

Outpacing Expectations

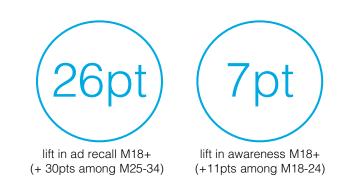
Universal Pictures Home Entertainment used Marquee—a new high-impact, moment buy ad unit from Instagram—to drive interest in the home release of its movie Furious 7. Through a series of high-action video Marquee ads, the campaign created significant lift in awareness and ad recall among its key audience.



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With such strong results, Instagram's Marquee is quickly becoming one of the most effective and cost-efficient ways to reach a mass audience broadly targeted.

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STORY

Racing towards a new release

Universal is a market leader in home entertainment, pioneering adoption of high-definition Blu-ray for distribution of its vast movie catalog. Furious 7 is the latest live action film in the popular The Fast & the Furious action film series from Universal Pictures.

GOAL

Pushing the needle on sales

Universal Studios wanted to drive awareness about the live action DVD, Blu-ray and Digital HD release of Furious 7 among American men, and drive intent to purchase the movie for home viewing.

SOLUTION

Fast (and furious) results

For the September 2015 Blu-ray release of Furious 7, Universal used Marquee, a new ad product from Instagram that runs up to three times over a single day, delivering guaranteed mass impressions. Universal created three 15-second videos showcasing exciting excerpts from the movie and ran the videos in square format. In the days leading up to the Marquee campaign, Universal ran a series of related carousel ads to tease the release date. Then, on the day of the release, they ran Marquee ads announcing that the movie was available for purchase.

With their one-day blast campaign, Universal Pictures Home Entertainment received the highest video completion rates they've seen to date. Their Marquee ads garnered a 26 point lift in ad recall and a 7 point lift in awareness among their target audience, with even higher results among males 18-34. In addition to raising mass awareness, they drove purchase intent and sales with their campaign—helping make Furious 7 one of the highest-grossing live action DVD, Blu-ray and Digital HD releases of the year.