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Volkswagen returns to #1 position in rankings of Automotive Love Study

MIAMI, FLORIDA, 16 May 2022 – Brand success, which is often measured by sales and profits, continues to be significantly influenced by the strength of the consumer-brand relationship.

"Marketing messaging and product focus can significantly influence the way that consumers think and feel about a brand", **said Mike Weil of Brand Health Gurus**. "Our research design measures emotional and rational brand perceptions, including advertising impact, providing valuable feedback and strategies for marketers to strengthen their own consumer-brand relationships."

Highlights:

- Volkswagen (62.2%) Love score improves in the first quarter during redesigned Jetta launch, lifting the brand's Love score into the #1 position, ahead of Nissan. Nissan (59.8%) has maintained the #2 position for three consecutive quarters and is statistically even with Volkswagen.
- Chevrolet (53.7%) loses significant momentum in the first quarter during the Traverse campaign, slipping into the #4 position. Deterioration of the *consumer-brand connection* can indicate a coming challenge, if not corrected, limiting future sales and profits success.
- Ford (49.8%) gives up previous gains as marketing transitioned to creating awareness of the all-new Maverick pickup truck.
- Kia (46.4%) Love score remained mostly unchanged, though slipping two positions as competitors Honda (50.7%) and Jeep (46.7%) gained strength and moved up in the rankings.

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Study results are based on the responses of 600 New Vehicle intenders in Mexico. The study was fielded during February - March 2022.

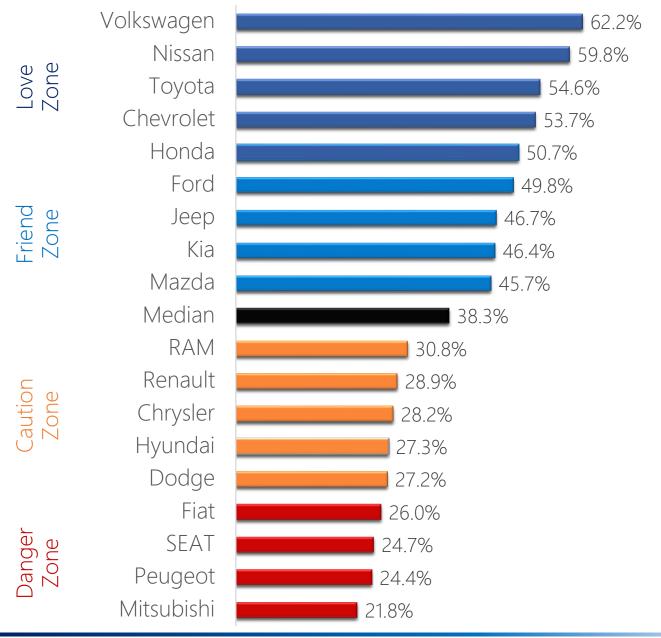
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