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My Google Ads CPL Is Too High: A Practical Guide to Reducing Cost Per Lead

Key insights and actionable frameworks

! Key Signals

Why your CPL is high: the root causes most teams m

High CPL typically stems from one of five structural problems, and most accounts have at least three running simultaneously.

Step 1: Audit your search term report (the fastest

Open your search term report for the last 90 days.

Step 2: Restructure for intent alignment

Most accounts organize campaigns by product or service line.

SOLUTIONS

Fix 1

Step 3: Fix your landing pages

Your landing page is where CPL either drops or compounds.

Fix 2

Step 4: Implement smart bidding correctly

Smart bidding (Target CPA, Target ROAS, Maximize Conversions) can reduce CPL significantly, but only when it has clean data to work with.

Fix 3

Step 5: Build a Quality Score improvement loop

Quality Score directly impacts how much you pay per click.

SOLUTIONS

Fix 4

When CPL optimization isn't enough: the deeper

Sometimes high CPL is a symptom of a deeper issue that no amount of campaign optimization will fix.

Fix 5

Conclusion

High Google Ads CPL stems from five structural problems: bloated keyword lists with poor match type control, landing page mismatch

Fix 6

Reduce your Google Ads CPL systematically

If your CPL is 2-3x industry benchmarks and lead quality isn't compensating, the solution is systematic optimization across campai

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