YouTube TrueView Video Ads
Let the audience choose you

YouTube at a glance

Founded in February 2005, YouTube allows billions of people to discover, watch and share videos. YouTube provides a platform for users, brands and creators to connect, inform and inspire each other. With over one billion monthly unique visitors and four billion views each day, it’s where an entire generation is empowered to shape the content and culture that matters to the world today.

TrueView video ads allow you to pay only when viewers choose to watch your ad, rather than when an impression is served. Available across all devices, TrueView lets people watch ads they find interesting, and skip ads they find less interesting.

Everyone wins: viewers choose ads that are relevant to them, and you reach people who are receptive to your message. As your video count goes up, you know you’re reaching truly engaged viewers.

Target exactly who you want—and who wants you

TrueView video ads let great ads stand out, helping you find exactly the audience you want, no matter the device. You can layer in additional targeting options such as demographic or geographic filters. Most importantly, the opt-in nature of TrueView provides natural targeting, eliminating viewers who have already seen your ad or who are not in the market for what you have to offer.

Did you know?

15–45%
TrueView in-stream viewers choose not to skip an ad on average 15-45% of the time.

3–4x
Advertisers have seen click-through rates of up to 4% with TrueView in-stream ads (3-4x higher than other video ad formats).

2015
YouTube predicts that by 2015, more than half of all online campaigns will include cost-per-view video ads.

Only pay for engaged views

You only pay when viewers choose to watch your ad—not by the impression. Our auction-based system helps you control your budget based on performance. Plus, you get an increased YouTube video count and click-through rates of up to 4%.

Gain essential insights

Track your performance with YouTube Analytics so you can know which of your ads perform best. Then adjust your campaigns for even greater success.

Easy to buy with AdWords for video

With AdWords for video, buying video ads has never been easier. From quick account creation to detailed reporting, all the tools you need to create and manage your video ads are now in one place.
Features

It’s easy to get started

With Google AdWords for video you can use your existing YouTube video, write a few sentences to describe your video, and you’re ready to start your TrueView campaign.

Re-engage viewers with remarketing

You can easily build remarketing lists of people who viewed your TrueView ads on YouTube or the Google Display Network. Available on desktop devices only.

Drive engagement with companion banners

Use free companion banners to generate views for other videos on your channel or drive traffic to your website.

A wealth of targeting options

Target viewers based on content/topic, interest category, contextual, demographic or geographic parameters.

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*Available on mobile devices

About YouTube

YouTube is the leader in online video, and the premier destination to watch and share original videos worldwide through a web experience. Since November 2006, YouTube has been an independent subsidiary of Google, Inc. Google and YouTube are committed to enable everyone to find, upload, watch and share original videos worldwide, and to innovate with video for compelling services for users and for content owners.

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