

9× revenue growth was hiding a retention crisis

E-Commerce Brand · 100,000 Orders · 2017-2018

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This case study uses a publicly available e-commerce dataset to demonstrate Techmile's analytical methodology. It is not based on a client engagement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This e-commerce brand grew revenue **9x in under a year** — yet **97% of customers never returned** after their first purchase. A single operational issue, late deliveries, was collapsing satisfaction scores and destroying repeat purchase likelihood.

3%

Repeat Purchase Rate
vs 20-30% industry benchmark

6.8%

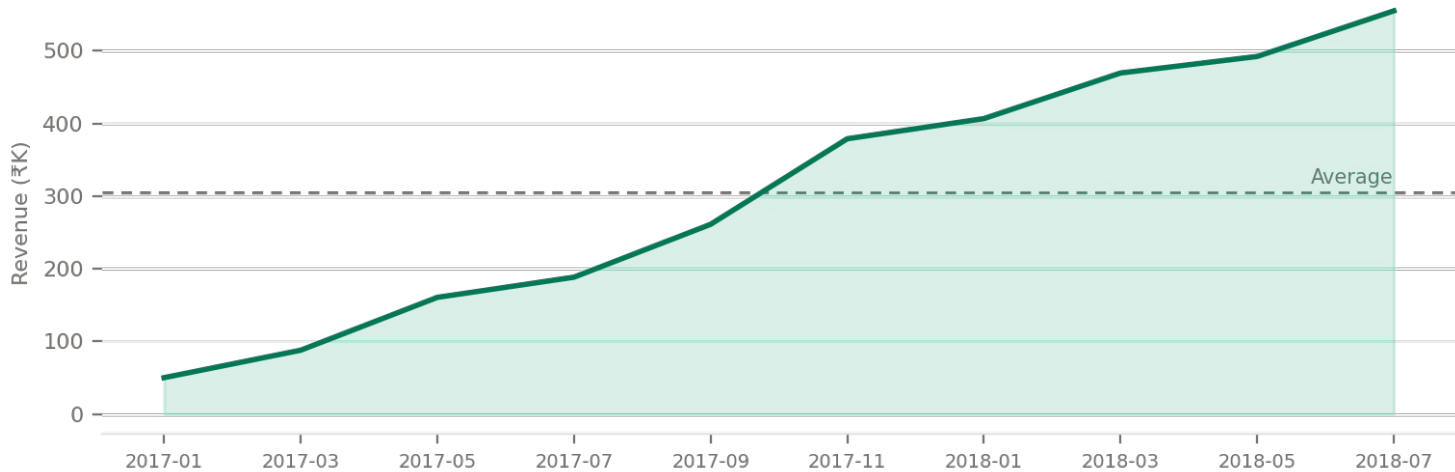
Late Delivery Rate
driving review score collapse

400%

Potential Revenue Upside
from fixing retention alone

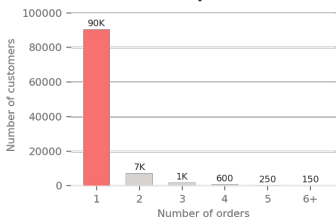
THE EVIDENCE

Monthly Revenue Trend

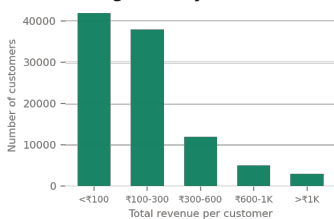


Revenue grew 9x in 10 months — masking the retention crisis underneath.

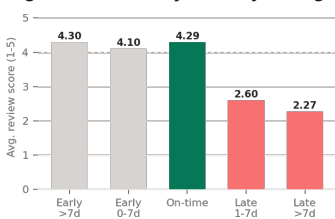
Distribution of Orders per Customer



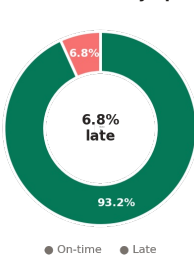
Customer Segments by Lifetime Value



Avg Review Score by Delivery Timing



On-Time vs Late Delivery Split



ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

Late deliveries affect only **6.8%** of orders — but cut review scores nearly in half (**4.29 → 2.27**). This single issue is the primary driver of the 3% repeat rate. Fixing it could unlock up to **400%** in repeat revenue without acquiring a single new customer.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1

Fix Delivery SLA

Identify seller regions causing delays. Set internal target: under 5% late rate.

2

Launch Retention Emails

Post-purchase sequence for first-time buyers. Goal: second order within 60 days.

3

Build Live Dashboard

Track 3 metrics weekly: on-time %, repeat rate, average order value.

BUSINESS IMPACT

If repeat purchase rate improved from 3% toward the 20-30% industry benchmark, projected revenue could increase substantially — without any increase in acquisition spend. This is the difference between growth that depends on constantly finding new customers, and growth that compounds from the ones you already have.