# How manufacturers grow channel sales with a phased loyalty program for retailers and end users

A practical guide for mid-market manufacturers: activation, product registration, rapid engagement, and program ROI from launch to maturity.

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| activation touchpoints | days to launch | loyalty levels | key metrics |

## Why manufacturer loyalty programs stall after launch

A channel loyalty program can work well for retailers but fail to engage end users. Or it can drive registrations but not repeat purchases. Or it can launch with great fanfare and then quietly die within 18 months.

The difference between programs that stall and programs that scale is not the reward catalog or the software platform. It is whether the program was designed around the behaviors it needs to produce.

**1. Partners and dealers** sell your products and recommend them, but they quickly lose interest if the program is complex, slow, or rewards the wrong activities.

**2. End users** buy your products but rarely engage with your brand after the transaction. They have no reason to return, register, or refer.

**3. Program managers** launch with enthusiasm, then struggle to maintain momentum. Without clear milestones, the program becomes another item on a crowded to-do list.

**4. Executive sponsors** approve budget for the launch but lose visibility into ongoing value. They cannot justify renewal because they cannot see what is working.

The solution is not more features. It is a program that guides participants through a clear sequence of activities, rewards each step appropriately, and builds toward a meaningful goal.

## Mapping business objectives to the levers that move them

Start with business objectives, then work backward to the member behaviors that drive each objective. Every member action in the points table should connect to a business outcome. If it does not, it is a reward that costs money without producing value.

**1. Drive incremental retailer sales**

Retailers want to grow their business, not just move inventory. Reward the behaviors that increase sell-through: training completion, display compliance, and tracking. Incentivize end users, not just the transaction.

**2. Increase product registrations**

Product registration is the foundation of your data. If the registration form is a pain point, the rest of the program will suffer. Use registration as a gateway to product education, not a checkbox to get rewards.

**3. Deepen product engagement**

End users rarely interact with your brand after they buy. Reward them for reviews, upload and share, and general engagement. Use content, training, video, quizzes, and interactions.

**4. Increase loyalty**

Loyalty is the ultimate goal. Tiering, recognition, and gamification all contribute to loyalty. Use them to reward consistency and long-term engagement.

**5. Build loyalty and reduce attrition**

Retention is the most valuable lever for long-term growth. Milestones, fees, monthly challenges, sweepstakes, and mechanics to encourage more frequent activity (using points plan, redemption, communication, and gamification).

**6. Increase repeat purchases, cross-sell, and upsell**

Repeat purchases, cross-selling, and upselling are all driven by points. Use bonus points, double points, and point multipliers to encourage more frequent activity (using points plan, redemption, communication, and gamification).

**7. Build a data-driven marketing engine**

Data is the ultimate reward for activity, and activity is the ultimate reward for data. Use it to build marketing, schedule reporting, product line analysis, and geographic maps to provide the program the client wants, requires, and communicates clearly.

**Increase retailer sales** Training completion, display compliance, sell-through tracking

**Increase end user sales** Product registration, reviews, referrals, upsell and cross-sell, purchases

**Increase loyalty** Tiering, recognition, gamification, engagement, interactions

**Reduce attrition** Milestones, fees, monthly challenges, sweepstakes, mechanics

**Increase repeat purchases, cross-sell, and upsell** Bonus points, double points, point multipliers

**Increase data** Activity, data, and rewards, data, and rewards

## How the four-phase growth model is structured

The goal here is to find areas with 10 months and prepare, and plan and have a plan for the result that fall within the next six items. Moving early, for maximizing the most and the most and the most and