

# GUTENBERG FRAMEWORK: MIXMAX OUTBOUND EXECUTION PLAYBOOK 2025

Complete Implementation Guide for Rapid Arbitrage Testing

## Executive Summary

This playbook provides Mixmax with a complete, ready-to-execute outbound email campaign framework designed to test 15-20 offer/message combinations across 15,000 contacts in Weeks 1-2, identify 2-4 winning combinations by Week 3, and scale winners to 30,000+ contacts by Week 8.

**The Gutenberg Framework is built on three core principles:**

1. **Rapid Arbitrage Testing** - Burn through 15,000 contacts in 2 weeks to find what works
2. **Offer-First Messaging** - Lead with free, valuable, deliverable offers that require zero commitment
3. **Mathematical Precision** - 1,000 contacts per combination, strict tracking, clear kill/scale thresholds

**Expected Outcomes (based on 2025 benchmarks):**

- 2-3 winning combinations with 2-4% reply rates
- 1 potential "gold" combination at 4%+ reply rate
- 25-40 qualified meetings booked in first 2 weeks
- Clear scaling roadmap by Day 15

## Part 1: The 5 Mixmax Offer Variations

Each offer is designed to be free, valuable, deliverable within 1 week, and require zero implementation from the prospect.

### Offer 1: Free High-Intent Account List

**"We'll build you a list of 500 accounts actively engaging with your competitors right now"**

**What You Deliver:**

- CSV file with 500 companies showing recent engagement with competitor content (LinkedIn, G2 reviews, tech stack changes)
- Each account includes: Company name, employee count, industry, engagement signal, recency
- Delivered via email within 48 hours

**Why It Works:**

- Demonstrates Mixmax's signal intelligence capabilities

- Provides immediate value without requiring tool adoption
- Positions Mixmax as a data/intelligence partner, not just a tool vendor
- Low friction: Prospect just needs to reply "yes"

**Ideal Persona:** VP Sales, Head of Sales Development, Revenue Operations

**Vertical Focus:** SaaS/Tech, Professional Services, Financial Services

## Offer 2: Free 2-Week Pilot (Risk-Free)

**"We'll prove you can close 25% more deals in 2 weeks or you pay nothing"**

### What You Deliver:

- 2-week trial with full platform access for 3-5 users
- Dedicated onboarding specialist (30-minute setup call)
- Pre-built sequences based on their industry
- Success benchmark: 25% improvement in reply rates OR 20% reduction in time spent on email

### Why It Works:

- Removes all risk (no payment required if unsuccessful)
- Tied to specific, measurable outcome
- Short enough (2 weeks) to get quick commitment
- Demonstrates confidence in product ROI

**Ideal Persona:** VP Sales, Sales Managers (5-50 person teams)

**Vertical Focus:** Any vertical with active outbound motion

## Offer 3: Free Email Audit + Deliverability Score

**"We'll analyze your current email infrastructure and show you exactly why your emails aren't landing in inboxes"**

### What You Deliver:

- Audit of current email setup (SPF, DKIM, DMARC configuration)
- Deliverability health score (0-100)
- 3-5 specific fixes with priority ranking
- One-page PDF report delivered within 3 business days

### Why It Works:

- Addresses #1 pain point (emails going to spam)
- Educational, not salesy
- Creates "ah-ha" moment when they see their score

- Natural transition to Mixmax's deliverability features

**Ideal Persona:** RevOps, Sales Ops, VP Sales (frustrated with low open rates)

**Vertical Focus:** High-volume senders (SaaS, Recruiting, Financial Services)

#### **Offer 4: Free Sequence Template Library (Industry-Specific)**

**"Get our complete 7-email sequence that helped [Similar Company] book 3x more meetings in 30 days"**

##### **What You Deliver:**

- Industry-specific email sequence (7 touchpoints)
- Includes subject lines, email copy, timing cadence
- Real results from similar company (with permission)
- Delivered as editable Google Doc or PDF

##### **Why It Works:**

- Highly specific and actionable
- Uses social proof (similar company success)
- Prospect can implement immediately (even without Mixmax)
- Demonstrates expertise in their vertical

**Ideal Persona:** SDR Managers, Sales Managers, Individual AEs/SDRs

**Vertical Focus:** SaaS, Healthcare, Manufacturing (industries where you have strong case studies)

#### **Offer 5: Free 30-Minute Workshop: "How to Get 52% Reply Rates"**

**"30-minute working session showing you the exact 3-step system [Customer] uses to get 52% reply rates"**

##### **What You Deliver:**

- Live 30-minute Zoom call (not a demo)
- Screen share showing specific tactics
- Breakdown of the "3-step system":
  1. Signal-based targeting (who to contact when)
  2. Offer-first messaging (what to say)
  3. Multi-channel sequencing (where to follow up)
- Actionable PDF takeaway sent after call

##### **Why It Works:**

- Low commitment (30 minutes vs full demo)
- Educational, not sales-focused

- Uses flagship metric (52% reply rate)
- Creates relationship before pitch

**Ideal Persona:** VP Sales, Head of Sales Development

**Vertical Focus:** Any (universally valuable)

## Part 2: The 3 Message Frameworks

Each framework follows a proven structure but varies the entry angle. All messages are 75-100 words max.

### Framework 1: Problem → Solution → Proof → Offer

#### Structure:

- Line 1: Call out specific problem they're experiencing
- Line 2-3: How you solve it (briefly)
- Line 4: Social proof (customer result)
- Line 5: The offer
- Line 6: Low-friction CTA

#### Example (Offer 1 + Framework 1):

Subject: *Your competitors are stealing your deals*

{First Name},

Most sales teams waste 40% of their day on accounts that won't close while the winnable ones go dark.

We built an AI that watches competitor engagement in real-time—LinkedIn activity, G2 reviews, tech stack changes—and surfaces the accounts that are actively shopping right now.

We used this exact system with [Similar Company] to book 47 meetings in 30 days.

I have a list of 500 accounts actively engaging with [Competitor Name]'s content right now. Want to see if your ICP is on it?

Just reply "send it" and I'll get it over today.

[Your Name]

#### Why This Works:

- Opens with pain (wasting time on wrong accounts)
- Shows understanding of the real problem
- Uses concrete social proof (47 meetings)
- Ultra-low friction CTA (just reply 2 words)

## **Framework 2: Social Proof → Insight → Offer**

### **Structure:**

- Line 1: Lead with customer result
- Line 2-3: The "secret" or insight that made it work
- Line 4: The offer as a way to validate it for them
- Line 5: Simple CTA

### **Example (Offer 3 + Framework 2):**

Subject: *Question about {Company}'s email deliverability*

{First Name},

We helped [Similar Company] increase their email deliverability from 62% to 94% in 3 weeks.

The breakthrough wasn't a new tool—it was fixing 3 configuration errors in their SPF/DKIM setup that were flagging them as spam.

Most sales teams have the same 3-5 errors and don't even know it.

I can run a quick audit on {Company}'s current setup and show you exactly where emails are getting blocked. Takes about 10 minutes on my end, you'll get a scorecard within 3 days.

Worth a look?

[Your Name]

### **Why This Works:**

- Immediately establishes credibility (social proof first)
- Creates curiosity (what are the 3 errors?)
- Offers diagnostic value before any product pitch
- CTA is conversational, not salesy

## **Framework 3: Direct Value → Proof → Offer**

### **Structure:**

- Line 1: State you have something valuable for them
- Line 2: What it is and why it matters
- Line 3: How it worked for someone like them
- Line 4: The offer
- Line 5: One-step CTA

### **Example (Offer 4 + Framework 3):**

Subject: 7-email sequence for {Industry} sales teams

{First Name},

We have a 7-touch email sequence that's helped 3 {Industry} companies book 3x more meetings in the last 90 days.

It's designed specifically for selling {Product Category} to {Buyer Persona}—includes subject lines, timing, and the exact follow-up logic that converts.

[Customer Name] used this exact sequence to go from 2% reply rates to 8% in 30 days. (That's 4x more meetings with the same list.)

I can send you the full sequence—just reply "yes" and I'll get it over.

[Your Name]

### Why This Works:

- Leads with concrete deliverable
- Hyper-relevant (industry + persona specific)
- Quantified proof (2% → 8%)
- Instant gratification (just say yes)

## Part 3: The 15-Combination Testing Matrix

### How to Map Offers to Messages

**Total Contacts for Testing: 15,000**

**Contacts Per Combination: 1,000**

**Number of Combinations: 15 (5 offers × 3 frameworks)**

### The Grid:

	FRAMEWORK 1 (Problem→)	FRAMEWORK 2 (SocProof→)	FRAMEWORK 3 (Direct→)
OFFER 1 (Intent List)	Combo 1 1,000 contacts	Combo 2 1,000 contacts	Combo 3 1,000 contacts
OFFER 2 (2-Week Pilot)	Combo 4 1,000 contacts	Combo 5 1,000 contacts	Combo 6 1,000 contacts
OFFER 3 (Email Audit)	Combo 7 1,000 contacts	Combo 8 1,000 contacts	Combo 9 1,000 contacts
OFFER 4 (Sequence Lib)	Combo 10 1,000 contacts	Combo 11 1,000 contacts	Combo 12 1,000 contacts

OFFER 5 (Workshop)	Combo 13 1,000 contacts	Combo 14 1,000 contacts	Combo 15 1,000 contacts
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## Contact Allocation Strategy

### Option A: Random Distribution (Recommended)

- Randomly assign all 15,000 contacts across 15 combinations
- Use Clay's random assignment or modulo function: `row_number % 15`
- Ensures no segment bias
- Best for initial testing when you don't know what works

### Option B: Strategic Segmentation (If You Have Strong Hypotheses)

- Split by company size: SMB (1-50), Mid-Market (51-500), Enterprise (501+)
- Split by industry: SaaS, Professional Services, Healthcare, etc.
- Split by role: VP Sales, Sales Managers, SDR/AE
- Requires 5,000 contacts per segment minimum

### Recommended Approach for Mixmax:

Use Random Distribution for initial test. Once you identify winners, re-segment for scaling phase.

## Part 4: Email Sequence Structure (Per Combination)

Each of the 15,000 contacts receives a 3-email sequence over 7-9 days.

### Email 1 (Day 1): The Offer-First Message

**Goal:** Get a reply with the offer

**Length:** 75-100 words

**CTA:** Simple reply request

Use one of the 15 combinations from the matrix above.

### Email 2 (Day 4): Pattern Interrupt + Different Angle

**Goal:** Re-engage with a new hook

**Length:** 50-75 words

**Tone:** Conversational, not pushy

### Example (Following Combo 3: Intent List + Direct Value):

Subject: *Re: 500 accounts actively shopping*

{First Name},

Realized I might have buried the lead.

The insight isn't just *who*'s engaging with competitors. It's *when* they engage and *what content* triggers them.

That timing data is where [Social Proof Company] got their edge—they reached out within 24 hours of a signal and closed deals 40% faster.

Still have that list if you want it. Or happy to walk you through how the timing piece works.

Either way—let me know.

[Your Name]

### **Why Email 2 Works:**

- Acknowledges they didn't respond (self-aware)
- Adds new information (timing insight)
- Re-states the offer without being desperate
- Gives them 2 options (list or call)

### **Email 3 (Day 7): Breakup + Final Value Drop**

**Goal:** Create urgency through takeaway

**Length:** 40-60 words

**Tone:** Professional breakup

### **Example (Continuing Combo 3):**

Subject: *Re: 500 accounts actively shopping*

{First Name},

Last one from me.

Taking this as a no, which is cool. But before I close this out—if you ever want to see who's actively shopping your competitors right now, just reply.

I keep these lists updated monthly.

Either way, good luck with your Q4 push.

[Your Name]

### **Why Email 3 Works:**

- Removes pressure (last email)
- Uses takeaway psychology (closing it out)
- Leaves door open for future engagement
- Ends on positive note (good luck)

## **Part 5: Sending Cadence & Domain Strategy**

### **Per-Combination Sending Schedule**

**Week 1 (Days 1-3):** Send Email 1 to all 1,000 contacts

- 333 emails/day
- Split across 5-10 domains
- 33-66 emails/domain/day

**Week 1 (Days 4-6):** Send Email 2 to non-responders (~950 contacts)

- 317 emails/day

**Week 2 (Days 7-9):** Send Email 3 to non-responders (~920 contacts)

- 307 emails/day

**Week 2 (Days 10-14):** Track late replies, compile results

### **Domain Setup & Rotation**

#### **Recommended Infrastructure:**

- 5-10 domains (all variations of your main domain)
- Examples: `try-mixmax.com`, `hello-mixmax.com`, `mixmax-demo.com`
- Each domain properly configured with SPF, DKIM, DMARC
- Each domain warmed for 30 days before full send

#### **Daily Send Limits (Per Domain):**

- Days 1-30 (Warmup): 50-75 emails/day/domain
- Days 31+: 100-150 emails/day/domain

#### **For 15,000 contact test:**

- 10 domains = 1,000 emails/day capacity
- Day 1-3: 333 emails/day (well within capacity)

#### **Tools:**

- Domain setup: [Instantly.ai](#) or Smartlead (automated SPF/DKIM/DMARC)
- Warmup: Built-in warmup features
- Sending: Instantly, Smartlead, or Apollo

## Part 6: Tracking & Decision Framework

### The Tracking Spreadsheet

Track these metrics for each of the 15 combinations:

Combo ID	Offer	Framework	Contacts	Opens	Replies	Positive	Meetings	Reply %	Pos %	Mtg %
1	List	Problem→	1000	420	28	18	7	2.8%	1.8%	0.7%
2	List	Proof→	1000	380	15	8	2	1.5%	0.8%	0.2%
3	List	Direct→	1000	410	32	21	9	3.2%	2.1%	0.9%
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#### Key Metrics Definitions:

- **Opens:** Email opened (note: less reliable in 2025 due to privacy settings)
- **Replies:** Total responses (positive, negative, neutral)
- **Positive:** Interested replies ("tell me more", "yes send it", "let's talk")
- **Meetings:** Booked calls/demos
- **Reply %:** Replies ÷ Contacts
- **Pos %:** Positive Replies ÷ Contacts
- **Mtg %:** Meetings ÷ Contacts

### Decision Rules (Day 14-15)

#### KILL IT (<1% reply rate):

- Dead on arrival
- Do not send another email with this combination
- Example: 1,000 contacts → 8 replies = 0.8% reply rate → KILL

#### WEAK (1-2% reply rate):

- Below industry average
- Maybe one more test with tweaks, but probably dead
- Example: 1,000 contacts → 18 replies = 1.8% → WEAK

#### WINNER (2-4% reply rate):

- Above industry average
- Scale to 10,000 contacts immediately
- Example: 1,000 contacts → 32 replies = 3.2% → WINNER

#### GOLD (>4% reply rate):

- Top 10% performance
- This is your primary campaign
- Scale to 20,000+ contacts
- Example: 1,000 contacts → 45 replies = 4.5% → GOLD

## **Part 7: Scaling Winners (Weeks 3-8)**

### **Week 3-4: Initial Scale (30,000 contacts)**

#### **Action Plan:**

1. Identify 2-3 winning combinations from test
2. Allocate remaining 30,000 contacts:
  - **Gold combination:** 15,000 contacts
  - **Winner #2:** 10,000 contacts
  - **Winner #3:** 5,000 contacts
3. Maintain same 3-email sequence structure
4. Monitor deliverability metrics daily

#### **Success Criteria:**

- Maintain >95% deliverability rate
- Reply rates stay within 80% of test results
- Meetings booked: 60-120 (assuming 2-4% positive reply rate)

### **Week 5-6: Optimize + Test Variants**

#### **Action Plan:**

1. Run A/B tests on winning combinations:
  - Test 2-3 subject line variations
  - Test different CTAs
  - Test send times (morning vs. afternoon)
2. Implement learnings from Week 3-4:
  - Analyze which industries responded best
  - Refine targeting criteria

#### **Success Criteria:**

- Improve reply rates by 10-20% through optimization
- Identify best-performing sub-segments

## **Week 7-8: Full Scale Mode**

### **Action Plan:**

1. Build net-new contact lists (50,000+)
2. Apply winning combination(s) at scale
3. Implement continuous monitoring:
  - Weekly deliverability audits
  - Monthly list refreshes
  - Quarterly offer/message updates

### **Success Criteria:**

- Sustain 2-4% reply rates at scale
- Book 100+ meetings per month
- Establish predictable pipeline generation

## **Part 8: Mixmax-Specific Implementation Details**

### **Leveraging Current Customer Data**

**You have enriched customer data. Use it.**

Based on your current customer file, you have:

- **Veraset:** 11-50 employees, Data/Analytics vertical
- **Hostfully:** 51-200 employees, Software Development
- **Insightly:** 51-200 employees, CRM vertical
- **The Knot Worldwide:** Coordination platform, Events vertical

### **Actionable Strategy:**

- Build lookalike audiences in Clay/Apollo
- Filter for: Same employee count, same industry, using same tech stack (Salesforce, Outreach, etc.)
- Use customer success metrics in social proof:
  - Hostfully: "576% increase in pipeline generation"
  - Insightly: "\$1M in upsell pipeline sourced"

## **Competitive Displacement Targeting**

### **From G2 Analysis: Salesloft Churn Drivers**

You have detailed intel on why customers leave Salesloft. Use it.

#### **Target Companies Using:**

- Salesloft (aggressive billing, poor support)
- Outreach (complexity, low adoption)
- Apollo (feature gaps)

#### **Offer Angle:**

"We're helping former Salesloft customers save 45% while improving reply rates by 2x. Want to see how?"

#### **Specific Pain Points to Call Out:**

- "Tired of aggressive renewal tactics?" (Salesloft)
- "Team adoption below 30%?" (Outreach)
- "Missing modern AI features?" (Apollo)

## **Vertical-Specific Targeting**

### **Based on G2 Personas, prioritize:**

#### **1. SaaS/Technology (10-12% response rate potential)**

- Use Offer 1 (Intent List) or Offer 4 (Sequence Library)
- Message Framework 2 (Social Proof → Insight)

#### **2. Professional Services (8-11% response rate potential)**

- Use Offer 5 (Workshop) or Offer 2 (2-Week Pilot)
- Message Framework 1 (Problem → Solution)

#### **3. Financial Services (5-8% response rate potential)**

- Use Offer 3 (Email Audit) - compliance-focused
- Message Framework 3 (Direct Value)

## **Part 9: Complete Sample Campaign (Combo 3)**

**Combination:** Offer 1 (Intent List) + Framework 3 (Direct Value)

**Target Persona:** VP Sales, SaaS companies, 50-500 employees

**Sample Size:** 1,000 contacts

## Email 1 (Day 1)

**Subject:** 500 accounts actively shopping for sales tools

{First Name},

We have a list of 500 B2B companies that are actively engaging with Salesloft, Outreach, and Apollo content right now—G2 reviews, LinkedIn posts, tech stack changes.

We built this using the same signal intelligence that helped Hostfully increase pipeline by 576% in 90 days.

The insight isn't just who's in-market—it's when they're most engaged and what triggers them to evaluate new tools.

I can send you the full list (company name, employee count, engagement type, recency). Just reply "send it" and I'll get it over today.

[Your Name]

### Expected Performance:

- 1,000 contacts
- 400 opens (40% open rate)
- 30 replies (3% reply rate)
- 20 positive replies (2% positive rate)
- 8 meetings booked (0.8% meeting rate)

## Email 2 (Day 4)

**Subject:** Re: 500 accounts actively shopping for sales tools

{First Name},

Quick follow-up—realized I might have buried the lead in my last email.

The real value in this list isn't just the company names. It's the recency and trigger data.

For example: One company reviewed Salesloft on G2 yesterday and mentioned "low team adoption" as their #1 pain point. That's your opening.

Another installed Apollo 3 months ago but is now actively engaging with competitor content—clear signal they're shopping again.

Still happy to send the full list if useful. Or if you want to see the methodology behind how we build these, I can walk you through it.

Let me know.

[Your Name]

### **Expected Performance:**

- 970 contacts (non-responders from Email 1)
- 15 additional replies (1.5% reply rate on Email 2)
- 10 positive
- 4 meetings booked

### **Email 3 (Day 7)**

**Subject:** Re: 500 accounts actively shopping for sales tools

{First Name},

Last one from me—taking the silence as a no, which is totally fine.

But before I close this out: If you ever want to see which accounts in your ICP are actively evaluating sales tools (or your specific competitors), just reply and I'll loop you in.

We update these lists monthly with fresh signals.

Either way, good luck crushing Q4.

[Your Name]

### **Expected Performance:**

- 955 contacts (non-responders from Email 2)
- 8 additional replies (0.8% reply rate on Email 3)
- 5 positive
- 2 meetings booked

### **Total Campaign Performance (Combo 3):**

- **Total Contacts:** 1,000
- **Total Replies:** 53 (5.3% reply rate) → **WINNER**
- **Positive Replies:** 35 (3.5% positive rate)
- **Meetings Booked:** 14 (1.4% meeting rate)

**Decision:** SCALE THIS IMMEDIATELY to 10,000 contacts in Week 3.

## **Part 10: Technical Implementation Checklist**

## **Week 0: Infrastructure Setup**

### **Day 1-7:**

- [ ] Purchase 5-10 domains
- [ ] Configure SPF, DKIM, DMARC for each domain
- [ ] Set up email accounts (Gmail or Microsoft)
- [ ] Connect domains to Instantly/Smartlead/Apollo
- [ ] Start domain warmup (30-day process)

### **Day 8-14:**

- [ ] Build initial contact list (100,000+ raw contacts)
- [ ] Run verification (expect 60% valid = 60,000)
- [ ] Run Clay AI cleanup (expect 75% pass = 45,000)
- [ ] Reserve 15,000 for testing, 30,000 for scaling

### **Day 15-30:**

- [ ] Continue domain warmup
- [ ] Write all 15 email combinations (Email 1, 2, 3 for each)
- [ ] Set up tracking spreadsheet
- [ ] Configure sequences in sending platform

## **Week 1: Launch Testing**

### **Day 1-3:**

- [ ] Send Email 1 to all 15,000 contacts (333/day)
- [ ] Monitor deliverability (bounce rate <3%)
- [ ] Track opens and early replies

### **Day 4-6:**

- [ ] Send Email 2 to non-responders (~14,250 contacts)
- [ ] Begin categorizing replies (Positive/Neutral/Negative)
- [ ] Log meeting bookings

## **Week 2: Complete Testing & Analyze**

### **Day 7-9:**

- [ ] Send Email 3 to non-responders (~13,800 contacts)
- [ ] Continue reply categorization

- [ ] Monitor late replies from Email 1 & 2

#### **Day 10-14:**

- [ ] Compile final results in tracking spreadsheet
- [ ] Calculate reply %, positive %, meeting % for each combo
- [ ] Identify Winners (2-4% reply) and Gold (>4% reply)
- [ ] Kill underperformers (<1% reply)

### **Week 3: Scale Winners**

#### **Day 15-21:**

- [ ] Allocate 30,000 contacts to winning combinations
- [ ] Launch scaled campaigns
- [ ] Daily deliverability monitoring
- [ ] Weekly performance reviews

### **Part 11: Troubleshooting & FAQs**

#### **What if NO combinations hit 2%+ reply rates?**

##### **Root Cause Analysis:**

###### **1. List Quality Issue**

- Check: Are contacts in your ICP? Right seniority?
- Fix: Tighten targeting criteria, re-verify emails

###### **2. Deliverability Issue**

- Check: Bounce rate >5%? Going to spam?
- Fix: Audit SPF/DKIM/DMARC, reduce daily send volume

###### **3. Message/Offer Issue**

- Check: Are offers genuinely valuable? Too salesy?
- Fix: Rewrite with more value, less pitch

##### **If All Else Fails:**

- Reduce to 5 combinations (top performers from test)
- Test on fresh 5,000 contacts
- Consider manual outreach to 50 accounts to validate ICP

## **What if MULTIPLE combinations hit >4%?**

**Great problem to have. Here's what to do:**

### **1. Segment by Persona:**

- Combo A works best for VP Sales
- Combo B works best for Sales Ops
- Scale each to their respective personas

### **2. A/B Test at Scale:**

- Run both combos on same 10,000 contacts
- See which sustains performance

### **3. Rotate Offers:**

- Use Combo A for net-new outreach
- Use Combo B for re-engagement campaigns

## **How do I know if results are statistically significant?**

**Simple Rule of Thumb:**

- 1,000 contacts = sufficient sample size
- Difference of 1%+ reply rate = likely significant
- Example: Combo A at 3.2% vs Combo B at 2.1% = meaningful difference

**More Rigorous Approach:**

- Use online A/B test calculator
- Input: Sample size (1,000), conversion rate A, conversion rate B
- 95% confidence level required to declare winner

## **What if deliverability drops during scaling?**

**Warning Signs:**

- Bounce rate >5%
- Reply rate drops 50%+ from test
- Spam complaints increase

**Immediate Actions:**

1. PAUSE sending immediately
2. Check domain health (use [mail-tester.com](http://mail-tester.com))
3. Reduce daily send volume by 50%
4. Re-verify contact list

5. Check for spam trigger words in emails

#### **Prevention:**

- Never exceed 150 emails/day/domain
- Rotate domains evenly
- Monitor daily, not weekly

## **Part 12: Success Metrics & Reporting**

### **Week 2 Report (End of Testing Phase)**

#### **Executive Summary:**

- Total contacts tested: 15,000
- Total combinations tested: 15
- Winning combinations: 3
- Gold combinations: 1
- Total meetings booked: 42
- Best reply rate: 4.8% (Combo 7)

#### **Key Findings:**

- Offer 1 (Intent List) outperformed other offers (avg 3.1% reply rate)
- Framework 3 (Direct Value) worked best across all offers
- Vertical: SaaS responded 2x better than other industries

#### **Next Steps:**

- Scale Combo 7 to 15,000 contacts (Week 3-4)
- Scale Combo 3 to 10,000 contacts (Week 3-4)
- Scale Combo 11 to 5,000 contacts (Week 3-4)

### **Month 1 Report (End of Scaling Phase)**

#### **Executive Summary:**

- Total contacts reached: 45,000
- Total meetings booked: 187
- Meeting booking rate: 0.42%
- Cost per meeting: \$X (calculate based on tool costs + time)
- Pipeline generated: \$X (based on average deal size)

#### **Performance by Combination:**

Combo	Contacts	Replies	Reply %	Meetings	Mtg %
7	15,000	720	4.8%	108	0.72%
3	10,000	310	3.1%	52	0.52%
11	5,000	135	2.7%	27	0.54%

### Recommendations:

- Continue scaling Combo 7 (proven gold standard)
- Test new offer variations based on meeting feedback
- Expand into new verticals (Professional Services, Healthcare)

### Conclusion

The Gutenberg Framework is a systematic, data-driven approach to outbound email that replaces guesswork with mathematical precision.

### Key Principles:

1. **Test fast** - 15,000 contacts in 2 weeks
2. **Track everything** - Every combination, every metric
3. **Kill losers quickly** - No emotional attachment
4. **Scale winners aggressively** - 10x proven performers
5. **Iterate continuously** - This is not a one-time campaign

### Expected Timeline:

- **Week 0-1:** Infrastructure setup
- **Week 1-2:** Rapid testing (15 combinations × 1,000 contacts)
- **Week 3:** Analyze results, identify winners
- **Week 4-8:** Scale winners, optimize, build pipeline

### Success Criteria:

- 2-4 winning combinations identified by Week 3
- 100+ meetings booked by Week 8
- Predictable pipeline generation engine by Month 3

### Next Steps:

1. Review this playbook with sales, RevOps, and marketing teams
2. Assign owners for each phase (list building, infrastructure, copywriting, tracking)
3. Set Week 0 kickoff date
4. Begin domain purchase and warmup (30-day lead time)

5. Start building contact lists (aim for 100,000+ raw contacts)

### **Questions or Need Support?**

This playbook is designed to be executed internally. However, if you need:

- Clay/Apollo training
- Email infrastructure setup support
- Copywriting review
- Performance troubleshooting

...reach out to your RevOps team or consider external experts in outbound infrastructure.

**Good luck. Now go execute.**