## DRIVING INSIGHTS

## EPISODE 08: WATCH LIST Where's the PICNIC?

1. Train service staff thoroughly on all new model features, especially less intuitive ones, to ensure customer concerns are properly diagnosed.

• Regularly scheduled training sessions can help keep everyone up to speed.

## 2. Foster a culture of continuous learning, encouraging service advisors and technicians to stay current on latest vehicle technologies.

• Lead by example and make educational resources readily available.

3. Establish clear communication protocols between service staff and customers to accurately understand the nature of issues before beginning work.

• Active listening and thorough questioning are key.

4. Create reference guides highlighting unique features of each model to assist service advisors in identifying potential areas of customer confusion.

• Keep these handy for quick consultation during customer interactions.

5. Implement a thorough diagnostic process that includes steps to validate customer understanding of functionality before proceeding with repairs.

• Don't assume the customer knows how everything works.





6. Encourage service advisors to ask probing questions and provide detailed explanations to customers to uncover knowledge gaps early.

• Taking a little extra time upfront can prevent major headaches later.

7. Develop a feedback loop with the sales team to address any recurring feature confusion stemming from inadequate delivery orientations.

• Collaborate to refine the customer education process.

8. Utilize manufacturer resources like online training modules, seminars, and technical materials to keep staff expertise up to date.

• Take advantage of all available learning opportunities.

9. Regularly review service records to identify trends in misdiagnoses or unnecessary repairs that may indicate need for additional staff training.

• Use data to guide continuous improvement efforts.

10. Empower service staff to take time to educate customers on proper feature usage when misunderstanding is identified, reinforcing dealership's expertise.

• Treat every interaction as a chance to boost customer confidence in your team's knowledge.

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