Home Depot vs Amazon Shopping Comparison Eval

Spring 2025



### **Study overview**

#### Goal

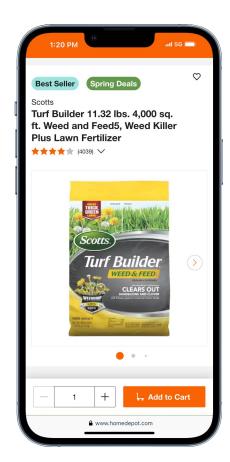
The Scotts Miracle-Gro UX team conducted a study in April 2025 to capture participant's experience and thoughts on shopping for lawn care products on two websites.

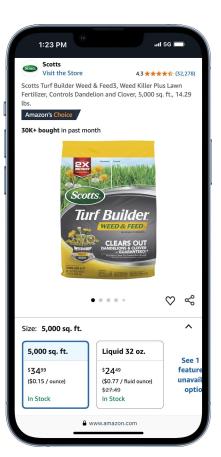
Using remote interviews, we had 8 yardeners shop for Weed & Feed on both Home Depot and Amazon, sharing their thoughts on their experience to provide insight into the following research objectives:

#### **Research Objectives**

- How does the Amazon and Home Depot L&G experience stack up against each other?
- Which PDP has better content to help instill confidence in purchasing?
- On each website, what pieces of content resonate the most?
- How does shopping on Home Depot differ from shopping on Amazon?

### **Pages Tested**





### **Participant Demographics**

Contributors aligned with the following demographics:

• Sample size: 8

• **Age Range:** 26-55

• **Gender:** Any

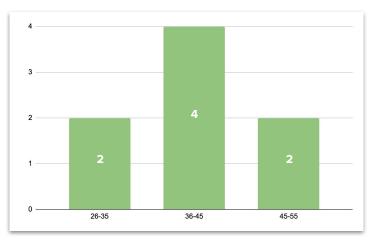
Country: United States (no CA, AK, HI)

• **Device:** Desktop & Mobile

- Other qualifications:
  - Personally responsible for their lawn care and maintenance
  - Taking care of their lawn is something they keep up with regularly



#### **Age Ranges**



### TL;DR



#### Home Depot providing the better L&G .com shopping experience

Participants felt like Home Depot's PDPs had more product information. Additionally shopping for lawn and garden on Home Depot felt like a more trustworthy experience when compared to Amazon. Lastly, for same day needs participants preferred Home Depot.





## Home Depot's Coverage Calculator adding a nice touch on product detail pages

On product detail pages, participants **appreciated having the coverage calculator**. It was a **nice feature that helped those yardeners who didn't know how much they needed to cover their lawn.** 



#### Amazon does excel in convenience, A+ content, and reviews

Participants excelling certain areas when compared to Home Depot. Convenience is a no duh when talking about Amazon. **A+ content featured product information that participants found helpful**. Amazon has many **more product reviews** that participants were counting on to decide what to buy.

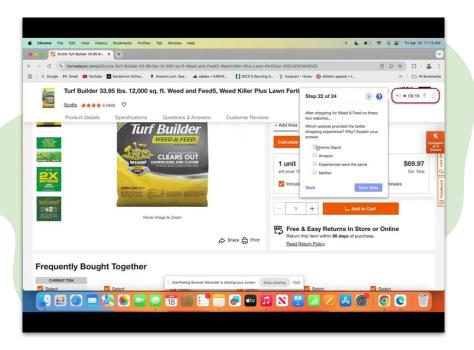


# **Study Findings**

# When reflecting on their shopping experiences, participants preferred their experience on Home Depot's website.

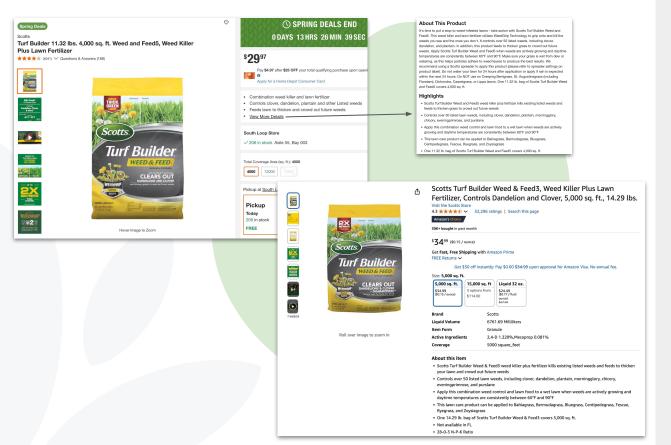
- Most felt like there was more content/product information on Home Depot's PDPs
- The size calculator was a nice touch that participants enjoyed
- Some commented on how Home Depot felt more natural/trustworthy when shopping for the home/lawn & garden
- Others mentioned that they would prefer Home Depot specifically if they needed the product same day

# Who provides the better L&G shopping experience: Home Depot or Amazon?



"I would say probably Home Depot had the better experience because not only did it have more product details, it also had a question section where people ask questions about it."

# Shopping behavior was primarily the same on both websites



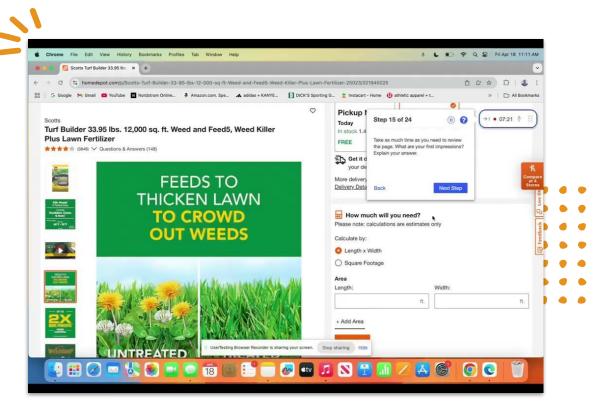
When browsing for Weed & Feed on both sites, participants...

- Primarily used the site's search bar to find Weed & Feed
- Immediately scrolled through alt images and viewed the product description once viewing the PDP

When reviewing the Home Depot PDPs, participants **liked having** access to a quick coverage calculator if they didn't know how much they needed to cover their lawn.

 Including this tool on the page (especially above the fold) was a nice feature that participants appreciated, especially if they had no idea how much product they needed

# The coverage calculator is a nice touch on Home Depot PDPs



When shopping on Amazon for L&G products, participants felt like Amazon had the leg up on...

- Convenience
- **A+ Content:** the graphics on Amazon help convey product information that Home Depot just doesn't have
- **Reviews:** Participants felt like Amazon's PDP (32,296) had many more reviews than Home Depot's PDP (4,041)

Offers up to 2x more powerful weed control in

your lawn (versus prior formulation) to clear

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out dandelion, clover and other common

WeedGrip Technology grips the weeds you see

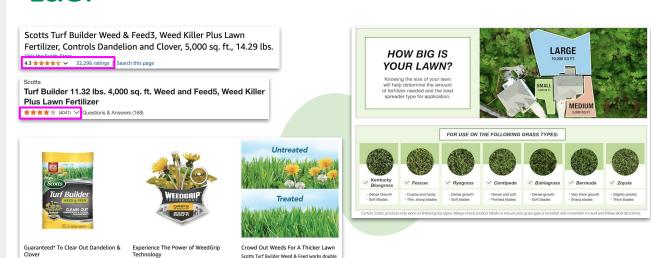
and the ones you don't to make room for

strong, green grass to grow.

These are three areas that we know Amazon excels in and our participants know that too.



### Where does Amazon excel when shopping for L&G?





duty as a fertilizer and weed killer. Grow

all while crowding out future weeds.

deeper, stronger roots for a thick green lawn



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#### What did we learn?

- Home Depot feels like the more trusted site when shopping for Lawn and Garden
- Featuring tools and calculators above the fold on PDPs leads to higher consumer confidence
- 3 Alt images & product descriptions matter to the consumer

### How can we stretch our superpowers?

- Amazon will always win in convenience, how can we tout our strengths like curbside pickup to win the shopper?
- The coverage calculator was a fan favorite, how we can continue to feature tools and calculators above the fold on PDPs across the entire category (not just lawns)?
- A+ won on Amazon, how can we tout some of that information given the constraints of the Home Depot PDP layout?