

Case: AI Inbound Carrier Sales Flow

How AI automates load booking calls for carrier reps

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Carrier Rep:
looking to haul freight for shippers
(Shipper needs to move something)



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Posting ID	Source City	Destination City	Distance	Weight	Scheduled Date	Material	Truck Type	Posted By
109L1113	Chicago (IL)	Chicago (IL)	275 km	40,000 kg	1/5/2015	Others / General	Truck (12 Wheel...)	Transporter
109L1114	Chicago (IL)	Kansas (KS)	1,215 km	15,000 kg	1/5/2015	Building Materials	Flat Bed Trucks...	Transporter
109L1115	Thousand Oaks (CA)	Paris (CA)	2,140 km	20,000 kg	1/5/2015	Industrial Machinery...	Trailer Trucks	Transporter
109L1112	Hallsville (MS)	Deerfield (IL)	886 km	20,000 kg	1/5/2015	Others / General	Flat Bed Trucks...	Transporter

Carrier sees a load online and calls in



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Traditionally...

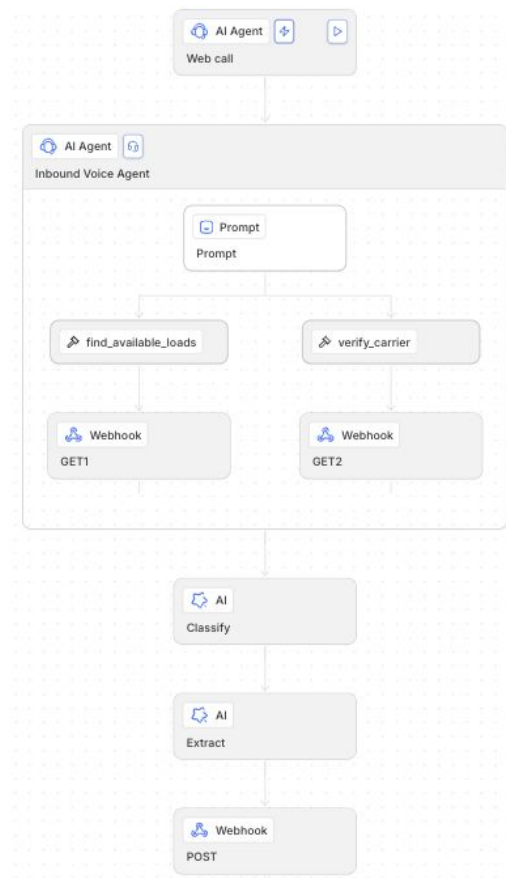
1. Calls a rep manually
 - a. Wait time
 - b. Voicemail
2. Rep checks load info via reference # and validates the carrier manually
3. Negotiation, back and forth
4. Booking is manually recorded
5. Missed bookings or errors

Flow of Carrier Rep with HappyRobot - Inbound Carrier Sales Flow

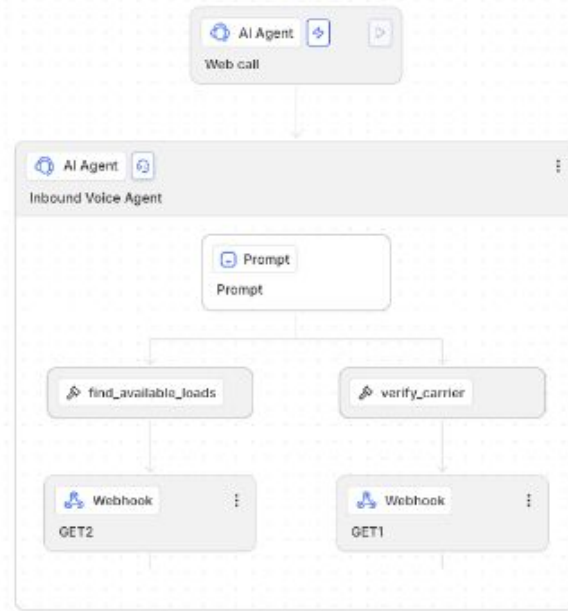
1. Pick up a call (24/7)
 - a. Never miss an opportunity
2. Asks for reference and MC number
 - a. Verifies carrier via FMCSA API in seconds
 - i. No manual lookup
 - b. Instantly finds the load using reference ID
 - i. Saves time for the rep
 - ii. Delivers accurate info instantly
3. AI Agent reads back the load offer like a real rep
 - a. Straightforward negotiation
4. Understands if they're interested or not
5. Sends all booking info to the backend automatically

HappyRobot's inbound carrier flow replaces error-prone calls with fast, intelligent automation.

Demo



Demo Recap:



"reasoning": "The carrier initially hesitated due to the rate but then agreed to book the load at the offered rate.",
"classification": "Interested"

"decline_reason": null,
"caller_sentiment":
"Neutral"

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{
  "origin": "Denver, CO",
  "commodity": "Automotive Parts",
  "mc_number": "302238",
  "agent_name": "Paul",
  "destination": "Detroit, MI",
  "pickup_time": "2025-04-10 08:00",
  "carrier_name": "P I T A TRUCKING INC",
  "delivery_time": "2025-04-11 14:00",
  "caller_sentiment": "Neutral",
  "reference_number": "REF09460",
  "special_requirements": "TWIC"
}
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verify_carrier to validate the MC number using the FMCSA API

Agent: Validates MC number and returns carrier details

find_available_loads to search the load details from a CSV

Agent: Provides lane details (rate, equipment, schedule, requirements)

Classify: Intent Classification for smart routing

Agent: Determines carrier interest and identifies specific reasons for declining the load

Extract: Pulls booking context for downstream automation

Agent: Extracts sentiment, booking intent, and additional information like decline reason or special requirements

Confirm Booking: Sends booking info to backend

Agent: Posts confirmed load data (carrier, lane, time, sentiment) to API

Tech Stack & Tools Used



Core Components

- FastAPI: For building the REST API backend
- Python: Main language used for logic and integration
- VS Code: Development environment
- Render: Deployment platform for hosting the live API
- CSV Files: Stores available load data
- FMCSA API: Validates MC numbers of carriers
- Dotenv: Loads secure API keys from environment



AI Agent Integration

- Classify: Understands booking intent
- Extract: Pulls sentiment and relevant booking info
- POST: Sends booking details to backend



Security & Testing

- .env + .gitignore – Protects sensitive keys
- /docs (Swagger UI) – Live API testing interface
- /redoc – Clean reference documentation
- Tested with cURL, Render logs, and browser