

Test Results

PDP Optimization Test 1: Single Product Page



Goal

To validate the redesigned PDP page and ensure our changes align with user expectations, business goals, and the rebrand standards. In test 1, we focused on evaluating the following areas:

- Product information
- · Social sharing
- · Protection plan option
- · Reviews & ratings
- · Videos in the product image gallery





Test Information

Participants: 5

• Gender: Mixed (4 Female, 1 Male)

• Age: 25 - 55

• Income range: \$19,999 - \$200,000

Device for test: Mobile Device





Analysis

How did it perform?



1. Users overall had no trouble finding basic product information.

All users knew instinctively to scroll down the page to find more detailed information on the product.

3 out of 5 users found the product info accordion menu quickly and easily. They correctly assumed "Why We Love It" would give them an overview of the product.

1 user overlooked the accordion on first scroll, but was able to backtrack and find it. Another user clicked on the video thumbnail in the PDP gallery first.

- "There was a big good dropdown menu there that gave you a lot of details about the product, which is what I was looking for."
- "So if I wanna see more details I would click on 'why we love it.'"
- "I'm guessing the 'why we love it' section is where you would get that information-product details, the pros, the reasons you need this in your life. Like what about it makes it special."
- "There's a couple ways I could find this info. I'm gonna click the video button to see an overview of the features."



2. Some users expected to see more information on product specs and other technical details.

2 out of 5 users expressed that if they were evaluating a purchase, especially for something like a styling tool, they wanted more specific technical information than what was provided.

These users interpreted the "Why we Love it" section as more about marketing the product and not a useful source of factual, objective information that would assist them in making a decision.

One user called out that having this information listed in writing is more convenient than having to watch it in video form, while another noted that the only alternative would be to hope that some of the information is mentioned in customer reviews. "I was struggling because I did not see a true product description. I know it has a 'why we love it', 'pro tips', and 'shipping information', but I wish it had something more like specifications or product information. For example, maybe I have very specific questions about the cord, the wattage, the heat, the size, the dimensions, what kind of case it comes in, you know?"

"I could use more written information, right? There's 'why we love it', which I like, that's awesome. I like the 'pro tips too', awesome. But I would just like some real basic specifications about this item. If I didn't have time or I was in a spot where watching a video wasn't convenient, then um, I'd, I'd like some written out specifications about details of the item."



3. Users were able to find the product protection option and correctly understood how it works.

2 out of 5 users expected a protection plan option to typically only be available in the bag or during checkout, but were not confused or thrown off by having it on the PDP. One user even expressed a preference for having it on the PDP.

Normally you have to add it to your bag, but I see it's over here. Okay, there's protect your purchase, add a protection plan for \$20. So you would just click on that and then add the product to your bag."

"I would click where it says 'protect your purchase', the little check that says add protection plan for \$20. And I then look at the link to learn more about what is covered and for how long."

"I also like that that there is a protection warranty plan that you could add that's obvious. Because sometimes it doesn't pop up till you're at checkout and you might miss it."



4. Users were able to find the reviews & ratings section and understood how to navigate the UI.

All users correctly assumed where reviews would be on the page. All users understood the difference between the reviews and Q&A sections.

One user called out the importance of having customer photos and videos easily accessible at the top of this section, where users can browse them all in one place.

One user assumed that "Pro Tips" in the product details accordion had content similar to reviews.

"Another place I might look would be 'pro tips' to learn more about how it works. But I feel like a lot of the customer reviews and the questions and answers will help with me with questions I have."

"Reviews are the most important thing in my opinion for purchasing any product. I would wanna see a carousel at the top here that you could swipe through in order to look at different pictures or videos from different reviews."

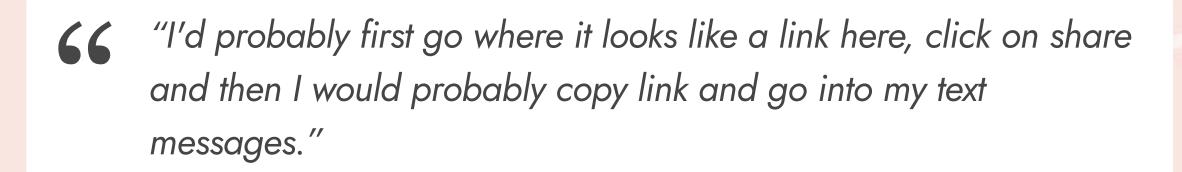


5. The social sharing link meets users' expectations.

All users correctly expected a link to share the product to be at the top right corner of the PDP, next to the favorites icon.

One user remarked that they typically share things by manually copying the URL from their browser if they're not shopping on an app.

2 out of 5 users weren't confident that the link icon was for sharing at first glance, but still successfully completed the task. One user remarked that the link icon looked like a paperclip.



(66 "Okay, so let me start at the top to share. Is this icon how I share? It almost looks like a paper clip. And then I'd either email it, copy link share on Facebook, that kind of thing. Maybe I'd be like, Hey Sandy, is this what you used? Hey Julie, I found this cool straightener or this styling tool, what do you think?"

"I would click on this and then I would share it either by copying the link or email or possibly like Facebook or social media."



Insights & Observations

Additional qualitative data



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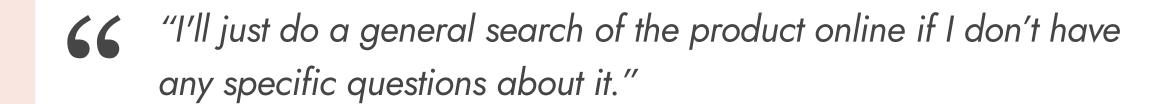
User feedback on how they prefer to find information on products they're interested in:

All users said they typically start researching a product via search engine rather than going to any specific website first.

One user specified that browsing hashtags on social media was a very effective way to find a wide range of product reviews.

2 out of 5 users had a preference for specific social media sites (YouTube and Reddit) to get information on products.

One user said they rely heavily on consumer reports and curated product recommendations from professional media outlets.



"Usually I'll Google search whatever the product is and look at reviews, see what they say. Sometimes I'll go on social media and hashtag certain things and see what people like."

"I read a lot of fashion magazines and things like that. I read consumer reports that talk about styling tools, electronics, makeup, you name it, of things that hadn't been on my radar. I also subscribe to regular emails from Vogue and covergirl and people.com and they often have a lot of good ideas of products to consider."



Insights & Observations

User feedback on video content:

Overall, video content is highly sought after for product reviews. Users tend to ignore video on a product page unless it is associated with customer reviews.

Videos that demonstrate how to use a product and/or showcase the end results are appealing to users.

Users are likely to look for off-site video content on places like TikTok or Youtube when researching a product.

"It's hard to buy things online sometimes, so having a video about how the product works or showing a more detailed look at it is really helpful."

"I find video very compelling and engaging when people explain how it works, what they thought of a product and how it transformed their before and after. I like seeing more than one video to get an idea how it works with different types of hair, different things you can do with it. I wanna see how long in real time does it take to do all this stuff."

"Quite often if I'm shopping on Amazon and there's a review video, I'll watch it."



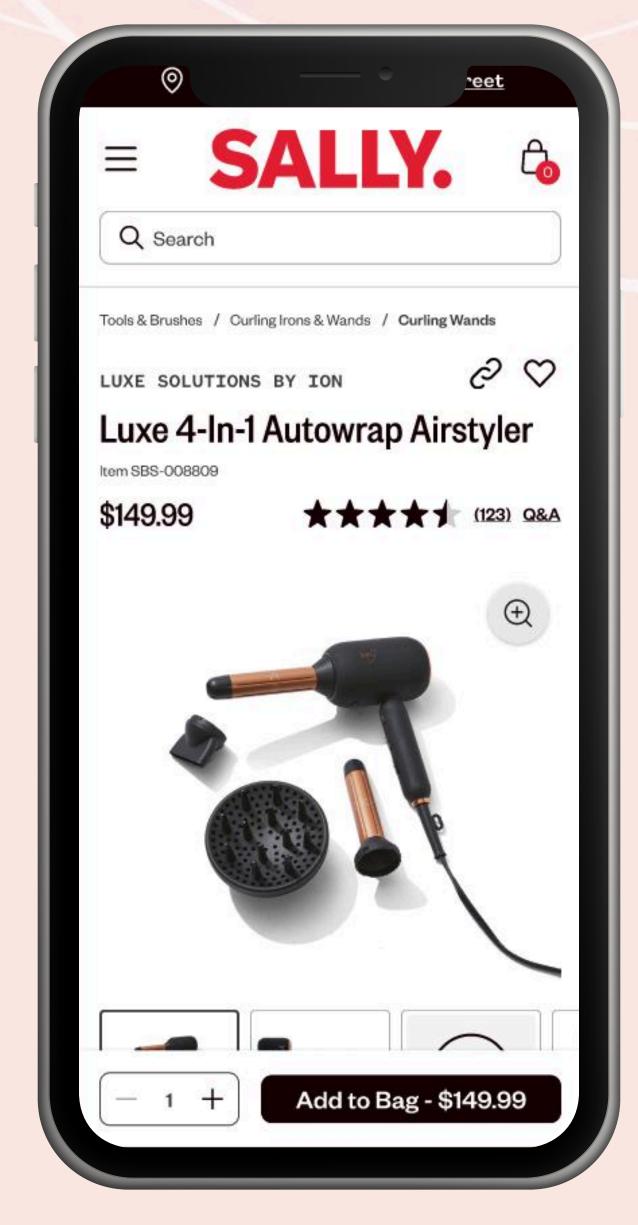
What are the next steps?



1. Overall the new base PDP template tests well and can move forward with implementation.

The product description area, social sharing links, product protection option, and ratings & reviews all tested positively. The redesign does not introduce any confusion and aligns with users' expectations.

Based on the test results, optimization would involve minor additions to the PDP rather than restructuring or removing the existing elements.





2. Add a section for "technical specs" or similar relevant information under the product description area.

The current site has "ingredients" listed under products like hair color and care, as well as badges to indicate whether a formula is vegan, free of harsh chemicals, etc. because customers care about those details. They can affect whether someone would complete a purchase. The same is true for other categories like tools & equipment.

It is beneficial to have these specifications available to quickly access in one place so users do not have to sift through the entire page to find the answer to one specific technical question they may have.

Why We Love It

Pro Tips

Technical Specifications

Manufacturer: ion
Item model number: 1002
Product dimensions: 0 x 8 x 5 inches; 1.8 Pounds
Color: Black
Material: Plastic, ceramic
Power source: Corded electric; 9 foot cord
Motor: 120V/13AMP
Power Wattage: 1600W
Technology: Ionic

Shipping Infomation

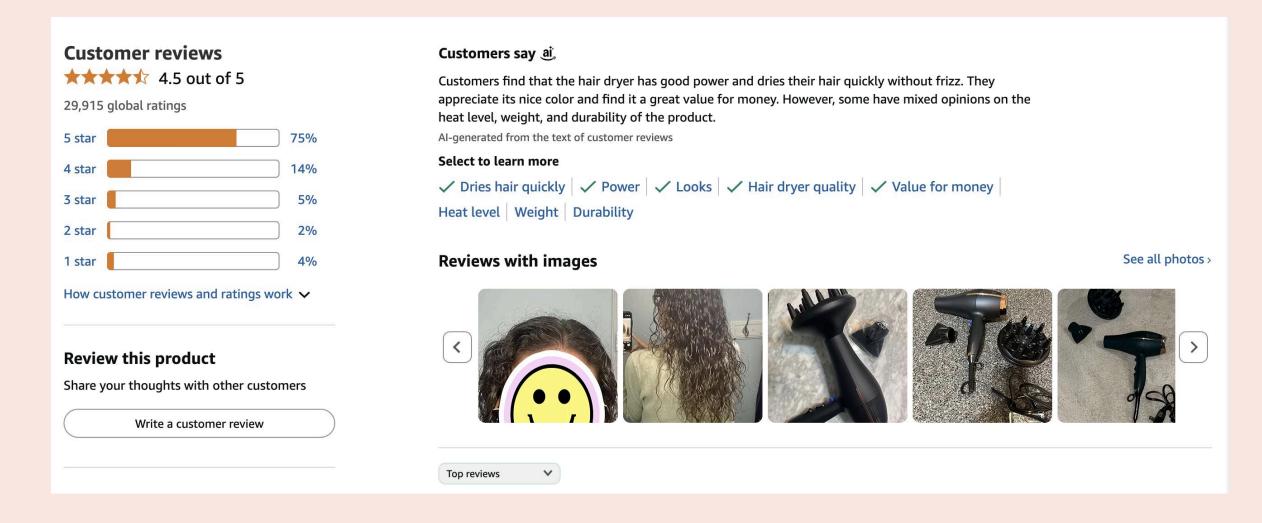
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3. Ensure that all media associated with customer reviews is easy to browse in the summary.

Reviews have significantly more value to customers when they include photos and video. It's best practice to have all reviews with media visible right at the top in a minigallery.

Example from Amazon.com



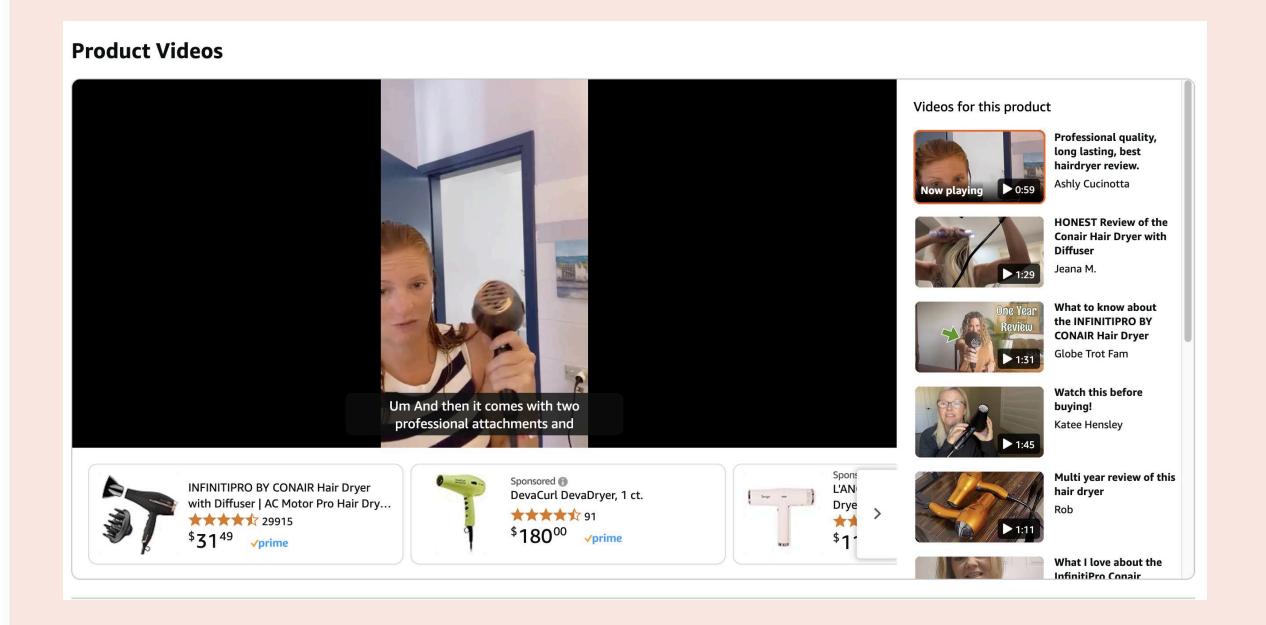


4. For PDPs with "mini landing pages", consider A/B testing that content against a dedicated video section.

Some products have a large amount of additional marketing content pushing down the PDP (example: <u>ion Luxe 8-in-1 tool</u>), but in many cases it is not adding extra value due to simply repeating the same basic information that can be found elsewhere on the page. Additionally, testing shows that videos in the product image gallery tend to be overlooked.

Having a curated collection of product videos that give useful instructions or demonstrations will likely result in higher engagement with video content vs. the disparate placement of videos on the live site.

Example from Amazon.com





Thank Jou!

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