

# The National In-Car Study 

## The Power of Outdoor Advertising

## How the In-Car Study Was Conducted

## 1,505 telephone interviews were conducted in July 2003

- National U.S. random sample
- $98.4 \%$ of the sample had driven or ridden as a passenger in non-public transportation vehicles (car/truck/van, etc.) in the last month


## In-Car Trends



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## Americans Are Spending More Time In-Car

"In general, are you spending MORE or LESS time in cars than you were one year ago?"


Base: Driven/Ridden In a Car in Last Month

## Traffic Is Getting Worse

"Would you say you personally are encountering MORE TRAFFIC or LESS TRAFFIC than you were one year ago?"


Base: Driven/Ridden In a Car in Last Month

## On Average, People Spend More Than 15 Hours Per Week In-Car

Total Time Spent In-Car (as Driver or Passenger) During... (Hours: Minutes)


## Nearly as Much Time Spent In-Car on Weekends as Weekdays

Time Spent In-Car (as Driver or Passenger) Per... (Hours: Minutes)

2:12
2:05

Weekday

## Weekend Day

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## Men Report More Time In-Car Than Women During Weekdays

Time Spent In-Car (as Driver or Passenger) Per... (Hours: Minutes)


## People Cover Plenty of Ground In-Car

Miles Traveled In-Car (as Driver or Passenger) in Last Seven Days


## Who Is the Heavy In-Car Consumer?

## "Mega-milers"

Category ..... Index
\$100K+ HH Income ..... 142
Male ..... 131
Age 35-54 ..... 131
Four-Year Degree or Higher Education ..... 112
TV Time Spent Viewing ..... 92

## Only a Small Fraction Regularly Use Cell Phone While In-Car

"How often do you use a cell phone while driving or riding as a passenger in your primary car?"

Most of the Time


Base: Driven/Ridden In a Car in Last Month

## In-Car Buying Decisions



## Exploring the Power of Recency for In-Car Advertising

- Recency planning starts with the idea that when is the critical variable rather than how many-in other words, advertising effects can also be controlled by when the message is received.

How Important Is It to Reach a
Consumer in the Car?


## Targeting Consumers Close to Purchase? The Real Value Is in the afternoon

"In the course of a typical workweek, how often do you shop...?"


Base: Work Full/Part Time

## Workers Make Many Stops on the Commute Home

"In the last month, have you stopped on your way home from work to go to...?"


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## Two Out of Five Consumers Don't Make the Decision to Shop Until the Last Minute

"In general, when do you usually make the decision to stop at a store on your way home from work?"


Base: Work Full/Part Time


## Men Are More Likely to Be Last-Minute Shoppers

"In general, when do you usually make the decision to shop at a store on your way home from work?"

45\%


While on Your Way Home


# In-Car Study Shows Outdoor Gets Results 

## Outdoor Gets Results

"Have you ever seen a billboard that caused you to...?"


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## Outdoor Can Deliver Immediate Results for an Advertiser

"Have you ever noticed a billboard advertising a sale or special offer that motivated you to visit a certain store...?"


## Time Spent In-Car Creates More Outdoor Advertising Results

\% Visiting a Store Later That Day After Seeing Sale/Special Offer Advertised on Billboard


Weekly In-Car Time Spent

## Outdoor Advertising Impact Grows with In-Car Exposure

\% Noticing a Billboard That Motivated a Visit to a Store Later That Week


Time Spent In-Car


## Key Findings

- 15 hours a week in car means high Outdoor advertising exposure
-Outdoor can impact shopping that occurs on the way home from work
- Outdoor gets results - consumers report billboards prompts them to visit stores



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