3 eCommerce Product Page Case Studies to Boost Your Sales and Conversions

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Introduction

Product pages are to eCommerce websites what salesmen are to a retail store. If your sales guys are not convincing enough, you will end up losing money. In a similar scenario, the battle for a sale is won or lost at your product page.

A visitor landing on your product page is the highest level of interest you could gather for your online store. You really don't want to screw up things at this stage and lose out on the sale. From your product image to the product description, to the 'add-to-cart' button; all elements play an equally important role in determining whether the visitor will convert or not.

In this eBook, we give you examples of 3 eCommerce companies that increased conversions on their product pages by optimizing different elements based on A/B test results.



CASE STUDY #1

Replacing Low Price Guarantee with Trust Badge Increased Conversions by 107%

Background



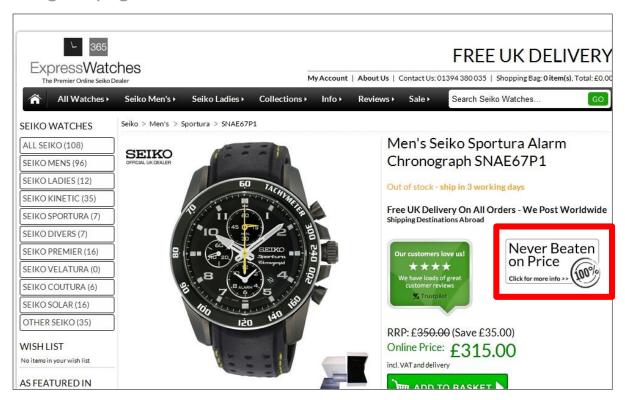
Express Watches is a UK based online retailer of Seiko watches

A major anxiety among visitors to their website was whether the watches available were actually real or an imitation. To combat this, their digital marketing agency, High Position, decided to run a test that would clearly eliminate this anxiety.



The Problem & Hypothesis

This is how the original page looked like:

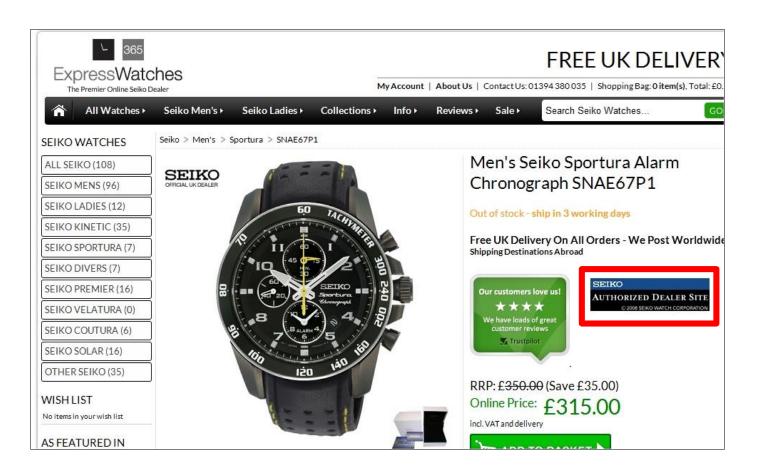


To ensure customers knew that Express Watches stocks original products, HP-Group replaced an image on the right hand side of the product that initially said "Never Beaten on Price" in the control.



The Test

In the variation, the price guarantee image was replaced with a badge of authenticity that read "Seiko Authorized Dealer Site" in strong blue, black and white.

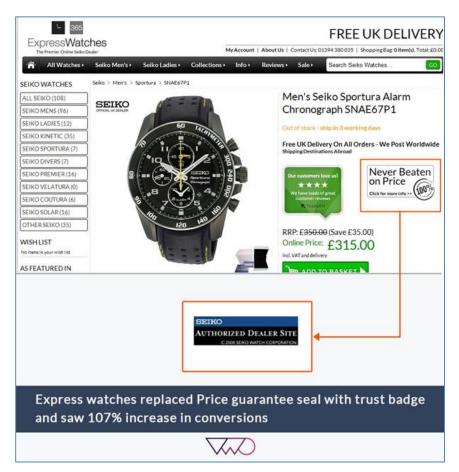




The Result

The result was a **107% jump in conversion** rate during the **30 day test**, taking conversion rate from 1.81% to 3.76% overall and effectively doubling Express Watch's business.

Note that this badge of authenticity was not simply added as an extra, but in fact it replaced the badge in control that guaranteed low prices. This clearly shows that customers care more about the authenticity of a product than low prices.





Key Takeaways

This tests gives a strong customer insight for Express Watches that their customers care more about the authenticity of their products rather than the best price offered. Such insights can be easily utilised to tweak marketing messages as per customer expectations.

For example, in this case, Express Watches could probably try persuading/selling to people using an increased emphasis on authenticity of the product (instead of price) and talk more about their authorized dealership in their PPC ads, emails, and other marketing channels.

Create tests that give you a clear customer lesson. They will give you the most impactful keys to unlock the success of your overall marketing messaging. You can then use this information wisely in all your marketing channels to reap benefits that will last for years to come.



Removing social sharing buttons increased click-throughs by 11.9%

Background



<u>Taloon.com</u> is a Finland-based hardware eCommerce store that sells plumbing, electrical, gardening, among other construction material.

Taloon.com wanted to increase conversion on their product pages. The main call to action (CTA) button on their product pages was Add to Cart.



Background

This is how the original page looked like:





The Test

Going against the popular notion, Jani Uusi-Pantti of Taloon.com used Visual Website Optimizer to remove Google+, Pin it and Facebook share buttons from its product pages. The social sharing buttons are placed right below the product photos in the original pages. They wanted to see if the A/B test will have any impact on the main call to action (CTA) button i.e. Add to Cart. This is how the **variation** looked like:





The Result & Key Takeaways

The challenger recorded 11.9% increase in CTA click-throughs as compared to the Original.

What worked against social sharing buttons?

1) Negative social proof

According to Jani Uusi-Pantti, the number of shares on most of his product pages were zero. While high number of shares and likes act as a positive reinforcement, low number of shares breed distrust in the mind of the customer about both the company and the quality of the product.

2) Distraction from main goal

It's usually considered a best practice to have one clear defined goal for each page and push people towards that goal by using a CTA. While Taloon.com used a prominent CTA on its product pages — add to cart — the social sharing buttons acted as a distraction.



CASE STUDY #3

Removing Distractions from Product Pages Increased Sales by 40.81%

Background



Underwater Audio is an eCommerce website that ships their exclusive range of aqua products, like aqua goggles, swimbuds headphones, and waterproof iPods, to several countries around the globe.

Underwater Audio's product comparison page displayed a table drawing similarities and differences between their two waterproof headphone sets. The table was followed by a few short paragraphs that listed additional information about the products, along with some links to other pages, like "instructions to use waterproof headphones," individual product pages of the two headphones, etc.



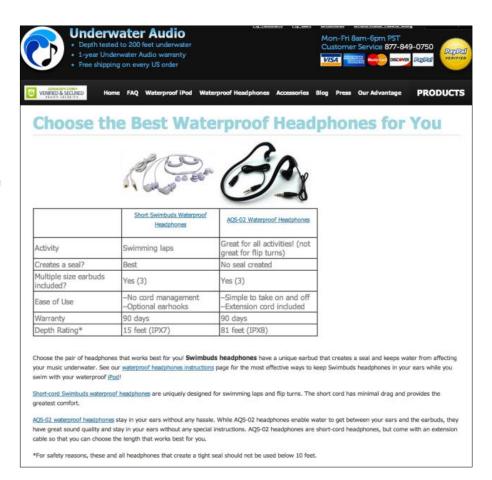
The Hypothesis

Although their product comparison page was receiving sufficient traffic, they felt that their Original page was not engaging enough.

This is how the control page looked like:



Hence, They decided to clear up the page. The test hypothesis was that more concise information about the products will improve the perceived value of the product and help customers make the decision more easily.





The Test

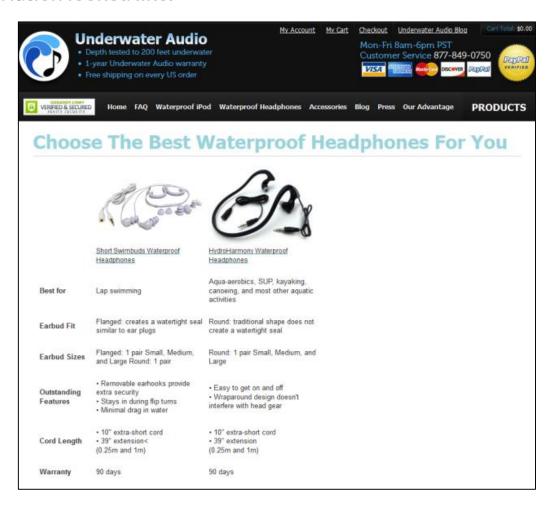
While clearing up, the following changes were made on the products page:

- 1. The additional information of the two headphones that earlier continued in paragraphs below-the-fold was combined to include in the table itself.
- 2. The information was divided into different specific categories that would be most useful for visitors to make a decision. Product features and specifications were made more detailed for better clarity.
- 3. Instead of showing several call-to-action links on the page, only one link to each product page was retained to make the action on the page more clear for the visitors.
- 4. The table layout was cleaned and the whitespace on the page was better utilized to make the division between the columns clear without the need for thick cell borders that were ruining the aesthetic appeal of the page.
- 5. The font of the page was changed to make it consistent with the rest of the site.



The Test

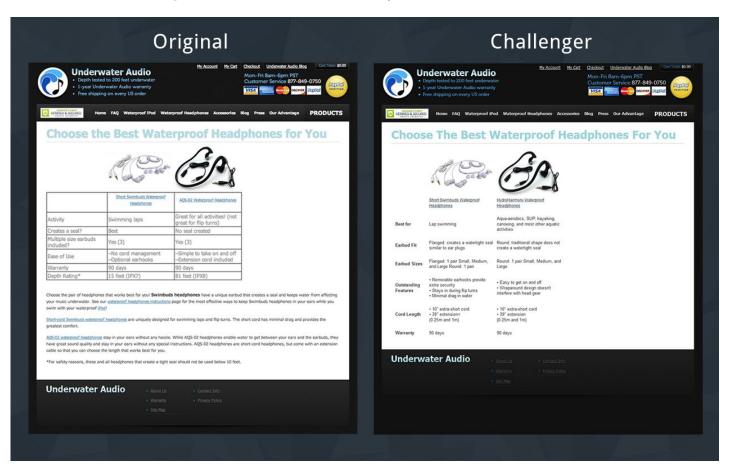
This is how the variation looked like:





The Result

The more focused Challenger page with better copy and design beat the Original and increased website sales by 40.81%. Here's a comparison of the two versions:





Key Takeaways from the Test

- 1) Distractions are big conversion killers. Recheck your product pages for any irrelevant links or any unwanted information. Such unnecessary details can sometimes distract visitors from your conversion goal or might even overwhelm them. Cut the clutter on your page and A/B test it.
- 2) Compelling content is also vastly underrated. Understand what information your customers need at a given stage in the buying process and give them this information in the best possible manner. Be clear and concise.
- 3) Pay attention to the visual appeal of your page. Presenting relevant information in a visually appealing manner is equally important. Even the best copy may not convert well because of a sloppy design as people will just not make the effort to read it.



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