Comparing Two Websites DAW 7K – Oscar Pereira

Amazon Vs AliExpress



In this document we are going to review two websites, competitors in the same market, Amazon and AliExpress, to see how their corresponding websites are designed and see how they compare to each other in their main visual aspects.

Amazon





• Colours

The main colors found in the Amazon website are the shades of blue, leaning towards the darker tones and contrasting it with pure white. This gives off a relaxing feeling with a hint of seriousness.



Rating: 8/10

• Structure

Its structured in a simple fashion, a top navigation bar with all the tools the user might need to navigate the website, the content is displayed in a grid, showing items and offers that might be of interest.

A solid and proven structure for this type of website.

Rating: 7/10

• Icons







In the website few information is relayed by making use of icons, instead it is all presented through plain text. While straightforward it could pose problems for those in need of accesibility options.

Rating: 5/10

Typography

Simple, standard, good enough for most use cases.

On inspection the font used on the body of the site is Arial.

Rating 7/10

Animations



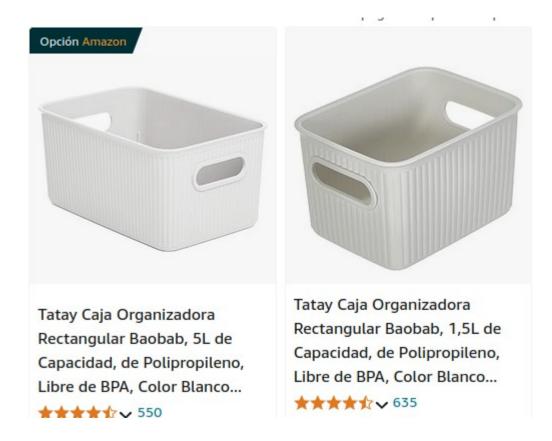
Close to none, the ones present are mainly for displaying offers, they have to be manually activated.

Rating 5/10

• Ease of use

Intuitive and following standards and conventions that have proven themselves over the years, a search bar that gives suggestions as you type and good quality images to show the items for sale.

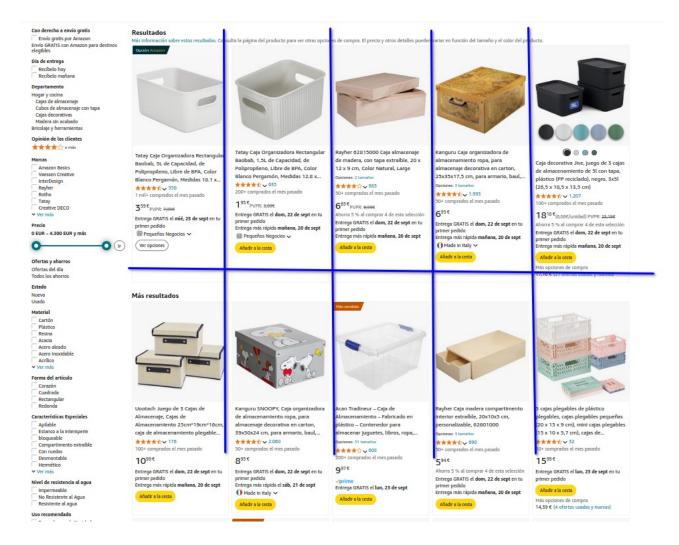




Rating: 8/10

• Web homogeneity.

Quite homogeneous in its design, following a grid template in both its landing page and search results.



Rating: 8/10

• Technology used for they development. (See: www.wappalyzer.com)

Site Info - Amazon.es

Website Background	
Description on Homepage	Amazon.es: compra online de electrónica, libros, deporte, hogar, moda y mucho más.
	Descubre y compra online: electrónica, moda, hogar, libros, deporte y mucho más a precios bajos en Amazon.es. Envío gratis con Amazon Prime.
	automatic translation provided by Microsoft Amazon.es: online shopping for electronics, books, sports, home, fashion and much more.
	Discover and buy online: electronics, fashion, home, books, sports and much more at low prices in Amazon.es. Free shipping with Amazon Prime.
Popularity rank	Top 1k among all websites
Client-side Programming Language	es .
JavaScript	JavaScript is a lightweight, object-oriented, cross-platform scripting language, often used within web pages.
Flash used on inner pages	Adobe Flash (by Adobe Systems, formerly Shockwave Flash and Macromedia Flash and now part of Adobe Animate CC) is a multimedia platform for adding animation and interactivity to web pages.
JavaScript Library	
jQuery used on inner pages	jQuery is a JavaScript library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating and Ajax interaction. Originally developed by John Resig.
Web Hosting Provider	
Amazon	Amazon is a US-based e-commerce and cloud computing provider.
	hosting info partly based on data from ipinfo.io, see detail
Data Center Provider	
Amazon	Amazon is a US-based e-commerce and cloud computing provider.

Used <u>W3Techs</u> to get the information.

Rating: n/a

• Is the web accessible by all the web browsers? Firefox, Opera, Edge...

Yes, its available in all browsers.

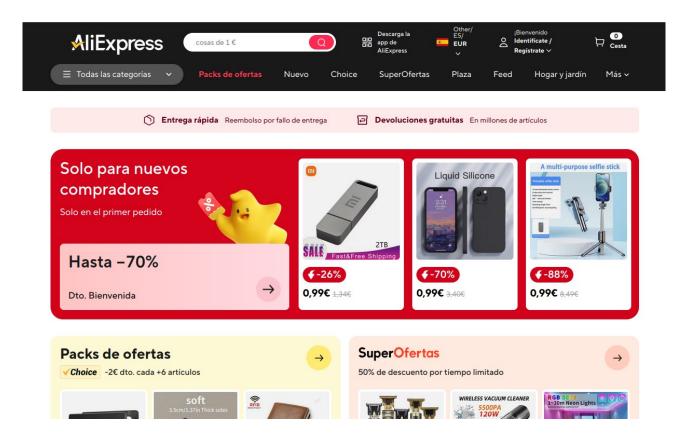
Rating: 10/10

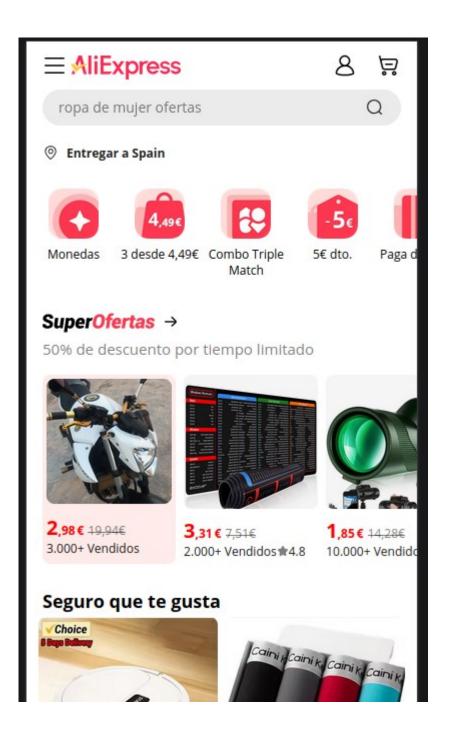
• Is it a responsive Web? Is it accessible using PCs and mobile devices?

Yes, its easy to navigate in both its web and mobile versions.

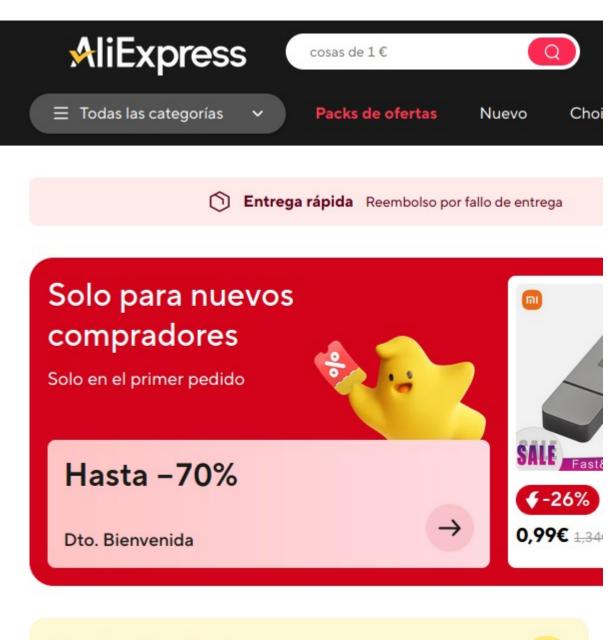
Rating: 10/10

AliExpress





• Colours



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The colours are a mix of black, white, red and yellow, a color pallette that creates in my opinion is hostile to the viewer, doesnt transmit very well the idea of a place to shop.

Rating: 5/10

Structure

Same as Amazon, a simple structure showcasing a top navigation bar and the content in the lower part occupying most of the space.

Rating: 7/10

• Icons

While the desktop site is similar to Amazon in the sense that it doesnt make use of much iconography to transmit information, a higher rating is given thanks to their web app, AliExpress mobile version makes a great use of iconography to create a smoother look and a more friendly user experience.



Rating: 8/10

• Typography

Uses a round typeface, gives a cleaner look and makes the website more "friendly" in a way.

On inspection it seems to have many, using as main font the TT Norms Pro.

Rating: 8/10

Animations

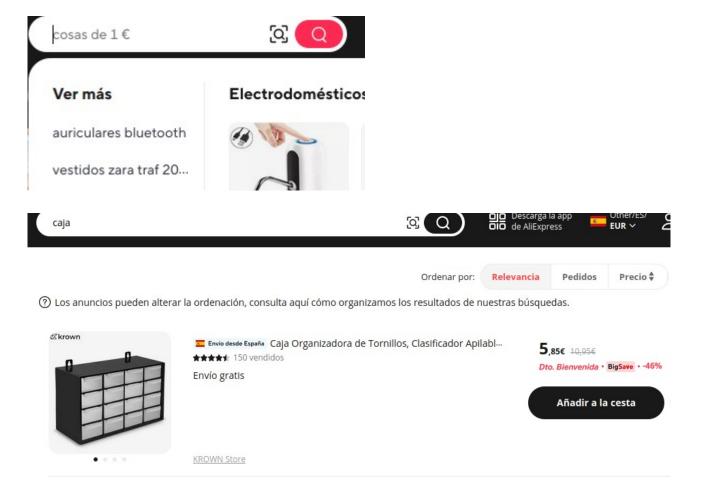


While the image presented is static, this example is constantly sidescrolling, presenting new information to the user, and thus, making it more dynamic and engaging.

Rating: 7/10

Ease of use

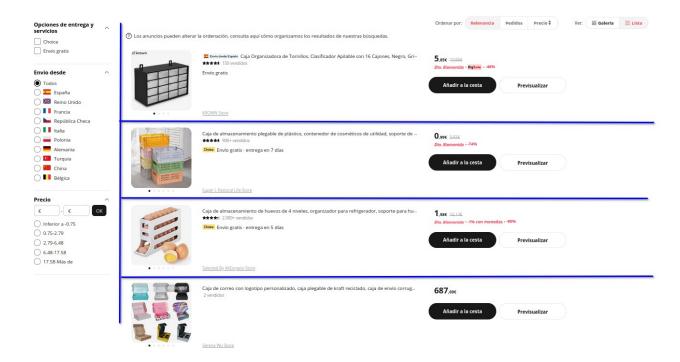
Same as Amazon. Simple and it achieves its purpose without complicating things for the user.



Given a better review for the improved search function, that not only provides suggestions but images aswell.

Rating: 9/10

• Web homogeneity.



Follows a horizontal, list style layout, while good as any other, it unnecesarily occupies much of the screen real state leaving blanks that could be used to show more content/relevant information.

Rating: 6/10

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Content Management System	
Microsoft Word 15 6% of sites use a newer version used on a subdomain	Microsoft Word is a text processing tools that also supports creation of web pages.
Server-side Programming Lang	guages
Java	Java is a general-purpose language originally developed by Sun Microsystems.
static files used on a subdomain	Static websites don't use any server-side programming language for generating web pages, but deliver fixed content which is created manually or with an offline tool.
Client-side Programming Lang	uage
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JavaScript Libraries	
jQuery	jQuery is a JavaScript library that simplifies HTML document traversing, event handling, animating and Ajax interaction. Originally developed by John Resig.
React used on a subdomain	React is an open source JavaScript library for building user interfaces, developed by Facebook.
Moment.js used on a subdomain	Moment.js is a library to manipulate dates in JavaScript.
Web Server	
Tengine	Tengine is an open source web server based on Nginx and originated by Taobao.
Web Hosting Providers	
Alibaba	Alibaba a Chinese e-commerce and cloud computing company.
CenturyLink used until recently	CenturyLink is a multinational communications company headquartered in USA, owned by Lumen. This includes its subsidiaries CenturyTel, Savvis, Qwest, Embarq and the former brand Level 3.
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TOTAL RATING:

Amazon: 68

AliExpress: 70

They both provide a similar experience overall.