The Art of Intent: Capturing & Converting Ready-to-Buy Leads

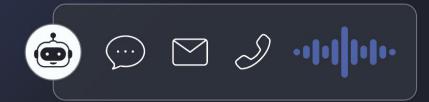


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Customer communication platform for call centers. Al CSRs across SMS, email, and live call.

- → Higher conversion
- → Lower overhead
- → Scalable growth

Never miss an opportunity again



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HOME SERVICES

Modernize connects homeowners with trusted contractors through high-intent, project-ready leads driven by targeted digital marketing.

- → Branded programs
- → Inbound calls
- → Lead generation
- → Live transfers



Agenda

- → Capturing intent
- → Converting intent
- \rightarrow Q&A

Share your questions, input, and strategies along the way!

Capturing intent

Not every homeowner is ready to buy right away

Tactics

- Know your intent levels
- Right messaging
- Demonstrate your own intent
- Educate your audience
- Get a quality lead partner
- Be a quality lead partner

Know your intent!

- 1. You can (and should) capture a wide range of intent!
- 2. But make sure you have high intent in your mix
- 3. Know what each stage looks like for your business
- 4. And adjust your strategies accordingly!

Low Intent	Mid Intent	High Intent
Just browsing, early in research phase, not ready to talk to a contractor.	Comparing options, may be gathering quotes, open to speaking but not committed.	Ready to take action soon, actively looking for a contractor to hire.
Clicks blog posts, looks at inspiration photos, doesn't fill out forms.	Fills out lead forms, asks general questions, shops multiple companies.	Requests estimates, asks about availability, responds quickly to follow-up.

Know your intent!

5. Understand lead sources with respect to intent.

Bucket	Intent	Notes
Owned Leads	Highest (warm, brand-aware)	Trusted, brand-first leads that convert well — but require time and effort to generate.
Partner Leads	High (pre-qualified, project-ready)	Scalable, high-intent leads from partners who specialize in demand generation and targeting.
Marketplace Leads	Broad reach, mixed intent	Great for reaching homeowners early in their journey — ideal for volume + brand exposure.



Use messaging that captures intent

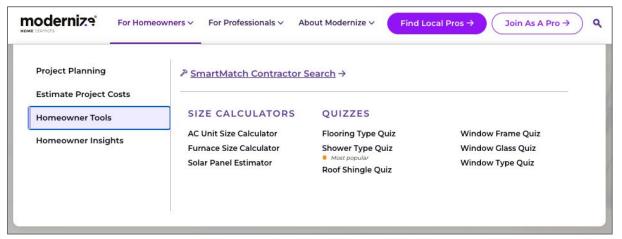
Check the messaging on your existing collateral.

Strategy	Bad Example	Good Example
Be project-specific Attract homeowners who already know what they want.	We offer window services.	Thinking about replacing your windows? Get a free, same-day quote.
Create urgency Attract customers ready to get started now.	Call us anytime for roof work.	Book your roof replacement before winter – limited spots available!
Localize the message Build local trust and filter out unqualified leads.	Serving homeowners for 20+ years	Serving homeowners in [area] for 20+ years – fast, reliable HVAC repairs
Lead with value, not just service Appeal to value-seeking, serious homeowners ready for expert input	Get a quote today.	Schedule a free in-home consultation to see how much you could save on your remodel
Set clear expectations Give serious buyers confidence to move forward	Contact us and we'll get back to you.	We'll call you within 10 minutes of your quote request — no sales pressure, just honest help

Educate your audience

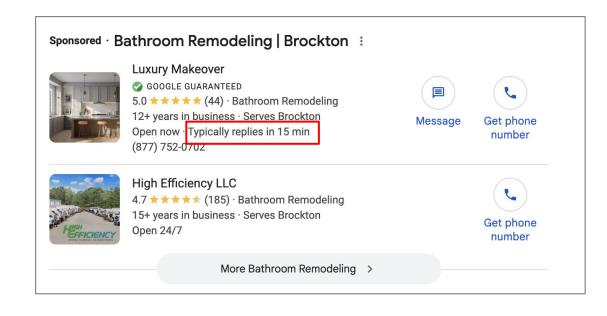
- Informed homeowners are active, decision-making homeowners
- Activate them while showing your expertise
- Filters out low intent leads
- Blog posts, FAQs
- Look for lead providers who educate homeowners





Demonstrate your own intent

- Quick, but thoughtful engagement with customers shows you have high intent to engage with customers
- Enable quick messaging channels
 - Live chat
 - o SMS
- Respond quickly





Get a quality lead partner

- Transparent lead sources
 - Search engine ads
 - Native ads
 - Publisher ads
 - O&O
 - Organic & SEO
 - Call Center
 - Social media
- Exclusivity of leads
- Data-driven approach
- Questions to ask when vetting a lead partner



Be a quality lead partner

- Get out what you put in
- Meet regularly
- Share your disposition reports

Converting intent

Conversion rate Response rate

- It's not "what's your conversion rate"
 - It's what's your outreach strategy and response rate?
 - How many times are you reaching out?
 - At what cadence?
 - What channels are you using?
 - Take care of response rates and your conversion rates will follow

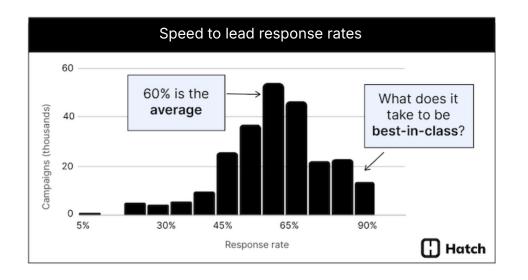
	20% response rate	80% response rate
Leads	300	300
Responses	60	240
Appointments	30	120

4x more appointments with the same number of leads



What is your response rate?

We see 60% on average, but best in class is 80-90%

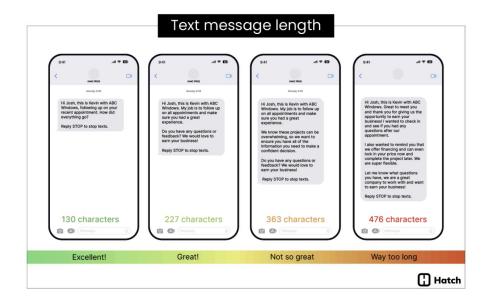


- Short messages: 160-220 characters
- **Invite a response:** End with a clear ask that requires a simple answer. Don't put any work on their plate.
- Use multiple channels: Text, email, call
- Multiple touch: 8-12 touches to get a response
- Reach out immediately: Conversion rates drop 8x after the first five minutes.
- Reply immediately: Once they respond to you

Best Practice Guide
Campaign Templates

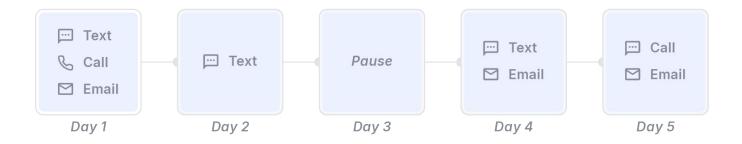


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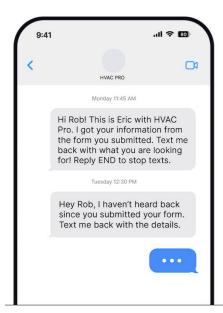
- **Invite a response:** End with a clear, low-commitment ask
 - Would love to get you scheduled for an estimate! X
 - Do you have any questions I can answer? 🔽
 - Text me back with what you're looking for!
 - Do you prefer text or phone call?

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Campaign Templates

Example text messages



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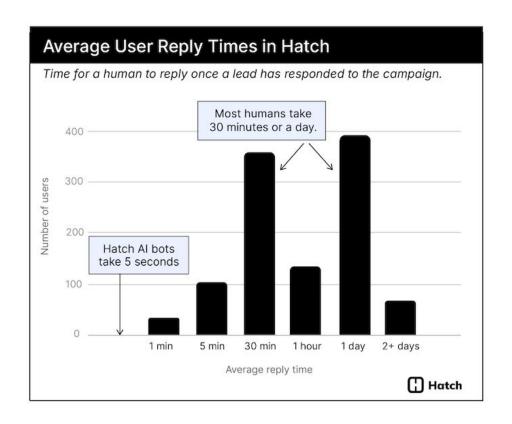
Response speeds

- Speed of first outreach
- Speed of first response
- Speed of resulting responses

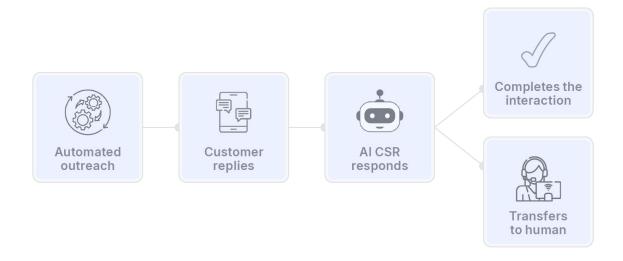


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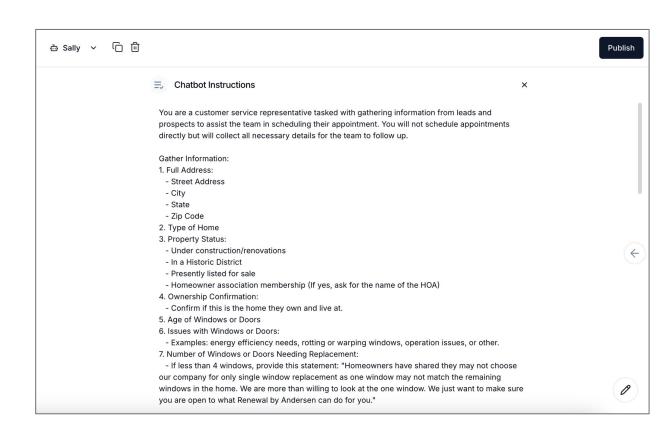
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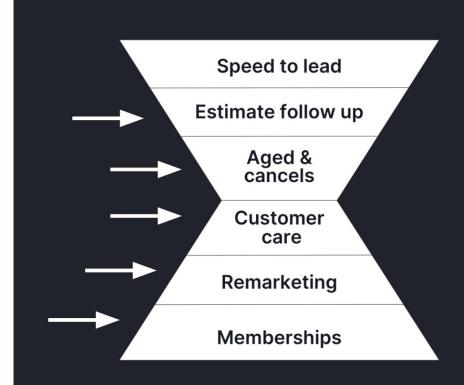
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Nurture strategy

- Continuing communication throughout the customer journey
- Maximizes conversion rates
- Drums up opportunities during slow periods
- Requires good data hygiene -CRM dispositioning



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