

Bargain America

How to sell direct to Japanese consumers on the Net

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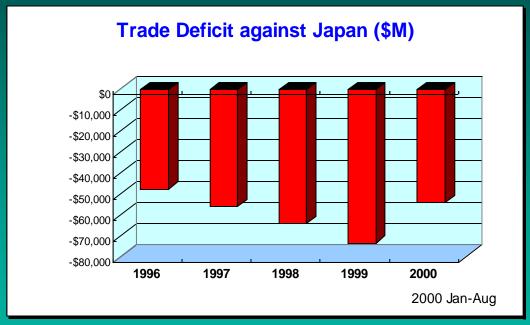


Facts About Japan

- Second Largest economy in the World
- 10 Million Internet users
- 5 million Mobile Internet Users
- Millions travel to US for vacation
- An average Japanese tourist spends \$3,000 on shopping



Odds Against Japan



- Trade Figures show that US is lagging behind in International Trade
- 2000 expected to be over \$80 B



Challenging

Most Trade barriers are all but extinct but.....

- Cultural Differences
- Language Barrier
- Japanese are accustomed to premium quality service
- Trade regulations



Opportunity

- Growing Marketplace without any dominant player
- Most online shops do not have strong infrastructure
- There are no crazy guys selling at cost
- Likelihood of repeat business



Japanese Home Page



 When taking orders online from Japanese customers, the home pages must be in Japanese



Japanese Home Page

- Follow the Japanese online commerce guideline set by MITI
- Order form must be formatted for Japanese addresses
- Shipping cost must be clearly stated
- Confirmation Email must be in Japanese



Processing Orders

- Around 10% of orders have wrong addresses- as entered by recipient
- Very low percentage of credit card fraud
- Higher percentage of credit card input errors
- Higher instance of double entry
- All orders are checked by customer service



Wrong address

- Japanese addresses are the most complicated
- There are addresses that ends with "No Number" "Up the Hill Around the Corner"
- Customer Service checks addresses and uses database system to correct errors



Shipping Products to Japan

- Customs law is different from courier service to post office
- USPS results in a greater realized tax advantage to Japanese consumers
- Packaging and Packing must be within Post office guidelines



Personal Import Regulation

- Import duty and consumption tax is waived for small personal import
- Regulation was created in 1990 to support US-to-Japan catalog commerce
- Most packages valued below \$200 get through without being taxed
- Regulation is vague and enforcement arbitrary; some higher value packages may get through without taxation



Government Regulations

- Japanese Health Regulation
- Japanese Import Regulation
- FDA Regulation
- Export Regulation
- Anti-Terrorist Regulation



Global Custom Design

- US Post Office bulk shipping system for International parcels
- Automatically prints customs forms & address labels
- All parcels are Prioritized and Insured
- Customs information is sent digitally
- All parcels are traceable via Internet
- System is connected to our E-commerce server



Shipping Problems

- If you don't have a Japanese specific shipping system...
 - Expect high # of package losses at SFO Airport
 - Packages with wrong address will be returned to you two months later
 - Your customers may be charged a high customs duty, consumption tax and collection fee
 - Tracking packages will be problematic at best



Shipping Center

- In-house shipping center with proprietary system
- Modular workstation based system that is scalable according to needs
- More than 90% of orders are shipped on the same day
- QA System that checks before shipping



Inventory Control

- Japanese HATE *back orders*
- E-Commerce system that is connected to inventory control
- Products at Zero inventory level are removed from presentation by system
- Low level of Inventory (Less than a week's worth of goods) triggers reorder
- Small volume "just in time" procurement



Customer Support



- Must be done in Japanese
- Email and telephone
- Almost all emails are answered within 24 hours
- Net-ready Japanese customer support is rare



Trouble Shooting

- Refund: Via credit card
- Return of merchandise: to Japanese address via subcontractor – cost \$6
- On average only one package a week is returned
- Reship: If it's broken in transit, we will send another



Marketing

- Email Magazine: Bargain America Magazine
- Email Magazine: 13 titles
- Japanese Editorial Team
- Japanese Content
- No Spamming

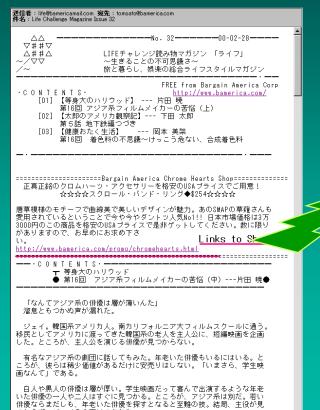


Email Magazine

- Most Japanese Internet users read email magazines
- Good content is required
- Cost of Marketing is low
- Issued Weekly
- Opt-in and free subscription



Email Magazine



つからず、ジェイの企画はつぶれた。





Marketing Partnerships

■ MSN



■ NTT-X Goo



■ Gateway Japan



Usen Broadcasting



■ Yahoo Japan





Database Marketing

- Existing customer base : 40% return rate!!!
- Targeted Email-based discount coupon system
- Online competition (contest) system
- Marketing performance measurement system



Email Coupon System





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<u>レムブランド「ダズリング・ホワイト」</u>

ーポン番号 1103denta

- Coupons are sent according to past purchasing history and other data
- Coupons work well to bring back past customers



Online Competition System



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シアトルエクスペンダブルブラス



'ーポン番号 1103denta

- Competition works well to win new customers and attract attention from the Japanese press
- All entrants are sent discount email coupons



Merchandising

- Product selection according to Japanese needs and taste
- All products are tested in small volumes
- Promoted in Email Magazines
- Product description in detail
- Wide coverage but narrow selection : 850 SKUs



Merchandising Research

- Product selections are done by Japanese staff
- Japanese fashion trends are followed by Japanese staff
- Some products have such a premium in Japan than you can sell above domestic retail price
- Understanding Japanese regulations