

Fueling Growth: The Impact Of Incentives On Dealer Loyalty

By aligning dealer incentives with your company goals – such as increased sales, improved customer satisfaction and brand consistency – manufacturers create a mutually beneficial partnership for the long term.

Advanced data analytics and digital platforms also play a crucial role, allowing you to tailor incentives based on dealer performance and market conditions.



What's your incentive octane level?

Automotive companies offer structured reward programs, performance-based bonuses and exclusive benefits to drive engagement and loyalty.



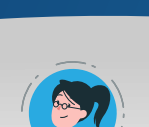
OEMs typically spend **10-20%** of revenue on incentives



A typical car dealer achieves a total margin of **16-18%** on new car sales, while some foreign manufacturers offer margins as high as **21%**



30% of a vehicle's list price are distribution costs, including dealer margins



Keep your dealers fueled for success with targeted incentives

Incentive programs should not be one-size-fits-all. Customized strategies reward dealers based on performance, location and customer base, ensuring they feel valued and driven.

Inventory has grown **21%** and incentives increased by **\$809** compared to the previous year

Channel incentive programs for automotive distributors increased total revenues by **32%**

Adjust incentive programs to reflect local market demands and competitive landscapes

Go beyond sales volume by offering incentives tied to customer experience, loyalty programs and service excellence

Allow dealers to choose from different reward structures

Use data to go from regular to premium

Use data-driven insights to support long-term relationships rather than short-term sales spikes.



Collect and analyze dealer sales performance, customer demographics and regional trends

Utilize predictive analytics to tailor incentives based on past sales patterns and future demand

Utilizing big data algorithms to optimize commercial patterns can add **\$640-\$1,280** per car, boosting profits for both automakers and dealers

To ensure your incentive management isn't running on fumes:

Use automated incentive management systems to track dealer progress and adjust rewards dynamically

Provide dealers with a portal or dashboard where they can monitor performance and incentives in real-time

Simplify program administration for enhanced engagement and trust



A well-designed incentive strategy not only strengthens dealer relationships but also ensures **lasting alignment and market success.**

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Sources: McKinsey, Stern, The Oliver Wyman Automotive Manager, automotiveMastermind, Incentive Research Foundation