* (including cover story)	\$15,995			
 Back Cover*	\$8,145	\$7,495	\$6,995	\$6,595
Inside Front Cover*	\$7,695	\$6,495	\$5,995	\$5,495
Inside Back Cover*	\$6,895	\$5,995	\$5,495	\$4,995
Full page*	\$3,854	\$3,580	\$3,299	\$2,995
 *8.375 x 10.75 Live Area .5" inside trim Full Page Bleed, add .25" all sides past trim				
 Two-page Spread 16.75 x 10.75 Live Area .5" inside trim Full Page Bleed, add .25" all sides past trim	\$10,745	\$9,995	\$9,595	\$8,995
 1/2 page Horizontal 7.375 x 4.875	\$2,175	\$1,899	\$1,749	\$1,299
 1/2 page Vertical 4.875 x 7.375				
 1/3 page Horizontal 7.375 x 3.25	\$1,599	\$1,399	\$1,175	\$849
 1/3 page Vertical 2.35 x 10.25 (2.35 x 10 live area, 2.35 x 10.5 with bleed)				
 1/4 page Horizontal 7.375 x 2.4375	\$1,399	\$1,099	\$899	\$699
 1/4 page Vertical 3.6875 x 1.25				
 Strip 7.375 x 1.25	\$899	\$749	\$625	\$499

MAGAZINE INSERTS & GATEFOLDS

The following are additional advertising opportunities aside from the normal ad options:

Gatefold - Front or Back Cover	\$12,995 - 4 pages, flip-out from either front or back
Gatefold - Interior	\$12,995 - 4 pages, flip-out from the left or right of the magazine
Insert - 8 page large	\$13,995 - 60 pound stock, stitched into magazine
Insert - 8 page small	\$11,995 - 70 pound stock, stitched into magazine
Insert - 16 page large	\$16,995 - 60 pound stock, stitched into magazine
Insert - 16 page small	\$14,995 - 70 pound stock, stitched into magazine

MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

AutoSuccess currently uses Adobe CC version Macintosh layout and photo products, including InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator. Electronic files, size permitting, can be e-mailed to the creative director, [Thomas Williams \(design@autosuccessonline.com\)](mailto:design@autosuccessonline.com). Files can also be compressed, if needed, using Stuffit (.sit) or Zipit (.zip). If a file is too large to e-mail, we will provide file transfer information upon request. DVD or CD media can be mailed if needed.

AutoSuccess would prefer files be submitted in a high-resolution PDF format, to limit issues with fonts and linked images. We will also accept InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator formats that are compatible with CC. Please include with the original file any fonts or images associated. It is also acceptable to change fonts to outlines to avoid any substitution issues. **AutoSuccess** is not responsible for fonts that do not accompany or are not embedded correctly. All photos or images associated with ads or editorials should be at least 300dpi in CMYK four-color process.

Questions:

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DIGITAL OPPORTUNITIES

Contact 877.818.6620, or email info@autosuccessonline.com for more.

The following are some of the opportunities available for online advertising:

- **Company Profile** - company logo, company description and up to six spots for numbers, URLs or social media links
- **Podcast Interview** - available on *AutoSuccessOnline.com*, iTunes and other outlets
- **Webinar** - a how-to, solution-based presentation featuring slides and audio
- **Web Banner** - appears on *AutoSuccessOnline.com*
- **eNewsletter Banner** - sent out twice per month
- **Video Submission** - leadership, sales & training or marketing solutions, company profiles, events and/or *AutoSuccess* testimonials
- **Email Marketing** - our list rental offerings can complement your current marketing initiatives and create cross-channel engagement to help you achieve your goals.

ONLINE ADVERTISING DIMENSIONS

The following are the dimensions and formats for banner ads to be placed online:

Web banner ads:

1000 pixels wide x 120 pixels tall
700 pixels wide x 500 pixels tall
200 pixels wide x 600 pixels tall

eNewsletter banner ad:

160 pixels wide x 160 pixels tall

WEBSITE REQUIREMENTS

Banners to be used on *AutoSuccessOnline.com* can be provided in the following formats: JPEG, PNG, GIF or Animated GIF. File sizes for all Web banners should not exceed 100KB. Banners to be used on the *AutoSuccess eNewsletter* can be provided in these formats: JPEG, GIF or Animated GIF. Banners for the eNewsletter should not exceed 50KB.



BLOG

AutoSuccess also offers article opportunities via our twice-weekly updated blog, at autosuccessonline.com/blog. Blog posts follow the same editorial guidelines as articles printed in our magazine.

PODCASTS



In addition to our printed articles and blog posts, *AutoSuccess* offers the opportunity to connect with our audience via our weekly podcast. On our podcast, we interview you as an industry leader with a set of questions that are provided in advance, based on your expertise. The interview is done over the phone or via Skype (as you prefer), and generally takes between 15 to 30 minutes.

In addition to featuring the podcast on our Webpage (autosuccessonline.com/podcasts) and sending it to iTunes and various other podcast aggregators, we provide a direct link to your episode that you can use in your own marketing efforts.

Much like our articles, we do require that the interview not be self-promotional. We like to talk about topics and ideas that would be of interest to our listeners in the vehicle selling industry, and not specific products or services; we will lose audience — both for your podcast and for future podcasts — if we're seen as an "infomercial." We do introduce our guest at the beginning and end of the show with his or her business, and include their Website information at the end.

WEBINARS

AutoSuccess Webinars present relevant educational content to help automotive dealer professionals improve their businesses. Each Webinar is an opportunity to position your company as a thought leader while generating leads.

As the sponsor of an *AutoSuccess* Webinar, you'll have an opportunity to choose the format — either a presentation or a question-and-answer discussion. Audience members can ask questions throughout the Webinar.

AutoSuccess crafts the marketing materials and promotes the Webinar to automotive professionals. The *AutoSuccess* team handles all of the Webinar logistics.

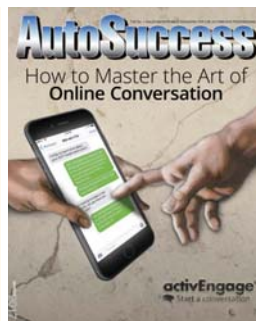
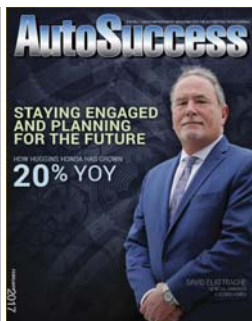
You'll have a full suite of tools at your disposal during the Webinar. Polls, handouts, surveys, videos, pre-event emails, and live questions give you the opportunity to engage the audience. After the event concludes, you receive a full list of registrants and attendees, including contact information.



ARTICLES

AutoSuccess prides itself on being a publication that stands out with thought-provoking, solution-based articles that our readership can immediately put into effect. As an advertiser, we want to offer you the opportunity to connect with our readership as an industry expert. So, while thinking of possible submissions, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **No Advertorials** — We do not allow direct endorsement of companies or products. Articles not complying to this guideline will be edited to conform if possible, or returned if not.
- Articles are approximately 450 to 1,100 words in length and are “how-to,” solution-based articles. We want readers to be able to put into practice what they read in our magazine.
- **No previously published articles will be accepted.** Writers will be held accountable.
- **All articles are subject to editing by *AutoSuccess*.** Once an article has been edited and published, we retain all rights to that article. Reprints are available through *AutoSuccess* only.
- **All articles must have the following biographical information:** Name, title and company, email address and Twitter handle (either the individual's or their company's). The email address will be connected to a tracking email when published, which will have the format of “aname@autosuccessonline.com.” This allows us to track how your article is doing and alert you of possible missed emails. The process is invisible to readers — the email goes directly to the address you specify.
- **All articles must have a photo of the author** — The photo needs to be high-resolution (a head-and-shoulder's photo taken with a modern smartphone will work if a professional photo is not available). Your article will be read by thousands of people, both online and in print, so please consider this when submitting a photo to accompany your article.
- Writers will be sent a deadline for submission by our editor each issue. If an article is received after that deadline, *AutoSuccess* reserves the right to hold the article for a later issue, to be determined, or to edit the article to fit space available in that particular issue.
- Writers will be sent a proof of their article as it will appear, and be given a 24-hour window to reply with questions or changes before going to print. While we will correct for errors, questions about editing to fit the editorial style of *AutoSuccess* or editing for length will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



AutoSuccess back issues are freely available at autosuccessonline.com/archives for reference on how articles are presented.