



No More Labels:

Understand Shoppers and Consumers as People

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What is a Shopper versus a Consumer?



Example traditional Shopper Insights research types:

In-Store and Online category understandings

• Shelving Guidance

Example traditional Consumer Insights research types:

- Product Usage
- Brand Performance
- Packaging



They're the same picture.

What happens when you get it right?



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET IT WRONG

- Innovation teams make products that don't perform well in retail
- Make packaging changes that impact your at-shelf performance
- Misdiagnose the reason behind retail performance
- Reacting to current
 marketplace performance

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET IT RIGHT

- Impactful Innovation
- More successful packaging changes
- Clear understanding of postlaunch / ongoing retailer performance
- Set the retailer up to deliver successfully against need states
- Proactively preparing for the future of the marketplace





NUSA CMI Organization: Ways of Working

We must...





Mission: to create a truly **human obsessed** culture, **driving competitive advantage** with inspiration and provocation that **enables transformative action** in Commercial Teams



Nestle USA & Nailbiter Partnership Overview

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Nailbiter has been providing Nestle with a deeper understanding of consumer and shopper insight by capturing behavior and feedback at the moment-of-truth using videometrics for over 10 years!



Objectives Covered:

In-Store Shopper Tracking

New Product Launch Tracking

Brand Success Drivers



Aisle of the Future

At-Home Usage & Trial





How does Nailbiter work?

1. Nailbiter consults with Clients to address their strategic business questions





2. Nailbiter finds the right shoppers at the right time to observe their behaviors

3. Shoppers make short in-the-moment videos recording their purchase and usage decisions



4. These videos and audio are converted into metrics and insights by humans with AI support

5. Nailbiter weaves these metrics into powerful brand, category and retailer stories







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3 out of 5 shoppers place near Similar Sizes / Complementary Products

"Family meals because of its size – it's meant to serve more than one."

"I feel like it **fits best with family meals**. These are sides – you **have meals then you have sides to go with**."

- Team used In-Store Concept tool through shopper videos to understand expected shelf placement.
- Most shoppers place in a dedicated Sides set, with the reason behind their expected placement being Sides near similar sizes and complementary items, indicating shoppers want a convenient 'onestop-shop' for meals (entrees + sides).

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TYPE: DISPLAY EFFECTIVENESS DURATION: October 2021 BRAND: BAKERY SWEETS V = 425, IN-STORE



"This caught my eye because it is a **one stop shop** which is what I like **instead of trying to find everything in the aisle**."

"Look at this display, it has everything! **It even has recipes and ideas of meals you can make**. I love this display."

- The Nestle Bakery Sweets Consumer Insights team knew from other research that people are highly recipe driven during Bake Season, especially for those baking from scratch.
- The Shopper Insights team partnered with NAILBITER in 2021 to understand top drivers of Display performance across categories in order to improve their display strategy during Bake Season, and confirmed that Multiple Categories/Assortment was a top driver of Display Notice and Complimentary Categories and Multiple Flavors/Variety were top drivers of Display Conversion.

Branded Display Innovation

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- Nestle team followed up with Augmented Reality testing of Solution-Oriented Display designs in 2022, and tracking of In-Store Display Execution in 2023.
- Bake Center displays executed in 2023 were directly designed to solve the consumer's need for a solutions-forward activation in-store that combines multiple categories and drives conversion.

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- NAILBITER observed a frequent flat-pack orientation of Frozen Pizza in-store, which was hindering Sweet Earth Visibility and Notice.
- Notice for Sweet Earth is 2.8x stronger in stores with the branded edge facing out vs imagery side.

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 Other brands consistently showcase Brand and Flavor on multiple edges of the pack. Key Takeaway to prioritize Brand and Flavor callouts on edge of pack to help shoppers identify the product.

What Now?

Connect Shopper and Consumer Insights Teams

- Utilize Vendor Partners to help connect dots
 - Don't dismiss research because it's not 'in-store shopping' or 'at-home consumption'
 - Find opportunities to supplement Traditional Shopper Research with Brand questions

Create efficiencies by reducing Shopper / Consumer silos



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