



## Mike's Car Clinic

Competitive Analysis & Mood Board

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#### Introduction

Mike's Car Clinic is a complete auto repair shop on all foreign and domestic vehicles and dedicated to keeping you safe on the road.

Located in Dublin, right by the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, Mike's Car Clinic uses the latest automotive diagnostic technology to provide customers with high quality service, quick turnaround, and a nation-wide warranty coverage.

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## Competitors











We chose these businesses for our competitive analysis because all of them are auto repair shops that are pretty local to Dublin, CA. Our client also specified that Tri-Valley automotive and Performance Autowerk to be his direct competitors.

We also looked at these sites for functionalities and/or features: Appointment scheduler, promotion/deal offers, and services that these shops provided.

# **Branding**

How do the competitors display themselves?



#### Tri-Valley Automotive



Tri-Valley Automotive promotes their business by showcasing a fun cartoon of a happy guy helping a sick car. They also display a bright mood too them which can be seen in the vivid colors of their website.

**LOGO:** Emphasis on the brand name and auto work aspect of their brand. The happy man fixing a sick car brings a sense of security and trust in the business as users see that they can bring their damaged cars to Tri-valley automotive.

**COLOR SCHEME:** Logo gives off a cool vibe with colors such as blue, white, and green. However, the green in the logo seems to be mismatched with the rest of the website as there is only an emphasis on the light blue and white colors.

#### Tri-Valley Automotive

The business seems to be in need of help. And makes sure to prioritize this by using hierarchy to place this on top. The business also shows users whether they are applying or not that they value skill in the work they do.

Emphasis on being able to contact the business and set up a time to come in.



The mobile website ensures that users don't have to spend time looking around. Most questions from the user will be answered through the front page of the website. The business is confident in their ability which can be displayed through the many good reviews and what they require in their workers. And if the user still isn't sure, the business offers a variety of resources for the user to become more sure of their choice of Tri-Valley Automotive.

Emphasis on displaying important information and reviews.

The next important feature to the business is allowing users to learn of the type of work they do.

#### Schuck's Transmissions



Schuck's Transmission and Auto Repair exudes boldness and confidence in their brand. The race car in the middle displays skill in the work they do which makes a user believe that they can handle any car.

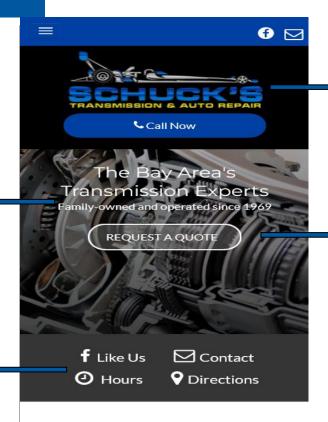
**LOGO:** Logo is very bold and is has a deep contrast between the background and forefront. The race car and the race car colors communicate to the user that the business may be able to work with strong muscle cars.

**COLOR SCHEME:** The deep colors of the logo are relatively consistent with the rest of the website. The website is actually more bright and stays true to the contrast by putting the lighter colors on a darker background.

#### Schuck's Transmissions

The business wants to communicate expertise with the image of a complex car part along with a long line of history in this business.

Display of important information and contact info as well. Site is straight to the point.



Transmission Shop

Exuberates boldness in the work they do with their deep tones of color.

Emphasis on flexibility with the customer in negotiating pricing for the services they do

The business wants to exude a sense of professionalism in the work they do. They show through their branding that they are a business that is very skilled in their line of work. The website tells the user that this is a no nonsense business and fix your car.

## Caspian Auto Repair



Caspian Auto Repair puts their brand in the middle along with people being the focus of their site. They express friendliness through their visuals which helps add trust to their brand as users view their brand.

**LOGO:** Very minimal with no visuals. Just black and white contrast with the brand name of the business. Very plain.

**COLOR SCHEME:** The colors are very consistent with the website. The black and white makes other colors pop out which communicates a sense of appeal in wanting the user to click or look over those areas.

## Caspian Auto Repair

Vibrant red color to emphasize appeal to user to click on "Learn More". They want users to know what this business is about.

Photos with people portray a sense of friendliness and expertise as they are seen working on cars.



Hierarchy with their phone number which means they put an emphasis on phone calls.

Very big and bolded words to communicate their service in 4 words, "Quality Car Care Service".



It is clear that the business values friendliness as seen in the visuals they display. The minimal color scheme allows the user to focus on these visuals and bolded words that seem to pop out. They are also straight to the point in what they do as seen in the middle of the page.

#### Performance Autowerk



Performance Autowerk establishes a fresh, but clean look through the use of their colors and many images of cars and people.

**LOGO:** Minimal and more of a modern look with sharp edges. The blue also exuberates a fresh and vibrant feeling.

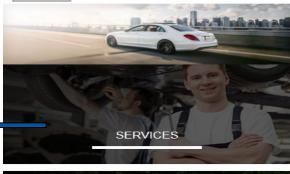
**COLOR SCHEME:** The colors portray a refreshing feeling as you view the webpage. It's as if the business is telling their users that their cars will be refreshed if they come to them.

#### Performance Autowerk

Business displays the reviews show high customer satisfaction with this business.



Web page is big on visuals especially in showing people and cars in good condition. Places value in people and cars being made new.





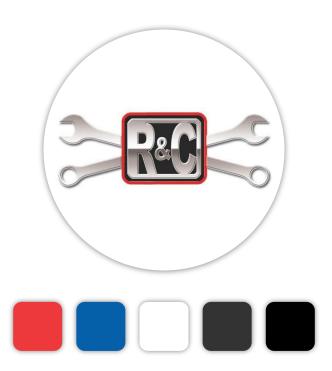
Big emphasize on this section through color and hierarchy. Makes sure to tell users that they are available in the midst of COVID.

Big font size for phone number which means they place importance on connecting to users through call.



Colors are vibrant and inviting. They are also used to exude emphasis on different parts of the website such as the phone number or top yellow part of the page. Use of contrast and font sizes help with navigating through the website

## R & C Auto



R&C Auto promotes their brand through the use of visuals. The wrenches give insight into what they do as a business. This exudes a sense of professionalism with their legit looking logo.

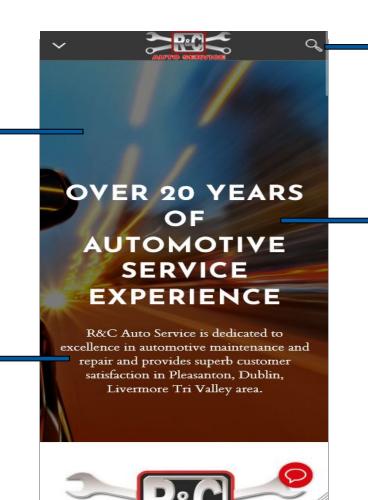
**LOGO:** Emphasis on visual communication through the wrenches to show that they are skilled in mechanical work.

**COLOR SCHEME:** Heavy reliance on red to highlight different parts of their website just as they do in the logo. Creates an intense atmosphere which is indicative of the work they do on the cars.

#### R & C Auto

Huge picture that portrays fast motion of cars. Most likely to express that their work is fast and reliable.

The business places importance in displaying their values to their customers. Wants to show that they are trustworthy.



Doesn't display much information like other auto shops. However, business solves this by having the user search for the information

With their big and bold words, the business places heavy emphasis on their history of experience.



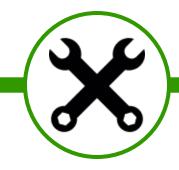
Places a lot of trust in their own history. Doesn't show much from an initial look at the page. Hopes to excite trust through their values and years of experience. Other than that, there are just red highlights everywhere else.

# Branding Takeaways

- Similar to Tri-Valley Automotive and Performance Autowerk, we should use colors that are more vivid and inviting in order to create some appeal to the website. The color scheme on Mike's feels dated and could use a color refresh.
  - We should make sure that the colors are consistent throughout the website. Some colors in the current website stand out, but in a bad way.
  - The colors used in Tri-Valley Automotive's logo does not really match with the rest of the website.
- As we have seen in Caspian Auto Repair and Performance Autowerk, we should incorporate pictures of people happily working on car in order to create a more welcoming experience.
- Similar to R&C Auto, Schuck's Transmissions, and Caspian Auto Repair, we should work on the typography of our website in order to display information in a more aesthetically pleasing way. The text in Mike's Car Clinic is plain and simple and isn't displayed in different styles as seen in R&C auto, Schuck's Transmissions, and Caspian Auto Repair.
- Although it isn't displayed in the mobile site, Tri-Valley Automotive and Performance Autowerk put great
  emphasis in displaying promotions and deals on the desktop. Our client expressed how he also wanted to
  display promotions like that in order to mainly let returning customers and new customers feel welcome to his
  shop. We will try to incorporate this into the homepage while we work around the typography of his webpage

# **Functionality**

What makes the competitors' websites work?



#### **Key Functionalities**

#### **Desktop**

- Find location and business hours (offered by all competitors)
- Schedule an appointment (offered by a few competitors)
- Types of services offered (offered by most competitors)
- Specials offers and coupons (offered by most competitors)
- View image galleries of services/locations (offered by a few competitors)
- Business reviews (offered by most competitors)

#### Mobile

- Easy navigation through the web pages (offered by all competitors)
- Mobile-friendly appointment scheduler (offered by a few competitors)
- One-click calling through mobile (offered by all competitors)
- One-click for location directions (offered by most competitors)

## **Functionality Table: Desktop**

Key Functionalities	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissi ons	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto	The Cat Cafe	The Cat Cafe	Aero Auto Repair
Find location and business hours	Х	х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Schedule an appointment	х		Х			Х	Х	X
Types of services offered	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х
Specials offers and coupons	Х		X		Х			Х
View images galleries of service/locations					Х	X		
Business reviews	Х		х		Х			X

## **Functionality Table: Mobile**

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Easy navigation through the web pages	Х	х	Х	Х	х	х		
Mobile-friendly appointment scheduler	Х		X			Х		
One-click calling through mobile	X	х	X	X	Х			
One-click for location directions	х	х	Х	Х				



#### **Find Location and Business Hours**

Users should be able to find the shop location and their business hours on the website if needed



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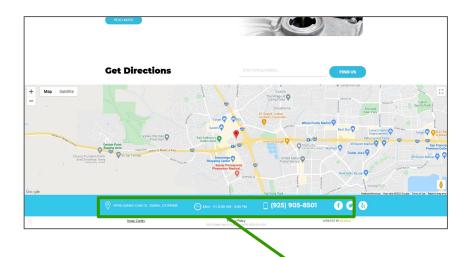
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Tri-valley displays their locations, hours, and phone number on the homepage.

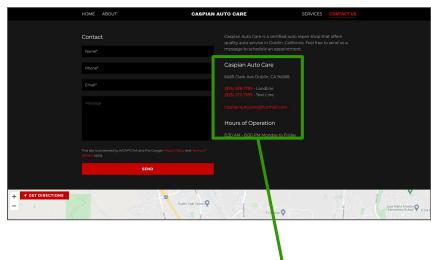
Schuck's displays their locations and phone number on the homepage. The hours are displayed at the bottom of the page



#### Find Location and Business Hours (2)



Autowerk displays their locations, hours, and phone number at bottom of the homepage. Users can input address for directions to Autowerk's stop.

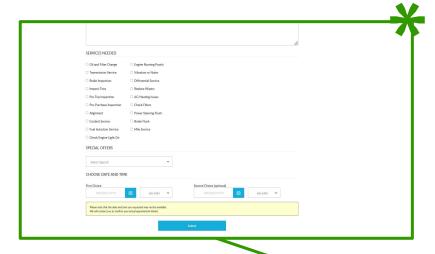


R & C Auto displays their locations, hours, and phone number on their contact us page.



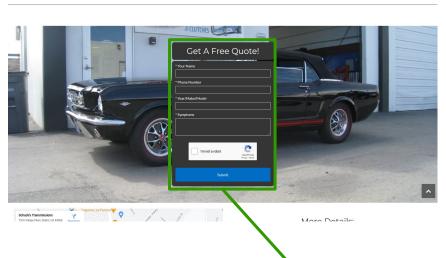
#### Schedule an Appointment (1)

Users should be able to schedule an appointment online without a need to call or walk in to the shop



Tri-valley allow users to schedule

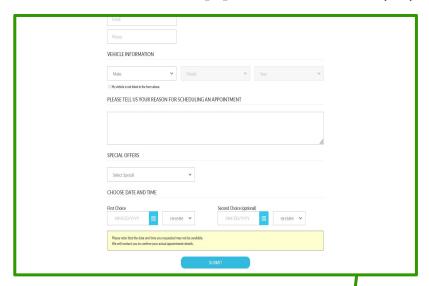
appointments, select specific services, add special offers, and select date and time for convenience and flexibility.



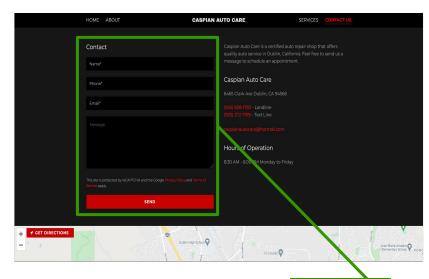
Schuck's allow users to request a quote, instead of scheduling an appointment.



#### Schedule an Appointment (2)



Autowerk allow users to schedule appointments, add special offers, and select date and time for convenience and flexibility.



R & C Auto provides users with a contact form on their contact us page.

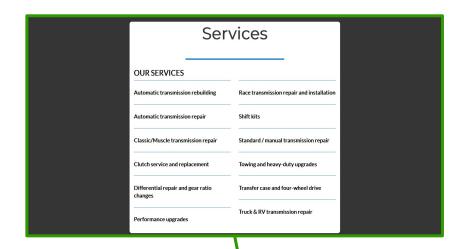


#### Types of Services Offered (1)

Users should be able to find a list of services that the shop offers



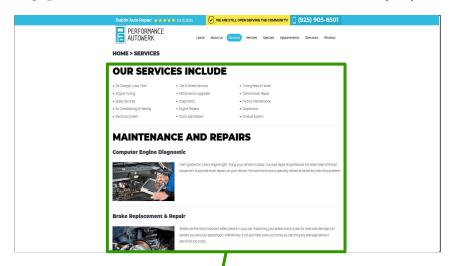
Tri-valley offers selections of services, where users can read through them to see if their problems match.



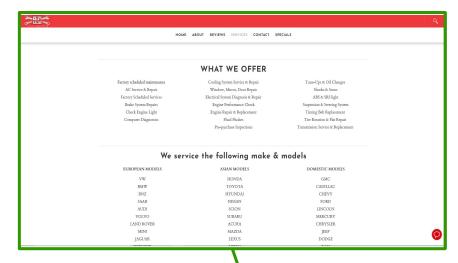
Schuck's offers a list of services that user can look through.



#### **Types of Services Offered (2)**



Autowerk offers a <u>list of services</u> accompanied by pictures and descriptions

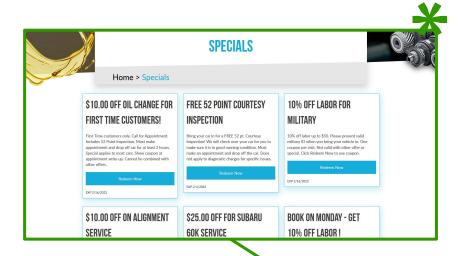


R & C Auto offers a list of services done in a very clean way.

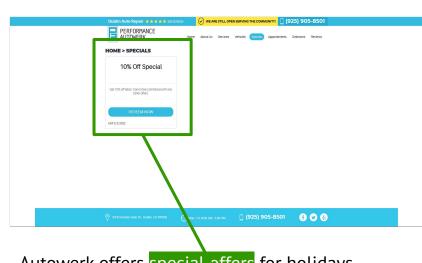


#### **Special Offers and Coupons (1)**

Users should be able to view/find special offers and/or coupons to take advantage of



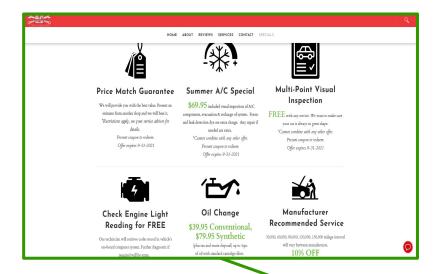
Tri-valley offers multiple selections of special offers and coupons that can be redeemed.



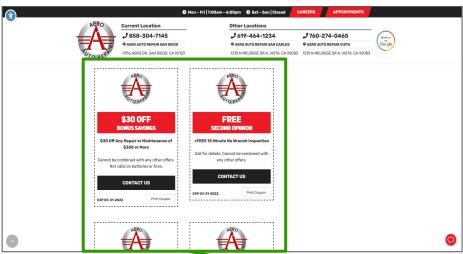
Autowerk offers special offers for holidays.



#### **Special Offers and Coupons (2)**



R & C Auto offers a wide selection of special offers for customers to present to be redeemed.



Aero Auto Repair offers a wide selection of special offers that can be printed out to be used in store.



#### View Image Galleries of Services/Locations (1)

Users should be able to view visuals of the location and features of their services



Cat Cafe offers a image gallery along with videos that showcases the location and the product of the business.

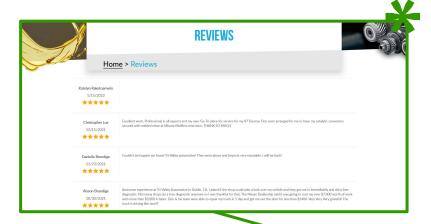


R & C Auto offers a image gallery of variety of pictures of the shop, it's services and the location.

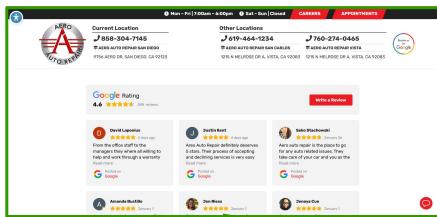


#### **Business Reviews (1)**

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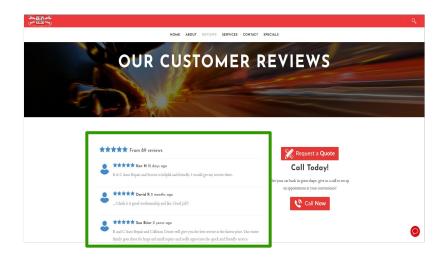
Tri-valley offers 44 pages of starred reviews with comments from previous customers.



Aero Auto Repairs offers list of Google reviews that allows customers can reference to and also allows them to submit one themselves.



#### **Business Reviews (2)**



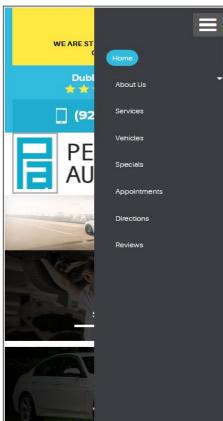
R & C Auto has a selection of reviews where the users can go off site to look at the rest of the reviews.



#### Easy navigation through the web pages (1)

Tri-Valley Automotive uses a list-styled menu on the side of the screen. This allows the user to still be able to see a part of the current page that they're on. However, they have a lot of options which could be a little overwhelming. They also use the same color as the rest of the website which makes the menu selection feel plain and boring.



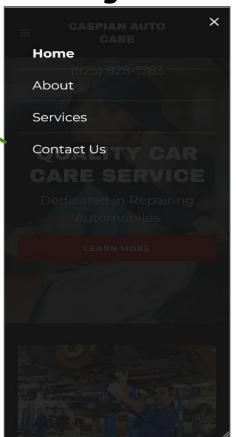


Performance Autowerk uses a list-styled menu on the side of the screen as well. However, they use a different background color for the menu selection which helps give emphasis to the selection. The list of selection is quite a lot, however, both sites give meaningful labels to the selections that are helpful to the user.



### Easy navigation through the web pages (2)

Caspian Auto Care uses a list-styled menu that is clearly separated by dividers. Although the menu covers the whole screen, the background is a little transparent which allows the user to view where they're currently on. Menu selection is also very straight-forward.



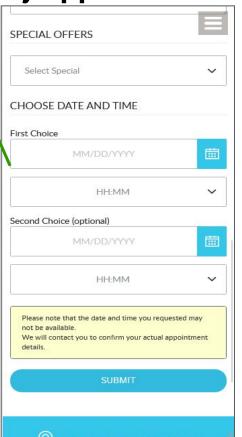


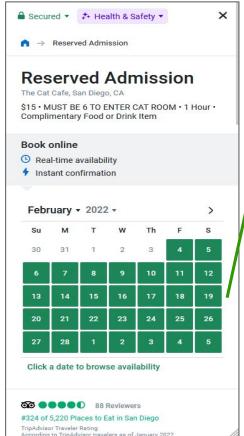
R&C Auto has a hamburger menu with a variety of options. The red highlights the current webpage you're on and the menu covers the whole screen. There is also a drop-down on one of the options.



Mobile-friendly appointment scheduler (1)

Tri-Valley Automotive has a straightforward appointment scheduler that displays special offers and services. The user is able to easily fill out their information and submit an appointment due to the organization of the webpage. However, they aren't able to see whether the date they choose is available or not.



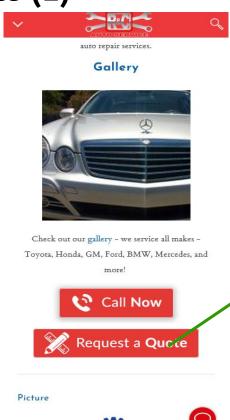


The Cat Cafe uses a calendar as an appointment scheduler which helps the user plan better. The appointment page also provides system status by telling the user that it will sow real-time availability and instantly confirm appointments for you. This allows the user to easily figure out what days and times will work best for them.

### One-click calling through mobile (1)

Tri-Valley Automotive places huge importance on being able to contact them. The topography puts emphasis on the phone number by placing making the number big and bold which helps with seeing this clearly. As a result, the user is able to easily find this information and click on it.



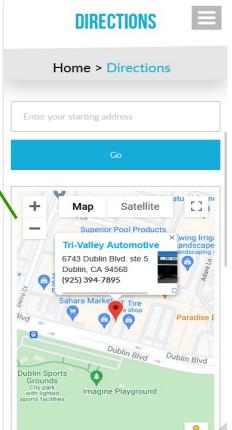


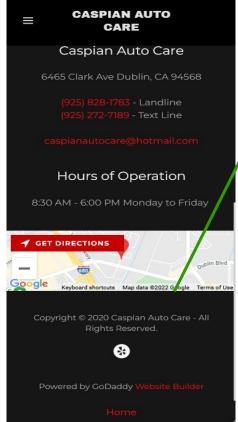
R&C auto doesn't place as much importance in being able to contact them since the user would have to scroll almost all the way down the homepage to reach it. However, they highlight being able to call them by using a red button and a call symbol. It creates an inviting button when it says to "Call Now" or "Request a Quote" which can be done with a click of a button



#### One-click for location directions(1)

Tri-Valley Automotive provides easy navigation to get to directions which is clearly labeled as can be seen in the image. After getting to the page we see here, you are able to view directions from wherever you're at to the business within the website. Rather than popping you to another tab, the website provides convenience in finding directions





Caspian Auto Care directions can be found at the bottom of the Contact Us page. This means it isn't very clear to the user where to find directions, they are forced to assume based on the current knowledge they have of the website. Then when the user clicks on the map, it takes the user to google maps which can be annoying.

#### **Functionality Takeaways**

- The website should have the needed functionality without having to sacrifice navigation, from the competitor's website that includes plenty of functionality and pages, it starts to feel cluttered and finding specific content becomes more difficult.
  - Even more important on mobile due to the lack of screen estate, careful placement of content and functionalities is needed.
- From talking to our client, the main functionality that they wanted is a appointment scheduler and
  observing the competitor's websites, a combination of a Cat Cafe's calendar with an availability system
  along with the users being able to input and select informations like Tri-valley's system would be the
  direction to take.
- The locations and hours should be placed at the top of the website as a immediate information that would be important to the users, like how Tri-valley and Autowerk placed there's.
- Special offers feature should be similar to Aero Auto Repair's allowing for users to use the coupons online or print it out to bring in store to allow for flexibility.
- A gallery should be added as many users noted the lack of photos of their services and of the location, gallery similar to R & C Auto or the Cat Cafe could be implemented.

# **Site Architecture**

How are the businesses organized?



# **Navigation - Primary Labels**

Primary Labels	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Home	x		x	x	x
Services	x	x	x	x	x
Vehicles	x		x		
Specials	x		x		X
Appointments	x		x		
About Us	x		x	x	x
Reviews	X	X	x		X

# **Navigation - Primary Labels (Continued)**

Primary Labels	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Directions	x		x		
Schedule Online Appointment	X				
contact		х			x

# **Navigation - Secondary Labels**

Primary Labels	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmiss ions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Home					
Services	Auto repair, Brake repair, Oil changes, Timing belts, Check engine Light, diagnosis, 30K, 60k, 90k services, Air Conditioning Service, AC repair, Alignment Services, Shocks and Struts, Suspension upgrades, Pre-purchase inspection, Tune ups, Fuel injection service, Clutch repair, radiators		Meet the owner, Contact Us		
Vehicles	Honda Service and Repair, Acura Service and Repair, Toyota Service and Repair, Lexus Service and Repair, Subaru Service and Repair, Mazda Service and Repair, Nissan Service and Repair, Infiniti Service and Repair, Hyundai Service and Repair, BMW Service and Repair , Volkswagen Service and Repair (S&R), Kia S&R				
Specials					

# **Navigation - Secondary Labels (Continued)**

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Directions					
Schedule Online Appointment					
contact					
Appointments	Drop box form				
About Us	Blog, Careers				gallery
Reviews	Survey, referral				

### Tri-Valley Automotive

There is heavier weight on displaying general information of the business since it's et above the navigation bar. It's also interesting to see that the navigation bar isn't separate color from the rest of the header which tells the user that this may not be as important as it seems even though it's at the top of the page

As can be seen here, the website intentionally places their own coupon/ad that invites the user to redeem a promotion. Since it's just placed in the middle, the business tries to place weight on this feature by making it known to the user by placing in our face.



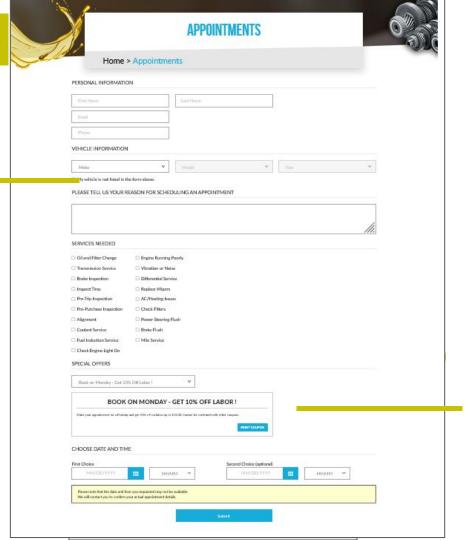
Scheduling an online appointment seems to be emphasized greatly in the header as it has its own separate category and button. Another thing is that appointments is shown twice in the header along with reviews which tells the user that the business values these two aspects.



There isn't any variation in font styles. The only different is the sizing of the text and whether it's bolded or not to create emphasis on different parts of the website. Another thing is that hierarchy is created in the top to showcase important information that the user won't miss. They also make different aspects of the website pop out such as the coupon to give attention to what the business is able to provide.

### Tri-Valley Automotive

When the book on monday button is clicked on the previous page this appears. Clean appointment form that makes it easy for users to schedule appointments

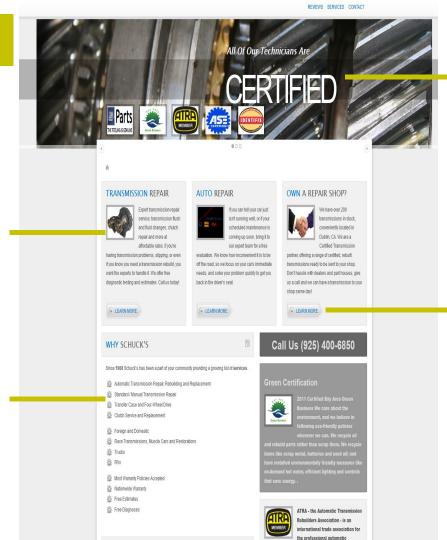


Appointment page makes it clear that the offer you clicked on is right here under a special section called "Special Offers". It communicates status to the user.

#### **Schucks Transmission**

A lot of text on the site, but not much functionality. Similar colors create a plain looking webpage.

Not really providing a clear mission statement. Not distinguishing themselves from other car repair shops. Mainly listing off services they provide.



Not a very distinguished design scheme. Seems to be mainly different shades of gray

Links are all blue and doesn't match with their brand color scheme



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**REVIEWS** 

Pictures are organized well and encourages users to click the navigation links through the pictures

Good job emphasizing their specials.

10% Off Special

Get 10% off labor. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

VEHICLES

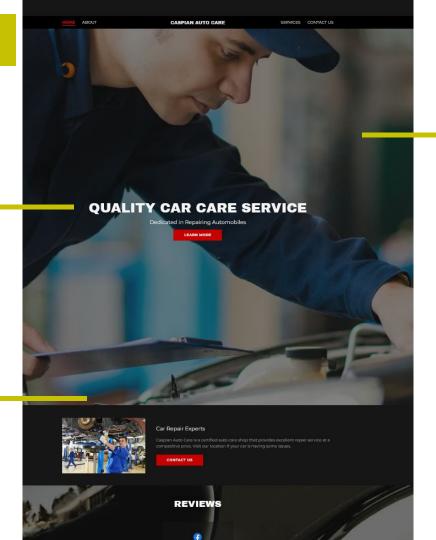


Consistent blue and white color scheme that is aligns with the brand logo.

## Caspian Autocare

Not much functionality in the site. Doesn't give much information about what the shop offers. Highlights links with red buttons and creates emphasis with big and bolded white words.

Main functionality is for users to contact them to schedule appointment



Site is structured in a way that is based off of visual communication.
Minimal information with pictures that try to express who they are.

#### R & C Auto

Topography of the website is all over the place. Information is clustered which makes it overwhelming to the user. They tried to fit everything close together which makes the site unappealing despite the bright colors



Clear mission statement. Makes it clear to the users.

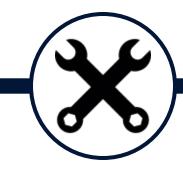
Lots of different font styles going on which creates a lack of consistency. This does not validate the site professionalism.

# **Site Architecture Takeaways**

- Potential Directions we could take:
  - Making sure design is consistent for professionalism. Sticking to the same fonts and color schemes and styles of photos.
  - Using photos to make users click on navigation links, encouraging them to explore the site more.
    - Images will create a welcoming and friendly atmosphere on the webpage
  - Making it clear in the homepage of the deals we have and on clicking deals button goes straight to a schedule a appointment form which is something we discussed with our client Mike.
- Make sure our homepage has a clear mission statement and that it does not seem cluttered. Avoid simply having a wall of text with minimal functionality to the site.
  - This would lead to overwhelming the user. Instead, we want to make it as straightforward as possible for the user.
- Making sure there is order to the design of the site and not information randomly thrown onto the page. As well as consistency of site design when clicking on different sections in the navigation bar.

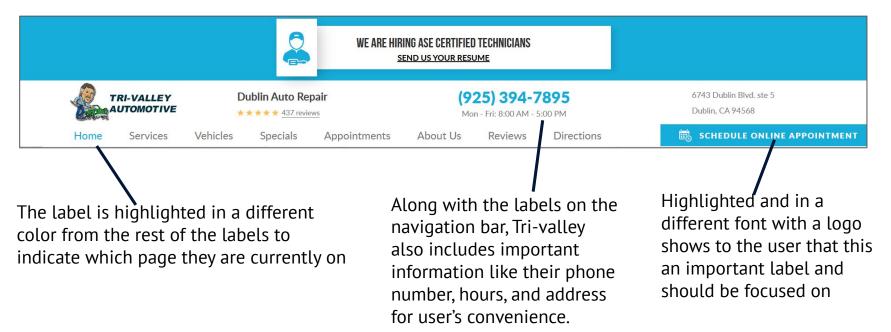
# Navigation

How are the businesses navigated?



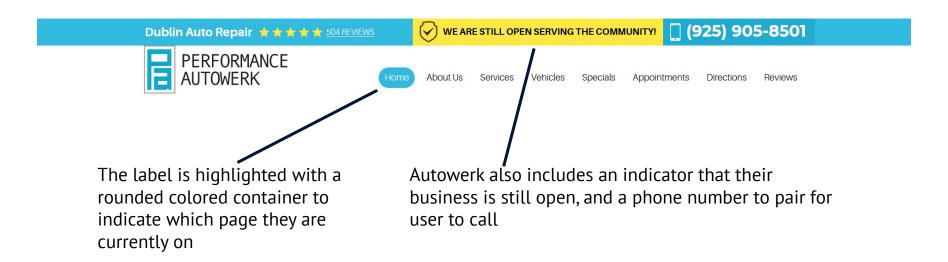
# Tri-Valley Automotive

Tri-valley's navigation bar is pretty standard with all the labels being straightforward and not confusing to users. The navigation bar does include many primary labels and a indication that there are drop down menus from the primary labels would be helpful for the users. There seems to be a duplicate of the appointment label and should be reduced to just one.



### Performance Autowerk

Similar to Tri-valley's navigation bar, Autowerk also presents standard labeling of their pages with straightforward language but with the labels being in a different order. Autowerk seems to prioritize their users learning about their business through About Me page then leading into their product.



## R & C Auto Service

R&C Auto Service has a very straightforward navigation bar that have meaningful labels. These labels show that they put an emphasis on who they are, what services they provide, and how the user can contact them. However, the navigation bar is pretty plain and is not consistent with the styling of the overall website where it would highlight important aspects of the website in red.



The navigation bar is just plastered on top of an image, acting like an overlay.

Home is more transparent which is an indicator that tells the user that they are currently on the homepage If the user did not want to use the navigation bar, the website also provides them with a way to search for things the user may want which could make it easier for them.

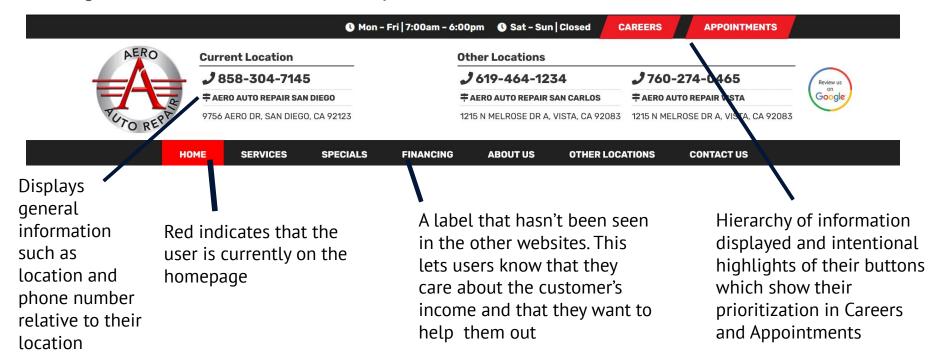
# Caspian Auto Care

Caspian Auto Care's navigation bar is the more simpler one with much less label than other competitors, because of the lack of certain labels users do have to go clicking around to check if certain functionality is available to them. Te navigation bar does not have any secondary pages so users would not need to click or hover each label to find different pages.



# Aero Auto Repair

Aero Auto Repair's navigation bar is very clean and aesthetically pleasing. The navigation bar is consistent with the color scheme of the brand and provides a good amount of options for the user to choose from. It has meaningful labels that tells the user that they value their customers.



# Navigation Takeaways

- Prioritize consistency of color schemes and font styles between the navigation bar and brand.
- Have meaningful labels that allow easy navigation for the user.
  - Labels should be relevant to who they are, what services they provide, and how users can contact them.
- Display important general information in an aesthetically pleasing way which can be see by Aero Auto Repair.
  - o Location, phone number, hours of operation, etc.
- Our client expressed importance in showing promotions/deals to his customers which could be something that we try to display near the navigation bar to bring attention to the users by using hierarchy.
- Our client also expressed that he wants to focus more on his returning customers rather than new customers which means we should create a navigation system that is straight to the point.
  - Basically allowing the users to be able to immediately contact and make appointments with our client.
  - Doesn't mean to completely disregard any new customers.

# Content

What do other businesses do well?



# **Content Table (1 of 3)**

Content	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Appointment Scheduler	Х		X		
About Us	X	X	X	X	X
Contact Form		X		X	X
Pricing					
Hours	X	X	X	X	X
Locations	X	X	X	X	X
Contact Info	X	X	X	X	X

# **Content Table (2 of 3)**

Content	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Reviews/Testimonials	X		X		X
Special Offers	X		X		X
Services	X	X	X		X
Specializations	X		X		
Images of Service			X		X
Images of Customers					
Careers	X				

# **Content Table (3 of 3)**

Content	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Social Media	x	x	x		Х
Policies					
Directions	х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Blog	X				

## Tri-Valley Automotive

Tri-Valley Automotive features uses meaningful symbols to express their different types of services. The shades of grey, however, are plain and not consistent with their vivid blue colors

# Auto Repair Services by TRI-VALLEY AUTOMOTIVE



**AUTO REPAIR** 



**CHECK ENGINE LIGHT DIAGNOSIS** 



#### Home > Specials



# \$10.00 OFF OIL CHANGE FOR FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS!

First Time customers only. Call for Appointment. Includes 52 Point Inspection. Must make appointment and drop off car for at least 2 hours. Special applies to most cars. Show coupon at appointment write up. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Redeem Now

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# FREE 52 POINT COURTESY INSPECTION

Bring your car in for a FREE 52 pt. Courtesy Inspection! We will check over your car for you to make sure it is in good running condition. Must make an appointment and drop off the car. Does not apply to diagnostic charges for specific issues.

Their specials are in the form of a coupon which is very intuitive conserving that this is the "Specials" page. They express the important information such as FREE or \$10.00 OFF and give a very bright "Redeem Now" button. They also show the expiration date of the coupon which incentivises the user to act now!

### Tri-Valley Automotive

Tri-Valley Automotive provides an interesting feature to their About Us page by providing blogs of different issues on cars. They language in the blog is very casual and friendly while also providing meaningful links bolded in blue

#### **BLOG**



#### Home > About Us > Blog

ARTICLES:

# The Reasons Why Your Brakes Make Noise

Posted on 9/6/2018



So, you're driving along and when you step on the brakes to slow, all of a sudden.... SQUEEEEAK. What the heck! Right? That noise wasn't there before! What's going on? Didn't I just have the car in for service not too long ago? Why is this happening? Everyone is looking at me! Well, there could be a number of reasons why your brakes are noisy. It might be time for a Brake Repair. Even if you just had the car serviced, the best thing to do is have your mechanic inspect it again.

If you haven't had the car looked at for a while.

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#### SERVICES NEEDED

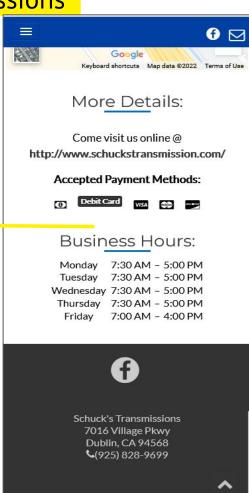


- Oil and Filter Change
- ☐ Engine Running Poorly
- ☐ Transmission Service
- ☐ Vibration or Noise
- ☐ Brake Inspection
- ☐ Differential Service
- ☐ Inspect Tires
- ☐ Replace Wipers
- ☐ Pre-Trip Inspection
- □ AC/Heating Issues□ Pre-Purchase Inspection
- ☐ Check Filters
- ☐ Alignment
- ☐ Power Steering Flush
- ☐ Coolant Service
- ☐ Brake Flush
- ☐ Fuel Induction Service
- ☐ Mile Service
- ☐ Check Engine Light On

The Appointment page provides a services needed section which is a nice way for mechanics to get a general idea of what to expect in fixing different cars. It also allows for easier communication between the customer and the business.

#### Schuck's Transmissions

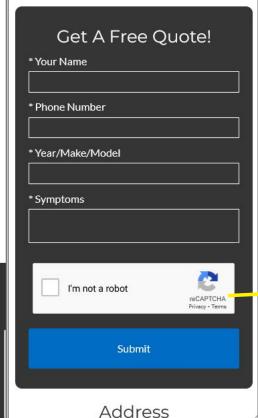
Under the More Details section of Schuck's Transmissions, they provide payment methods which allow the user to get an idea if they are able to pay for their services before actually going there and finding out they can't. The only thing, however, is that all the information here are in neutral color tones which makes the text here very boring.



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#### Contact Us

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Their Contact Us section allows the user to get a free quote. This communicates to the user that the business is dedicated to their customers and are willing to negotiate services and pricing that would be satisfactory for both the business and the customer

#### Schuck's Transmissions

The About Us on their website is so plain and simple. Although the goal of this feature is to inform, the amount of text here is just overwhelming. However, they do label their information with meaningful questions like "Why Us?" which allows the user to get an idea of what to expect in their reading.







#### Welcome to Schuck's **Transmissions**

At our transmission shop in Dublin, CA, we provide an array of quality services that will get your car running, or keep it running. Whether you need transmission repair, clutch repair, diagnostics, or performance upgrades, we can deliver these and more!

#### Why Us?

Since 1969, our goal has always been to give the absolute best auto care at prices that won't break the bank. While we can't fix your car for free, our repairs come with an available 3-year / 100,000-mile warranty on parts & labor or a nationwide limited warranty. Our transmission technicians have the experience and tools to work on everything from the smallest import to fullsize RVs, and hybrids to classic muscle.

As a family-owned business, we understand the importance of honesty, integrity, and transparency. We've been in the community for more than 40 years because we treat our friends, neighbors, and customers with the honesty and respect everyone is due.

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We certainly do not want to copy this sort of design - even though it is important to be specific about the types of services exactly offered by a mechanic to invoke a sense of competency, the lack of a mobile first design element makes this content unreadable. That said, the actual content itself has a nice call to action, as well as a solid list of services mentioned as well.

#### Performance Autowerk

The About Us page is inconsistent to the color of their branding. Their website is very bright and vivid, but the content here is just black and grey and not representative of their fun color scheme. The body of texts, however, do have meaningful labels which express their core values.

#### **HOME > ABOUT US**



# WHY CHOOSE PERFORMANCE AUTOWERK?

#### Honesty

Everybody has heard Auto Repair Shop horror stories. Many even have stories to tell. Usually they start with "I brought my car to the shop for an oil change and they told me that I needed ..." At Performance Autowerk we vow to provide quality service at reasonable rates. We will perform only the work that we are contracted to perform. There will be no surprises when you arrive to pick up your car. We also believe that it is our duty to make a vehicle's owner aware of current or future issues that the vehicle may have. We will take the time to explain those issues and allow you to make a fact based decision regarding repairs. It is our intent that you leave the shop content with the repairs performed and with an understanding of any additional mended services.

#### **Expertise**

Performance and luxury vehicles are becoming ever more complicated. Efficient diagnostic and repair requires an intimate knowledge of your vehicle. Our ASE certified Master Technicians regularly attend seminars and training courses to ensure that they are up to date on the latest tooling, technical data and procedures. At Performance Autowerk we take pride specializing in European Auto Repair. We are properly equipped with specialty and diagnostic tools specific to Mercedes, Audi, Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche, and Land Rover vehicles. Our suppliers provide us with OEM parts for maintenance and repairs ensuring that the work is performed correctly the first time.

#### Integrity

Performance Autowerk is intent on having our work represent our

# Audi Click to see more about repair and service

BMW

**WE SPECIALIZE IN** 

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Mercedes-Benz Click to see more about repair and

#### **Land Rover**

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#### Volkswagen

Click to see more about repair and service

The specialization page is organized in a vibrant way. Colorful blue buttons for each of their specializations which create appeal in wanting to find out more content on their specializations.

#### Performance Autowerk

The meet the owner section is a nice touch to create trust with the user. I like the idea of providing a picture of the owner along with his backstory. Would be helpful for users who are trying to develop trust with the site.

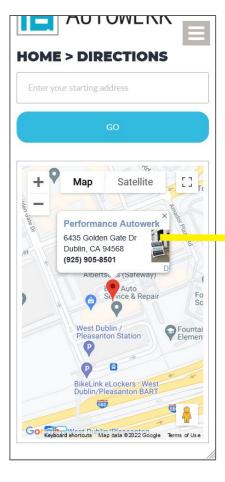
#### **MEET THE OWNER**



Richard Lee, the proprietor of Performance Autowerk was born in to a family with a passion for European vehicles. His Father bought a brand new 1985 Mercedes-Benz 500SE directly from Germany. That car sparked his love of European vehicles at the age of 7. From then his love of European vehicles only grew.

His first car was a 1985 BMW E30 325i which was in no other terms, a jalopy. He spent his free time and weekends working on his pride and joy. Since that first BMW he has owned dozens of European vehicles.

He attended the University of California at Santa Barbara where



When finding an auto shop one of the most stressful parts is finding out the location of the establishment. The site helps save the user some extra work by pulling up their location on google maps on the site. Shows the site is thinking about the users needs.

#### R&C Auto

R & C Auto does a good job at listing out their specials so that users can know what is available Although they are not updating their coupons so that creates a lack of trust since they are not keeping their site up to date.

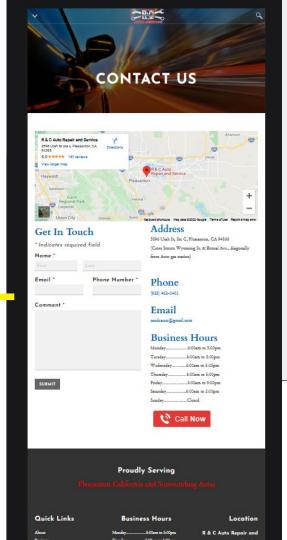




Putting their customer reviews creates trust with the user because it shows they are willing to be transparent about how other people view their establishment. Instead of praising themselves they let the customer reviews speak highly of the establishment. This shows confidence in their work.

#### R&C Auto

R & C auto does a good job putting together a bunch of important information all in one section. Putting the contact form with the address, phone, email, and business hours. This can be pushed even further by showing the next available time for meetup to the customer.

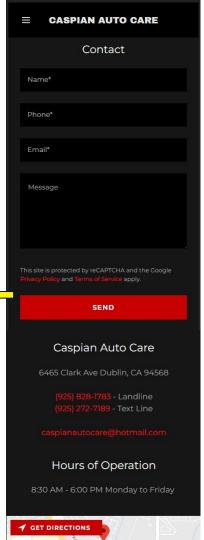


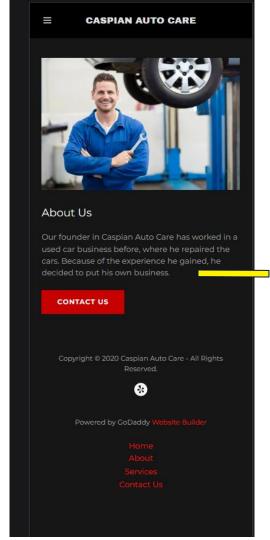


The gallery shows what the site is like to give the user a more comfortable feeling of what the experience of the shop will be like. If the sites gallery looks nice and clean it creates more of a trusting relationship with the user.

### Caspian Auto Care

The contact form is very clean and goes well with the design of the website as a whole. Make sure to to make the contact site follow the design of the website brand and theme colors.





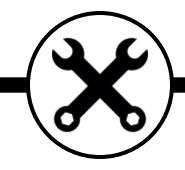
This about again does a good job at providing a picture of the owner of the shop as well as mentioning his background to increase trust with the user.

# **Content Takeaways**

- It is important for mechanics websites to convey a highly detailed level of information in order to invoke a sense of trust and a demonstration of knowing what exactly they can do for a customer but it's also important to consider the UX of the mobile designs to make such content actually READABLE
- Listing specials and deals visibly for users to take advantage of is a great way to invoke the sense of being good on the customer's wallet, with their best financial interests at heart
- It's important to have an "About Us" or a "Meet the Owner" section so that customers have the opportunity to see the face of the owner itself
- Establishing embedded map location is a great way to let users quickly identify where a mechanic is located in their are

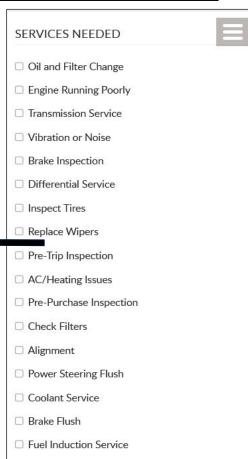
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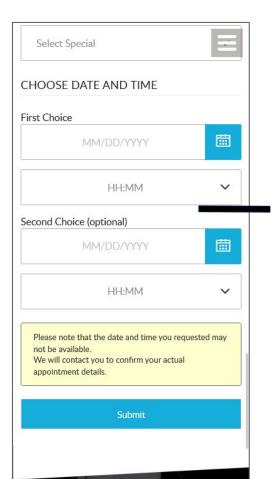
Highlights of our competitive analysis



# Tri-Valley Automotive

The services needed is a good idea for providing a list of services that the shop provides. Although they could have designed this better by organizing it by category or alphabetical order to make it clearer to use and less overwhelming for the user to operate with.

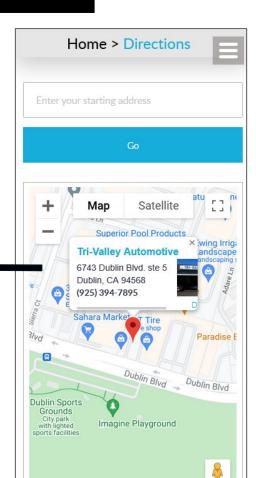




Good idea of providing a back up when creating an appointment. Things come up suddenly and then appointments need to be updated this accounts for that situation. Good to have back up plans for a likely scenario that may happen. User will appreciate that they site was forward thinking to help solve that problem.

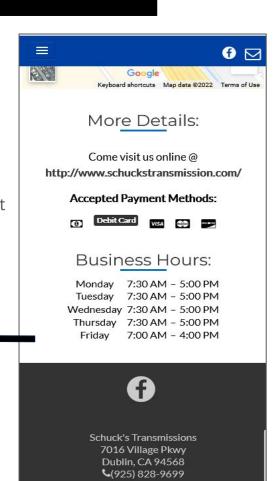
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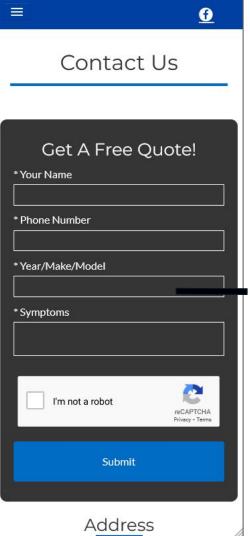
Nice feature to add your address to the google maps that can then search for the nearest shop at your current location. Again shows thoughtfulness and eases the cognitive load of the user having to solve where is the closest location on their own.



# Schuck's Transmission

We think it's a good idea to implement a section for dedicated business hours, along with accepted payment methods, along with a consistent footer containing critical information such as address and phone number, solid functionality.





The critical information that Schuck's transmission decided to organize from their phone is very nice - it's name, phone number, year/make/model, and symptoms. Core functionalities reflect the information users will understand they need to give out, and it's a really nice functional feature

### Performance Autowerk

While we do admire and appreciate flat design and simple design aesthetics, we realized it was a good idea to not do this sort of design because it just looks very cookie cutter. Furthermore, this is a good color combo to not mimic because it does not meet accessibility standards for contrast either, where the blue against the white is only a 2.63:1 contrast ratio, whereas the standard is 4.5:1

#### **WE SPECIALIZE IN**



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#### BMW

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#### Mercedes-Benz

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#### **Land Rover**

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#### **HOME > SERVICES**

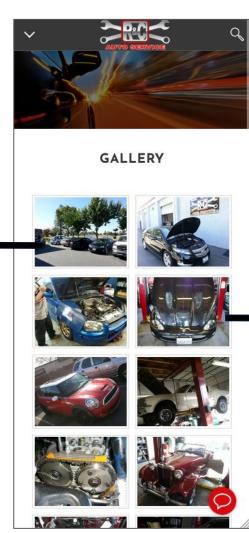
# OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Oil Change, Lube, Filter
- Engine Tuning
- Brake Services
- Air Conditioning & Heating
- Electrical System
- Tire & Wheel Services
- Performance Upgrades
- Diagnostics
- Engine Repairs
- Fluid Leak Repairs
- Timing Belts & Hoses
- Transmission Repair

We like the idea of putting up the key-terms of services that a customer will be looking for in a mechanic / auto repair shop to provide, and the later half of the page also describes all of these services in detail. We like the typography emphasizing the "OUR SERVICES INCLUDE" not blending in with the content text

# R & C Auto

Out of most of the auto repair shops we have seen very few have shown a gallery of their shop. This is a good idea because it builds trust to the user by being able to see what it will look like if they go to the shop ahead of time.

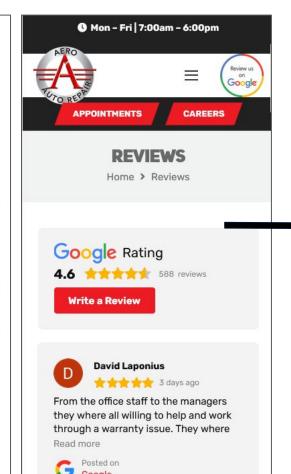


A worry users may have is the shop looking good online but being run down In person this calms down that fear by showing what inside the shop looks like.

# Aero Auto Repair

Adding the schedule appointment next to a coupon is good at catching the users service while you have their attention with the coupon. Not that they see a good coupon you then encourage them to schedule an appointment. This button is striking the pan while it is hot to bring in more service to the store.

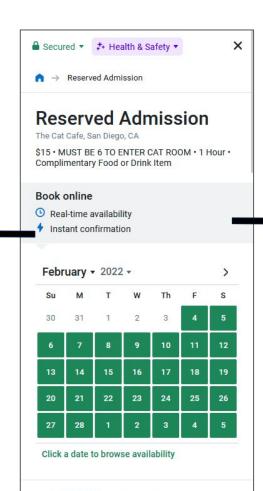




The site is able to show its confidence in its service by showing their google rating and their customer reviews. This bring a lot of validity to their store in that they are willing to let customer reviews speak for itself on its good service. Shows that the site sees it as important that their customers receive good service.

### Cat Cafe

The cat cafe does a good job at availability for the site by providing a calendar and when click on a day display the availability. This shows that the site cares about its users time and makes the user confident that the appointment they set they won't have to wait for a long time and will receive immediate service. This is good for users that value their time a lot and don't like waiting.



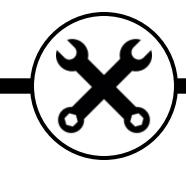
The mention of "real time availability" increases the confidence to the user that the availability is up to date and not inconsistent data.

# **Summary of Good Ideas**

- Make sure that all content is usable, readable, and accessible for mobile layouts
- Provide users with a detailed, not yet non-overwhelming list of services offered by the mechanics
- Showcase different cases of services and cars worked on with a gallery pictures tell a thousand words
- Either give users to select a backup date for appointments or showcase current availabilities in the appointment slots give them the freedom to make an educated appointment time w/o assistance
- Reduce cognitive load on users by taking advantage of excellent typography and proper contrasting

# **Bottom Line**

As we see it now...



# **Final Competitive Analysis**

	Tri-valley Automotive	Schuck's Transmissions	Performance Autowerk	Caspian Auto Care	R & C Auto
Branding	A fun cartoon, brings a sense of security and trust as users see that they can bring their damaged cars to Tri-valley automotive. Logo gives off a cool vibe with colors such as blue, white, and green.	Bold and confident, with deep contrast between background and foreground. Uses blue, gold, black, grey, and white as color palette.	Fresh, clean, minimal, modern - the color provides a fresh and vibrant accent.	minimalist, to the point of just being plain. Has good contrast ratios though.	Used rugged visuals to evoke a sense of professionalism in being a mechanic, promoting brand through visuals.
Features & Functionality	Hiring ASE Certified Technicians is top priority, following brand, reviews, phone number, available hours, and address. Offers scheduling online appointment and a "Book on Monday" labor coupon as well, makes it nice to view more.	Primary focus is on the call now button and services provided.	Primary focus is showcasing its review rating, phone number, and brand.	There is minimal functionality on this site The two main features that they have is that they provide a contact us form throughout the page and also have a brief about us page about the owner	Provide a good amount of features that show they care about users by actively aiming to solve the problems users may face . Providing a gallery, embedded google maps, mentioning of services, shows reviews
Content	Services are scattered across many subpages, and the list of options to view what type of service is many via the hamburger menu, there's a lack of a second level content navigation for services,	Service content is extremely sparse, it's not clear what type of vehicles they fix aside from "everything from the smallest import to full-size RVs", have to scroll down the homepage to find location	Services are bulleted at the top then details about each service offered is mentioned after the bullet list, the content is long, and there's no back to top button either.	Not a lot of promotions and encouragements to engage with the brand. Not much content about what the auto repair shop offers.	There is lots of content on this site although the content isn't delivered in an organized matter so it may confuse the user and overwhelm them.
Site Architecture	Navigation is decent organized, not a one page layout - hamburger menu is organized with some logical sense.	Very simplistic site architecture - hamburger menu only contains home, contact, and services, but the homepage is the primary on with content	Navigation is fairly straightforward, the home-page contains key information a casual user would most care about and the ordering of the menu is logically based on what users would most care about that is, the users that decide to use the hamburger menu	Navigation is straightforward. Most of the navigation leads to the contact us form.	The site architecture is well done for the navigation bar and clean although it gets confusing with the site with all the buttons
Navigation	Has a hamburger menu to hold Services, Vehicles, Specials,	Navigation is straightforward, it's technically not a single page app	Has a hamburger menu to hold About Us (containing Meet the	Navigation is straightforward.	The navigation bar is done well and is consistent throughout the page. It gets