Case Study: ServiceChannel

ServiceChannel, the #1 Facilities Management Platform, is used by global multi-location brands to see inside their buildings, assets, and provider networks — and deliver amazing customer experiences at every location. The ServiceChannel platform captures the industry’s richest performance data, with billions of data points drawn from 100 million work orders and over 70,000 providers.

Client overview

Services

- PPC Management
- Strategy

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Facing a global pandemic that put most retail locations out of commission, ServiceChannel was facing reduced spend and withdrawing engagement rates when they partnered with Directive. Given the shrinking need for their network, ServiceChannel was facing an immediate need to expand visibility while maximizing their investment with efficiency of spend. They lacked connectivity across their customer lifestyle journey - and it was beginning to show. This, along with its niche market, made driving significant pipeline growth from search a serious challenge for ServiceChannel.

As the market leader in facilities management, ServiceChannel targets a highly specific list of enterprise level brands. This list was the core of Directive’s account based strategy. Directive was tasked with increasing pipeline revenue via search while also increasing visibility for the ServiceChannel brand. The ultimate goal of Directive’s strategy was to develop an omni-channel presence for ServiceChannel in order to increase and maintain mental real estate in their target market. We wanted to make partnering with ServiceChannel a matter of timing only.
In order to align ServiceChannel's marketing strategy with their sales team, Directive set up Offline Conversion Tracking (OCT) to ensure all metrics properly fed into generating pipeline growth. Creating a custom goal of Verified Sign Ups that aligned with their CRM feedback gave each strategic pivot data-backed confidence. This allowed Directive to confidently delegate budget across a holistic paid strategy that included search, social, directory listings, programmatic, CTV, and more.

The strategy

Pipeline Growth

Directive invested heavily in Service Channels' Non Branded Google Search campaigns in order to drive more awareness for new prospects. ServiceChannel wanted to build a strong enough brand to where if someone needed help with their facilities maintenance management, they already knew ServiceChannel was the best solution.

This generation of non-branded awareness was paired with third-party validation to build ServiceChannel's authority in the space. Brand awareness campaigns such as these resulted in significant pipeline growth for later ServiceChannel's acquisition lead gen efforts.
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Directory Listings

Directive relied on third-party reports such as the IDC Marketscape Report to position ServiceChannel as a reliable market leader. Directive’s landing page copy for this asset directly challenged other CMMS providers - placing ServiceChannel above the industry standard. External validation and directory listings helped solidify ServiceChannel’s authority when paired with this aggressive copy.

The end goal was to make their brand ubiquitous with their service - so whenever anyone in their target market needed a Facilities Maintenance Software, they knew ServiceChannel was the best choice.

Campaigns and CTV

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The results speak for themselves

Prior to partnering with Directive, ServiceChannel was suspicious of the effectiveness of paid search. After Directive’s full-funnel optimization and expansion, ServiceChannel is now seeing the bulk of it’s pipeline generated from their paid campaigns.

In the first Quarter of 2021 alone, more pipeline revenue was generated from search in all of 2019 and 2020 - passing over $1 million in total pipeline revenue generated. Directive has managed to consistently increase their pipeline revenue 56% QoQ, while also increasing lift from their early stage campaigns.

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Why It Mattered

Directive’s aggressive marketing mentality has expanded into ServiceChannel’s company culture. By dominating SERP real estate via search, 3rd party validation, social advertising, and programmatic ads, Directive was able to maximize ServiceChannel’s investment by maximizing their mental real estate in the minds of their target audience.

Connecting the top of early and late stage campaigns may seem far-fetched in terms of attribution, but Directive’s approach to the complete customer lifecycle proves that awareness optimization feeds into pipeline generation when aligned properly. When playing the game of mental real estate, account based Share of SERP is the best way to win “monopoly.”

Directive’s ability to attribute pipeline [growth] to specific campaigns allowed us to make better spending decisions to help sales effort.

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