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## IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

### 2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

#### BOSTON

- **NINTH MOST COURTEOUS**—Boston ranked as the ninth most courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's an improvement from last year's No. 2 *least* courteous ranking. Portland, Ore., ranked as the most courteous city. The top 10 best cities (with the most courteous drivers) are:

#1	Portland, Ore.	#6	Washington, D.C.
#2	Cleveland	#7	Philadelphia (tie)
#3	Baltimore	#7	St. Louis (tie)
#4	Sacramento	#9	Boston
#5	Pittsburgh	#10	Seattle

- For the first time in four years, a new city claims the title as the worst in the U.S. for road rage; New York has unseated Miami as the least courteous city.
- **SLAMMING ON BRAKES**—Boston ranked No. 1 as least likely to observe other drivers slamming on their brakes at the last minute. Only 19 percent see this on a daily basis, as compared to last year when 25 percent saw this behavior.
- **EATING AND DRINKING**—Despite its ranking, Boston drivers (tied with Denver) are the second most likely to eat and drink behind the wheel at 29 percent. Minneapolis ranked No. 1 with 34 percent of drivers reporting this offense daily. That's compared to only 13 percent in Los Angeles.