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# Outsmart the Inbox: Why 80% of Ecommerce Emails Fail and How to Fix It



# The Speakers



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### What you'll learn

In this session, we'll show you the value of:



Navigate ISP changes that impact your deliverability



Segment smarter to boost clicks and conversions



Improve mobile design for better engagement



Avoid common mistakes that kill email ROI



Use automation and AI to drive hands-free sales







## Setting the Stage: The Current Email Marketing Climate



Consumers are overwhelmed — everyone's inbox is packed



Standing out is harder than ever



Open rates are no longer the gold standard marketers need to dig deeper







### The Deliverability Shift

- Major changes from ISPs in the past year have forced evolution
- Deliverability issues are limiting visibility — poor list hygiene and low engagement are the culprits



If emails don't even reach the inbox, nothing else matters









### What's your biggest email challenge right now?

- Low open rates
- Emails going to spam
- Click-throughs are low
- No time to optimize
- Unsure what's not working





# **Rethinking Open Rates**



### Beyond Open Rates: What Really Matters

High Open Rates Mean Nothing without Revenue

Clicks = a More Reliable, Performance-Driven Metric











Metrics That Move the Business: **Better Content and Calls-to-Action** 











### What metric do you use to measure email success?

- Open rate
- Click-through rate
- Conversion rate / revenue
- List growth
- Not sure





# Why Most Ecommerce Email Programs Fail



# No Segmentation or Personalization

Everyone gets the same generic emails

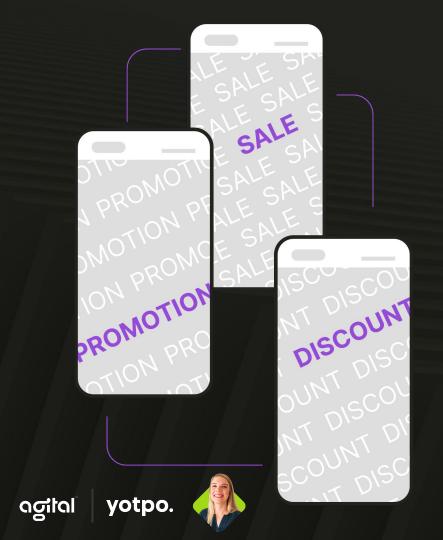
- One-size-fits-all messaging leads to low engagement and high unsubscribe rates.
- Consumers expect personalized content—lack of it signals you're not paying attention.
- Missed opportunities to tailor emails based on behavior, preferences, or purchase history.











## **Overly Promotional**

No real community-building or subscriber value

- Constant discounts train your audience to wait for the next deal.
- No storytelling, education, or emotional connection = weak brand loyalty.
- Emails should provide value beyond just a sale—think tips, inspiration, or behind-the-scenes content.

# **Inconsistent Frequency**

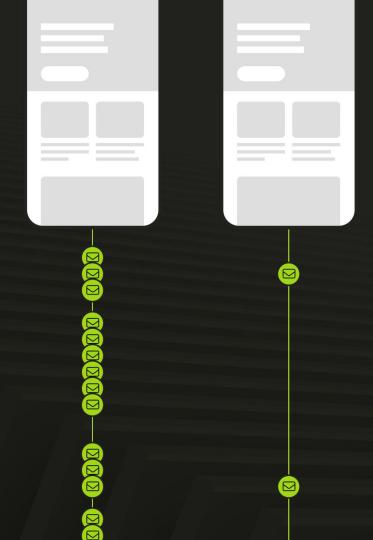
#### Either ghosting or spamming

- Irregular sends can confuse subscribers or reduce brand recall.
- Spamming damages deliverability and erodes trust.
- Build a cadence you can maintain—consistency builds reliability.









# **Bad Mobile Experience**

#### Equals lost opportunity

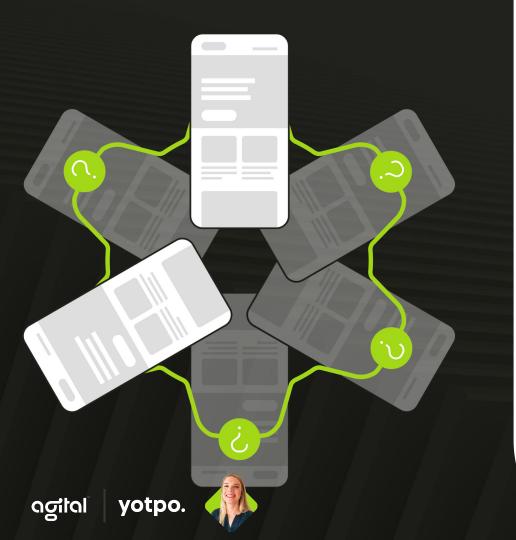
- Poor formatting, long load times, or unreadable text drive users to delete or unsubscribe.
- Mobile-first design isn't optional—most emails are opened on phones.
- Frustration = friction = abandoned carts and lost revenue.











# Neglected Automations

#### Equals missed revenue

- Abandoned cart, welcome, and post-purchase flows drive a huge share of revenue—but only if they're active and optimized.
- Set-it-and-forget-it automations quickly become outdated.
- Unused or poorly executed automation means you're leaving money on the table.

# Proven Strategies for Better Results



405,818

Estimated recipients @

#### **Audience** Send to Agital - Employees to Include (7) X CC // Originated IN-STORE and Opened an email in the last 90 days (122138) X Agital - Engaged 90d (439506) X Agital - New Subscriber (23398) X Agital - New Profiles Who Can Receive Email Marketing (45874) X Agital - High Intent Shoppers (56678) X not served (6314) X Agital - Browsed Skin Care (3314) X Don't send to Agital - Bounced 2x (45448) X Agital - Employee Exclusion Flow Trigger (645) X Agital - Marked Spam (22453) X Agital - Store Exclusions (6409) X Turn on Smart Sending This campa √ ⊕ ⊕ If someone can or cannot receive marketing Person can receive email marketing V 7 Add condition **9** 66,421 What someone has done (or not done) ⑪ O Person has ■ Opened Email ∨ at least once ✓ in the last V 7 Add condition **9** 15,020

### **SEGMENTATION & PERSONALIZATION:**

# Use Behavioral and Purchase Data

To send the right message to the right person



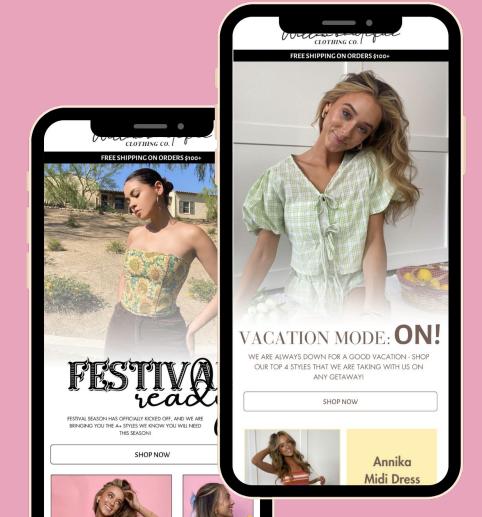




### MOBILE OPTIMIZATION:

### **Design for Mobile-First**

With responsive templates, bold CTAs, and short copy





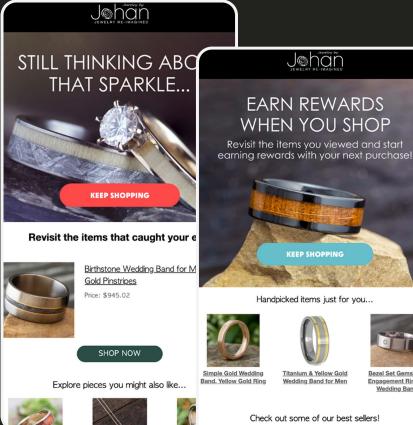




#### **AUTOMATION:**

### Make These Emails Work Harder for You.

- Welcome series
- Abandon cart
- Post-purchase
- Win-back











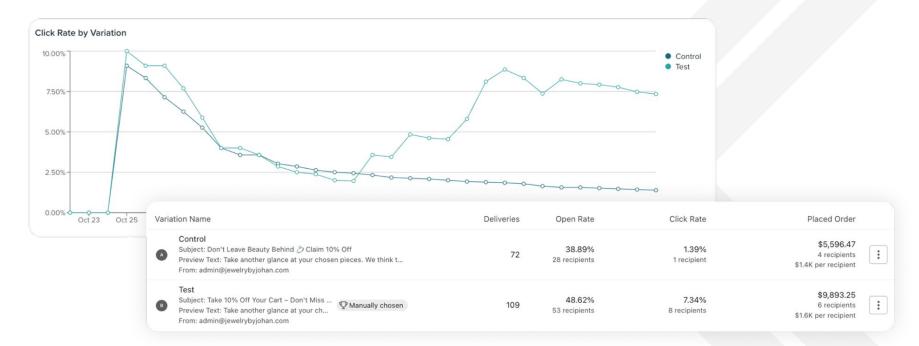




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#### A/B TESTING:

## From subject lines to send times, test everything



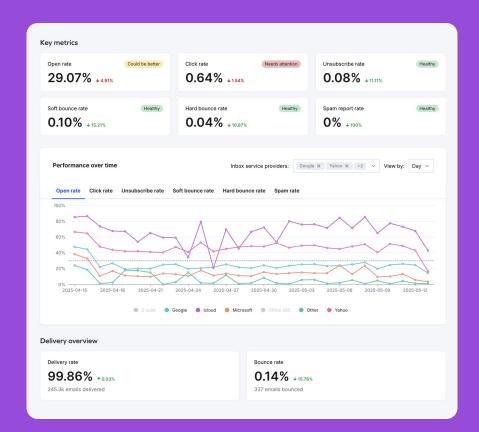




### DELIVERABILITY:

### **Deliverability is Visibility**

- Monitor performance closely
- Regular list hygiene







#### LEVERAGE AI:

# Harness the power of AI to work smarter, not harder

- Use Al-driven tools for predictive segmentation (e.g., likelihood to purchase or churn).
- Generate product recommendations based on subscriber data.
- Optimize send times with AI to reach users when they're most likely to engage.



### Are you interested in a personalized email audit?

- Yes, I'm interested
- I need more information
- Not right now



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## Recap key insights



# **Upcoming webinar**

