

### Unleash the Benefits of an Effective CTP



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# Why a CTP?

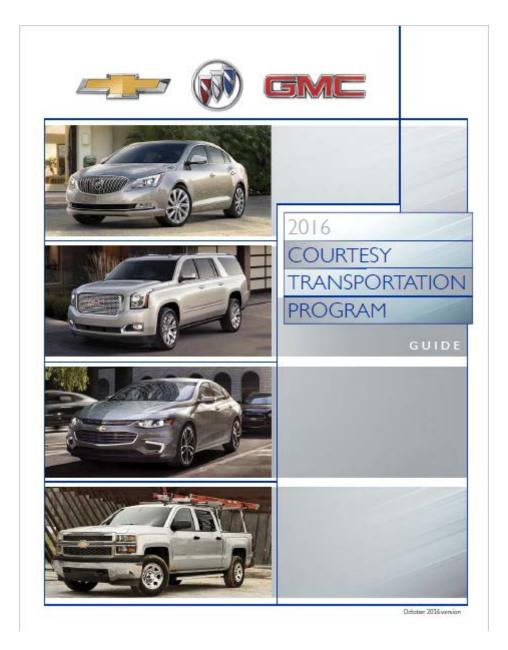
- Car repair is painful enough!
- What if it lasts for several hours or days?



### More Reasons to Have a CTP

- Guarantee the use of your brand
- Used Car Inventory
- CSI
- Control





# Why Not?

- Expenses
- Staff
- Hours



# Settle in for a Crash Course on CTP Best Practices!

# **Customer-Facing Procedures**

- Centralize
- Check-in & Check-out Processes
- Loss Prevention

DAMAGE DESCRIPTION	
Initials	Condition Out:  Condition In:

# **Customer-Facing Procedures**

- Check-in Timing
- Check-in Inspection
- Proper vehicle > proper situation



### Reservations

- Take reservations
  - Website
  - Service scheduling software
- Assign vehicles ahead of time
  - By vehicle size/model
  - By features/options
  - Not necessary for large fleets



# Why Take Reservations?

- Achieve consistently higher fleet utilization
- Upgrade opportunity (for future sales)
- Increased CSI (assure availability)



### **More Procedures**

- Create qualification process
  - Additional drivers
- Overdue vehicles
  - Customer contact
- Turnover of vehicles
  - Car wash
  - Prepare the night before



### **Third Parties**

The **Danger** of Referring Customers to Third Parties:

- Not your brand
- Alternative services
- Loss of relationship



# Ways NOT to Lose Money

Evaluate your out-of-pocket dealer costs to see if they can be passed on to the customer:

- Fuel
- Government Fees
- Damage
- Cleaning



# More Ways NOT to Lose Money

- Optional Equipment
  - Baby/Child Seats
  - Video Player
- Parking Tickets
- Toll Violations



### **Fleet Utilization**

Determine the best purchase and allocation of fleet vehicles for the CTP:

- Historical demand
- Current trends
- Vehicle sales
- Recalls



# Ways to Improve Fleet Utilization

- Monitor Supply vs. Demand
- Are service department appointments being turned down because there aren't enough loaner vehicles?
- Can more vehicles be added quickly and easily?



### **KPIs**

- Utilization: 75%+
- Length of Rental
- No-Shows
- Daily Dollar Average
- Profit/Loss per Vehicle
- Revenue per Transaction



# Fleet Management Techniques

- Enroll and follow OEM Guidelines
- Minimums and Maximums
  - Mileage
  - Time
- Quantity of Vehicles
   vis-à-vis Quantity of Repair Orders



# Grounding

- Warning vs. Hard Hold
- Set parameters based on time and/or mileage



### Think of CTVs as Test Drives

- Courtesy Transportation Vehicles should have popular features such as:
  - Sun Roofs
  - Upgraded Sound Systems
- Showcase the latest models
- Millennials love trying out new wheels!



# **Employee Use**

- Not allowed!
- Non-Revenue Move Tickets
  - Refueling
  - Pickup/Delivery



### **Fleet Admin Procedures**

- License Registration Renewals
- Tickets and Tolls
  - Date/Time/License Inquiry
  - Highway Toll Administration (HTA)
  - EZ Pass
  - Parking Tickets



### **Fleet Maintenance**

- Exterior and Interior
  - Car Wash
  - Handy Vacs
- Provide 1/4 tank of gas
  - Customer should return vehicle at a similar level
  - Keep price of fuel updated



# **Critical Fleet Management Techniques**

- Track Maintenance and Repairs
- Recalls



### Safe Rental Car Act

- Effective June 1, 2016
- Named after Rachel and Jacqueline Houck
- Fleets of 35+ vehicles
- Illegal to rent, loan, or sell vehicles under open recall



### **CTP Nuances**

- OEM Daily Reimbursements differ by:
  - Warranty
  - Service
  - Recall

And the customer's vehicle type



### **Variations**

- \$25 to \$45 per day
- Customer pay situations
- Local business incentives



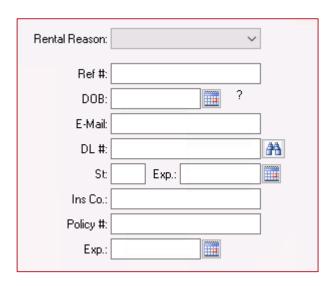
### Insurance

- Effective when vehicle is enrolled in CTP
- Underwritten by a third party (Z & S)
- Fills gap between garage policy and customer's insurance



### **Details**

- Dealer pays premium and related fees
- ALWAYS obtain customer's:
  - Insurance Company
  - Policy Number
  - Expiration Date



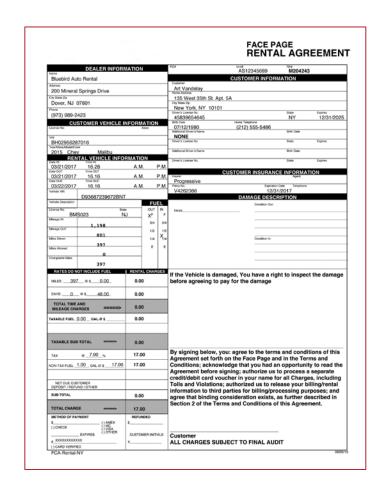
## **Loaner Agreements**

- OEMs will provide forms with verbiage
- Duplex printers (two-sided)
- State-specific terms and conditions
- Customer signs the one that you keep on file



# **Loaner Agreement for Customer**

- Keep in vehicle
- Submit to police
- Same process for rental cars



### **Retail Rentals to the General Public**

- Leverage your:
  - Brand
  - Location
  - Customer Base
  - Infrastructure



Create a new Profit Center!

### Insurance

If your OEM provided insurance for CTP vehicles, check how or if retail rentals are covered.

If they aren't, you'll have to obtain your own, along with the rental contracts.



# **Revenue Strategies**

- Rate Yield Management (Supply & Demand) based on:
  - Seasonality
  - Events
  - Utilization
- Shop the competition



### **Add-Ons**

- Mileage
- Additional and Under Age Drivers
- CDW/PAC/PEC/SLI
- Optional Equipment
- Roadside Assistance
- Tolls



#### **Car Rental is HOT**

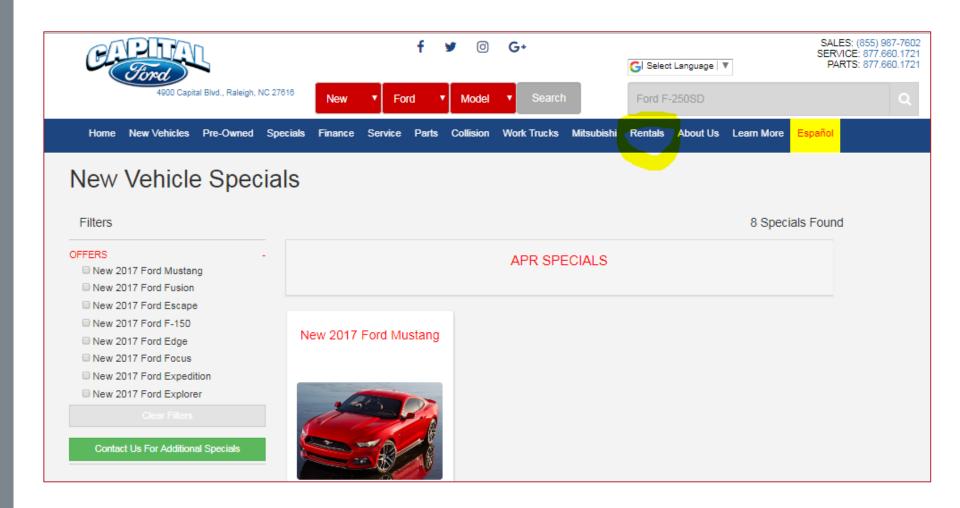
- Millennials are foregoing owning a car
- The Uber & Lyft Effect
- Car-Sharing
- Car Clubs

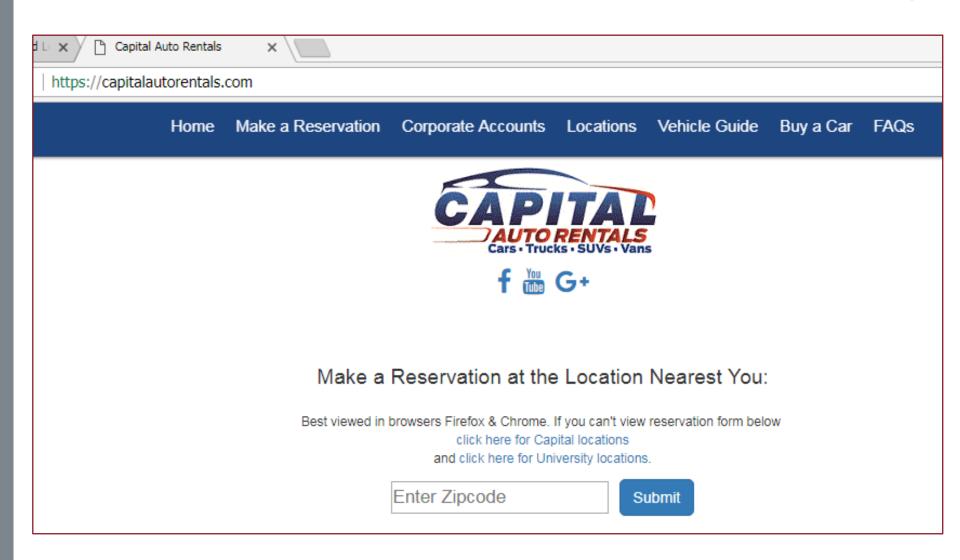


# Marketing

- Tap into Dealership Efforts:
  - Social Media
  - TV Advertising
  - PPC Campaigns
  - Referral Programs



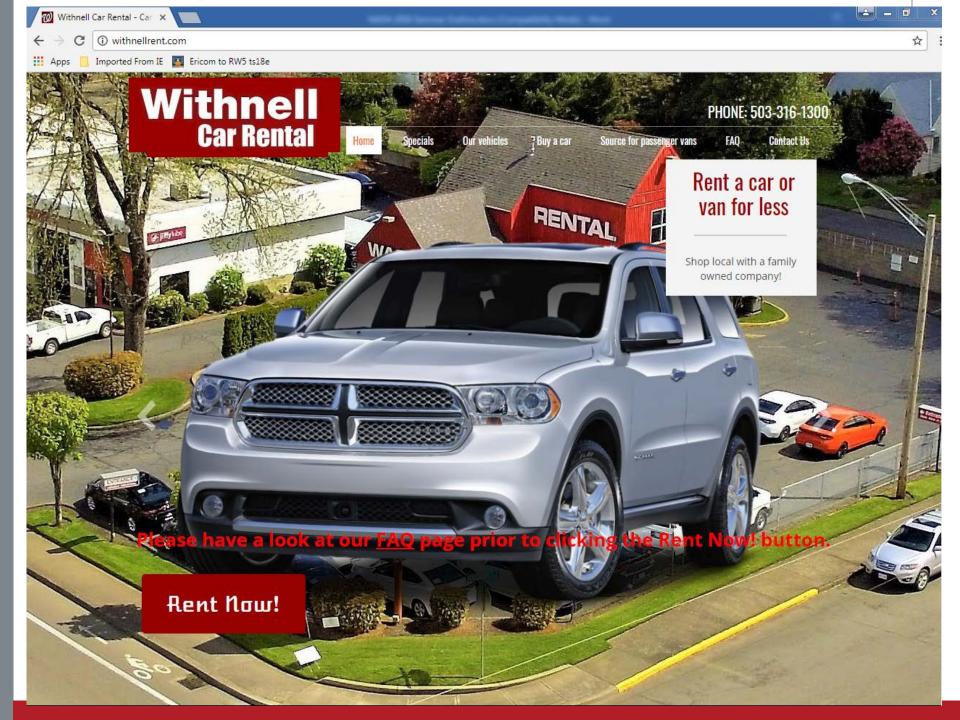




#### **Other Dealers Who Went Retail**

- Bald Hill Dodge Warwick, RI
- Charles Gabus Ford Des Moines, IA
- Danvers Ford Danvers, MA
- Matthews Paoli Ford Paoli, PA
- Molle Chevrolet Blue Springs, MO
- Royal Oak Ford Royal Oak, MI

Some even created their own website!



## **Technology to the Rescue**

- Point-of-Sale Systems
  - Forces capture of required data
  - Calculates charges correctly
  - Prints legible contracts



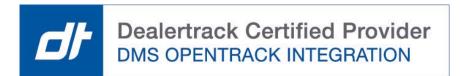
### **Dealer Management Systems**

- Pull customer data instantly
- General Ledger entries
- Be sure to use certified interfaces



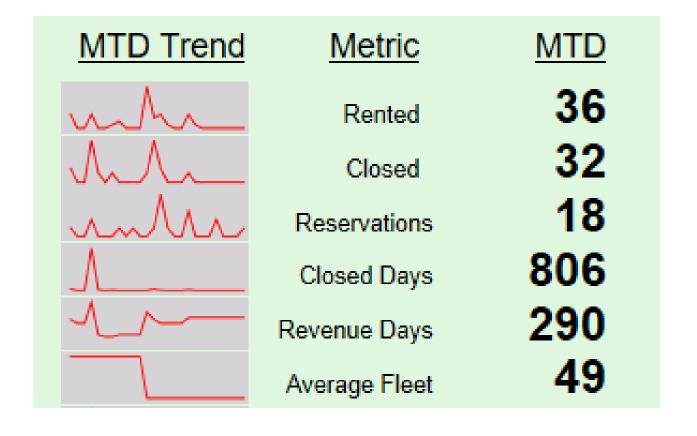
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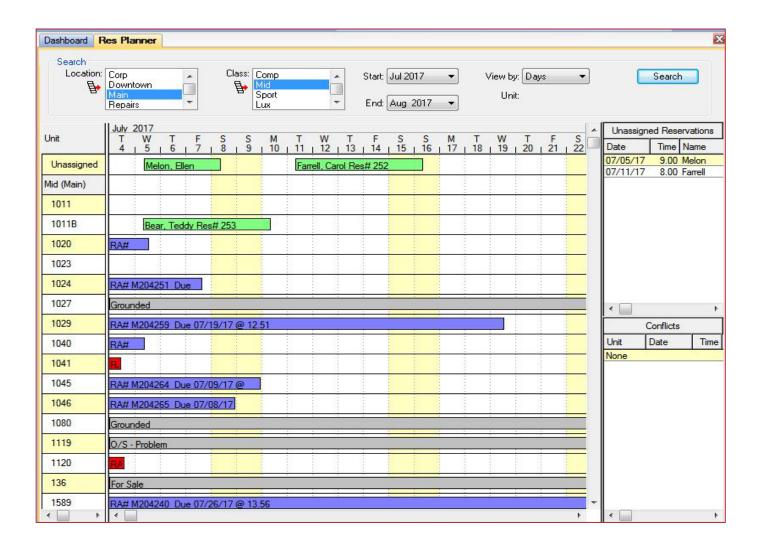




#### **Dashboards**



#### **Reservation Planner**



#### **Vehicle Maintenance**

- Create as many procedures as you want for:
  - Service
  - Turn-back/grounding
  - Recalls
- Alert based on date and/or odometer
- Fuel consumption



# **Mobile Apps**

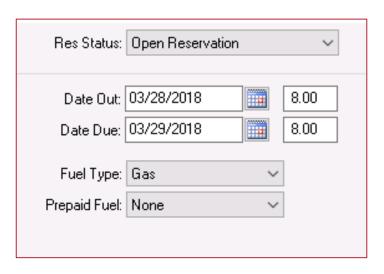


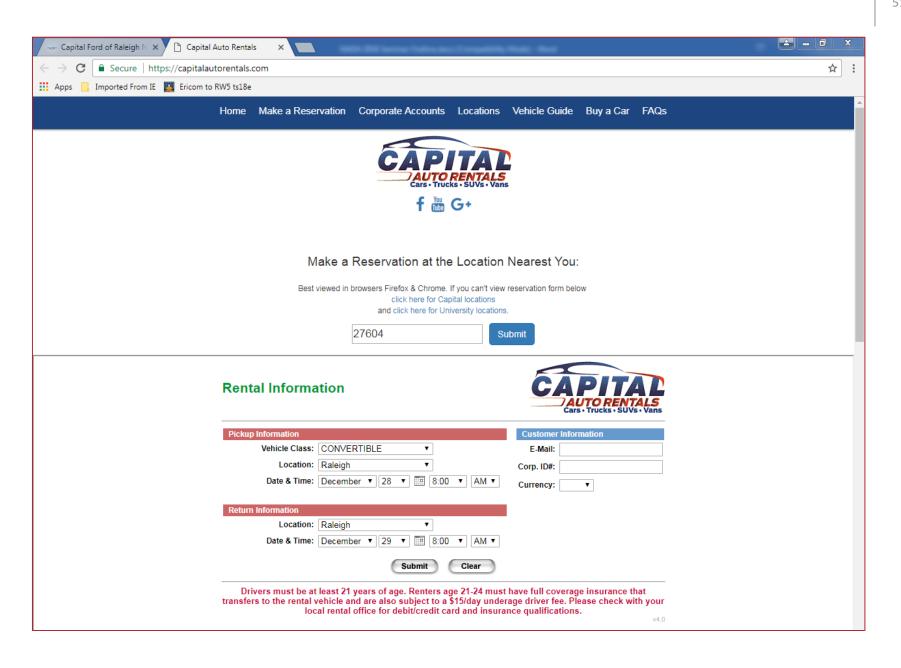
# **Credit Card Processing**



## Website Integration

- Check real-time availability
- Check real-time rates (for retail rentals)
- Reservations appear in the database instantly





# Questions



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