HOW TO CREATE PRODUCT PAGES THAT SELL

Barrel of Beer Starter Kit



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INTRODUCTION

EYEMAGINE has been building high-performance awardwinning eCommerce solutions for clients for over a decade. We understand that one of the most crucial factors in success is the product detail page on an online store. Making a product detail page aesthetically pleasing as well as easy to navigate will make hesitant buyers want to make the leap to customers. Here is a primer on the features that influence whether a visitor becomes a customer at the moment of decision.



WHY DO PRODUCT DETAIL PAGES MATTER?

Your product detail page is the page where your prospect makes the decision to become a customer. Just like in a brick-and-mortar store, if things look unorganized or messy, you probably won't buy anything let alone stay in the store very long. The same goes for online stores. If your bounce rate is high on your product page, it's time to take a deeper look into what could be driving your customers away from your website and into your competitors' hands. The product detail page is where you make your money, so doesn't it make sense to devote time and effort into it? A page with this much power should be optimized for your customers.





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Trust signals show the validity of your business. If your website doesn't look trustworthy, potential customers will never give you their credit card or personal information. In a world where the news is constantly reminding us that there are hackers and identity thieves looking for vulnerable information, it's important to make your customers feel safe. A few examples of trust signs are:

PROOF OF LIFE

This is anything that proves you are a real business. For instance, listing your physical address or P.O. Box, your phone number, and your email address. Anything that adds credibility that you're a real merchant that stands behind your store.

CUSTOMER RATINGS & REVIEWS V

It might be counterintuitive, but show both good and bad reviews. Make sure you are replying to the reviews from unhappy customers, because they are the ones that want to be heard the most. Customers want to know that there is a real person that can help them when they have problems or complaints. You can turn a complainer into a promoter for your business if you take the time to listen to them and find solutions to their problems.





COMMUNITY

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Show off your active user base by building social proof. Encourage your customers to share products to breed brand loyalty. If potential customers see that other people are ranting and raving about your products or services, they are more likely to buy from you, too.

DESIGN CUES 🕨

You've heard it said before, first impressions are everything. Typography and alignment must be on-point. If your website looks sloppy and unfinished, customers will think you are unprofessional and take their money elsewhere.

PROXIMITY TO YOUR CALLS TO ACTION (CTA)

Research has shown the closer your policies are to your CTA's, the easier it is for customers to have realistic expectations when they shop. Make your product detail page is easy for your customer to navigate.

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PROMINENTLY DISPLAY BADGES

Add certifications or badges from organizations such as the BBB to show your customers that you are indeed trustworthy. Anyone can make a website, let potential customers see that you are legitimate and will be around for years to come.



FRICTION

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Friction is anything that gets in the way of a visitor adding something to their shopping cart. This could be inappropriately placed CTAs that lead a potential customer from reaching the check-out page. Or it could be placing inappropriate products on the check-out page, which again distracts the customer. When designing your pages you should constantly be asking yourself, *"Is this element really necessary or is it distracting from the main goal?"*





PRODUCT COPY

Product copy should grab customers'

attention. Know and speak the same

language as your buyers so you can

to your audience, if your audience is

confused by what you're saying then they

else, think short, sweet, and to-the-point.

pain points. Some useful tips when writing

probably aren't going to buy. Above all

Potential customers don't have time to



ESTABLISH PERSONALITY AND USE HUMOR

Businesses have a tendency of being too formal and automated. Humans like interacting with other humans. Add personality and connect with your users with a more casual tone.

BE HONEST

product copy are:

Write descriptions that explain your product or service to a tee. Be brutally honest so your customers know what they are getting. You want to make sure their expectations are reasonable so when they receive your product or service they know what they are getting beforehand.



TYPOGRAPHY

Font Matters! The size of your font should be readable. "Above the fold" isn't as important as it was in the past. Customers want legible text. Font type can also helps establish the mood of the page. It might sound strange but picking the right font is crucial to your branding and shouldn't be an afterthought.

TRICKS

Use a full-size iPad and Macbook (1400 pixel wide resolution) as a guide for how things should look. What might look good on your screen might look totally different on another device. Research devices that are most frequently used to access the site using Google Analytics or similar tools. That way you can make sure everything looks like it should even when people are accessing your website through other outlets.



Display as many product viewpoints and angles as possible and ensure the images are high quality. You want to make sure your customers know what they are getting and being accurate with your photos is the best way to do so. Placing products on the left side has also been proven to be most effective across a wide variety of devices. For retina displays, use the highest resolution as possible. Also try to use square dimensions for products since abnormal shapes are harder to design around.





5 CALL TO ACTION

Make sure you have "Add to Cart" buttons that draw the customer's eye. Distinguish primary CTAs from other buttons on your site. Some things to consider when designing your CTAs are: Color, Size and Shape, Language, Placement, and Position. What do you do if you have multiple CTAs? Tips on how to balance out your page are:

- Set up a hierarchy of CTAs and buttons to figure out which should be the star of a specific page.
- Try different colors, shapes and sizes instead of just plain hyperlinks.
- Are you using social share buttons? Make sure they aren't distracting from the primary CTAs. Use analytics to determine if they are effective or not.





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It's imperative to know how people are navigating your website. What you might have originally thought would be a good idea might not be translating well on screen or to your client base. Understand how your current users are interacting with your pages. To do so you can use heat mapping tools or in-page navigation via Google Analytics to see your metrics. Most importantly, track events on-page.





The majority of your visitors might not be viewing your website on a desktop. In this day and age when everyone has a smart phone in their pocket, you want to make sure your website looks the same when viewed from a mobile device.

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| 1. desktop | 121,736 (66.96%) | 79.02% | 96,195 (76.10%) | 68.56% | 4.03 | 00:02:36 | |
| 2. mobile | 44,032 (24.22%) | 51.75% | 22,786 (18.03%) | 45.91% | 4.56 | 00:03:27 | |
| 3. tablet | 16,037 (8.82%) | 46.32% | 7,428 (5.88%) | 43.66% | 5.88 | 00:04:58 | |



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Size and color are the basic kinds of configurable product. You don't want separate product detail pages for every customizable option for the same product. Use dropdowns, radio buttons, swatches, or custom clickable boxes to let users select configurations. Showing complete outfits or related items also gives the customer an idea of what something might look like is a great strategy for "personal" or "style" type purchases.





UPSELLS AND CROSS-SELLS

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With busy product-detail pages, be strategic in how you display upsell and cross-sell products. Make sure you aren't distracting the customer before they reach the finish line - the checkout page. Questions to consider are:

- How do you choose which products to display? Why did you pair a certain product with another?
- How do you differentiate your upsell and cross-sell products? There is an important difference between the two.





CONCLUSION

FINAL THOUGHTS ON CREATING PRODUCT PAGES THAT SELL

3 Major Concepts in Mind When Creating Your Product Detail Page

All of these best practices can help your product detail page but it is crucial to remember these three concepts when you are first designing the page:

- 1. Design for your customer first
- 2. Less is more
- 3. Test everything

Utilize these best practices and watch your eCommerce success increase! Remember, the product detail page is where you show your wares to potential customers and generate revenue. It might seem easy to just throw up a couple of pictures and CTAs up and call it a day, but without a fully optimized product detail page you are letting potential customers slip away. Need additional help optimizing your product detail pages? EYEMAGINE is here to help.



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