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CAR ADVERTISING RESEARCH 2014

What makes the best ads best in cars









- What actually impacts the reader in the content or appearance of an advertisement?
- FIPP wanted to find out what makes the reader stop at an ad, be pleased with it and remember the ad.
- We well know the attention values and reading values of ads, but we don't really know why exactly these ads get such good values.
 - A new kind of semiotic-qualitative research found out the secret of the best car ads in magazines in Finland.

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A. DEPTH INTERVIEWS

- 20 depth interviews lasting 1-1,5 hours
 - 'Ethnographic' method: readers would flick through the magazines and comment freely their feelings, opinions, reactions
- The magazines were filled with ads that already had got very good reading and attention values (and some not so good, for comparison) throughout the year
- Magazines used: Auto Bild, Tuulilasi, Tekniikan Maailma, Oma Aika, Me Naiset, Olivia, Meidän perhe, Vauva, Talouselämä

B. SEMIOTIC ANALYSIS

- The same ads were analyzed semiotically
- What kind of colors, forms and visual compositions are attractive in interior decoration and why?
- What kind of stories appeal to the readers in ads?
- What kind of mythical material is effective in car ads

A. Depth interviews

MEN, and their own car

- Sales representant 28 v, Skoda Superb 2011
- After sales controller 44 v, Nissan Micra 2013
- Electricity entrepreneur 46 v, VW Transporter 2011
- Sales executive 47 v, Audi A6, 2011
- Sales manager 48 v, Volvo XC90, 2011
- Film entrepreneurer 53 v, Opel Vivaro 2010
- Car seller 54 v, Mercedes Benz, 2012
- Maintenance manager 55v, Volvo V70, 2007
- Sales manager 62 v, Toyota Avensis, 2012
- Sales manager 65 v, Nissan Quashquai 2013

Women, and their own car

- Teacher 30 v, Ford Fiesta 2004
- Project manager 34 v, Renault Laguna 2006
 - Nurse 37 v, Toyota Yaris 2010
- Student 42 v, Kia Ceed 2012
- Book-keeper 42 v, Ford Focus 2007
- Nurse 45 v, BMW 520A, 2013
- Marketing manager 45 v, Audi A3, 2010
- Project planner 50 v, skoda Octavia 2010
- Interior designer 51, Citroën Picasso 2011
- Sales secretary 61 v, Mercedes Benz 2009

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58 ads that already got very good reading and attention values in tests throughout past year



The magazines used in research

Auto Bild Tuulilasi Tekniikan Maailma

Me Naiset Meidän Perhe Olivia Oma Aika

Talouselämä Vauva

NOTICING AND READING THE ADS



"When you have millions of kilometres behind you, you know which kind of car you need, you don't get that from advertising ... except if there's a great scenery, then I look at it"

"I don't look at ads when I'm not changing my car. .. There should be something else to look at, too, something fun to look and then you would look at the car, too".

"I do check all the new models and brands at some level, to know what's going on in the market"

1a. Scanning according to the lay-out: "is this interesting enough?"

- When buying a new car is not on your mind
 - Is this different/interesting/ funny enough for me to stop by?
 - Does it present the car in an interesting way?
 - \Rightarrow A different car ad will catch attention
 - ⇒ Most car ads are 'so similar' that you won't look at them, unless you are thinking about getting a new car

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"This Kia is interesting, indeed, could they be that good, they have such long guarantees and everything"

"About Volvo i would read everything, it's a brand I admire and follow. My own is a Toyota, of course I read all that's new with them, too"

"These are too expensive brands for me, so I don't go deep into them."

<u>1b. Scanning according to my own brand</u> <u>preferences</u>: "is it a brand I want or use myself""

- Brands I use
 - • My brand, I follow their ads and new models

Brands I could consider

- The sizes and qualities of ther cars suit my preferences
- Heard good about this brand, is interested
- If there's a good offer for a try-out drive, I might chec
- Brands I admire:
 - I would buy this brand if I could afford it
 - I will never be able to buy it, but I watch and admire
- Brands I don't admire or use:
 - Heard something bad about this brand, I'm suspicious
 - I don't like this brand or the image of its users, so Idon't want to have it for myself

NOTICING AND READING THE ADS



"I look at the size of cars I'm going to have next time. These small ones are too small for me, i don't even glance. Some ads are hard to figure out, how big the car is in reality."

"Nowadays I always check the consumption first. If it consumes too much, I leave it out of my consideration."

"Would be good if the ads had more test results and real user's opinions, too."

<u>1c. Scanning according to my own likings of</u> <u>cars:</u> "is this a right type of car for me?"

- Next time i'm going to get this size of a car:
 - I'm checking out what's on the market
 - Are there interesting new models
 - Are there new brands to me that I could consider
- Which kind of car would be good next time:
 - I'm checking the fuel consumption and other qualities
 - WIII to know more about ecological cars
 - Reading tests and comparison articles

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A good car ad according to consumers

- 1. Different
- 2. Landscapy
- 3. Full of feeling
- 4. Good story
- 5. Technical
- 6. What interests women
- 7. Shows the car big enough
- 8. Clear
- 9. Information
- 10. Brings out the brand
- 11. Strengthens the brand

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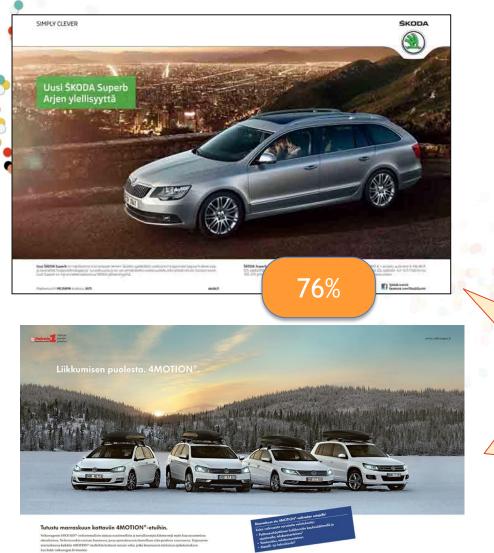
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"It's different at least. You look at the creatures and wonder.. Would be good if it were not so messy.. Now you can't see the girl under

the fold of the magazine..."

Attention

value



2. Landscapy

- 'A scenery background' appeals more than a \Rightarrow 'made in studio'
- Beautiful nature: Lappiland, mountains, beach \Rightarrow
- The reader can picture himself there \Rightarrow

"Stylish city in the background, and we are high now, you get image of a better life in general"

"Here you have a fine Lappland landscape, you stop to admire it, the big cars look just like winter cars here, this is fine, safe and sure. They also give information about the cars."

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4	Passat Variant	1	Phaeton		

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3. Full of feeling

- \Rightarrow Creates good mood
- \Rightarrow Exciting, adventurous, energetic
- \Rightarrow Fun, jovial, relaxing
- \Rightarrow Holiday- or travel-like feeling



"This could be an Ikea ad just as well, but I got to admit you stop to look: what, lamps in the tree, and a nice beach feeling, too",



Valores Consult www.semiotiikka.com "This is a peculiar colour and a nice night feeling, the car is so clean and white, too"

"Sky is great here, great weather to travel, those texts in the sky just bother the feeling a bit..."

A. DEPTH INTERVIEWS

A GOOD CAR AD



4. A good story

- Something is happening, what is it?
- You can read a whole story in a picture
- Stays in your mind \Rightarrow
- People, animals=> eye-catching, interesting \Rightarrow
- Identifiable characters / situation \Rightarrow
- Car is part of your life, not a "worshipped \Rightarrow sheet metal god"

"A nice night feeling, and the moon is like a ball to be caught, you get a moon from the sky when you get Skoda? The picture stays in your mind"

> "This is good, a dog sniffing the air and they talk about navigator, the dog is navi gating with his nose – fun, a bit irreal feeling"

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5. Technical

- \Rightarrow Displays the cars
- \Rightarrow Hybrid, fuel spraying system, special brakes etc
- \Rightarrow Spacy trunk, high sitting position , easy to load
- ⇒ Consumption and emission information, comparisons?
- ⇒ Mopre information, more reasons to choose this car
- ⇒ But not too small a font

"This is neat, the middle bars are missing, must be easy to load"

"Thjis I'd wish from other brands, too, to show the cabin, it's really important, that's where you sit all the time then"





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6a. What interests women

Women are attracted a little more than men by

- \Rightarrow Stories and feeling
- ⇒ Fun-coloured cars
- ⇒ Funny-shaped cars, "pet symbolics"



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6b. What interests women

Women are attracted a little more than men by

- Women's own test drives (Five women and Kia) \Rightarrow
- Easy to dirive, front seat suits woman's size \Rightarrow
- Automatic gears
- The trunk size, high sitting position, easy to load



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KIRSI KYMÄLÄINEN, 27



MARITA LINDSTRÖM, 57 Testiautona Kia Picant



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JAANA ANTTILA-KANGAS, 36

"I would read this through, if I were changing my car now... they compare the different models from a real user's point of view"

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7. Shows the car big enough

- \Rightarrow Car is still the main thing
- ⇒ (though for many readers it's not the only main thing)
- ⇒ Show the design of the car, if not widely known already
- \Rightarrow Realistic idea of the car's size
 - The main details of the car (such as lamps)

"This is a basic one, however the car is silvercoloured and fine and somehos serene, pleasant to look at, if you are looking for a new car"

"A perky coloured little car, pretty fun shaped, too "

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8. Clear

- \Rightarrow The reader wants to get the point at one glance
- ⇒ Clarity = visually simple enough or balanced, in order
- \Rightarrow Clarity = little enough information
- ⇒ However not too boring and evident, "a hundred times seen"

"The beetle is here almost like Audi TT, but it's still a cute beetle, good-looking."

"So polished and trendy dust caps and all kinds of extras in the visage, this is appealing to young folks, for sure"

"Somehow messy, you don't figure out, there's too many things around the car"

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"Everybody knows how a Volvo looks like, so it's good they show it from inside, it gives a good picture of quality and driving comfort"

9. Information

⇒ Car brands are getting near each other in design and technics: now it's harder to compare them than before

People would like to have more information in the ads: the car qualities, ecology, consumption, technics

The price is hard to find and always "starting from"

"I like it, that they tell a little bit more, even though the text is small.. The car is a little differently pictured, too... the information gives a reliable feeling , and of course the brand is Volvo, too"

"At least they put the price big and fair, and other information, too, good"



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"Isolla kerrotaan että uusi Corolla-malli tulee. Autot on nykyään niin samannäköisiä , että vaikea välttämättä tunnistaakaan..."

10. Brings out the brand

- \Rightarrow So that you get the right brand immediately and keep it in your mind
- ⇒ Car modekls much alike, you have to work harder in advertising to differentiate
- \Rightarrow Be proud of your brand and say it aloud





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11a. Strengthens the brand

- ⇒ The public has strong and prejudiced images of brands
- ⇒ You have to be able to dismantle the prejudices and change them when needed
- Bolder, more different advertising (especially new brands such as Kia, Hyundai, Dacia and image-burdened brands as Skoda used to be)

"Skoda is a reaaly good car nowadays, and their advertising is good, too. Car is there nice and neat but there's something else to look at, too. You get a quality feeling of the ad."

"Seat uded top have a lopusy image, but I've heard that the motor and the parts are same as Volkswagen, so suppose it's an ok car now..."

"At least this tries to say that the car is sporty."

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11b. Strengthens the brand

- ⇒ Even a popular brand has to be strengthened continuously
- \Rightarrow A brand must keep up with the time
- ⇒ The peculiarity of the brand and it's own specialities must be emphasized and repeated
 patiently













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Not so good car ad

- 1. Boring
- 2. Conventional, same like others.

Doesn't differentiate from other brands, does not interest.

- No feeling. Too matter-of-fact 3.
- **No story**. Just the car interests few readers. 4.
- 5. No technics. Just the product photographed is not enough...
- Ypu can't see the car. Car is too small in the ad 6.
- 7. Scrappy. Too much happening around the car
- Not enough information. 8.
- Brand is invisible or is taken as another brand 9.
- **Does not strengthen the brand**. Weakens the brand image, 9. too old-fashioned etc.

Old brand images stick!

"The images do hold true. The Japanese re reliable and easy to maintain, the Germans are very good but more expensive, Americans are pretty good, too, and the French are bad, lot of small problems."

"The French cars have good motors, but then they have a lot of electricity problems and consumable parts that no thanks..."

"Mercedes is the best of course, the value will not drop even throughout the years, it's so durable and high quality in every aspect"

"These new korean brands, you have no idea how they are going to last.... Even though they have long guarantees, but anyway the value of the car drops to half immediately when you drive it out of the shop..." "I wish I could afford a Volvo some day, it's such a safe and sturdy car, a good family car."

"Toyota is best for an ordinary guy. Sit's so reliable, the price-quality relation is just right and they have such a good maintenance service, too."

> "BMW and Audi give you the feeling they are cars of nouveau rich Quality cars for sure, the very best, but so damn pricy"

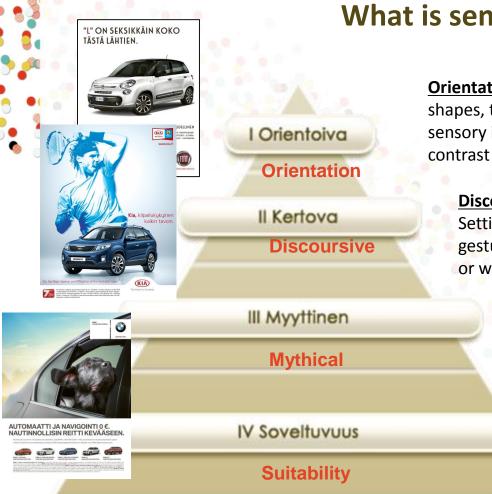
"At first she (the wife) said, that there's not going to be a Skoda on our yard!... Then she heard that the neighbor had bought one, too, the person she highly respects, then she was like "have THEY bought a Skoda?"... so after a while we got Skoda, too."

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B. Semiotic analysis of car advertisements

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What is semiotic analysis

<u>Orientation level</u>: What colours communicate, shapes, typographies, rhytm, perspective, scale, sensory impressions and the composition: harmony/ contrast in the ad.

<u>Discoursive level</u>: Everything that tells a story. Setting, characters, heroes, roles, acts, rituals, objects, gestures, reference groups, relations and showing who or what has status.

> <u>Mythical level</u>: What makes an inexplicably strong feeling. What we interpret instantly as good or bad, desirable or not desirable. Myths, symbols, archetypes, stereotypes, universal values, good-bad-dichotomies.

> > <u>Suitability</u>: How well this communication suits this industry, branch, product group or brand.

Semiotic analysis studies especially the 'hidden' structures of communication .

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Semiotic analysis examines the values the advertising communicates



Advertising is examined, what kind of values it communicates to the reader. The reader's own culture and background influences how he/she interprets advertising and which values he/she supports. However myths are set in us by culture, so that we take for granted the values the myths offer. On the orientation level i.e. the influence of colours is originally physiological, so we react to colours often the same way. On the discoursive level the reader has most 'power' to interpret, and many stories are interpreted in different ways depending on the reader's attitude.

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Semiotic analysis of car advertising

B. SEMIOOTTINEN ANALYYSI



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- 1. Strong, contrasted colours
- 2. Stylish, classy colours
- 3. Soft, natural colours
- 4. 'Trendy colours'
- 5a. Centralised lay-out
- **5b.** Typographies
- 6. Status stories, myth of Success
- 7. Myth of the Golden Calf
- 8. Travel stories and the myth of Freedom
- 9. Every-day stories
- 10. Pet stories and the myth of Cute creature
- 11. The brand myths









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1. Strong, contrasted colours

- Red
- Raise the pulse, stir up adrenaline \Rightarrow
- Fastness, power, motion \Rightarrow
- Dynamic, active, spontaneous \Rightarrow
- Greed for power, challenging others
- As metallic, glossy just emphasizes these qualities
- As a bright shade: happy, childish, play

ASSOCIATIONS:

- "The Red Devil" \Rightarrow
- "Speedy and young"
- "My toy"

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Huippumuotoilua haussa?

Tulevaisuus alkaa nyt. Täysin uusi viisiovinen Audi A3 Sportba

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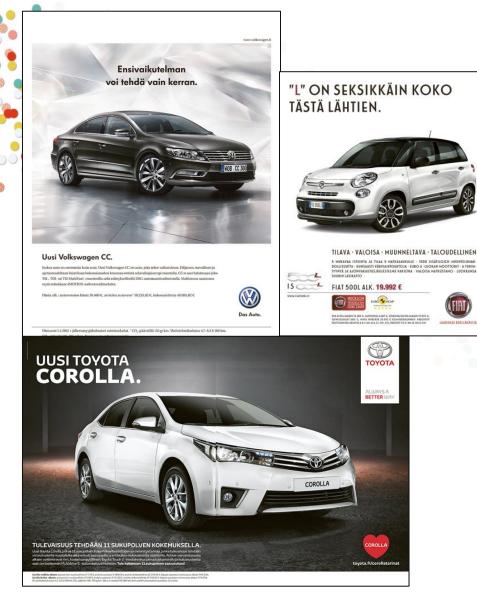


1. Strong, contrasted colours

- <u>Red-Black</u>
- \Rightarrow Combination of competition and war
- \Rightarrow Aggressive, masculine, hard values
- \Rightarrow Traditional colours of car sports
- \Rightarrow Speed, power, movement

ASSOCIATIONS

- \Rightarrow "I am the strongest. I challenge you!"
- \Rightarrow "Predator"
- ⇒ "Driving like a speedster"

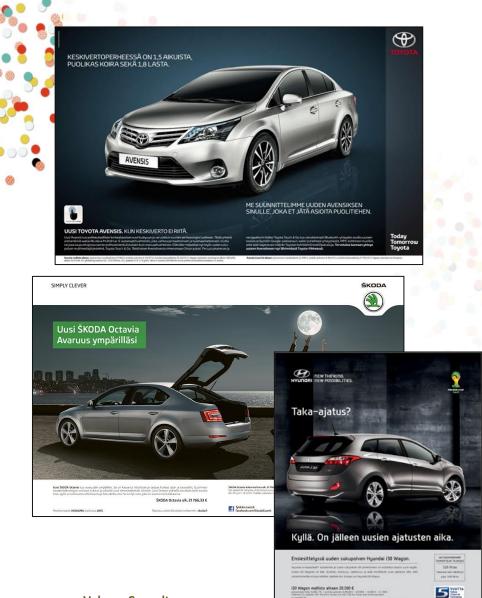


1. Strong, contrasted colours

- Black-White, White-Black
- \Rightarrow Classical, clear, plain
- Colours of dignity and professionalism
- \Rightarrow Rationality, matter-of-fact
- ⇒ Reliability

ASSOCIATIONS

- ⇒ "I will surely take you there"
- ⇒ Black car : "minister", "leading position", respected, professional
- ⇒ White car: "clean, perfect", moder,
- \Rightarrow Also" innocent, driving by the rules""



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2. Stylish, refined colours

- Silver, silvergrey
- \Rightarrow Dignity, skills, 'silversmith'
- \Rightarrow Composed, controlled, conventional
- \Rightarrow Silver, marble
- ⇒ Precious materials
- \Rightarrow High quality

ASSOCIATIONS

- \Rightarrow "A quality car"
- ⇒ Silver coloured car: "Better than usual"

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3. Soft, natural colours

Emphasize security, down to earth, Warmth, empathy, humane

Brown

- \Rightarrow Safety, stability, protection
- \Rightarrow Earth, dirt, bark
- \Rightarrow Valuing nature
- \Rightarrow Soft values, naturality
- \Rightarrow "Have a safe journey with me"
- ⇒ Brown car: "Protective, kind family man"
- <u>Beige</u>
- \Rightarrow Mildness, quietness, unnoticeable
- \Rightarrow Nice, adaptable, ductile
- \Rightarrow Permissive
- ⇒ "Peaceful travelling"

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4. Trendy colours

Communicate individuality, difference, will to stand out from the crowd

- Lime, turquoise
- → Youth, freshness, new life
- ⇒ Soft drinks, holiday, amusement park
- ⇒ Turquoise => south sea
- ⇒ Fun, amusement, sense of humour, play

ASSOCIATIONS

- ⇒ "Go for a fun ride with me"
- \Rightarrow Lime coloured car: "Funny, joking type"

Orange brown

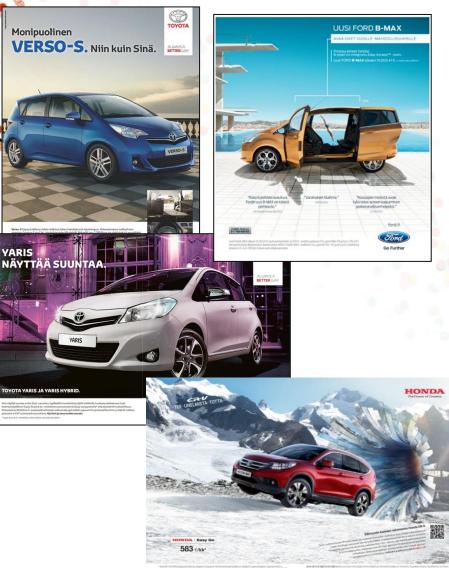
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- \Rightarrow Energetic, with soft values, too
- \Rightarrow Active, bustling
- \Rightarrow "Lets's go now"
- ⇒ Orangebrown car "Not for a couch potato""

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5. Centralized lay-out

- Car standing in the middle
- \Rightarrow Static, motionless
- \Rightarrow Car standing still, 'in a normal position'
- \Rightarrow "Safe car"
- \Rightarrow Car exposed as in a car show
- \Rightarrow Subordinated to the reader's look: examine freely

Car in motion

- \Rightarrow Diagonal lines in use
- \Rightarrow Car in a lopsided position etc
- \Rightarrow Impression of a fast moving car
- \Rightarrow Excitement, tension, motion
- \Rightarrow "Exciting car"

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5b. Typographies

Grotesque, plain, unorganic' matter-of-fact-type'

⇒ Logical, rational, theoretical, factory-made, modern

LETTERS WITH SHARP EDGES AND ANGLES

 \Rightarrow Businesslike, effective, willpower

Bold and low typographies

 \Rightarrow Materialistisc, power, concrete, greed

Antique, organic 'novel-type' letters with 'buds'

=> Humane, talkative, traditional, natural

Slim, narrow and high types
=> Theoretical, spiritual, fine, clerical

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čia Veroga en avara ja monjuudisesti muunneltava – kuin tila-auto, mutta paljon ketterämpi ja taloudellisempi. Istuikorkeus takaa tavailista paremman näkysyyden, a tilaa löytyya enemmän kuin monesta isommasta autosta, myös takana. Vengan saat myös automaattivaihteistolla.

Katso lähin Kia-jälleenmyyjäsi www.kia.fi





Uusi Volkswagen CC.

Hinnasto 1.4.2012 + jälleenmyyjäkohtaiset toimituskulut CO,-päästöt 125-215 g/km. Kuvan auto erikoisvarustein

Joskus auto on enemmiin kuin auto. Uusi Voikuvagen CC on auto, joka tekee vaikutuksen. Hiljaisen, turvallisen ja ajettavutudeltaan loisteliaan kokomisisuuden kurunaa entistä valuvallinjaisempi muotoku. CCn saat hahatessasi joko TSN, TDI- tai TSN MultiPuel-moontrolla sekä edistyksetliselä DSG-automaattivaihteistolla. Mallistossa saatavana myö tehekkast AMDTDON nelivettovaihtoehdot.

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Hinta alk.: autoveroton hinta 30.460 €, arvioitu autovero" 10.235,02 €, kokonaishinta 40.695,02 €



6. Status stories,

myth of Success

- ⇒ Car is associated with other elements of status: high design, architecture, diamonds, bling-bling, red carpet, shine, luxury materials
 - Expensive price and luxury decoration
 communicate success and high status
- ⇒ Image that to be successful you need a fine car



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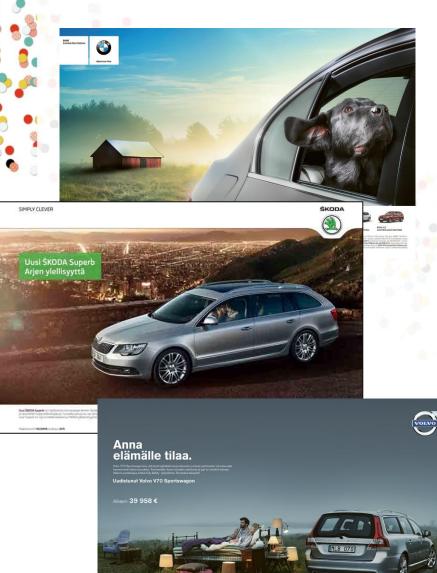
7. Myth of the Golden Calf

- ⇒ Car is utterl polished and perfercted, shiny , standing out alone
- \Rightarrow Backgorund is sparkling gold, silver and spotlights
- ⇒ The car is an admired and "worshipped god" for which you are ready to sacrifice so much
- ⇒ Car is 'larger than life'



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8. Travel stories and the myth of Freedom

- \Rightarrow "On the road"
- \Rightarrow Free to wander, no time limits, no obligations
- \Rightarrow Getting loose, away from every day
- \Rightarrow Myth of Freedom
- \Rightarrow Myth of Vagabond





9. Every day stories

- \Rightarrow Car as a handy helper in everyday life
- \Rightarrow Easy to move around, economic to use
- \Rightarrow Lots of trunk space, room for kids and animals
- \Rightarrow Car as a commodity, for rational reasons
 - "Car makes your everyday life so easy"

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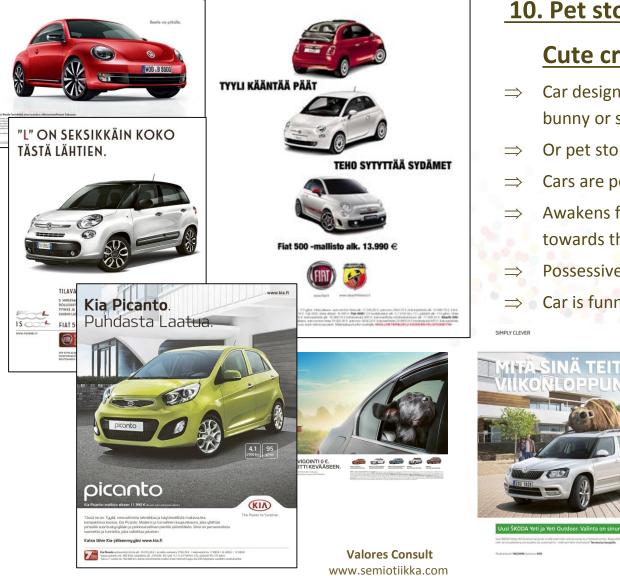
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B. SEMIOTIC ANALYSIS



10. Pet stories and myth of

Cute creature

- Car designed to resemble a small animal, a bug, a bunny or such
- Or pet stories in the ads
- Cars are pets or cars are attached with pets
- Awakens feeling of protection and affection towards the car
- Possessiveness, 'love' towards the car
- Car is funny, humorous



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11. The brand myths

- ⇒ Brands that in themselves have become mythical
- So expensive, so desired, so perfect that they have grown into mythical proportions in consumers' minds
- Jaguar, Porsche, Ferrari, Rolls Royce and other luxury brands
- ⇒ Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi, Volvo
- Or so unique, so genuine that they have a mythical reputation
- Citroën, Toyota Prius, VW Beetle, Morris Mini...
- ⇒ 'Lower' follower brands imitate the mythical brands and try to usurp their mythical capital
- ⇒ Also negative images are mythical with some car brands
- \Rightarrow Lada, Moskovitsh, Skoda in the old times

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CAR ADVERTISING RESEARCH





SUMMARY

- A car is not enough. You have to have STORY or TECHNICS or both.
- 2. TECHINCAL INFO speaks more to men.
- 3. STORIES speak more to women. The car has to be present in the story and picture, too.
- 3. BRAND has to STAND OUT. Should not be mixed up with other brands. Brand has to be remembered.
- 4. Advertising has to be UNIQUE and RECOGNIZABLE, for there are so many car brands in competition.
- 5. Strong MYTHS and STORIES create genuine, memorable advertising.
- 6. CLEAR lay-out, not too much of stuff around, but enough information.
- 7. CAR and the car BRAND have to be BIG ENOUGH and easy to see.

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WHAT WORKS BEST ON DIFFRENT FIELDS



INTERIOR

- \Rightarrow Look of an interior
- \Rightarrow No people!
- \Rightarrow Enough text
- ⇒ Dreams, no realism (My home is my castle)
- ⇒ "Sunday Forever"⇒ "Just laying around"
- > "Upper class"

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FASHION

- ⇒ Product well shown
- Interesting people!
- ⇒ No text needed
- Fantasy

(the crazier, the better, imaginative, fun, weird)

- "Life is a Party"
- "Dreamlike, timeless"
- ⇒ "Uppest class, luxury"

CARS

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- Car shown big enough
- ⇒ People make a story!
- ⇒ Enough text, information
- \Rightarrow A Better reality

SIMPLY CLEVER

Uusi ŠKODA Octavia Avaruus vmpärilläsi

(Clean shiny car, ideal family, no hurry)

- "On the Road, Getting Loose"
- "Free as a bird"
- "Car = status, success"













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