

# LiBoutique achieves beautiful results with Shopping campaigns

LiBoutique is an online retailer selling brand-name beauty products for the mature woman. Two-thirds of first-time customers return to make additional purchases. To reach and serve these target customers, the online retailer switched to Shopping campaigns in Google AdWords.

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#### About LiBoutique

Founded in 2010 by Isaac Rahimi, LiBoutique offers over 550 beauty products, primarily for women 48 to 70 years old. The company is based in Lakewood, New Jersey.

To learn more, visit www.liboutique.com

#### At a Glance

#### **Shopping Campaign Results**

- · Lower CPA
- Steady CPC
- 37% more conversions
- 3x higher ROI

# More exposure and traffic

Working with JumpFly, a pay-per-click (PPC) management company, LiBoutique started using Product Listing Ads (PLAs) in February 2012. "We wanted to gain more exposure and traffic, and PLAs offered the dynamics of being both very targeted and rich in content," says Sarah Karity, LiBoutique chief marketing officer (CMO). "It was really a no-brainer. We started using it and haven't looked back."

The company then made the natural transition to Shopping campaigns in November 2013. Shopping campaigns are an intuitive way to manage PLAs and sell your products on Google. You manage a Shopping campaign much the same way you manage a store. You can browse inventory and group the products you want to bid on, all in AdWords. And to help you optimize and scale your PLAs, Shopping campaigns provide insights into your competitive landscape with benchmark data, impression share and a bid simulator.

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## Better insights into performance

"I immediately thought of LiBoutique when Shopping campaigns came out," says Nikki Kuhlman, a JumpFly account executive. "Setup was incredibly easy and fast. With new Shopping campaigns, we were able to easily subdivide the product groups by brand and give different bids to them. It was simple to set up a campaign exactly how we wanted it."

JumpFly tested Shopping campaigns for LiBoutique by running their first campaign at the same time as a standard PLA campaign. They subdivided product groups by brand in the new campaign and gave them different bids. "Shopping campaigns give better insight into performance," Kuhlman adds. "They give more granular control, because they have full transparency all the way down to the SKU level."

LiBoutique also found Shopping campaigns to be a very useful tool for testing new product lines and promotions such as flash sales. "We can gauge potential before having to go through keyword research," Karity explains. "We just add the brand or product type, and give it a little time to accrue data. With this information, we can make informed decisions on product launches."

#### About JumpFly

JumpFly is a PPC management company based in Elgin, Illinois. Founded in 2003, they are a certified Google Partner.

To learn more, visit www.jumpfly.com

### **About Shopping Campaigns**

Shopping campaigns make it easier to connect with consumers and promote your products online. This retail-centric campaign type for PLAs streamlines how you manage and bid on your products, report on your performance, and find opportunities to grow your traffic from Google.

To learn more, visit

www.google.com/ads/shopping/shopping-campaigns.html

### **About Product Listing Ads**

Product Listing Ads are search ads that include richer product information—such as product image, price, and merchant name—without requiring additional keywords or ad text. Whenever a user enters a search query relevant to an item in your Google Merchant Center account, Google may automatically show the most relevant products along with the associated image, price, and product name.

To learn more, visit

www.google.com/ads/shopping

#### Improved performance and reporting

The new Shopping campaign proved so successful that within a week the company paused the original PLA campaign. JumpFly not only found Shopping campaigns easier to use, but the campaigns improved because they could easily break out products and manage detailed bids. The cost-per-acquisition (CPA) was much lower with the Shopping campaign. The conversion rate jumped 37 percent, while the cost-per-click remained steady. More important, the return on investment (ROI) almost tripled and continues to improve.

"We send custom reports to our clients on a monthly basis," Kuhlman says. "Now that Google is supporting Shopping campaigns in the API, all of the important numbers are pulled into our reports. It makes a big difference for us." JumpFly creates reports on LiBoutique's Shopping campaigns with the AdWords application programming interface (API).

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## **Higher ROI**

"The benefits of Shopping campaigns can't be overstated," Kuhlman says. "The ease of setup, transparency of data, and ability to group products in logical categories and manage to the product level make it a must. All of these contribute to getting LiBoutique a higher ROI."

JumpFly finds Shopping campaigns particularly effective for breaking out product groups into smaller subsets. "I'm able to lower bids on items that might be very popular but don't convert, and raise bids on the items that actually convert," Kuhlman says. "That lets me control the spend much better, and ultimately gives better ROI."

