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# Full speed ahead with Enhanced Performance Max

How Bandel utilises enhanced campaign segmentation and automation for increased Google Ads performance.

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### Fast track to success: How Bandel masters Performance Max

The partnership between Bandel and smec brings sustainable growth to the next level.

German retailer **Bandel and smec** have been collaborating already **since 2017.** While the initial focus was on Shopping and Search Ads only, we have since explored further **growth opportunities**: Most recently we conducted the switch to **Performance Max** and started integrating market data.



Based in Germany, **Bandel** Automotive specialises in spare parts for cars. They are known not only for their products but also high quality service and fulfillment. Their assortment of 200,000+ items is sold via local shops, marketplaces & their online shop, generating €100M in annual revenue. We collaborate to:

- help Bandel meet their business objectives
- **optimise** the returns from Bandel's ad campaigns
- leverage new campaign types with the Enhanced Performance Max approach

With success: Using data, smart campaign structuring and Performance Max, we have enabled Bandel to generate an uplift for their value/click of up to

+119%

(30 day split test with Smart Shopping campaigns)

Continue reading to learn more about Bandel's road to success >>



### The route to **modern** campaign management

#### Challenge

Overcoming the limitations of the previous Standard Shopping campaign setup by utilising a highly customisable PMax setup

#### Goals

Optimised budget allocation and value generated per click

Automated campaign management for more efficiency & accuracy

#### Solutions

Switch from Standard Shopping (SSC) to Performance Max

Smart campaign Segmentation with Enhanced PMax Automated item allocation with Enhanced PMax



"Over the years, we have successfully tried different approaches and setups with smec. One thing is for certain: smec's granular approach is the only right one for Performance Max. Continuous testing and breaking out of the norms puts us in pole position!"

Alexander Schweigert, Chief Marketing Officer, Bandel



### Getting in the driver's seat with Enhanced Performance Max

#### 1. Detecting opportunities to grow

In order to maximise Bandel's returns, we assessed the correlation between each product's **performance**, the **attractiveness of their prices** and the **competition density** in their markets using our **competition insights module**:



#### What we found was that:

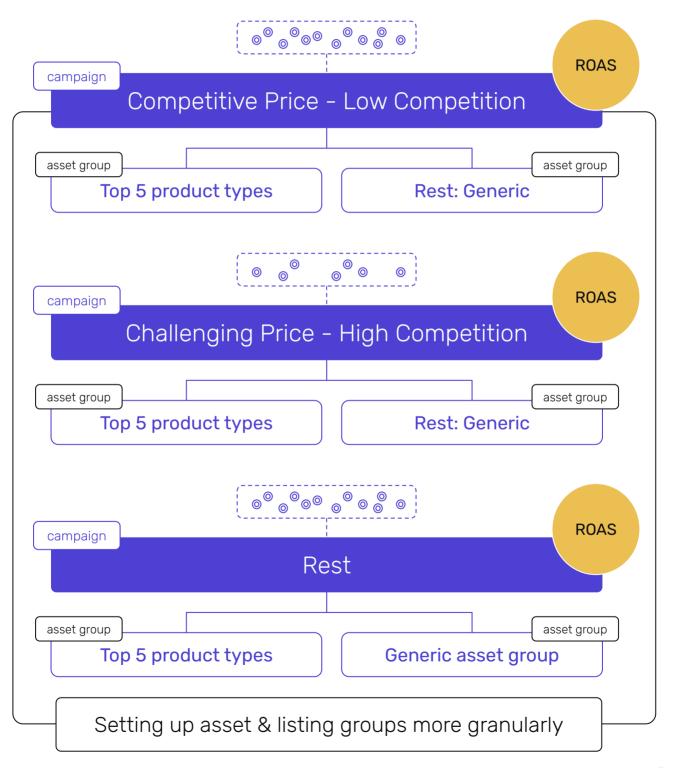
**30%** of the Google Ads budget was spent on products with unattractive prices 28% of the budget went into auctions with intense competition, where it's less likely to stick out

Seeing this **untapped optimisation potential**, we went to work: To spend the budget more efficiently, we started optimising Bandel's ad campaign setup and implemented our **Enhanced Performance Max** (ePMax) approach.



## 2. Translating insights into action with the right segmentation

Based on the finding in the previous step, **we started to segment campaigns** accordingly. With price and competition density being major factors influencing Bandel's performance, the segmentation we eventually implemented looks as follows:





#### 3. Adding automation for efficiency

In addition, we added an **automation layer** on top that would guarantee the allocation of products into the right campaigns at all times:



This setup allows for a **smooth transition from Smart Shopping to Performance Max campaigns** and ensures optimised budget and product allocation for Bandel's Shopping campaigns.



### Pole position for Bandel's Shopping campaigns

By leveraging our Enhanced Performance Max approach, Bandel unlocked a **new level of cost-efficiency** for their campaigns.

To recap: Bandel's Performance Max campaign segmentation has been set up to **reflect price benchmarks and competition data**, while automation ensures a fast allocation of products into the right campaigns. The result of this advanced setup?

A clear **increase in the value per click** across all campaigns. Budgets are now spent on products and auctions that result in **actual value** for the company.

By combining Performance Max with an **enhanced campaign segmentation** approach, Bandel was able to take over the steering wheel and successfully guide their Performance Max campaigns.

**Results** of a 30 day campaign split test with Smart Shopping & Enhanced Performance Max by smec:





### We grow ecommerce together

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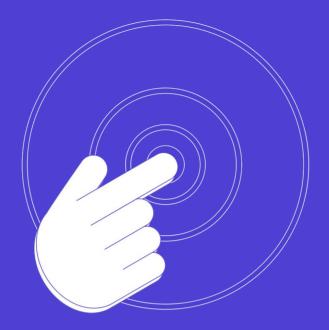
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