



# EIQ Report eCommerce Insider Quarterly

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# Outline

Trend: Frictionless Commerce

- Shopper Trends
- Manufacturer Trends
- eCommerce Trends

Amazon Quarterly Update Takeaways & Resources



# Trends



# Shopper Trend

## FORFEIT FRICTION

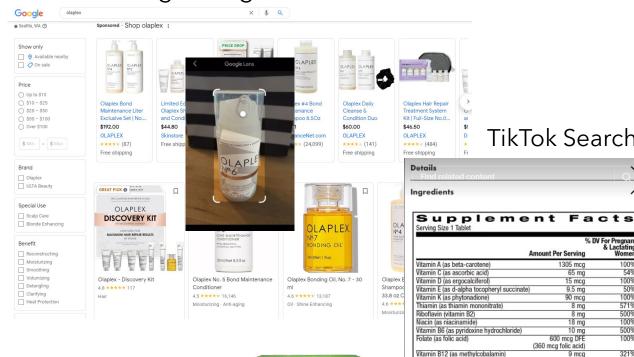
### The new digital shelf

Image search, specifically, Google search, is used over 10 billion times per month for item identification, shopping, research, homework help, and more.

74% of Gen Z uses TikTok search, and 51% of Gen Z prefer it over Google as their default search engine.

**Takeaway:** eCommerce retailer digital shelves are only part of the equation. Brands have a whole new digital shelves to contend with, such as Google Shopping and Tiktok. These new "shelves" requires new capabilities and resources to manage.

# Google Image Search



RAINBOW

TikTok Search





# eCommerce Retailer Trend

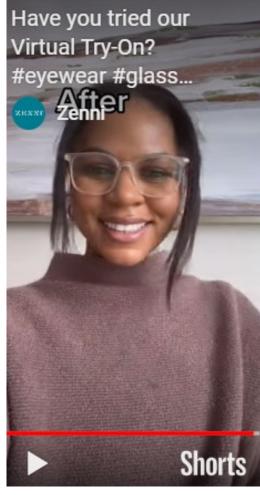
#### FORFEIT FRICTION

### AI/AR/VR-Assisted shopping

59% of shoppers feel dissatisfied with an item they shopped for online because it looked different on them than they expected. What's more, 61% of consumers prefer retailers with AR experiences, and 71% of consumers say they would shop more if they used AR.



Companies like Google (virtual try-on), Snapchat (launching a "shopping suite" with try on tools), Fit Analytics (predictive sizing) are aggressively getting into the game to help remove friction for shoppers.



Takeaway: Brands that partner with retailers and tech providers experimenting in this space will have a competitive edge. Consider your category and shopper. Are AR/VR/AI assisted shopping experiences useful for your shoppers? Why or why not?

Sources: Modern Retail

# Manufacturer Trends

## FORFEIT FRICTION

#### **Connected Commerce**

Perfecting and optimizing the traditional eCommerce digital shelf (Amazon, Walmart.com, etc.) is a thing of the past.

Brands turn their focus to the entire shopper journey across discovery, activation, and fulfillment, including ways to engage in social listening, social brand engagement, and post-purchase experience.

Through social listening and mining customer review data, Bayer identified that traditional Alka Seltzer is often used as a hangover cure, and thus Alka Seltzer Hangover was born. Wyze, an electronics brand, uses Fix It Friday on Reddit to communicate with their users and fanbase to identify and roll out new products and features.

**Takeaway:** Brands that find ways to connect with consumers post-purchase will identify growth opportunities AND drive loyalty.







71.3k • 74 Top 5%
Friends Friends Online Ranked by Size

Create Post

# Amazon Q2 Recap & Trends

# EAGER BEAVERS ON AWS. GROCERY? MAYBE LATER

- Performance beat expectations
- Free cash flow rebounding
- Advertising growth accelerating
- AWS growth slowed...yet Amazon increased investments
- Grocery wasn't a story

**Takeaway:** Amazon's focus on profit continues, so brands should expect more challenges ahead on mutual profitability. Additionally, we can expect to see more from Amazon on AI more visibly impacting shopping.

"What we're doing is democratizing access to generative AI, lowering the cost of training and running models, enabling access to large language model of choice instead of there only being one option, making it simpler for companies of all sizes and technical acumen to customize their own large language model and build generative AI applications in a secure and enterprise-grade fashion.

These are all part of making generative AI accessible to everybody and very much what AWS has been doing for technology infrastructure over the last 17 years."

- Amazon President and CEO Andy Jassy



# Resources

#### **Shopper Trends**

- Google unveils a new virtual try-on feature for apparel as it tries to fend off competition in shopping -Modern Retail
- Connecting the Dots Trends Report - GWI
- Survey: 51% of Gen Z women prefer TikTok, not Google, for search

#### **eCommerce Retailer Trends**

Surprising Ways AI is Transforming the eCommerce Industry in 2023 - Analytics Insight

Grocers Tap Contextual Commerce in Bid to Grow Digital Engagement

#### **Manufacturer Trends**

Consumer Goods Industry Insights
Report

#### **Amazon Trends**

- Amazon Q2 2023 Earnings Call <u>Transcript</u> - The Motley Fool
- Allume Group Amazon Q2 2023 Earnings HotTake
- Jason & Scot Show Amazon Q2
   2023 earnings recap

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