Cars.com Launches "Instant Offer" Nationwide, Empowers Consumers to Claim Highest Offer From a Local Dealer and Sell Their Car Instantly

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50% of Consumers Planning to Sell a Car Prefer to Trade In Their Used Vehicle at Dealership

CHICAGO , Aug. 1, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Americans have several options when it comes to selling their car, but half (50%) prefer to work directly with a local dealership, according to a recent survey by car-shopping marketplace Cars.com (NYSE: CARS). While consumers have long been able to sell their cars to other consumers on Cars.com, they can now take things a step further. I Instant Offer, powered by Accu-Trade, is a new capability on Cars.com that lets consumers tap the company's large network of nearly 20,000 dealers across the country to sell their used car instantly. Consumers are able to get a competitive cash offer from a local dealership in their area and pick up a check the same day.

"About 40% of the 27 million monthly shoppers on Cars.com have a car to trade in before purchasing a new one, and we wanted to offer a seamless experience for those consumers to connect with local dealers and have a convenient, safe and fast place to sell their car," said Doug Miller, president and chief commercial officer at Cars.com. ² "Our new Instant Offer capability curates the best offer for a consumer and enables them to sell their used car to a qualified local retailer, collect a check and purchase a new vehicle all in the same day."

As vehicle inventory levels continue to be a concern, Cars.com's new Instant Offer allows consumers to get a competitive cash offer for their used car while also supporting local dealerships with much-needed inventory. Consumers are already taking advantage: Since its roll out in May to select markets, Cars.com's new solution has generated more than 5,000 Instant Offers and is expected to scale rapidly as the product goes nationwide. ²

Cars.com also released <u>new digital advertising</u> as part of their "It's Matchical" brand campaign to announce the new Instant Offer solution and drive awareness. Consumers interested in connecting with a dealership through Instant Offer or selling their car to another consumer can visit <u>Cars.com/Sell</u>.

ABOUT_ CARS.COM

CARS is the leading automotive marketplace platform that provides a robust set of digital solutions that connect car shoppers with sellers. Launched in 1998 with the flagship marketplace_ <u>Cars.com</u> and headquartered in Chicago, the Company empowers shoppers with the data, resources and digital tools needed to make informed buying decisions and seamlessly connect with automotive retailers. In a rapidly changing market, CARS enables dealerships and OEMs with innovative technical solutions and data-driven intelligence to better reach and influence ready-to-buy shoppers, increase inventory turn and gain market share.

In addition to Cars.com $^{\text{TM}}$, the Company's brands include Dealer Inspire $^{\text{R}}$, a technology provider building solutions to future-proof dealerships with more efficient operations and connected digital experiences; FUEL $^{\text{TM}}$, an advertising solution providing dealers and OEMs the benefit of leveraging targeted digital video marketing to Cars.com's audience of in-market car shoppers; DealerRater $^{\text{R}}$, a leading car dealer review and reputation management technology solution; CreditlQ $^{\text{TM}}$, digital financing technology and Accu-Trade $^{\text{TM}}$, vehicle valuation and appraisal technology. The Company's portfolio of brands also includes Auto.com $^{\text{TM}}$, PickupTrucks.com $^{\text{TM}}$ and NewCars.com $^{\text{R}}$.

The full suite of CARS properties includes <u>Cars.com™</u>, <u>Dealer Inspire</u>®, <u>FUEL</u>™, <u>DealerRater</u>®, <u>CreditIQ</u>™, <u>Accu-Trade.com</u>™, <u>Auto.com</u>™, <u>PickupTrucks.com™</u> and <u>NewCars.com®</u>. For more information, visit www.Cars.com .

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¹ Cars.com Consumer Metrics, March 1, 2022

² Cars.com internal data

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