

THE MINIMUM VIABLE MARKETING PLAN

How to debut your company and accelerate it into the marketplace



INTRODUCTION

GAINING MOMENTUM

BRANDING

MARKETING

Q + A





David Kelbaugh Founder, CEO 312-316-8578 dkelbaugh@tacklebox.us.com

David is a 15-year marketing veteran who has developed brand strategies and advertising campaigns for Allstate, Sprint, BP, and Marlboro. After spending years at global ad agencies like Leo Burnett, Ogilvy & Mather and DraftFCB, David chased his dream and opened Tacklebox in 2014.

David lives in Chicago with his wife and 2 sons. He is a graduate of The Outward Bound School, has completed over 20 triathlons and only talks about his reality-show past when asked.



Experience



ADDY















MENTOR TO









 $\left\{ W i \underset{1871}{S} T E M \right\}$







THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



TACKLEBOX

A Chicago-based, full-service marketing agency.

Location: West Loop Founded: 2012 Clients: 70+

Some of our clients



The brand with the most momentum WINS.

We exist to help build brands and accelerate them into the marketplace.

UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM + SOLUTION

Problem:

"I can't find a durable, high-quality shovel that's inexpensive to order online because of shipping costs."

Solution: High-quality Smartly designed for ecommerce



UNDERSTAND THE COMPETITION



Suncast SCS300

11-Inch

Better Designed for heavier snow.



This is my second one of these, I got the first one like 10 years ago. I prefer this design because if you get the ones that telescope and then you tighten down, they twist when you most need it for heavy snow. This one locks out and locks in place with a spring peg.

Shovel is very flimsy!!!



I just received this shovel today. It was a size that would fit in my trunk, however the blade connection to the shaft of the shovel was very weak. It was held by one philips head screw. I am going to return it to Amazon.



Hopkins Subzero Emergency Shovel 9.5 Inch

Snow plows don't get it all...

$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

I bought this because I live in a garden community complex in NJ. We have snow plows that go through but sometimes they block me in a little and my SUV just needs a little more traction to move. I bought this because I live in a studio and have no storage space. It's perfect. I store it in my closet in the summer because it's small and easy to do, and then keep it in my trunk in the winter. It's a little nicked from use but so far so good. Very happy with my purchase!

Cheapened It



I do not understand why companies change designs on items, well I do they cheapen them. I purchased it as a gift but was disgusted to see they had replaced the metal buttons at the shovel base with plastic...which are more likely to snap. If it weren't for the HUGE box it was shipped in (could have fir 6 shovels in that box) I would have returned it.

tacklebox.us.com info@tacklebox.us.com

Hopkins D12-222-E 9.5 Inch

Snow plows don't get it all...

$\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

For an emergency (small) shovel it has a nice depth so it works well for shoveling large scoops of freshly fallen snow. It should be noted though that the shovel blade is plastic & does not appear it can take much wear & tear if you're having to shovel snow once it's melted & refraze.

Flimsy and keeps twisting



Used it for the first time tonight. It kept spinning when I tried to scoop. The handle unscrews to extend but it kept coming lose. Very filmsy. I keep it in my trunk just in case. I'm surprised it didn't break while I used it tonight.

UNDERSTAND THE COMPETITION



Over Under Grip

For traditional snow shoveling, this shovel was most comfortable with a **reverse grip on the handle grip,** and another **supporting hand** further down the shaft.

Weight and Shape

The weight of the shovel was not too heavy until snow was piled into the shovel. The curved blade allowed for the user to carry a lot of snow, but often hit the ground when trying to get a shovel full of snow.

Scraping Grip

When scraping snow, the grip moved further down the shaft. Additional force was required to scrape the shovel as opposed to the traditional shoveling method.

Scraping

The shovel had to **constantly be wiggled and pulled up** on to prevent it from getting stuck in between bricks in the path.

UNDERSTAND THE AUDIENCES

tacklebox.us.com info@tacklebox.us.com

City Living

- Uses public transportation and would have difficulties bringing a large item home from the store
- The time to go to the store and bring the item home would be inconvenient

Needs

- Item that can be delivered quickly
- Light Weight

Off The Beaten Path

· Stores are located too far away to go for one item, easier to get item delivered

Needs

Strong product after assembly

On The Go

- · Works long hours and may not have time to prepare for the upcoming snowfall
- Constantly orders products online and may already have orders coming in from that store

Needs

- Folds on occasion
- Light weight for all family members







tacklebox.us.com

THE MINIMUM VIABLE MARKETING PLAN

How to debut your company and accelerate it into the marketplace



GAINING MOMENTUM

mo∙men∙tum

/mo men(t)em,me men(t)em/ 🐠





GAINING MOMENTUM

mo∙men•tum

/mo men(t)em,me men(t)em/ 🐠





BRAND —

MARKETING





IT'S OKAY TO...

ACT BIGGER THAN YOU ARE.

BE A COMPANY. NOT A PERSON.





YOUR BRAND AND YOUR PRODUCT ARE SEPARATE THINGS.

- Product = how you make your money.
- Brand = how you're going to be remembered.



BE REMEMBERED BY SOMETHING GREATER THAN THE PRODUCT THAT YOU SELL.



PEOPLE WILL NEVER CARE ABOUT YOUR PRODUCT AS MUCH AS YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR PRODUCT.





A BRAND CONCEPT?





A strategic document from which your marketing is born



Not an advertisement

MENT



< BELIEF

< ADVERTISEMENT



HOW DO WE CREATE AN INSPIRED COMPANY AROUND A SNOW SHOVEL?

We believe

intelligent products make life better.

We exist to design and manufacture smart products that fit your life.

Believe us because: smart design; easy-to-use; lifetime guarantee; thousands sold; 5-star reviews.





intelligent products for better living



We believe

LIFE IS TOO SHORT To work so hard.

We exist to design and develop simple products that make life easier.







WE BELIEVE

WINTER SUCKS.

> WE EXIST TO DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS THAT MAKE WINTER BETTER.

Believe us because: we despise the winter, have created a line of products that combats all that winter throws at us; our products have been tested extensively in Minnesota, Antarctica, The North Pole, and Buffalo NY; thousands of shovels sold; as featured in Real Simple, Northern Living, and SkyMall.







TEST YOUR BRAND CONCEPTS



LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO WORK SO HARD.





tacklebox.us.com



10



GENERATING AWARENESS



MVMP [MINIMUM VIABLE MARKETING PLAN]

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations

MVMP: COLLATERAL

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations



MVMP: WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations











MVMP: SOCIAL MEDIA SETUP AND MANAGEMENT

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations



MVMP: PR & INFLUENCER OUTREACH

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations

Advertising

MEDIA KIT TO USE AS INFLUENCER-OUTREACH VEHICLE, ADDITION TO WEB SITE

https://www.dropbox.com/home/Brand%20Manifestos





Chicago Tribune

Women'sHealth

1

2

prweb

Google News

topix

MVMP: PR & INFLUENCER OUTREACH

RICH PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE WIRE

Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations

Advertising



https://app.prweb.com/Main.aspx?Entity=Home&LanguageID=1033

INFLUENCER OUTREACH - ONE-BY-ONE OUTREACH

CISION Ū



MVMP: ADVERTISING









Collateral

Website

Social Media

Public Relations



Be a company, not a person.

Start with why.

NEW

Co

Lead with a belief, not a product benefit.

Develop Brand Concepts

Test Brand Concepts

Refine Brand Concepts

MMVP

- Collateral
- Website
- Social Media
- Public Relations
- Advertising



David Kelbaugh

Founder, CEO 312-316-8578 dkelbaugh@tacklebox.us.com





TACKLEBOX

tacklebox.us.com info@tacklebox.us.com

EXAMPLES

MVMP IN ACTION



WE BELIEVE WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE MORE TIME

Tide Spin exists to lighten your load by doing your laundry and dry cleaning for you. With our on-demand service, we make it easier and faster than you ever imagined.

With just a few clicks in the Tide Spin app, we'll pick up your clothes, take them to be cleaned by Tide-trained professionals, and deliver your folded laundry right back to you - freeing you up for what you need to do, or better yet, what you want to do









OUT-OF-HOME AND PRINT ADVERTISING









DIGITAL ADVERTISING