Google AI Overview Citation Checkmap (2026)

15-Slide Start-to-Finish Execution Checkmap: Pre-Flight Eligibility, Question Mapping, The 8 Proven Moves, Entity Consistency, Tracking & 30/60/90-Day Plan

Quick 60-Second Self-Assessment: Score Your Website Before You Begin (Check Yes or No for Your Top 5 Revenue Pages)

#	Diagnostic Checkpoint (Before & During Optimization)	Score	#	Diagnostic Checkpoint	Score
01	Are your key pages indexed (`200 OK`) with no `noindex` or `nosnippet` tags?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`	**06**	Do pages show real author bios, credentials & original proof?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`
02	Is each page mapped to a real buyer question + 5–8 follow-up questions?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`	**07**	Are service/store pages linked to companion buying guides?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`
03	Does every major H2 open with a direct 40–60 word answer summary?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`	**08**	Do you embed short timestamped YouTube videos & earn PR mentions?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`
04	Are pricing ranges & specs inside native HTML tables (not images/PDFs)?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`	**09**	Does your Name/Address/Phone match across GBP, LinkedIn & `sameAs` schema?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`
05	Are troubleshooting steps in ordered lists & backed by official standards?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`	**10**	Do you review price freshness annually & track 20–50 buyer prompts monthly?	`[ ]Y [ ]N`

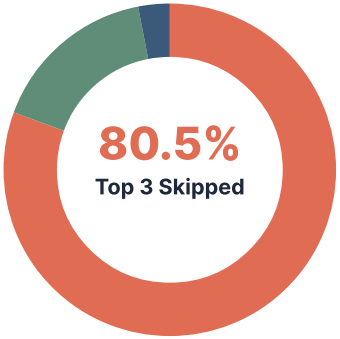
Source & Dataset Reconciliation Across This 15-Slide Checkmap: [Invrse 400-Query Audit] = 400 US commercial queries (1,200 rows/tab); 372 triggered queries (93.0%: 215 Standard AIO + 157 AI Mode) = 1,116 Top 3 organic slots & 1,100 valid cited URLs (+16 single/dual-card N/A slots) across 850 domains. **[External Research]** = Ahrefs, Semrush, Seer, Pew, KDD '24 GEO. Guide: invrsemarketing.com/research/strategy-to-get-cited-in-google-ai-overview/ | Video: youtu.be/YsmeeC5_G8M | PDF: ai-overview-citation-checkmap-2026.pdf.

SLIDE 02 • HOW GOOGLE AI SELECTS SOURCES • [INVRSE 400-QUERY AUDIT + EXTERNAL RESEARCH]

Why 80.5% of Top-3 Organic Pages Get Skipped & How Query Fan-Out Works

Ranking on Page 1 gets you into Google's candidate pool, but Google's passage extractor skips top pages when they lack self-contained answers or tables.

A. Invrse 400-Query Audit: Fate of Top 3 Organic Pages



80.5% Skipped by AI (898 slots)
Ranked #1–#3, missed top 3 AI cards

16.3% Exact Page Cited (182 slots)
Won both Organic Top 3 & AI card

3.2% Companion Guide (36 slots)
AI cited a guide on the same domain

Sector Dual-Wins: SaaS 15.0% | E-Commerce 20.2% | B2B 23.8% | Local 19.8%

B. Why Pages Get Skipped: Query Fan-Out & 'Ask Anything'

1. Buyer Types a Full Personalized Paragraph Prompt
Describes their exact problem, budget, or comparison need instead of 2-word keywords

2. Google Runs Query Fan-Out (5 to 8 Sub-Searches at Once)
Simultaneously searches pricing, timelines, specs, pros/cons, and official standards

3. Passage Extractor Pulls Specific HTML Blocks (Not Whole Domains)
Skips vague #1 pages; extracts 40–60w answer summaries, HTML tables, and checklists

4. Buyer Clicks 'Ask Anything' Follow-Up Box (AI Mode Chat)
Pages that answer the next 5–8 follow-up questions stay cited across the conversation

Verified Attribution: [Invrse 400-Query Audit]: 80.5% (898/1,116) of Top 3 organic pages were skipped (Pos #1: 76.9% [286/372] | Pos #2: 80.9% [301/372] | Pos #3: 83.6% [311/372]; 53.8% [200/372] of queries had zero Top-3 domains cited). **[External Research]:** Uncited Position #1 organic links lose **58% of clicks (Ahrefs 2026)** and nearly half of users do not click web links when an AI summary appears (Pew Research), while brands cited inside the AI Overview earn **+35% organic and +91% paid clicks (Seer Interactive)**.

SLIDE 03 • STEP 0 (BEFORE YOU WRITE A WORD) • [GOOGLE SEARCH CENTRAL + PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

Pre-Flight Check: Technical Eligibility, Indexing & Crawl Access

Complete this technical eligibility check first—if search crawlers cannot index your page or read your text, all eight content moves will fail.

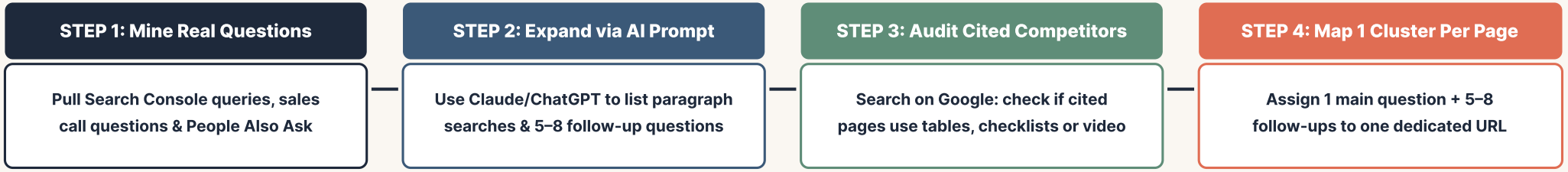
Check	Pre-Flight Technical Gate	How to Verify & Fix Today	Why It Blocks AI Citations
[ ] 01	**Confirm `200 OK` Indexing Status**	Inspect your target URL in **Google Search Console** and **Bing Webmaster Tools**. Confirm it shows *"Page is indexed"* with a clean `200 OK` status.	Per Google Search Central, a page must be indexed and eligible for a standard search snippet to appear in AI Overviews.
[ ] 02	**Audit Meta Robots & Snippet Tags**	View page source (`Ctrl+U`) and verify there are no accidental `noindex`, `nosnippet`, or restrictive `max-snippet` directives on the page.	A `nosnippet` tag explicitly forbids Google from extracting text passages into AI Overviews and AI Mode.
[ ] 03	**Check `robots.txt` Crawler Rules**	Open `yourdomain.com/robots.txt` and confirm `Googlebot` and `Bingbot` have full access to your pages, CSS, and page resources.	Blocking core search bots prevents passage indexing across Google AI Overviews, AI Mode, and Copilot/ChatGPT search.
[ ] 04	**Expose Content Hidden in JS / Tabs**	Check whether pricing tables, specs, or FAQs require clicking a JavaScript tab, accordion, or "Load More" button to appear in the DOM.	Content that only loads after user click events is frequently missed or deprioritized during fast passage extraction.
[ ] 05	**Fix Redirect Chains & Canonical Tags**	Ensure internal links point directly to the final canonical URL without multi-hop `301/302` redirect chains or conflicting `rel="canonical"` tags.	Splits ranking authority and confuses Google regarding which URL should receive the citation link.

⚠ **DON'T (Common Pre-Flight Mistake):** Don't gate your core pricing guides, comparison tables, or specification sheets behind a mandatory email login wall or pop-up form—search crawlers cannot fill out forms and will skip gated content completely.

SLIDE 04 • STEP 0.5 (TOPIC & COMPETITOR RESEARCH) • [PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

How to Find Real Buyer Questions, Audit Competitors & Map Pages

The 8 Moves tell you how to format a page—this 4-step workflow tells you what to write about and which existing page on your site should own each topic.



Discovery Source	Exact Action to Take	Page Mapping Rule
1. Search Console + Sales Calls	Filter Search Console queries for question words (*how, cost, best, vs, why*) and list the top 10 questions your sales team hears on buyer calls every week.	Map bottom-of-funnel service questions to your main commercial page; map deep educational/sizing questions to a companion guide.
2. Live Competitor SERP Check	Search your target question on Google. Open the 3 pages cited inside the AI Overview and note what element won (a 50-word lead, an HTML price table, or a checklist).	Never guess the format—build a more complete, more current version of the exact format Google is already rewarding on that query.
3. "Ask Anything" & AI Expansion	Click the **"Ask anything"** box at the bottom of the live AI Overview (and ask Claude/ChatGPT for buyer follow-up questions) to list 5–8 sub-questions.	Use those 5–8 follow-up questions as the H2/H3 subheadings and FAQ items on your target page so one URL covers the full conversation.

⚠ **DON'T (Common Mapping Mistake):** Don't publish five thin, nearly identical blog posts targeting slight phrasing variations of the same question—consolidate the main question and its 5–8 follow-up sub-questions onto one authoritative page.

SLIDE 05 • MOVE 01 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [INVRSE 400-QUERY AUDIT: 32.1% OF CITATIONS]

Move 1: Open Key Sections With a Clear 40-to-60-Word Answer Summary

In our 400-query audit, 32.1% (353 of 1,100) of cited pages led their sections with a direct, 2-to-3-sentence answer immediately below a question heading.

Check	Move 1 Action Step	How to Execute on Your Page
[ ] 1.1	**Rewrite Vague H2/H3 Headings Into Buyer Questions**	Change generic labels like *"Our Pricing Approach"* into the natural question buyers ask: *"How Much Does Commercial HVAC Maintenance Cost in 2026?"* (Avoid colons in headings).
[ ] 1.2	**Put the Direct Answer in Sentence One (40–60 Words)**	Immediately below the heading, write a 2-to-3-sentence paragraph (40 to 60 words) that states the exact answer, price band, or rule in the very first sentence before adding background context.
[ ] 1.3	**Make the Block 100% Self-Contained**	Repeat the specific noun (e.g., *"Commercial rooftop HVAC maintenance costs..."*) instead of starting with pronouns (*"It costs..."* or *"This service..."*) so the passage makes sense when quoted alone.

Weak Opening (Gets Skipped by AI Overview)	Strong 40–60 Word Answer Lead (Ready for AI Citation)
"When managing a commercial facility, keeping your heating and cooling systems running smoothly is a top priority. Many factors affect what you will pay over time..." (Zero facts in first 30 words).	*"Commercial rooftop HVAC maintenance costs between $450 and $1,200 per unit annually in 2026 for bi-annual spring and fall tune-ups, coil cleaning, and belt replacements. Multi-unit warehouse contracts typically reduce per-unit rates by 15% to 25%."* (38 words — complete & quotable).

⚠ **DON'T (Move 1 Trap to Avoid):** Don't bury the actual number, yes/no answer, or definition at the bottom of a 300-word storytelling introduction—and don't write robotic, keyword-stuffed sentences that sound unnatural to a human reader.

SLIDE 06 • MOVE 02 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [INVRSE 400-QUERY AUDIT: 27.2% OF CITATIONS]

Move 2: Put Your Pricing Ranges and Specs Into Clean HTML Tables

In our audit, 27.2% (299 of 1,100) of citations came from structured HTML tables—because price and specs are the #1 sub-queries in Query Fan-Out.

Check	Move 2 Action Step	How to Execute on Your Page
`[ ] 2.1`	**Use Native, Text-Based HTML `<table>` Tags**	Build comparison and pricing tables using standard HTML `<table>`, `<thead>`, and `<th>` markup so Google's parser can map every row entity to its column value cleanly.
`[ ] 2.2`	**Publish Realistic Price Bands & Cost Drivers**	Even if every project is custom, publish realistic starting ranges or tier bands (e.g., *Starter: $2,500–$4,000 | Growth: $5,000–$8,500*) and explain what drives the price up or down.
`[ ] 2.3`	**Include Decision Criteria & Unit Labels**	Add a *"Best For / Ideal Buyer Scenario"* column and explicit unit headers (per month, per sq ft, weight capacity, turnaround time) so AI can answer multi-factor buyer prompts.

Option / Service Tier	Price Range (2026)	Timeline / SLA	Best Fit For (Buyer Scenario)
Option A (Standard / Mid-Tier)	`$X,XXX – $X,XXX` per unit/mo	`X – Y` weeks delivery	State clearly which customer size or use case fits best.
Option B (Enterprise / Heavy)	`$X,XXX – $XX,XXX` custom	`Y – Z` weeks + 24/7 SLA	State multi-location, high-volume, or compliance needs.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 2 Trap to Avoid):** Don't upload pricing tables or spec charts as flat PNG/JPEG images or hide all pricing behind "Call for a Quote"—when you hide price ranges completely, Google cites a competitor who publishes them.

SLIDE 07 • MOVE 03 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [INVRSE 400-QUERY AUDIT: 16.8% OF CITATIONS]

Move 3: Format Troubleshooting Guides Into Symptom-and-Action Checklists

In our audit, 16.8% (185 of 1,100) of citations were pulled from ordered checklists pairing visible problems with root causes and exact actions.

Check	Move 3 Action Step	How to Execute on Your Page
`[ ] 3.1`	**Use Numbered HTML Lists (`<ol>`) for Diagnostic Steps**	Structure repair, troubleshooting, onboarding, or audit guides as ordered `<ol>` steps starting with the fastest, safest check first.
`[ ] 3.2`	**Follow the 3-Part Formula Per Bullet**	Write each list item using a consistent 3-part pattern: **Visible Symptom → Likely Root Cause → Exact Measurable Action to Take**.
`[ ] 3.3`	**Separate Safe DIY Checks From Professional Work**	Clearly state which checks a customer can perform safely themselves and when a licensed technician, engineer, or specialist is required.

1. Visible Symptom	2. Root Cause to Verify	3. Exact Action & Threshold
Example (Home Services): AC vents blowing warm air while unit runs.	Thermostat fan switch set to `On` instead of `Auto`, or tripped outdoor compressor breaker.	Set thermostat 3–5°F below room temp on `Auto`; if air stays warm after 10 minutes, book a refrigerant & capacitor check ($200–$650).
Example (B2B / SaaS): API webhook events failing intermittently.	Payload timeout exceeding 5-second limit or expired TLS certificate in staging.	Return a `202 Accepted` status within 2 seconds and process payloads asynchronously via a queue worker.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 3 Trap to Avoid):** Don't bury step-by-step instructions inside long, unbroken walls of paragraph text, and don't give vague advice like "check your settings" without naming the exact setting or number.

SLIDE 08 • MOVE 04 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [INVRSE AUDIT: 11.9% OF CITATIONS + PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

Move 4: Back Up Your Claims With Official Standards & Verifiable Data

Pages citing official standards (OSHA, ISO, SOC 2) won nearly 12% (11.9%, or 131 of 1,100) of citations in our audit—and adding your own original data, photos, and case studies gives AI a unique reason to quote you.

Check	Move 4 Action Step	How to Execute on Your Page
[ ] 4.1	**Cite Named Industry & Safety Standards** *[Invrse Audit: 11.9%]*	Replace vague phrases like *"compliant and high quality"* with exact statutory or technical codes: **SOC 2 Type II, ISO 27001, HIPAA** (SaaS); **OSHA, DOT/FMCSA, NFPA 72, ASHRAE** (B2B/Industrial); **SEER2, municipal permit codes** (Local Services); **OEKO-TEX, ASTM** (Retail).
[ ] 4.2	**Add Proprietary Data, Case Studies & Real Photos** *[Best Practice]*	Publish at least one piece of proof no competitor can copy: a real client case study with before/after numbers, original project/product photos (with descriptive alt text), or findings from your own internal customer audits.
[ ] 4.3	**Apply Sector-Specific & YMYL Safeguards** *[Best Practice]*	In **Healthcare, Legal, and Finance (YMYL)**, cite peer-reviewed clinical or statutory sources and include a clear scope disclaimer. In **B2B & Home Services**, cite OEM manuals and state licensing numbers.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 4 Trap to Avoid):** Don't publish thin, AI-generated articles that just reword what the top 5 websites already say—without original numbers, real case examples, or named standards, Google's quality filters classify rehashed copy as low-value filler.

SLIDE 09 • MOVE 05 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [EXTERNAL RESEARCH: KDD '24 GEO + PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

Move 5: Build Strong E-E-A-T Signals So Google Knows Who Stands Behind Your Business

Google's AI verifies Experience, Expertise, Authoritativeness, and Trustworthiness to confirm a real human expert and legitimate business stand behind the page.

1. EXPERIENCE (Real Proof)
First-hand client case studies, field data & original project photos

2. EXPERTISE (Named Author)
Verified founder/specialist byline with credentials & bio page link

3. AUTHORITATIVENESS
SameAs links to LinkedIn, YouTube, GBP & industry publications

4. TRUST (+30% to +40% Lift)
Physical address, phone, legal entity & primary source citations

E-E-A-T Pillar	What Google's Systems Look For	Checkmap Action to Complete on Your Site
1. Experience (First-Hand Proof)	Evidence that the author or company has actually performed the service or tested the product.	[ ] Include first-hand client examples, real field observations, and original project photos instead of generic stock images.
2. Expertise (Named Human Specialist)	Verifiable practitioner credentials, role, and subject-matter qualification of the writer/reviewer.	[ ] Add a real author byline linking to a dedicated Founder/Expert Bio page (with YMYL medical/legal reviewer sign-off where required).
3. Authoritativeness (Industry Standing)	External recognition across YouTube, trade publications, industry roundups, and professional profiles.	[ ] Link author and brand profiles to verified LinkedIn, YouTube, and industry association pages.
4. Trustworthiness (Transparent Business)	Clear physical business address, phone number, legal entity name, and verifiable citations.	[ ] Display real company registration details, physical location, and primary source links on factual claims.

Source Note on the +30% to +40% Visibility Lift: Peer-reviewed research (Aggarwal et al., ACM SIGKDD 2024, tested on GEO-bench) demonstrated that adding verifiable statistics, expert quotations, and clear citations boosts generative engine visibility by 30% to 40%.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 5 Trap to Avoid):** Never attribute articles to anonymous *"Admin"* bylines or invented AI persona headshots—Google's quality guidelines treat fake authors as deceptive.

Move 6: Connect Commercial Service Pages to Supporting Buying Guides

Keep your main service and product category pages focused on conversions, and link them to companion sizing, material, or cost guides.



Check	Move 6 Action Step	How to Connect Commercial Pages & Buying Guides
[ ] 6.1	**Keep Commercial Service & Category Pages Conversion-Focused**	Do not turn your core service or store category pages into 3,000-word essays. For e-commerce category grids, place a concise 100-to-150-word buying summary and HTML spec table at the bottom of the grid.
[ ] 6.2	**Publish Companion Guides & Interlink Bidirectionally**	Publish a dedicated sizing, material, firmness, or cost breakdown guide with 40–60w answers and HTML tables, and link both pages together using descriptive anchor text so your guide captures the AI citation and funnels buyers to checkout.

Exact E-Commerce Audit Math (n = 297 Triggered Top 3 Slots): Standalone category/product grids were skipped **nearly 87% of the time on their own (86.5% [86.53%, 257/297], with only 13.5% [13.47%, 40/297] cited directly)**. Linking to a companion buying guide won an extra **6.7% (6.73%, 20/297)**, bringing total e-commerce domain dual-wins to **20.2% (20.20%, 60/297; 79.8% [237/297] skipped overall)**.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 6 Trap to Avoid):** Don't leave e-commerce category pages with zero descriptive text, and don't clutter checkout/service pages with long academic essays.

SLIDE 11 • MOVE 07 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [INVRSE AUDIT: 12.0% VIDEO | EXTERNAL: AHREFS 75K-BRAND STUDY]

Move 7: Publish Short Explainer Videos & Build Off-Site Brand Mentions

Timestamped videos drove 12.0% (132 of 1,100 citations; 82 on YouTube) in our audit—and across 75,000 brands, YouTube (0.737) and PR mentions (0.664) had 3x+ more impact than backlinks (0.218).

1. First 30s Audio Hook	2. Timestamped Chapters	3. On-Page Video Embed	4. Digital PR & Roundups
State brand name, question & direct answer for transcript indexing	Add 00:00 chapter markers in description matching sub-queries	Embed video on matching page & link back in YouTube description	Get brand named in comparison blogs, trade PR & directories

Check	Move 7 Action Step	How to Execute Across YouTube & Off-Site Channels
`[ ] 7.1`	**Record 2–3 Min Timestamped YouTube Walkthroughs**	Answer the main buyer question in the first 30 seconds (for YouTube's speech-to-text indexer), add chapter timestamps (`00:00`, `00:40`) matching buyer sub-questions, and embed the video on your webpage (see our official video breakdown: youtu.be/YsmeeC5_G8M).
`[ ] 7.2`	**Get Named in Third-Party Comparison & PR Articles**	Search your target buyer prompt, see which "Best X" blogs or industry roundups Google cites, and pitch your product/service or original data to be included (even unlinked brand mentions build entity authority).

⚠ **DON'T (Move 7 Trap to Avoid):** Don't spend 100% of your off-page budget buying cheap, random backlinks while ignoring YouTube and industry roundups—backlinks help you rank on Page 1, but brand mentions across trusted platforms get you recommended by AI.

SLIDE 12 • MOVE 08 EXECUTION CHECKMAP • [GOOGLE SEARCH CENTRAL GUIDELINE + PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

Move 8: Confirm Indexing & Use the Right Schema Markup (Helper, Not a Guarantee)

While Google does not require special AI schema to appear in AI Overviews, clean page-specific schema helps search engines verify your business entity and page type.

STEP 1: 200 OK INDEX CHECK
Verify GSC & Bing indexing; remove accidental noindex/nosnippet tags

STEP 2: ENTITY SCHEMA
Organization / LocalBusiness + Person schema with sameAs links

STEP 3: OFFER SCHEMA
Service or Product schema matching visible pricing & specifications

STEP 4: CONTENT SCHEMA
Article + FAQPage + VideoObject on buying guides & walkthroughs

Check	Page Type on Your Website	Recommended Schema Type	Key Properties to Include (Must Match Visible Page Text)
[ ] 8.1	**Homepage & About Us Page**	`Organization` or `LocalBusiness`	Legal `name`, `url`, `logo`, physical `address`, `telephone`, founder reference, and `sameAs` links to GBP, YouTube & LinkedIn.
[ ] 8.2	**Founder & Team Expert Bios**	`Person` Schema	Full `name`, `jobTitle`, `worksFor`, verifiable credentials/certifications, and links to author social/professional profiles.
[ ] 8.3	**Commercial Service or Store Pages**	`Service` or `Product` Schema	Exact `serviceType` or product name, `provider`, `areaServed`, and visible price range or offer details.
[ ] 8.4	**Buying Guides & Research Articles**	`Article` + `FAQPage` + `VideoObject`	`headline`, `author` (linked to `Person`), `datePublished`, `dateModified`, visible Q&A pairs, and embedded video metadata.

Important Google Guideline Note: Per Google Search Central's AI Features documentation, there is no special "AI Overview schema" and structured data does not guarantee a citation. Use schema as a machine-readable helper to clarify whether a page is a `Service`, `Product`, `Article`, or `Person`.

⚠ **DON'T (Move 8 Trap to Avoid):** Never stuff fake ratings or text inside JSON-LD schema that is not visibly displayed to human readers on the page—this violates Google's structured data spam policies.

SLIDE 13 • ENTITY VERIFICATION & MAINTENANCE • [PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

Business Identity Consistency (`sameAs`) & Content Freshness Protocol

AI systems cross-check your company details across external profiles and favor pages with current, verified pricing and specifications.

Check	Part A: Entity Identity Consistency	Practical Execution Standard
[ ] 13.1	**Unify Name, Address & Phone (NAP)**	Ensure your exact legal business name, physical address, phone number, and core service category match word-for-word across your website footer, **Google Business Profile** (critical for Local Services), **LinkedIn**, and industry directories (Clutch, G2, BBB).
[ ] 13.2	**Connect Profiles via `sameAs` Schema**	In your homepage and About page `Organization` schema, list the exact URLs of your official Google Business Profile, YouTube channel, LinkedIn page, and directory listings inside the `sameAs` array so Google reconciles them to one entity.
[ ] 13.3	**Maintain Steady Review Velocity**	Request customer reviews consistently on Google Business Profile and niche review platforms where buyers mention the specific service you performed.
Check	**Part B: Freshness & Accuracy**	**Practical Execution Standard**
[ ] 13.4	**Display Visible "Last Updated" Dates**	Show a visible *"Last Updated: [Month Year]"* date (and matching `dateModified` in `Article` schema) whenever you genuinely update pricing, specs, or regulations.
[ ] 13.5	**Run a Bi-Annual Price & Spec Audit**	Review your HTML pricing tables, compliance codes, and product specs at least once or twice a year—if outdated prices remain on your site, AI Overviews will quote the wrong numbers to buyers.

⚠ **DON'T (Identity & Freshness Trap):** Don't change the publish date on an article every week without updating the actual facts or tables—search engines detect fake date-bumping easily.

SLIDE 14 • MEASUREMENT & BASELINE TRACKING • [PRACTITIONER BEST PRACTICE]

How to Measure Results: Your Monthly AI Citation Tracking Sheet

Without a baseline tracking sheet, you cannot tell which edits are working. Audit 20 to 50 core buyer questions once a month using this template.

Part A: Copy This 6-Column Layout Into Google Sheets (Check Monthly in an Incognito / Clean Browser Session)

1. Target Buyer Question (20–50 Prompts)	2. AI Overview Triggered?	3. Are We Cited in Top 3 Cards?	4. Our Cited URL & Organic Rank	5. Top Cited Competitor & Format Used	6. Next Action to Win Slot
"How much does commercial flat roof replacement cost per sq ft?"	`Yes (AIO)`	`Yes (Card #2)`	`/flat-roof-cost-guide/` (Org Pos #3)	Competitor A (Used 4-tier HTML cost table)	Add membrane lifespan column to our table.
"Best inventory software for multi-warehouse e-commerce"	`Yes (AI Mode)`	`No (Skipped)`	`/inventory-software/` (Org Pos #2)	Competitor B (45w answer lead + YouTube demo)	Add 50w answer lead & embed 2-min demo video.

Part B: Pair Your Prompt Sheet With 3 Core Business Metrics

1. Search Console Impressions & Clicks: Filter GSC for your target pages and question queries to track impression growth and high-intent clicks.

2. Branded Search Volume Growth: Track impressions for "*[Your Brand Name]*" in GSC—buyers who read your name in AI Overviews often search your brand directly.

3. GA4 Conversions & Sales Inquiries: Measure form submissions, calls, and booked strategy sessions originating from your optimized guides and service pages.

Why Manual + Tool Tracking Matters: Because AI Overviews personalize answers and Google Search Console bundles AI clicks into general web search totals, a monthly 20-to-50-prompt log gives you undeniable proof of progress.

SLIDE 15 • EXECUTION PRIORITY ROADMAP (IMPACT VS. EFFORT) • [PRACTITIONER ROADMAP]

Your 30 / 60 / 90-Day Priority Plan to Win Google AI Overview Citations

Don't try to overhaul your entire website in one weekend. Prioritize highest-impact, lowest-effort upgrades on your top revenue pages first.

Sprint Window	Priority Focus (Impact vs. Effort)	Exact Deliverables to Complete in This Window
Days 1 – 30 *Quick Wins & Foundation* (High Impact / Low Effort)	**Pre-Flight + Moves 1, 2, 3 & Baseline Sheet**	• Run the **Slide 3 Pre-Flight Check** (confirm `200 OK` indexing, remove `nosnippet`, expose JS-hidden text). • Log your baseline 20–50 buyer questions in the **Slide 14 Tracking Sheet**. • Upgrade your **Top 5 Page-One URLs** with **40–60 word answer summaries (Move 1)**, **native HTML pricing/spec tables (Move 2)**, **symptom checklists (Move 3)**, and updated 2026 prices. Request re-indexing in GSC.
Days 31 – 60 *Trust, Clusters & Schema* (High Impact / Medium Effort)	**Moves 4, 5, 6, 8 & Identity Consistency**	• Add named industry standards, real project photos, and case study metrics to core pages (**Move 4**). • Publish real human author bio pages with credentials and YMYL reviewer notes where needed (**Move 5**). • Publish 2–3 **Companion Buying/Cost Guides** linked to your main service or store category pages (**Move 6**). • Unify NAP across GBP/LinkedIn/directories and add page-specific schema + `sameAs` links (**Move 8 & Slide 13**).
Days 61 – 90 *Video & Off-Site Scale* (Compounding Moat)	**Move 7 (YouTube + PR) & Iteration Loop**	• Record and embed 3–5 short (2–4 min) **timestamped YouTube walkthrough videos** for your highest-value pages (**Move 7A**). • Pitch third-party comparison blogs, podcasts, and trade roundups to earn off-site brand mentions (**Move 7B**). • Re-run your **Slide 14 Monthly Tracking Sheet** at Day 60 & Day 90 to measure new AI citations and lead growth.

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