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# SPQ\*GOLD®

# The Call Reluctance® Scale

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# Sales Development Report

for

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All measurements are inexact. Some errors are made by the most technically advanced measurement instruments. Formally constructed, rigorously developed instruments are technically sophisticated measurement devices, and as such, are also subject to error. The test upon which this SPQ\*GOLD® Sales Development Report is based is no exception. Although it represents a long tradition of research and development, it still remains vulnerable to error. Therefore, well-intentioned managers will use the results wisely . . . as training and development hypotheses, and not as hard-and-fast impersonal conclusions to be imposed upon the lives and careers of other people.



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## Section 1: Sales Call Reluctance® Overview

Prospecting Brake™: 25

 $0 \; - \; 10 \; - \; 20 \; - \; 30 \; - \; 40 \; - \; 50 \; - \; 60 \; - \; 70 \; - \; 80 \; - \; 90 \; - \; 100$ 

Capsule Summary: Hesitation to initiate contact in a variety of situations. This could translate into job-related

emotional distress, and an insufficient number of contacts to sustain personal or career objectives.

Management Tips: Contact initiation for self-promotional or sales prospecting purposes should be much easier for this

individual than for the typical salesperson. Call reluctance® is not a problem at the present time.

PROSPECTING BRAKE™ CODE: GREEN

**Outlook:** Review individual types for specific outlooks.

Prospecting Accelerator™: 75

0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

Capsule Summary: Tendency to initiate contact in a variety of situations. This could translate into a sufficient number

of contacts to sustain personal or career objectives.

Management Tips: Contact initiation for self-promotional or sales prospecting purposes should be much easier for this

individual than for the typical salesperson. Call reluctance® is not a problem at the present time.

PROSPECTING ACCELERATOR™ CODE: GREEN

Outlook: Review individual types for specific outlooks.

# Section 2: Sales Call Reluctance® Types

Doomsayer SalesCR™: 0

Capsule Summary: Slow to take risks, invests considerable energy in anticipating and worrying about low probability

catastrophes.

Management Tips: This individual is less inclined to suffer from Doomsayer SalesCR<sup>TM</sup> Call Reluctance®.

DOOMSAYER SalesCRTM CODE: GREEN

Outlook: Very difficult to prevent and correct.

Over-Preparer SalesCR™: 33

**Capsule Summary:** Always preparing, organizing and getting ready to prospect. Tends to over-analyze and underact.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual may occasionally become over-invested in preparing to prospect at

the expense of actually prospecting. For additional information see THE PSYCHOLOGY OF

SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp. 80-86.

OVER-PREPARER SalesCR™ CODE: YELLOW

**Outlook:** Easy to prevent, and moderately easy to correct.

Hyper-Pro SalesCR™: 40

Capsule Summary: Places great importance on image and prestige. Likely to remove self quickly from any situation

considered beneath him/her or that does not serve to promote image.

Management Tips: This individual may occasionally become distracted by over-concern with image and credibility

issues. For more information see THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp.

86-93.

HYPER-PRO SalesCR™ CODE: YELLOW

Outlook: Moderately easy to prevent and correct if individual is able to admit they might have Hyper-Pro

SalesCR<sup>TM</sup>

#### Stage Fright SalesCR™: 26

Capsule Summary: Fears making group presentations. May perform well in initiating one-on-one contacts, but will

avoid group presentations at all costs.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual has no more or less hesitation to make group prospecting

presentations than the average salesperson. For more information see THE PSYCHOLOGY OF

SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp. 93-98.

STAGE FRIGHT SalesCR™ CODE: YELLOW

Outlook: Easy to prevent and correct.

#### Role Rejection SalesCR™: 17

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**Capsule Summary:** 

Feels ashamed of career choice. May have accepted some of the negative stereotypes typically used

to describe salespeople and assumes that everyone else has as well.

**Management Tips:** 

Scores suggest this individual is not likely to experience prospecting difficulties due to Role

Rejection SalesCR<sup>TM</sup> Call Reluctance®.

ROLE REJECTION SalesCR™ CODE: GREEN

Outlook: Easy to prevent and correct.

#### Yielder SalesCR™: 22

**Capsule Summary:** 

Fears doing anything which might be considered pushy or intrusive. Always waiting for the 'right

time' to call; hesitates to close.

**Management Tips:** 

This individual may occasionally experience prospecting slow-downs in reaction to fears of being considered pushy, forward or intrusive. For more information, read THE PSYCHOLOGY OF

SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp. 113-118.

YIELDER SalesCRTM CODE: YELLOW

**Outlook:** 

Moderately difficult to prevent and correct.

#### Social Self-Cons. SalesCR™: 0

Capsule Summary: Intimidated by up-market prospects with wealth, power, prestige or education.

Management Tips: This individual may be less inclined to be intimidated by persons of wealth, prestige or power than

most salespeople. NOTE: THIS FORM OF CALL RELUCTANCE® IS HIGHLY

CONTAGIOUS. ALTHOUGH THIS INDIVIDUAL TENDS TO BE NATURALLY RESISTANT,

PASSIVE EXPOSURE TO SMALL TOXIC DOSES OF THIS FORM OF CALL RELUCTANCE® CAN RESULT IN CAREER-LIMITING ATTITUDES.

SOCIAL SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS SalesCR™ CODE: GREEN

**Outlook:** Moderately easy to prevent and correct.

#### Separationist SalesCR™: 75

**Capsule Summary:** Hesitates to use friends as prospects or as a source of referrals. Fears that relationships might be

jeopardized and believes it is unprofessional to mix business with friendship.

**Management Tips:** This individual's score is higher than average and suggests that he or she may hesitate to utilize

friends as contacts for prospective customers or referrals. LOOK FOR...

\* Concealment of emotional discomfort by arguing that calling on friends is unethical or unprofessional

\* Possible tendency to become argumentative or belligerent (emotional) when asked to justify this position

\* Hesitates to give names of friends to other salespeople as referrals

For additional information, read THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp.

126-130.

SEPARATIONIST SalesCR™ CODE: RED

**Outlook:** Easy to prevent and correct.

#### Emot. Unemancipated SalesCR™: 50

**Capsule Summary:** Similar to Separationists, but hesitates to use family/relatives as prospects or as a source of referrals.

**Management Tips:** Score suggests this individual has no more hesitation to make sales calls on accessible family

members than the typical salesperson. For additional information, see THE PSYCHOLOGY OF

SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp. 130-134.

EMOTIONALLY UNEMANCIPATED SalesCR<sup>TM</sup> CODE: YELLOW

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Outlook: Easy to prevent and correct.

Referral Aversion SalesCR™: 25

$$0 \ -\ 10 \ -\ 20 \ -\ 30 \ -\ 40 \ -\ 50 \ -\ 60 \ -\ 70 \ -\ 80 \ -\ 90 \ -\ 100$$

Capsule Summary: Hesitates to ask for referrals. Fears that asking for referrals will threaten just-closed sale, damage

rapport with customers, or appear grasping and exploitative.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual has no more hesitation to ask for referrals than the typical

salesperson. See THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SALES CALL RELUCTANCE® - pp. 134-138, for

more information.

REFERRAL AVERSION SalesCR™ CODE: YELLOW

Outlook: Easy to prevent and correct.

Telephobia SalesCR™: 0

Capsule Summary: Uncomfortable using the telephone to prospect or sell.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual is less likely than most salespeople to hesitate or resist using the

telephone to prospect for new sales.

TELEPHOBIA SalesCRTM CODE: GREEN

Outlook: Easy to prevent and correct.

Oppositional Reflex SalesCR™: 0

Capsule Summary: Highly critical of self and others. Unable to allow self to be coached, advised, instructed, managed

or trained.

Management Tips: This individual's score is below average and suggests that Oppositional Reflex SalesCR<sup>TM</sup> should

not be a problem.

OPPOSITIONAL REFLEX SalesCR™ CODE: GREEN

**Outlook:** Easy to prevent and very difficult to correct.

## Section 3: Sales Call Reluctance® Impostors Profile

Prospecting Motivation™: 77

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Capsule Summary: General level of motivation or energy available to invest in goal-supporting behaviors. Does not

give up easily when faced with difficult or frustrating tasks.

Management Tips: Scores suggest the motivation this individual brings to a career or difficult task is projected to be

above average. This individual should have few problems applying persistent effort to complete

difficult tasks.

Outlook: PROSPECTING MOTIVATION<sup>TM</sup> CODE: GREEN

Prospecting Goal Level™: 50

0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

Capsule Summary: Degree of goal clarity or focus. Willingness to commit to long-term goals and work single-mindedly

to accomplish them.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual should be able to set and pursue long-term career-related goals.

However, to keep this individual on track, may need reinforcement from time to time for short-term

goals achieved. For more information, see THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SALES CALL

RELUCTANCE® - pp. 41-44, 53-57, 60-66.

Outlook: PROSPECTING GOAL LEVEL<sup>TM</sup> CODE: YELLOW

Prospecting Goal Diffusion™: 60

0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

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Capsule Summary: Tends to commit to too many goals simultaneously. Interests can change quite frequently, making it

difficult to meet job and performance requirements.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual has an average need for change and should not have too much

difficulty focusing on single goals once they are set. May occasionally need additional supervision

to keep on track.

For additional information, read THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SALES CALL RELUCTANCE®- pp.

41-44, 48-53, 60-66.

Outlook: PROSPECTING GOAL DIFFUSION<sup>TM</sup> CODE: YELLOW

Problem Solving: 80 0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

Capsule Summary: Ability to focus attention and concentration on the completion of frustrating and complex tasks.

Management Tips: Scores suggest this individual is comfortable working on detailed or complex tasks which may

require extended periods of time and concentration.

Note: Generalizations about overall intelligence should not be made from this or any other single

source of information.

Outlook: PROBLEM SOLVING CODE: Code will vary and is dependent upon company's training program,

products and technical requirements.

# Section 4: Attitude Toward Questionnaire (Filters)

Impression Mgmt.: 0

Capsule Summary: Desire to create a positive impression through the use of exaggeration and embellishment.

Management Tips: This individual may tend to underestimate or doubt his or her knowledge or abilities and may not be

comfortable with the use of exaggeration or embellishment to enhance prospecting activities or to

facilitate closed sales.

Note: Use caution when interpreting this scale. Some of the terms used to measure this scale are

culture-specific (U.S.) and may not be applicable in all countries.

Outlook: IMPRESSION MANAGEMENT CODE: YELLOW

<u>Hedging: 18</u> 0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

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**Capsule Summary:** Tends to choose in-between or non-commital responses.

Management Tips: This individual answered most of the questions in accordance with the instructions given. Undue

hedging (or choosing 'in-between' answers to questions) was not detected.

Outlook: HEDGING CODE: GREEN

Resp. Consistency: 50 0 - 10 - 20 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 70 - 80 - 90 - 100

Capsule Summary: Level of attention, effort and/or cooperation applied when completing the questionnaire. Low scores

sometimes reflect ambiguity in sense of self.

Management Tips: This individual's score is similar to that of the typical salesperson, which suggests an average

amount of care and attention was used to complete the questionnaire. Additional sources of information, such as the SPQ\*GOLD® Interview Guide, should be utilized to qualify and confirm

SPQ\*GOLD® results

Outlook: RESPONSE CONSISTENCY CODE: YELLOW

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Contrast Group

General: Direct Sales

Presence / Degree	Strictly confidential   0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100	Raw Score	Contrast Group
Sales Call Reluctance® Overview			
Prospecting Brake <sup>TM</sup>	HIIIIIIIII	25	30
Prospecting Accelerator <sup>TM</sup>		75	70
Sales Call Reluctance® Types			
Doomsayer SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	1	0	14
Over-Preparer SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	HIIIIIIIIIIII	33	41
Hyper-Pro SalesCR™		40	44
Stage Fright SalesCR™	111111111111	26	40
Role Rejection SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	IIIIIII	17	27
Yielder SalesCR™	1111111111	22	33
Social Self-Cons. SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	I	0	25
Separationist SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	75	45
Emot. Unemancipated SalesCR	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	50	46
Referral Aversion SalesCR™	11111111111	25	21
Telephobia SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	I	0	31
Oppositional Reflex SalesCR <sup>TM</sup>	1	0	8
Sales Call Reluctance® Impostors Profile			
Prospecting Motivation <sup>TM</sup>		77	71
Prospecting Goal Level <sup>TM</sup>		50	67
Prospecting Goal Diffusion <sup>TM</sup>		60	60
Problem Solving		80	58
Attitude Toward Questionnaire (Filters)			
Impression Mgmt.	T. Control of the Con	0	56
Hedging	IIIIIIII	18	18
Resp. Consistency		50	60

See the SPQ\*GOLD® Sales Development Report for a detailed explanation of test results.

