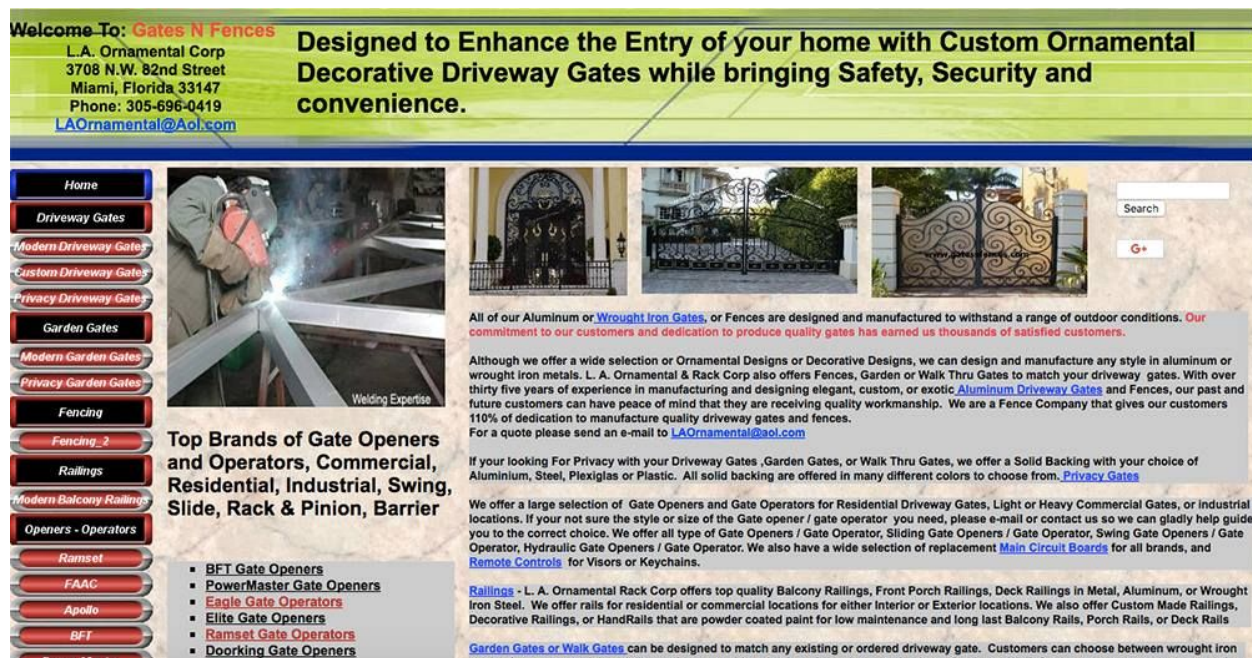


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Gates N Fences

Original web design results



Test Instructions

Imagine you own a very big house surrounded with very big garden. You have a very big interest for home and gardening decoration.

Responses Shown

3 responses

Average Duration

1 minute 7.1 seconds

What did you get out of this page?

- Too crowded - Couldn't take in anything
- fence welding
- it is too messy

What kind of service do they provide?

- I have no idea
- Impossible to tell
- I think you can buy tools

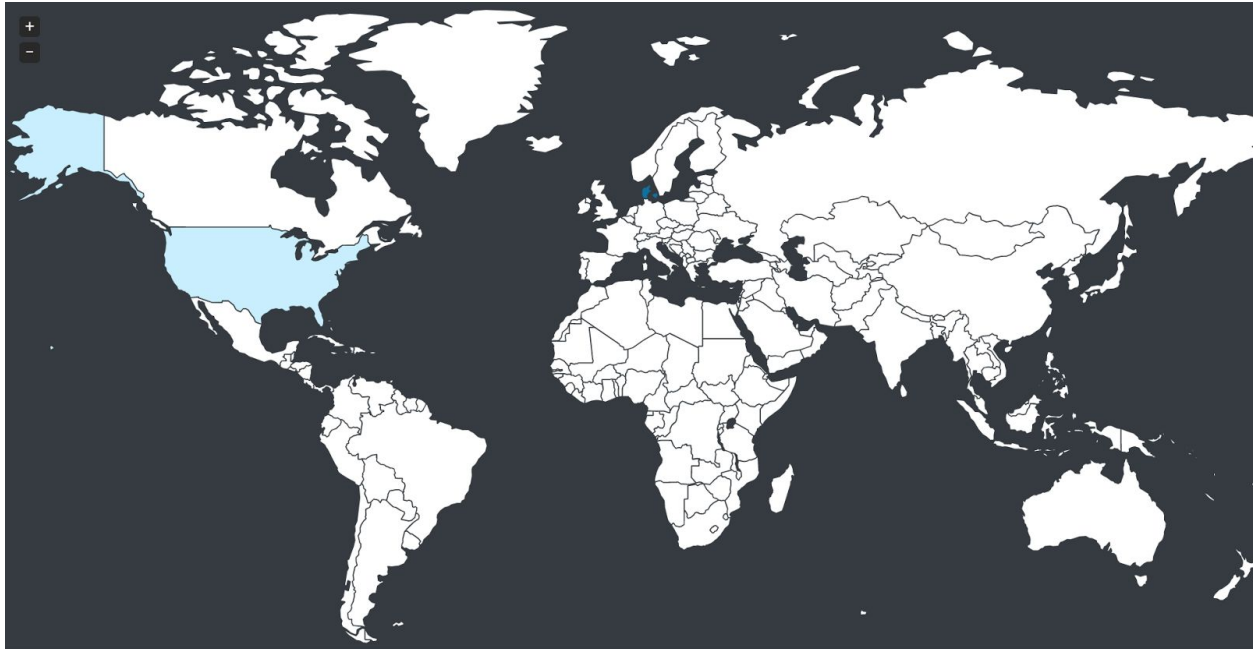
What is the name of the company?

- I do not know
- I can not see
- I don't know

Is this page worth your time?

- nope
- no
- no

Trunk Testers - from DK and USA



Trunk Test Results:

What site is this? (is there a site ID?)

Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
website for fences and gates	fence/gate company in Florida	"Gates N Fences" - sells gates, fences, operating systems

What page am I on? (is there a page name?)

Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
can only see in the url, not from the page itself	No page headers - to distinguish	Too busy - all pages look the same
font sizes give no hint	Pages are so crowded with menu items and photos - it's hard to tell one page from another	Lacks identifiers

purple indication in the navigation area is not clear enough		
too many "menu"s/options		

What are the main sections? (are there section names?)

Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
driveway gates etc. on the left panel, too many	Titles/categories on left bar are mixed with subheadings on every page	Main sections are mixed with subsections - confusing and unclear
	Too much info included in the left column of buttons	

What navigation options do I have here? (is there local navigation?)

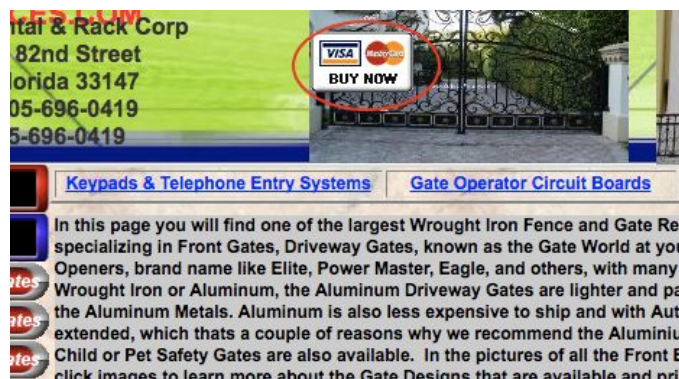
Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
one vertical and one horizontal, don't know about their relation	Buttons on the left bar, hyperlinks on the horizontal bar, each photo is a hyperlink	There's no clear flow between pages/sections
	Easily lost when navigating among pages	

Where am I overall? (are there "you are here" indicators?)

Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
not clear	No way of knowing	Very difficult to say

Other findings about the site:

Tester #1	Tester #2	Tester #3
contact us in fact is place order form	Too much data required to send a 'contact us' inquiry, poorly aligned sections	It would be much cleaner to have search capability for model numbers/names - rather than long lists of them within the pages - or a separate page of just model numbers - for each category
the site looks like it's not for end users, maybe a product catalog?	Dense text describing page contents - starts 'in this page' on each page - redundant and unnecessary - and way too much	Too densely packed
Scrolling 'buy now' icon does not allow interaction	Typos in the text - poorly edited	Inconsistent title bar for the website - site name, company name (is it "LA Ornamental" or is it "Gates N Fences"?) - insufficient spacing/overlap on some pages



Redesigning 'Gates N Fences'

Expert Review

Steve Krugs Heuristics

'Frontpage', 'Driveway gates' and 'About'

1. Is there a clear visual hierarchy on each page?

- a. A lot of visual noise with images
- b. No contrast in fonts – no hierarchy appear
- c. Missing hierarchy in the navigation and menu

2. Does the site take advantage of conventions?

- a. Yes, but in a messy way

3. Are the break pages defined into clear areas?

- a. Yes, areas are defined

4. Is it obvious what's clickable?

- a. Yes, but too much of it is clickable

5. Is the noise minimized?

- a. Way too much noise. Both photos, text, textures, typography and colours.

6. Is ambiguity avoided in the menu?

- a. No, there is a very clear and confused ambiguity of the menu. Both horizontally and vertically

7. Are happy talk and instructions avoided?

- a. No and it is even highlighted.
- b. There is a lot of happy talk on the webpage

8. Is there a persistency navigation?

- a. Yes, there's a fine persistency

9. Is there a site ID on every page?

- a. Yes, but it changes for every page

10. Are there page names on every page that match what was clicked?

- a. Only on some pages there is a page name/title
- b. No mark for what was clicked

11. Are there 'you are here' indicators on every page?

- a. Yes, there's a colour difference in the menu bar for the specific page that you're on.

Conclusion:

2 main issues are:

Clutter

- There is so much information on each page that it is hard to tell what they are trying to sell and where to click. Too many places to click.
- Nothing stands out because of the amount of content. Too much text and too many photographs. Feels more like a catalog than a website.
- Copy editing needed - too many typos throughout.
- And why is the Disney World Gate on every page?

Navigation

- There are too many options and you cannot tell what is more important, suggested path
- Too many navigation choices - buttons on the left, hyperlinks on the top and bottom
- Unclear how the hyperlinks at the top of the page relate to the buttons on the left