







WHY

eBay and Patagonia are encouraging customers to resell products they no longer use to extend the life of Patagonia products.

HOW

- In 2011, eBay and Patagonia created a partnership to help each other achieve core elements of their corporate responsibility strategies.
- The partnership encouraged Patagonia customers to use the eBay platform to resell their old Patagonia products.
- eBay uses an algorithm to place all Patagonia items listed into Patagonia's Common Threads branded eBay store.

BUSINESS VALUE



Brand loyalty – The partnership drove engagement and loyalty beyond financial transactions.

Brand awareness – The partnership has had significant online reach.



New segment access – The partnership opened up the Patagonia brand to a wider market, who can't yet afford new Patagonia products.



Growth – Sales for both used and new Patagonia products increased following the partnership.



Business model – Patagonia was the first brand to endorse customer to customer sales of their pre-owned goods on eBay.

CONSUMER VALUE



FUNCTIONAL

Patagonia products were made available to a new customer base who previously could not have afforded them.



EMOTIONAL

The endorsed resale of Patagonia products gives customers a way to pass old products onto a new home.



SOCIAL

The Common Threads store creates a community of Patagonia fans around a common cause.

RESULTS

- Compared to the year before the program launched, there was a 25% year-on-year increase in the sale of new and used Patagonia gear on eBay. Source: eBay Interview
- Over 40,000 pre-used Patagonia products were kept out of landfill and given a new lease of life on eBay. Source: eBay Interview
- "The second-hand market opens up the brand to a lot of people who can't afford to buy first-hand... it opens up a market that we might otherwise not have." – Vincent Stanley, VP Global Brand, Patagonia. Source: eBay Interview





