

### Stop your emails from landing in SPAM

Increase the reach of your email marketing by implementing a successful deliverability strategy

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### Hi, I'm Magda

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Over 15 years' experience growing innovative ecommerce startups and scaleups

I'm not a deliverability expert; I help ecommerce brands never to need one









### What you'll hear from me



- 1. What is deliverability and why it's important to your business
- 2. How to detect deliverability issues in your email activity?
- What to do to build your deliverability and stop landing in SPAM
- 4. Most common mistakes and how to avoid them

#### **MYTHS WE OFTEN HEAR:**

"Deliverability issues don't concern me, because:

"I never buy email lists"

"My database is small"

"I don't spam people, I only email them when I have something to say"

"I don't use click-baity tactics; I email from my heart and I know my audience appreciates it"

### What is deliverability?

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Deliverability measures whether or not your messages **reach and resonate** with your audiences.

It's <u>not a metric</u> and you can't track in an obvious way.

#### It's a sum of many factors like:

- Ability of your message to reach a subscriber
- Message relevance
- Structure and content
- Performance
- Your sender reputation





### THE JOURNEY OF AN EMAIL:



SPAM FILTERS

### The job of an inbox provider is:

- Great customer experience
- Protection from harmful content
- Filtering irrelevant messages
- Get ahead of spammers and ill-intended entities and outsmart them!



### How they do it

- Constantly learn and update
- Categorise emails according to content - transactional, promotional etc.
- Filter out spam
- Refuse to receive a message
- Black list the sender



# How to detect deliverability issues?

### Metrics to track to monitor deliverability

	Unique Open Rate	Unique Click Rate	Bounce Rate	Unsubscribe Rate	Spam Rate
Great	25% or more	2.5% or more	Less than 0.4%	Less than 0.2%	Less than 0.05%
Proficient	15-25%	1.5-2.5%	0.4-0.8%	0.2-0.3%	0.05-0.08%
Room for Improvement	10-15%	1-1.5%	0.8-1.5%	0.3-0.7%	0.08-0.15%
Critical	Less than 10%	Less than 1%	1.5% or more	0.7% or more	0.15% or more

### Impact of iOS15 on monitoring deliverability



- Inflated open rates
- Need for more complex segmentation
- Higher importance of click rates

## How to build deliverability over time

Must-have elements of your strategy:

- Introduce a double opt-in
  - Ensure good quality data and genuine subscribers enter your database
- Segment your audience ALWAYS
  - Don't batch and blast
- Have a clear CTA
  - O Why are you emailing?
  - What do you want me to do?
  - O Why should I care?



Must-have elements of your strategy:

- Automate for great customer experience
  - Ensure helpful, relevant and timely messages to all subscribers
- Personalise to boost engagement
  - Show them you know them
- Easy access to unsubscribe
  - No tricks here!
- Clean your list!
  - Remove unengaged records every 4-6 months

### What to do if you're in trouble



- 1. Limit sending to most engaged users
- 2. Consider segmenting by Inbox Service Provider
- Gradually warm up those segments that you've seen most problems with
- Be patient it takes time to rebuild your sender reputation
- Focus on providing value to those who engage and respond

# Most common mistakes when addressing deliverability

### What NOT to do:



- Increase email frequency to compensate for low Open Rates
- Drive Open Rates at any cost
- Buy 'qualified and engaged' lists to compensate for low metrics
- Remove Unsubscribe link or make it tricky to find

### Thank you

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