Zomato vs Swiggy: A Comparative Teardown

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Introduction

Zomato and Swiggy are India's two largest food delivery platforms, competing not only in food ordering but also in quick commerce, loyalty programs, and customer experience. This teardown analyzes their user experience (UX), features, pricing strategies, and growth opportunities, highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement.

Feature Comparison

Feature	Zomato	Swiggy
Onboarding	Smooth login with Google/phone OTP	Smooth login, slightly faster than Zomato
Search & Discovery	Strong filters, clean restaurant categorization	Good filters, more focus on offers
Checkout Process	Simple, but upselling of Gold can distract	Streamlined, fewer distractions
Delivery Tracking	Decent, but less interactive	More real-time & engaging
Subscription	Zomato Gold: discounts & free delivery	Swiggy One: discounts + Instamart free delivery
Quick Commerce	Limited (Zomato Market is small)	Strong (Swiggy Instamart dominates)

Strengths & Weaknesses

Zomato Strengths

- Clean, premium UI with stronger branding.
- Better restaurant discovery & curation.
- Strong loyalty program (Gold).

Zomato Weaknesses

- Slower in quick commerce.
- Order tracking less engaging.
- Higher delivery fees at times.

Swiggy Strengths

- Faster delivery experience.
- Strong quick commerce presence (Instamart).
- Competitive offers & discounts.

Swiggy Weaknesses

- Restaurant discovery not as refined.
- Heavy reliance on discounts for retention.
- UI feels slightly crowded.

Recommendations

For Zomato:

- Improve order tracking with real-time visuals.
- Expand quick commerce to compete with Instamart.
- Simplify upselling in checkout flow.

For Swiggy:

- Improve restaurant categorization & reviews.
- Reduce over-reliance on discounts \rightarrow build loyalty differently.
- Enhance UI to make it more premium.

Conclusion

Both Zomato and Swiggy are strong market leaders with unique advantages. - **Zomato** wins in restaurant discovery and premium experience.

- Swiggy wins in delivery speed and quick commerce.

Future success will depend on how each player balances customer experience, affordability, and ecosystem expansion.