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The Marketing Communications Planning Toolkit is designed for business owners and marketing executives looking to develop more effective marketing communications programs to increase sales and attract and retain profitable customers. It includes more than 60 marketing communications applications, interactive tools, guides and templates for everything from campaign planning, to direct marketing, to social media marketing, to event marketing and more. The toolkit includes HTML and Flash tools as well as Word, Excel, and project management templates created with Gantt Project an open source project management software package that is available for Java, Windows, iOS and Linux platforms. The GANTT chart templates can be opened with Microsoft Project or you will need a version of Gantt Project freeware which you can download at www.ganttproject.biz.

Instructions: Click the hyperlinks next to the tool description to launch a tool. If you select the HTML version, it will open in your default browser. Selecting the Excel, Word or Gantt Projects versions will open it in that application or give you a choice to open the file with one of those applications.

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Sample Size Calculators	Use the Sample Size Marketing Calculators to determine a sample size for testing the response to an upcoming B2B or B2C direct marketing campaign, or for a research survey in which you want to determine how many people to interview or send questionnaires (the minimum sample size).	HTML	Excel
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Marketing Campaign Planning Guide Template	Use this 20-page planning guide and template to create your marketing campaign, which may include one or more tactics or be a fully integrated marketing campaign. Each section includes instructions to guide you through the planning process and details each aspect of the campaign.	HTML	Word
1-Step Campaign Lead Conversion Breakeven ROI Calculator	Use this calculator to compute the overall response rate required to achieve breakeven and also the number of inquiries, leads, opportunities, qualified opportunities, and closed sales needed based on the advertising circulation and costs for a program, the average revenue per transaction, and the gross margin percentage for that transaction that you enter.	HTML	Excel
2-Step Campaign Lead Conversion Breakeven ROI Calculator	This tool is used to determine the overall profitability of a 2-Step promotional campaign and also the breakeven of the campaign based on the parameters you enter. Use the scroll bar at the right to read all of the instructions before using this tool. A two-step campaign involves contacting a prospect via telephone or sending a promotional piece to them via mail or email...Step 1. Step 2 involves sending some sort of fulfillment package or piece to the person who responded to your initial promotion/offer. This fulfillment kit could be some sort of premium, white paper, etc.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Response Rate Calculator (Based On Project Revenue)	Use this Campaign Response Rate Marketing Calculator tool to calculate overall response rate required to achieve your desired revenue for this B2C or B2B direct response campaign and also the number of inquiries, leads, opportunities, qualified opportunities, and	HTML	Excel

closed sales needed to achieve this profit based on the advertising circulation and costs for a program, the average revenue per transaction, and the gross margin percentage for that transaction that you enter.

Campaign Lead Projections Worksheet	Use this worksheet to layout your marketing campaign sales opportunities by industry and market segment; message and offers, activities calendar, lead projections, campaign spending and overall campaign budgets for the period.		Excel
Campaign ROAI Calculator	The Marketing Campaign ROAI Calculator (return on advertising investment or sometimes called the ROMI (return on marketing investment) Calculator will help you learn immediately if your product(s) made money or can make money via the media used	HTML	Excel
Simple Marketing ROI Calculator	This tool will compute the simple return on investment (ROI) for a marketing campaign based on gross sales for the campaign, cost of goods sold and the total advertising costs.	HTML	Excel
CPI / CPL (Cost Per Inquiry / Cost Per Lead) Breakeven ROI Calculator	Use this Cost Per Inquiry (CPI) / Cost Per Lead (CPL) Breakeven Marketing Calculator to determine the breakeven and CPI / CPL for your B2B or B2C direct response campaign.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Circulation Size Planning Tool	This tool will determine the size (circulation) of a campaign that achieves your desired revenue objective based on response and conversion rates and your average transaction value. This tool will tell you how big your mailing or circulation has to be.	HTML	Excel
Single Variable Breakeven ROI Calculator	Use this tool to analyze the profitability of a campaign based expected response rate. The breakeven sensitivity analysis computes the revenue and profitability of the campaign at different levels based on varying a single variable, the overall response rate.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Inquiry Calculator	Use this Direct Response Inquiry Marketing Calculator to determine the number of mailings needed for your B2B or B2C direct response campaign in order to generate the desired number of inquiries.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Response Analysis Tool	Use this tool for tracking responses to all types of direct response campaigns, regardless of media, as long as you know the projected weekly percent of responses.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Financial Results Analysis Tool	Use this tool to calculate campaign financial results based on the campaign quantity, advertising costs, and other factors that you enter into the fields on the right side of the tool.	HTML	Excel
Inquiry / Lead Flow Calculator Based on Average Order Value	Use this tool to calculate the size of your marketing campaign and the number of leads that you need to generate from the campaign in order to achieve the desired gross revenue for the campaign based on the average transaction value.	HTML	Excel
Campaign Response Rate Calculator (Based on Gross Margin Objective)	Use this calculator to determine the response rate and sales leads required to achieve a desired profit percent from the program.	HTML	Excel
Lead Generation Calculator by Media Type	Use this pro forma Breakeven Analysis - Lead Generation Campaign BE Marketing Calculator to determine the breakeven percentage and inquiries or leads required based on a desired cost per lead / inquiry (CPI / CPL) for your direct response B2C or B2B marketing campaign.	HTML	Excel
Marketing Campaign Plan Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your marketing campaign plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. You will need a version of Gantt Project freeware which you can download at www.ganttproject.biz or Microsoft project to open this template. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project

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Promotional Capabilities Assessment Tool	Use the Promotional Assessment Tool is to determine your organization's overall readiness for successfully using integrated marketing campaigns across multiple media for promoting your products (services) to generate revenue and drive profits.	HTML	Excel
Advertising Media Selection Tool	Use this Direct Response Advertising Media Selection Tool to select the appropriate media for your direct marketing campaign based on the advantages and disadvantages of the various media types.	HTML	Excel
Advertising Appeals Checklist Tool	To successfully communicate with the buyer (business or consumer), advertising must appeal to the individual's needs, wants, desires, hopes and ambitions. In developing advertising strategies, use this checklist to	HTML	Word

	select appeals currently used by you and your competition, and then check off appeals you might consider using in the future.		
Advertising Planning Checklist Template	Use this checklist to make sure you have covered all aspects of your advertising (marketing) campaign from planning to execution.	HTML	Word
Advertising Concept Evaluation Tool	Use the advertising concept evaluation tool to compare advertising concepts based on all the factors that you must consider in developing your advertisements.	HTML	Excel
Advertising Effectiveness Checklist	The Advertising Effectiveness Tool is a checklist of all the factors that you must consider in developing your advertisements. There are 74 factors on which to evaluate your advertisement.	HTML	Excel
Communications Strategy Input Brief Template	Use this template to prepare your overall communications strategy, objectives and tactical direction. It guides you through outlining and addressing the strategic issues involved in developing a marketing communications campaign.	HTML	Word
Marketing Communications (Content Marketing) Plan Template	Use this template to layout your detailed communication plan, activities, and budgets for new customer acquisition, customer retention and reactivation of lost customers.	HTML	Word
Message Planning Template	This tool will help you plan your content and marketing communications strategies, tactics, activities and messages for each of the target markets (and personas) that you are pursuing in this planning period and the opportunity (\$'s) that exist for your organization in that target segment.	HTML	Word
Creative Brief Template	Use this template to prepare the creative strategy, objectives, and activities that are required to support marketing communications activities. A creative brief defines your project in such detail that everyone involved on the project will have a clear understanding what the end product is intended to be and what it's intended to accomplish from a marketing perspective.	HTML	Word
Sales Promotion Planning Checklist Tool	Use the sales promotion planning checklist to track every important task or activity in developing your sales promotional plans.	HTML	Word
Marketing Agency Evaluation Tool	The Agency Evaluation tool will help you select a creative or marketing agency from several candidates based on an objective scoring system.	HTML	Excel

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Direct Marketing Campaign Planning Guide & Template	Use this guide and template to plan your direct marketing campaign, which may include one or more tactics or be a fully integrated direct marketing campaign. Each section includes instructions to guide you through the planning process and details each aspect of the campaign.	HTML	Word
Direct Marketing Program Production Cost Estimator	Use this tool for computing the per thousand cost for any direct mail campaign, whether it is a postcard, self-mailer, brochure, catalog, a dimensional mail package with free gift/premium included, or a solo mail package in flat rate envelop.	HTML	Excel
Average Order Value Breakeven ROI Analysis Tool	Use this Direct Response Average Order Value Breakeven marketing calculator to compute the breakeven response percentage and number of orders for your B2C or B2B direct marketing campaign based on advertising costs and the average order value for orders filled during the campaign.	HTML	Excel
Direct Marketing Campaign Financial Analysis Tool	Use this tool to run the numbers on a direct-mail campaign. The tool includes a breakdown of gross margin of the product being sold, the cost of the direct mail piece, and an analysis of the profit and breakeven point.	HTML	Excel
Direct Marketing Campaign Breakeven ROI Calculator by Media Type	Use this tool to run the numbers on a direct-mail campaign. The tool includes a breakdown of gross margin of the product being sold, the cost of the direct mail piece, and an analysis of the profit and breakeven point.	HTML	Excel
Direct Marketing Campaign Media Level Breakeven Calculator	The Breakeven - Media Level Pro-Forma Marketing Calculator will help you learn immediately if your product can make money in a direct marketing campaign in print, catalog, or email media.	HTML	Excel
Telemarketing Campaign Breakeven ROI Calculator (Known Revenue Goal)	Use this tool to calculate the breakeven and ROI for an outbound telemarketing campaign based on achieving a specified revenue target for the campaign determined by the average transaction value and resulting number of sales (closes) required.	HTML	Excel
Telemarketing Campaign Breakeven ROI Calculator (Known Contact Universe Size)	Use this tool to calculate the breakeven and ROI for an outbound telemarketing campaign based knowing the exact size the potential audience that you will be contacting during this campaign. The "known universe" or "# of total contacts for the campaign" is the key variable.	HTML	Excel

Direct Mail / e-Mail Testing Financial Analysis Tool	Use the Mail Testing Financial Analysis marketing calculator to help you determine acceptable response levels for a test direct mail or email campaign.	HTML	Excel
Direct Mail Marketing Campaign Plan Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your direct marketing campaign plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project
DRTV Ad Allowable Media Efficiency Ratio Calculator	This tool will calculate the "ad allowable" and "media efficiency ratio" for a DRTV infomercial campaign. The ad allowable tells you how much you can afford on a cost per order basis. The ad allowable is the dollar amount determined to be the maximum media expense for each unit sold in order to generate a specified level (%) profit.	HTML	Excel
DRTV Income Cash Flow Calculator	The DRTV Income & Cash Flow Projection Calculator will help you conduct "what-if" analysis, and income and cash flow projections for a direct response television campaign (infomercial). The calculator is setup to allow you to enter the retails and costs for the initial offer and three up-sell or add-on offers that are sold to the customer with their initial purchase.	HTML	Excel
DRTV Campaign ROAI Calculator	The DRTV Campaign ROAI (return on advertising investment) Calculator will help you learn immediately if your product can make money on TV.	HTML	Excel

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Digital Marketing Assessment Tool	Use the Digital Marketing Assessment to perform a detailed audit of your organization's digital marketing to access your digital marketing strategies, processes, practices, and programs.	HTML	Excel
Email Campaign Monthly Lead Flow Calculator	Use this tool is to determine what you need to mail per month to generate a given revenue objective for an email campaign. It works for all types of business-to-business and business-to-consumer email campaigns.	HTML	Excel
Email Campaign Profitability Assessment Tool	Use this E-mail Campaign Revenue & Profitability Assessment Tool to compute the number of completed responses you need to achieve breakeven and give you the ROI for the campaign based on the values you entered.	HTML	Excel
Banner Ad ROI Breakeven Calculator	Use this Internet Banner Ad (advertisement) Breakeven & ROI Calculator to compute the breakeven and ROI for a banner advertisement, based on number of impressions, click through rate, selling price and margin, and advertising costs.	HTML	Excel
Pay Per Click ROI Breakeven Calculator	Use this Pay-per-click (PPC) Advertising Breakeven & ROI Calculator to calculate the breakeven and ROI for Pay-per-click advertisements.	HTML	Excel
Website ROI Breakeven Calculator	Use this Website Return on Investment & Breakeven Calculator to compute your ROI and breakeven for your website, based on traffic, operating and promotional costs. Enter your monthly traffic figure, the cost of maintaining and promoting the site during a month, the monthly number of inquiries at your site and the conversion rate of inquiries to buyers.	HTML	Excel
Social Media Marketing Readiness Assessment Tool	Use this self-assessment to help you quickly determine your organization's readiness for launching and/or expanding your social media marketing efforts as part of your overall integrated marketing communications strategies and programs.	HTML	Excel
Social Media ROI Breakeven Calculator	The Social Media Marketing ROI Breakeven Calculator is flexible, and it's designed to help you put an ROI formula to work for your brand in the way that makes the most sense for you.	HTML	Excel
Social Media Campaign ROI Breakeven Analysis Tool	These calculators include the key metrics we think are imperative to gauging your social media presence. The calculator takes into account your overall investment and your output on all of your social channels. The calculator is flexible, and it's designed to help you put an ROI formula to work for your brand in the way that makes the most sense for you.	HTML	Excel

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Trade Show Event Attendance Calculator	Use the Event / Tradeshow Attendance Calculator to help you calculate the potential audience or buyers that will visit your organization at an	HTML	Excel
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event or conference. It will help you in planning your staffing, marketing collateral and incentives requirements for the event.

Trade Show Event Breakeven ROI Calculator	Use the Tradeshow ROI & Breakeven Calculator tool to calculate the breakeven and ROI for a trade show, event or conference, with or without the costs associated with having a booth at the event.	HTML	Excel
Event Marketing Brief Template	Use the event marketing brief template to help you prepare an event brief for a specific business show or event.	HTML	Word
Event Planning Checklist Template	Use this 14-page template will guide you through every activity necessary to execute an event, conference or trade show. Sections in the template include: starting checklist, accommodations, transportation, registration, speaker, meeting facilities, speakers, entertainment activities, and more.	HTML	Word
Marketing Seminar/Webinar Plan Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your marketing seminar (webinar) plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. You will need a version of Gantt Project freeware which you can download at www.ganttproject.biz or Microsoft project to open this template. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project
Marketing Event Planning Project Template - GANTT Chart	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your event marketing plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. You will need a version of Gantt Project freeware which you can download at www.ganttproject.biz or Microsoft project to open this template. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project

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New Product Marketing Plan Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your plans for a new product launch marketing plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project
New Product Launch Plan Calendar Budget Template & GANTT Chart	Use this Excel Gantt Chart and budget template to layout your new product development and marketing campaign launch plans budget and also track marketing expense. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. This template runs in Excel.		Excel
New Product Launch Plan Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your new product channel and communications launch plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project
New Product Launch Plan Calendar Template	Use this template to layout every aspect of your marketing communications programs and activities for launching a new product. The template can be used for both business-to-business or business-to-consumer product launches.	HTML	Excel
Post Launch Product Evaluation Project Template	Use this Gantt Chart template to layout your post new product launch follow-up plans. By default, the chart is already filled out with tasks that typically need to be performed for such a launch. You can eliminate or add tasks and set up the appropriate timing and also the persons responsible for each task. Note: To launch this template, you must have Gantt Project or Microsoft Project installed. Then open the toolkit folder and double click the file to open it.		Gantt Project

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Direct Marketing Tutorial

This tutorial is an introduction to direct marketing and covers direct marketing in all channels including digital. It covers all aspects of direct marketing from strategies to offer development and how to use it in the different channels and media. It covers operations and creative development. It also contains a section covering catalog marketing.

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