

# PROMO PARITY CHECKLIST

## Promo Parity Checklist Guide

This checklist is designed to help you evaluate the alignment of your weekly promotions across all marketing channels. By checking each box where you have a process, tool, or practice in place, you can identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. Use the Promo Parity Maturity Scale at the end to determine your current stage and next steps.

**Target Completion Time:** 15–20 minutes

**Recommended Participants:** Marketing Director, Merchandising Lead, Digital Manager

### 1. Promo Strategy & Planning

- Promotions align with quarterly business priorities and merchandising goals.
- A shared promotional calendar is accessible to marketing, merchandising, and store operations.
- Weekly promo themes are planned at least 4 weeks in advance.
- Cross-functional stakeholders review and approve promotions before launch.
- Promo strategy accounts for seasonal trends, competitive landscape, and customer behavior.

### 2. Offer Consistency Across Channels

- Website hero banners reflect current weekly promotions with accurate offers and dates.
- Category pages display promotion badges, banners, or messaging aligned with the promo calendar.
- Local landing pages show relevant promotions for specific geographies.
- Email campaigns feature the same offers, creative, and messaging as other channels.
- Paid search & paid social ads include promo messaging and link to correct landing pages.

- Google Business Profiles are updated weekly with promotion posts or offers.
  - Product feed promotions include sale prices, badges, and promo metadata.
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### 3. SEO & AEO (Answer Engine Optimization) Readiness

- Structured data is in place for promotions, offers, and events.
  - Promo landing pages have clear metadata that reference the offer.
  - Offer language is clear and easy for AI systems to interpret.
  - Landing pages align with promo keywords and customer search intent.
  - Promotion dates are machine-readable.
  - Promos are indexed and discoverable by search engines and answer engines within 24 hours of launch.
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### 4. Operational Execution & Governance

- Promo start and end dates are accurate and synchronized across all channels.
  - A formal approval workflow exists for promotional content before publishing.
  - QA checklists validate promo accuracy across channels.
  - Version control or change logs track updates to promotional content.
  - A single source of truth exists for all promotional data.
  - Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined.
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### 5. Measurement, Tracking & Performance

- Promo-specific UTM parameters or tracking codes are used across all digital channels.
  - Attribution tracking measures which channels drive promo-related conversions.
  - Regular reporting summarizes promo performance by channel.
  - Insights are shared with key stakeholders.
  - Incremental lift by promotion and channel is measurable.
  - Post-promo analysis informs future planning and optimization.
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## Promo Parity Maturity Scale

Stage	Checked Boxes	Description
Ad Hoc	0-10	Promotions are inconsistent across channels. No formal process or single source of truth. High risk of customer confusion and lost revenue.
Organized	11-20	Some alignment exists. A promo calendar is in place, but execution is manual and siloed. Gaps remain in tracking and governance.
Integrated	21-30	Strong cross-channel alignment. Most channels reflect accurate promotions. Structured workflows, QA processes, and reporting are in place.
AI-Ready	31+	Fully synchronized promo operations. Promotions are structured, machine-readable, and optimized for AI/answer engines. Continuous measurement and optimization.

## Next Steps

- 0-10 boxes checked? Start by creating a shared promo calendar and defining a single source of truth for promotional content.
- 11-20 boxes checked? Focus on cross-channel consistency and building structured workflows with QA checkpoints.
- 21-30 boxes checked? Invest in structured data, attribution tracking, and advanced measurement capabilities.
- 31+ boxes checked? You're a leader in promo parity. Consider sharing your playbook internally or with industry peers.

**Questions or need help interpreting your results?**

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