

## **REVIEW PLATFORM COMPARISON SHEET**

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Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)
Benefits	<ul> <li>Lets you monitor reviews from all locations and all social platforms in one place</li> <li>Allows custom alerts to be set for certain team roles</li> <li>Analyzes negative reviews to help isolate common causes</li> <li>Easy to use and automated across the board</li> <li>Comes with a free trial</li> <li>Reviews are crawlable and indexed by Google</li> <li>Offers integrations with social media and some chat platforms</li> </ul>
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Low conversion rates</li> <li>No real SEO value</li> <li>Included microsite might cannibalize website traffic</li> <li>Locks you into a long-term contract</li> </ul>
Start-Up Cost	\$0
Cost	Starts at \$3000 a year (\$250 a month)
Contract Length	Annual
Features	Organic SEO Reviews Free Trial Media Chat Live Training Schema'd Integration Included and Support

## Nearby Now

Review Conversion Rate	40% (High)			
Benefits	<ul> <li>The ONLY review platform that provides geotagged check-ins and reviews</li> <li>Boosts your search engine rank in cities where you work allowing you to dominate your local area</li> <li>Integrates with ServiceTitan, FieldEdge, Facebook, and Twitter</li> <li>Has one of the highest response rates of the platforms surveyed</li> <li>Comes with a money-back guarantee and free trial</li> <li>The complete check-in and review process takes less than three minutes</li> <li>Allows for video and audio testimonials</li> <li>Intelligent review routing helps you generate Google reviews more quickly</li> </ul>			
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Check-ins mean your techs must do more work than other platforms</li> <li>Landing page effectiveness is determined by where you're working</li> <li>Due to the tie-in to Google Maps and GMB, it often needs a developer on set-up</li> <li>Reviews must be individualized and paired with a check-in</li> </ul>			
Start-Up Cost	\$0			
Cost	\$299 a month			
Contract Length	Monthly			
Features	Social Organic SEOReviewsSocial Free TrialChat MediaLive Training 			



Review Conversion Rate	40% (HIGH) (If asked by tech)			
Benefits	<ul> <li>Super easy to use</li> <li>One of the most affordable options on the list</li> <li>Allows dispatch to send out review requests</li> <li>Intelligent routing allows for rapid Google review gathering</li> <li>Allows you to add review platforms of your choice</li> <li>Lets you create review templates for easy sending</li> <li>Comes with a money-back guarantee and free trial</li> </ul>			
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Doesn't offer integrations</li> <li>Limited in scope</li> <li>Meant and optimized for in-field use</li> <li>Price is per location (costly for those with multiple locations)</li> </ul>			
Start-Up Cost	\$0			
Cost	\$149 a month			
Contract Length	Monthly			
Features	Organic SEO Reviews Schema'd Free Trial Social Chat Live Training Integration Included and Support			



Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)				
Benefits	<ul> <li>Only platform that comes with a built-in rewards system for employees (aka points store)</li> <li>Lets you send reviews both in and out of the field</li> <li>Comes with free ReviewBuzz business cards for easy review prompting</li> <li>Dashboard view lets you easily track your KPIs</li> <li>Integrates with FieldEdge and ServiceTitan</li> <li>Has options for employee profiles and employee rewards</li> </ul>				
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Only allows 20 users per location</li> <li>Reviews have zero SEO value and are not crawled by Google</li> <li>Low review conversion rates compared to more personalized platforms</li> </ul>				
Start-Up Cost	\$0				
Cost	\$249 / \$199				
Contract Length	Monthly/Annually				
Features	Organic SEOReviews Schema'dFree TrialSocial Media IntegrationChatLive Training 				



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Start-Up Cost \$199					
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Features Organi	c SEO Reviews Schema'd	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support



Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)			
Benefits	<ul> <li>Lets your customer post a review directly on your website</li> <li>Focuses on rating individual employees over the company as a whole. This usually results in higher ratings.</li> <li>Can create a geotagged map of reviews and an employee leaderboard</li> <li>Has a direct feed into most review platforms, including Yelp. Lets you choose which sites to feature and lets you easily switch them out based on current needs</li> </ul>			
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Reviews don't schema on the website</li> <li>Appears to be violating Google's guidelines on review gating*</li> <li>Difficult to adapt to fit the look and feel of your website</li> </ul>			
Start-Up Cost	\$ 199			
Cost	\$139 - \$249 a month			
Contract Length	Monthly			
Features	Organic SEO Reviews Schema'd Free Trial Media Integration Included and Support			

### PODIUM

Review Conversion Rate	28%				
Benefits	<ul> <li>Comes with simple text messaging tools for easy interaction management</li> <li>Lets you manage all chats, including those on Facebook, Google, and Snapchat, in one place</li> <li>Features a leader board and sentiment analysis</li> <li>Lets you decide what review platforms you'd like to focus on and reroutes those with Google accounts to leave a Google review</li> <li>No links or lengthy surveys. Just SMS.</li> <li>Never requires your customers to log in to leave a review</li> </ul>				
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The most expensive platform on the list</li> <li>Has no email option for reviews</li> <li>Reviews provide no SEO value</li> <li>Requires a 12-month commitment out of the gate</li> </ul>				
Start-Up Cost	\$450				
Cost	\$350-\$450 a month				
Contract Length	Monthly				
Features	Organic SEO Reviews Free Trial Media Chat Live Training Schema'd Integration Included and Support				

# BROADLY

#### BROADLY.COM

Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)					
Benefits	<ul> <li>Enables one-click reviews on both email and text</li> <li>Comes with a webchat and texting feature</li> <li>Feeds SEO-rich reviews right into your website</li> <li>Makes it easy to identify leads and immediately respond to negative feedback</li> <li>Features a multi-location dashboard that allows local businesses to monitor all their storefronts</li> <li>Boasts over 500 different integrations</li> </ul>					
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The gatekeeping question can lower response rate</li> <li>Appears to engage in some form of review gating*</li> <li>No free trial or money-back guarantee</li> <li>Lack of transparent pricing indicates a higher price</li> </ul>					
Start-Up Cost	\$199 (Only on month-to-month contracts)					
Cost	~ \$250					
Contract Length	Monthly (Annual contracts available)					
Features	Organic SEO	Reviews Schema'd	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support



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Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The dashboard can be a little clunky</li> <li>Built with a lot of agency options, this tool can be confusing for single users</li> </ul>					
Start-Up Cost	\$0					
Cost	\$180 a month					
Contract Length	Monthly					
Features	Organic SEO	Reviews Schema'd	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support



Review Conversion Rate	5-10%			
Benefits	<ul> <li>Works with both email and SMS requests</li> <li>Has an intuitive and simple interface</li> <li>Uses machine learning to categorize and dissect reviews, customers, and locations</li> <li>Provides multi-location reporting, custom analytics, and daily review scans</li> <li>Lets you respond to reviews in multiple review sites without leaving the dashboard</li> <li>Gives you a single place to see how you're performing by location</li> </ul>			
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The dashboard can be difficult to navigate</li> <li>A limited number of review sites and review templates allowed</li> <li>Can take up to 24 hours to pull in new reviews</li> <li>Doesn't notify you when a review is modified</li> </ul>			
Start-Up Cost	\$0			
Cost	Starts at \$49			
<b>Contract Length</b>	Monthly			
Features	Organic SEO Reviews Free Trial Media Included and Support			



Review Conversion Rate	5-10%			
Benefits	<ul> <li>Created for service professionals and connects to a lot of service-specific apps</li> <li>Lets you add comments, photos, and tags to reviews</li> <li>Can be set up to automatically share positive reviews on social media</li> <li>Gives you a widget, portfolio page, review feed, case study page, and review-focused microsite</li> <li>One of the most affordable options on this list</li> </ul>			
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The dashboard can be a little clunky</li> <li>Built with a lot of agency options, this tool can be confusing for single users</li> <li>The reviews are not crawlable and have no SEO value</li> <li>Smart reminders sometimes pester people who already left reviews</li> </ul>			
Start-Up Cost	\$79			
Cost	Starts at \$49			
Contract Length	Monthly			
Features	Organic SEOReviews Schema'dFree TrialSocial Media IntegrationChat 			



Review Conversion Rate	20% (30% open rate, 68% review rate on open)
Benefits	<ul> <li>Lets you send appointment reminders and technician bios to customers</li> <li>Schemas your reviews from Facebook and Google for website use</li> <li>Comes with a webchat option and brings SMS, social messages, and emails all into one place</li> <li>Notifies your customers of new reviews right on your website and can push relevant reviews to selected social media channels</li> <li>Gamifies your review leaderboard, allows for individual employee reviews, and motivates your employees to use it via a point system</li> <li>Integrates with ServiceTitan and FieldEdge</li> </ul>
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>Review widget offers limited styling options</li> <li>Heavily penalizes ranking of employees who get negative reviews</li> <li>Must contact support for a customer to opt back into alerts</li> <li>Since it's priced based on the number of technicians, it can be very expensive for larger companies</li> </ul>
Start-Up Cost	\$ 99
Cost	\$99 for one person - \$799 for 15 people
Contract Length	Monthly

Features	Organic SEO Revie Schem	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support	
Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)	<b>Revi</b> WHERE REVIE	<b>EW</b> WS MEAN BUSI	<b>C</b> NESS		
Benefits	<ul> <li>Tracks your reviews in real times on more than 600 sites</li> <li>Allows you to integrate coupons and social media into your review requests</li> <li>Reviews can be done via SMS, email, or QR code</li> <li>Great customer service and a dedicated project manager</li> <li>Can be set up to automatically push good reviews to social media sites and allows for customizable review forms</li> <li>Has a great and easy-to-interpret analytics dashboard</li> <li>Automatically finds and fixes broken review site links</li> </ul>					
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>No free trial or money-back guarantee</li> <li>Lower tier levels are very limited in functionality</li> <li>Priced per location and can be unaffordable for businesses with multiple storefronts</li> <li>Not designed for small start-ups or single tech businesses</li> </ul>					
Start-Up Cost	\$ 199					
Cost	\$39 for monitoring (only allows 3 users and 10 review sites); \$139 for Basic					
Contract Length	Monthly					
Features	Organic SEO Revi	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support	

# Reputation L∞p<sup>™</sup>

Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)
Benefits	<ul> <li>Lets you send review requests via email and SMS</li> <li>Has a great and easy-to-interpret analytics dashboard</li> <li>Provides real-time email and text alerts for all reviews</li> <li>Offers business listing analysis and management right in the dashboard</li> <li>Automatically posts your best customer reviews and posts them on Facebook and Twitter</li> </ul>
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>May be review gating*</li> <li>Microsite may cannibalize full site's traffic</li> <li>Prices are provided via quote only. This makes it difficult to assess upfront costs.</li> <li>Reviews are not crawled or indexed</li> </ul>
Start-Up Cost	Unknown
Cost	Unknown
Contract Length	Monthly

Features	Organic SEO	Reviews Schema'd	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support



Review Conversion Rate	5-10% (Low)					
Benefits	<ul> <li>Offers a free plan that includes an on-site widget and the ability to send up to 100 reviews a month</li> <li>Has a simple and easy-to-use dashboard and interface</li> <li>Can be integrated with a variety of review sites and automation tools</li> <li>Reviews can be indexed and crawled</li> <li>A simple analytics dashboard is available, even for the</li> </ul>					
Drawbacks	<ul> <li>The free plan only allows 100 verified review requests a month</li> <li>The lowest rating of all the review platforms</li> <li>Multiple reports of deleting negative reviews (a violation of Google guidelines)</li> </ul>					
Start-Up Cost	\$0					
Cost	\$0 / \$299 a month					
Contract Length	Annual					
Features	Organic SEO	Reviews Schema'd	Free Trial	Social Media Integration	Chat Included	Live Training and Support

#### What Is Review Gating? \*

Review gating is the act of asking for customer feedback and then deciding where to send them based on their response. For example, a site could send an unhappy customer to a comment form and a happy one straight to leave a review. As this artificially inflates customer ratings, his practice is against Google's guidelines and frowned upon by other review sites.

#### Know Something We Don't?

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