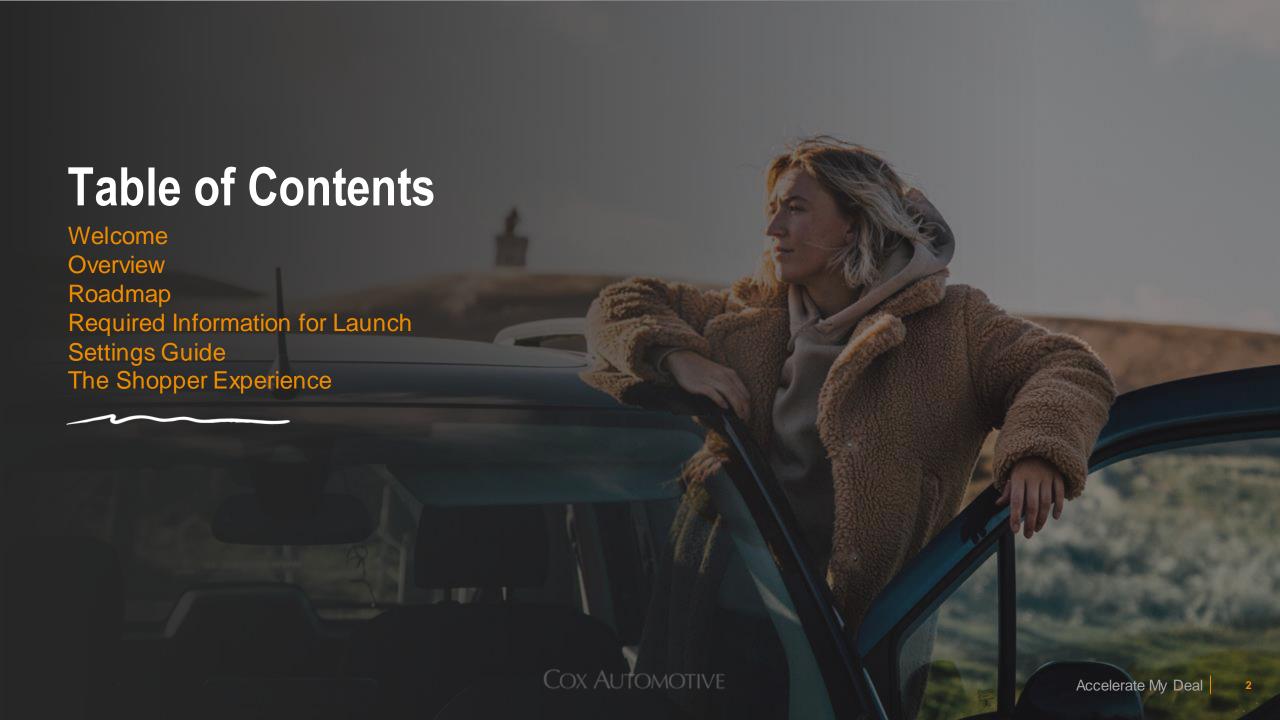
Accelerate My Deal Welcome Guide

Launching Your Program

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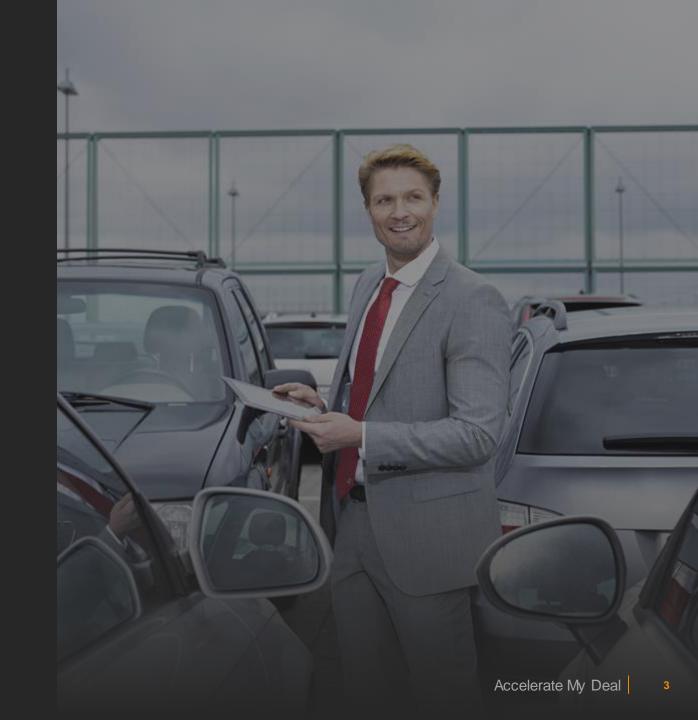


Welcome

We're excited to partner with your dealership to help you speed up and streamline the sales process with **Accelerate My Deal**.

This guide is designed to set your dealership up for success. It includes an outline of what to expect and a list of actions to take before, during and after your implementation. Take the time to read through the information provided and start to imagine the opportunities and rewards to come.

Welcome to the world of modern car buying!





Overview

Why Accelerate My Deal?

More and more, car shoppers are ready to start - and even make - deals online. Thanks to a convergence of high consumer expectations, evolving technologies and a greater understanding of online behaviors, the stage has been set for revolutionizing the deal with Accelerate My Deal.

How does it work?

With the power of Accelerate My Deal, you will give your customers the shopping and buying experience they want, while being able to maintain the integrity of your deals. The platform helps shoppers structure deals with real monthly payments, explore and select F&I products, schedule a test drive, complete online credit applications and reserve a vehicle.

What's the end result?

A well-executed Accelerate My Deal program allows flexibility for the shopper, takes the stress out of negotiations and enables convenient, online financing. By reducing the amount of time a shopper spends purchasing their next vehicle, it frees up your dealership team to be more efficient. In the end, it's a win-win for both the shopper and the dealer.

Winning Numbers

DEALERS WIN

30% HIGHER Back Gross Profit

On average, Accelerate My Deal leads produce 30% higher backend gross profits compared to other internet lead sources*

SHOPPERS WIN

85% MORE Likely to Buy

Shoppers are 85% more likely to buy from a dealership that allows them to start or complete nearly all of the vehicle purchase online** **BOTH WIN**

42 Min
LESS
Time In-Store

Heavy digital buyers spend 42 minutes less time in store compared to light digital buyers.**

Cox Automotive Product Analytics - Lead to Close Analysis. Data from January 1 through December 1, 2020.

^{**2020} Digitization of End-to-End Retail Study

Let's Get Started

Read through the steps below to prepare for your dealership's launch of Accelerate My Deal

READY

Get acquainted with Accelerate My Deal and prepare for launch

- ☐ Read through this Welcome Guide
- Determine your settings/preference choices (pages 9-15)
- ☐ Identify who in your store is responsible for the digital retail rollout, who will participate in the launch and the Effective Deal-Makingtraining

SET

Configure Accelerate My Deal settings to your store's preferences

- ☐ Participate in the launch call to configure settings
- Communicate to all applicable team members that Accelerate My Deal is live
- ☐ Set up CRM workflows and alerts
- ☐ If desired, configure RouteOne integration
- ☐ If desired, set up CoBrowse/live chat and Reservations*

GO

Consultation and training resources to help you get started

- ☐ Schedule & participate in ongoing business reviews with assigned Digital Retailing Performance Manager
- ☐ Effective Deal-Makingtraining takes place
- Refine roles and responsibilities within the dealership and identify any training needed
- Implement process changes for incoming digital retailing deals and inquiries (both in-store and online)

Your Support Team

Regional Sales Manager

As you make the decision to utilize Accelerate My Deal in your dealership, your regional sales manager can answer any initial questions and introduce you to your assigned Performance Manager.

Implementation Team

A member of the implementation team will contact you via email to let you know your account is being configured and they will gather the required information for launch, as outlined in this guide. Once ready, your launch call will be scheduled where we will review the new Accelerate My Deal experience.

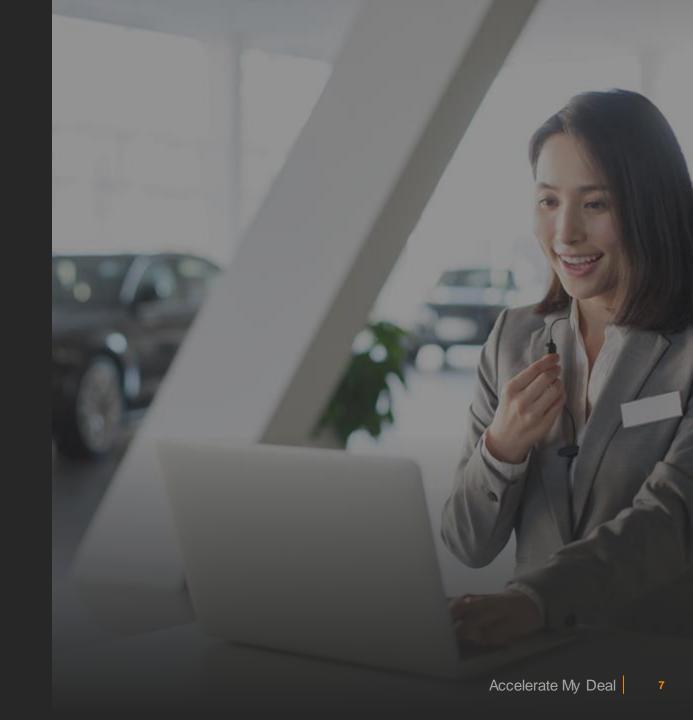
Performance Manager

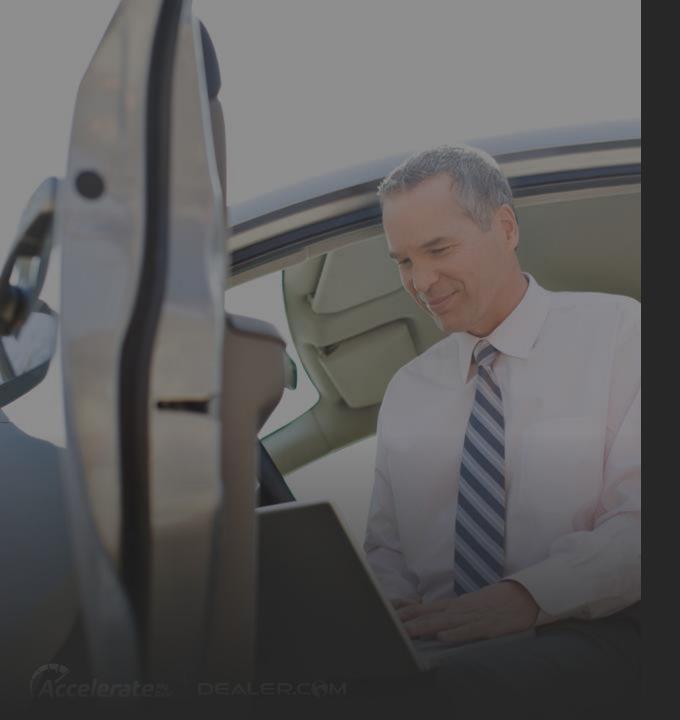
Your dedicated Performance Manager will provide guidance after you go live, to help you work the tool into your sales process, create marketing/branding strategies to help stand out from the competition and provide workflow tips to increase profits.

Ongoing Training

For training and resources regarding advanced digital retailing activation and process transformation in your store, visit <u>our onboarding page</u> or reach out to your Performance Manager.







Key Details for a Successful Launch

Gather this information

To successfully launch Accelerate My Deal at your dealership, please gather the information listed on this page **prior** to your launch call.

- Primary contact information (ISM/GM/GSM/F&I)
- ☐ List of preferred lenders
- □ CRM lead destination information
- Email address for all credit submissions
- ☐ Preferred credit reporting bureau
- □ Dealertrack.com Account ID #, or Enroll in Dealertrack at no charge if not already enrolled required for launch and allows access to leads
- ☐ Enroll in WorldPay (if enabling Reservations)
- ☐ Complete Vehicle Protection form (if enabling this feature)

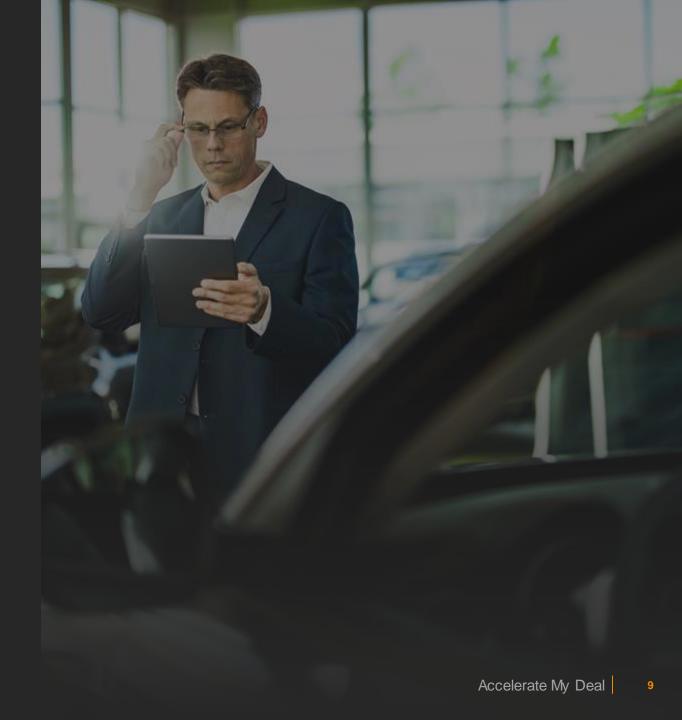
Accelerate My Deal Settings

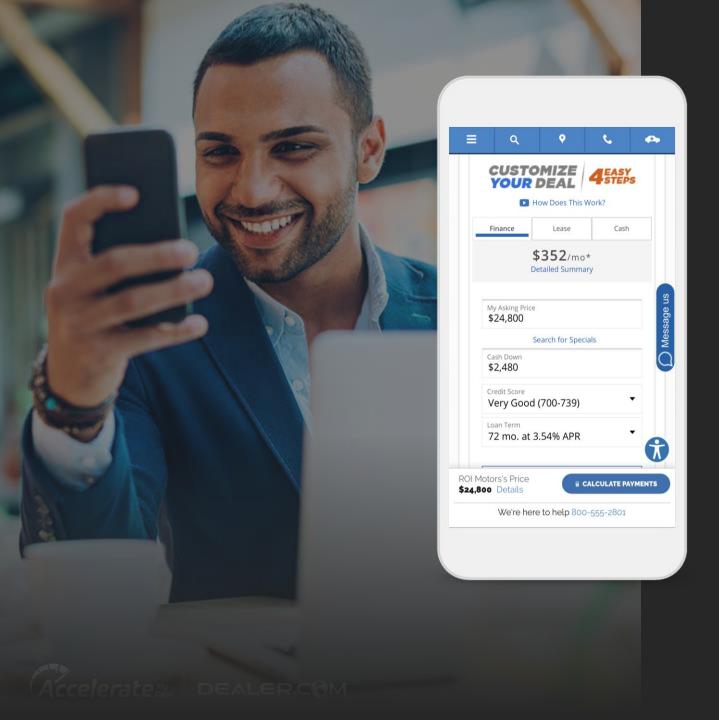
Review your setting options

During the installation of Accelerate My Deal, you will be asked to make selections on user settings. These settings impact what your shopper will experience as they navigate through the process.

To maximize your dealership's success with Accelerate My Deal, it's important to consider settings that best align with your business goals.

The options listed in this guide are simply a summary of the most critical; many other options are available. Talk to your Performance Manager during your scheduled business review sessions to learn more.





Settings Payment Calculations

Given most shoppers are payment buyers, setting options that affect how your payments display are crucial. There are multiple settings within this category that will impact your success.

Key points to consider include:

Maximize the effectiveness of your strategy by balancing the display of aggressive (low) payments with actual transaction payments.

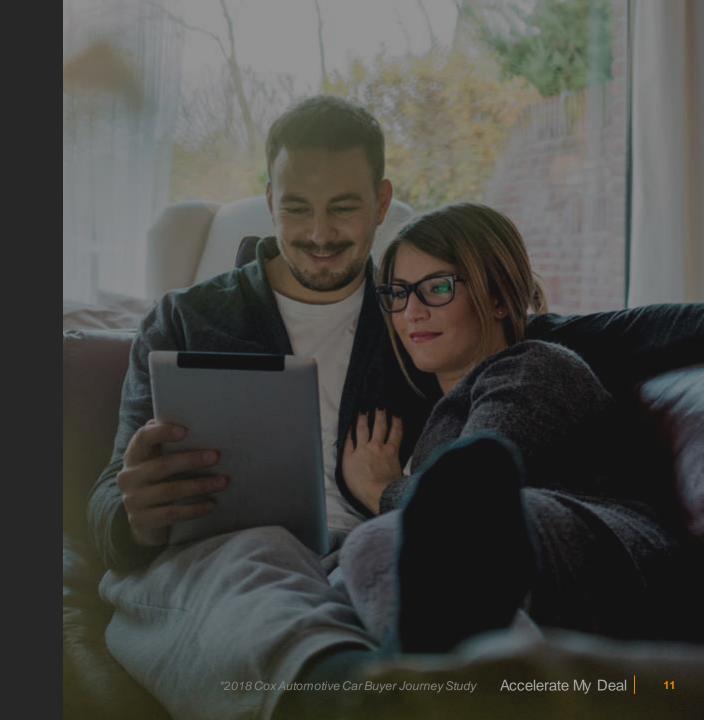
Evaluate your current inventory pricing strategy; be sure your pricing and payments are consistent across all online portals.

Settings Payment Calculations

900 OF CAR BUYERS
Are Payment Shoppers*

Accelerate My Deal puts the financing information car buyers need at their fingertips to get an accurate, personalized payment, plus finance and trade-in options.

Payments are calculated to include city, state and county taxes & fees.

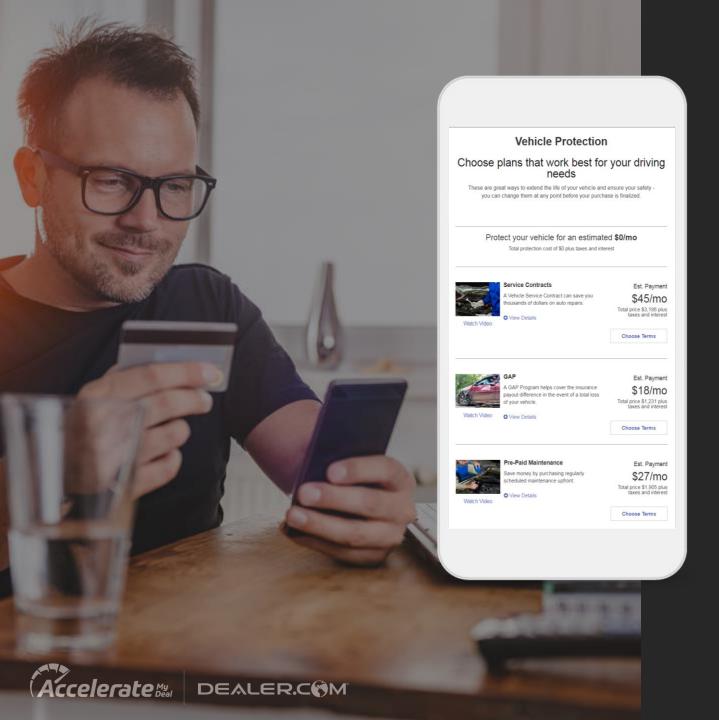


Settings / Payment Calculations

Settings	Choices	Default	Considerations
Cash down payment -Select for Finance and Lease	□ % of Price□ Set \$ Amount	10% Finance \$2,000 Lease	Make sure your cash down payment settings mirror your other marketing & OEM programs. This setting should also mirror your in-store processes.
Default credit tier -Select for New & Used, Finance & Lease	□ Excellent□ Very Good□ Good□ Fair□ Poor	Very Good	Determine your dealership's actual average customer credit scores.
Enable lease payments	□ On □ Off	On	Consider mirroring your other marketing and OEM programs.
Default lease vs. finance for new	□ Lease □ Finance	Finance	Consider mirroring your dealership's actual lease/finance penetration percentage. If under 50% lease, consider using lease defaults to boost lease penetration.

Settings / Payment Calculations cont.

Settings	Choices	Default	Considerations
Exclude cash incentives from loan price/lease price	□ Yes □ No	No	Recommendation is to select No if dealership can provide a price feed without incentives, but with dealer discounts included. This allows for the calculation of accurate incentives. If vehicle pricing already includes cash/OEM incentives, select Yes to exclude cash incentives so they are not applied twice.
Finance - Available Terms (# months)	☐ Terms are customizable for new & used	New: 36, 48, 60, 66, 72, 84 months Used: 36, 48, 60, 66, 72 months	Ok to utilize multiple lenders to achieve lowest payment.
Lease - Available Terms & Mileage (new)	☐ Term & Mileage are customizable	Terms: 24, 36, 39, 48 months Mileage: 10k, 12k, 15k	Ok to utilize multiple lenders to achieve lowest payment.
Finance Rate Markup	☐ Finance reserve	None	Mirror current dealership payment quote markups.
Lease Rate Markup	☐ Lease reserve	None	Mirror current dealership payment quote markups. If you include markup here, it could cause the payments displayed to be higher than OEM advertised payments.



Settings Vehicle Protection

Vehicle Protection is standard in all packages

Research shows us that buyers are

630 MORE LIKELY to buy F&I products*

when they learn about them earlier in the process.

Your settings choices here determine the level of display for your F&I products. Default settings will be put into place but if you'd like to customize, <u>fill out the F&I form</u>.

*2018 Cox Automotive Car Buyer Journey Study

Settings / Payment Calculations Cont.

Settings	Choices	Considerations
Display F&I products	□ Yes □ No	Identify which F&I products you want to display and who is the provider for each product. (For example, JM&A for gap insurance, vehicle service contracts, prepaid maintenance, all-weather mat accessories, etc.)
Display F&I products with custom descriptions	□ Yes □ No	Research shows there is a significant increase in F&I conversions by giving shoppers the opportunity to "self-discover" F&I products online. This gives them the ability to research and make educated selections, prior to entering the dealership.
Display F&I products with pricing and monthly payment	☐ Yes ☐ No	Displaying both description and pricing/payments is a dealership's best long-term strategy. However, it requires a significant commitment for both launch and maintenance. Make sure your store is ready before turning on this feature.
F&I Product Markup	□ % Markup□ Set \$ Amount	Each product can be assigned a unique markup amount.

The Shopper Experience

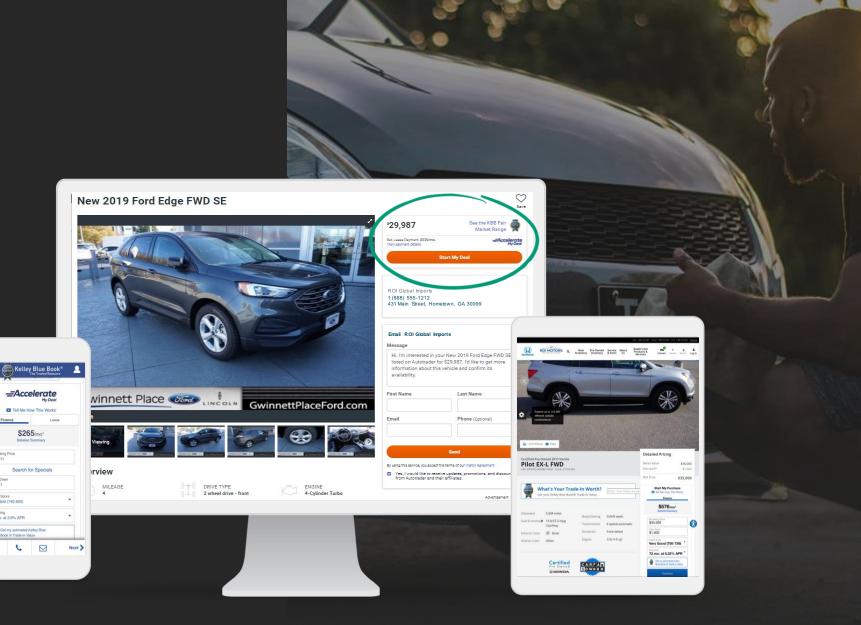
Shoppers can experience Accelerate My Deal on your dealership website*, Autotrader listings, and/or Kelley Blue Book listings.

*Depending on package purchased

\$265/mo*

Financing 72 mo. at 3.9% APR

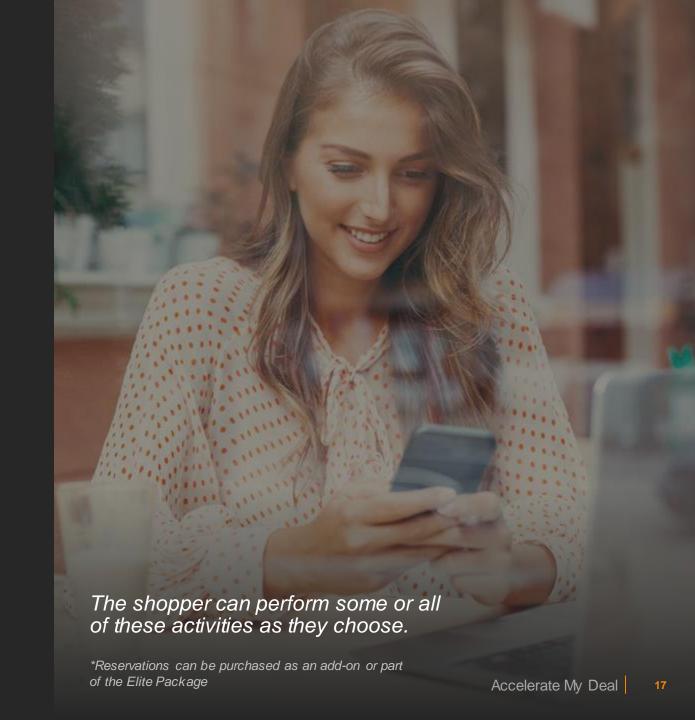
Images reflected are representative only and updates to enhance the shopper experience.

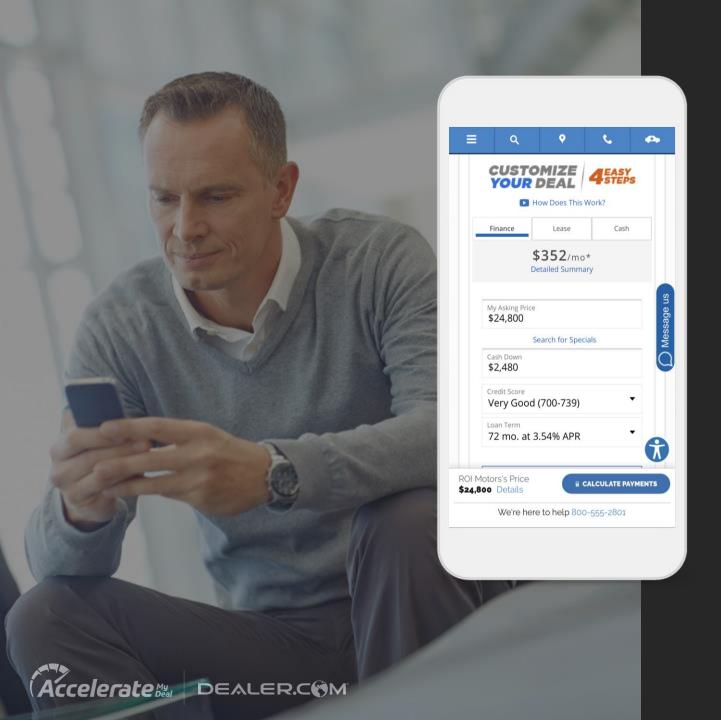




The Experience

- 1 Set Payment Terms
- 2 Trade-in Valuation
- 3 Vehicle Protection
- 4 Apply for Credit
- 5 Schedule a Test Drive
- 6 Finalize & Submit the Deal
- 7 Reservations*





1. Payment Terms

After the shopper starts their deal, they can customize many fields in this category, including:

- Finance, lease or cash payment
- Asking price \$ amount
- Down payment \$ amount
- Credit score
- Finance / lease terms

Once all of these selections are made, an estimated payment will be displayed.

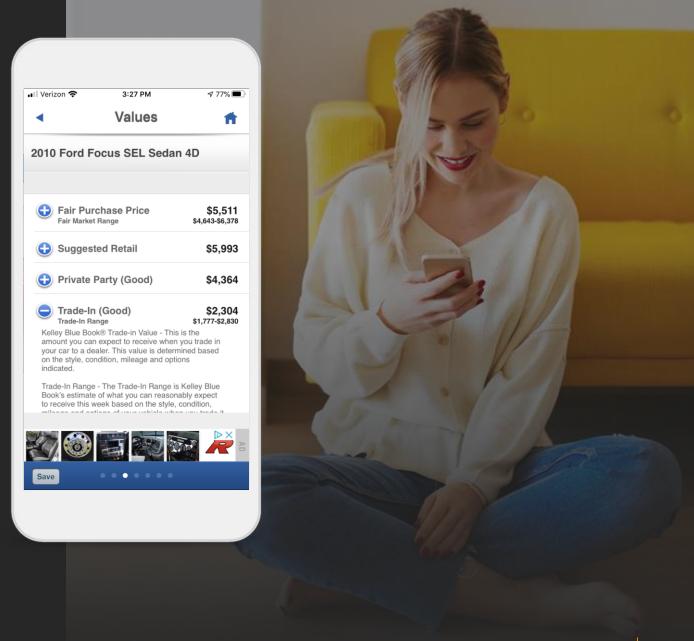
2. Trade-in Valuation

Shoppers can provide basic information about their current car and receive either:

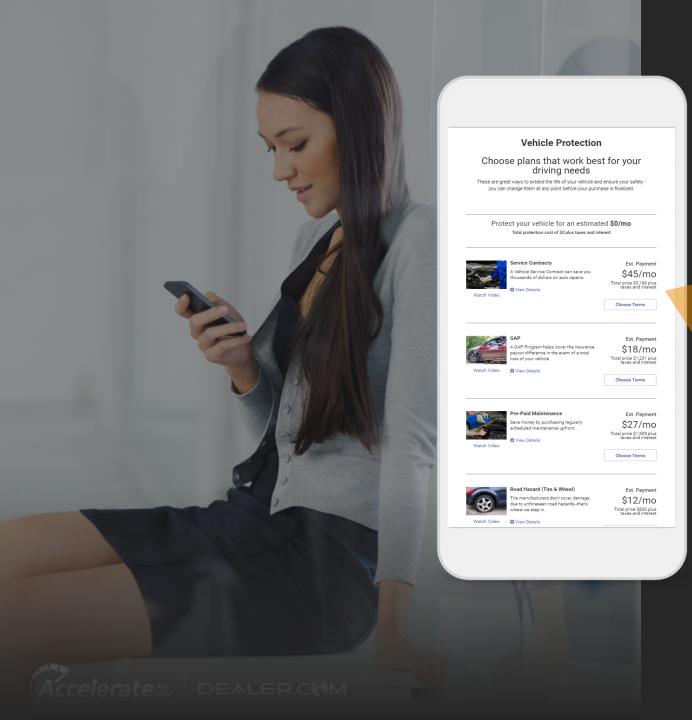
- Kelley Blue Book trade-in value
- Kelley Blue Book Instant Cash Offer*

The trade-in value is automatically incorporated into estimated monthly payment.



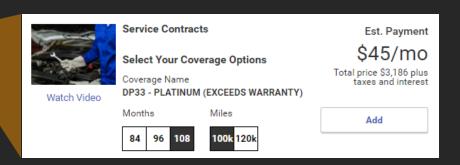






3. Vehicle Protection

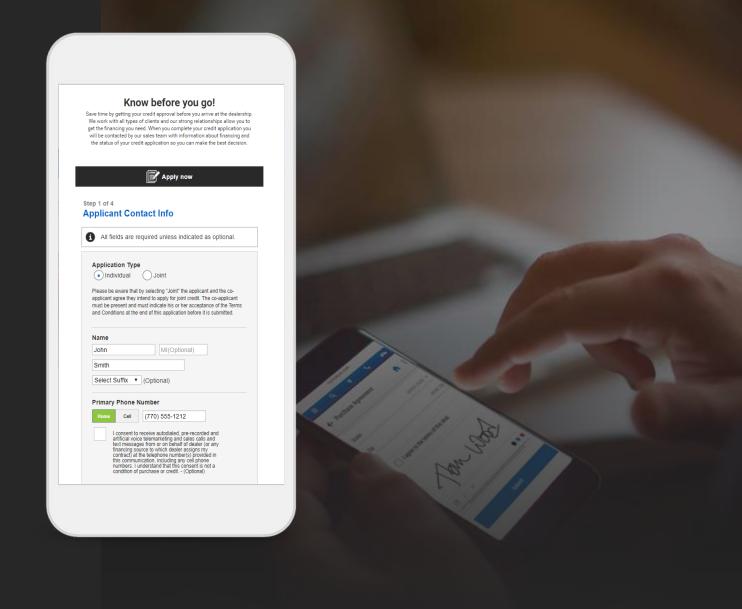
In the vehicle protection section, shoppers can research, review costs, select and add different F&I products to protect their investment.



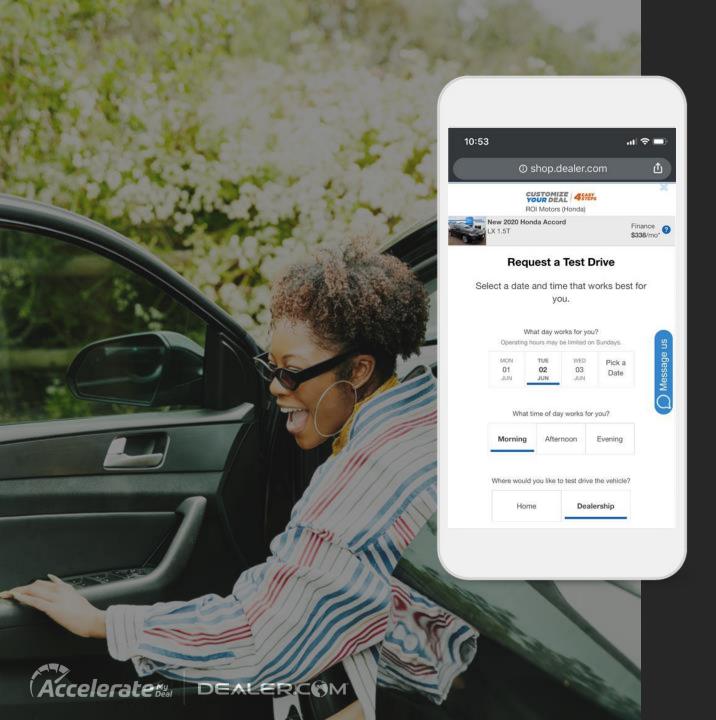
4. Apply For Credit

Shoppers can complete credit applications online through a series of three simple screen clicks.

This saves both you and the shopper time at the dealership and avoids the stress of negotiations – a win for everyone.







5. Schedule a Test Drive

Shoppers can also schedule a test drive through Accelerate My Deal.

The Shopper:

- Chooses a timeframe of morning, afternoon or evening
- Provides contact information so you can reach out to confirm a time
- Can choose to test drive at the dealership or from home

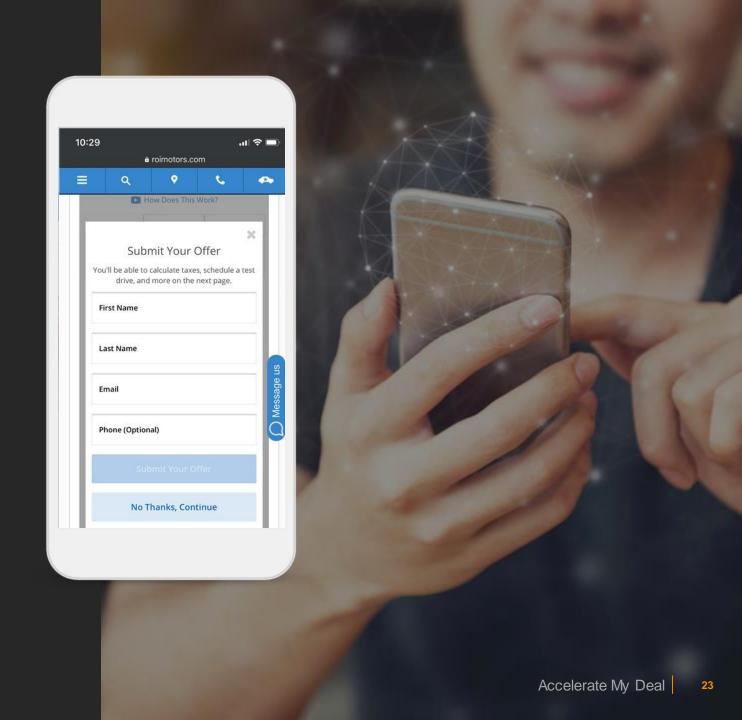
The Dealership:

- Schedules the test drive
- Ensures vehicle is available and clean

6. Finalize and Submit the Deal

After all payment terms have been entered, payments are then calculated to include city, state and county taxes & fees based on the shopper's location. To submit their deal, the shopper is only required to provide their name and email address (phone number is optional). It's that easy!

Pricing and payments are consistent across Autotrader, Kelley Blue Book and Dealer.com websites, creating transparency and trust between the customer and dealership.





7. Reservations

Shoppers can make a refundable deposit via credit card and receive the commitment of a reserved vehicle with a scheduled appointment.*

The number of days a dealership will hold a car and the deposit amount required vary based on reservations settings selected.

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