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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

DETROIT

- **THIRD LEAST COURTEOUS**—Detroit ranked as the third least courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's a substantial change from last year's No. 11 ranking. 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. The top 10 worst cities (with the least courteous drivers) are:

#1	New York	#6	Phoenix
#2	Dallas/Fort Worth	#7	Miami
#3	Detroit	#8	Houston
#4	Atlanta	#9	Cincinnati
#5	Minneapolis	#10	San Diego

- Portland, Ore., ranked as the most courteous city.
- **REACTION TO RUDE DRIVERS**—Drivers in Detroit ranked No. 1 for being most likely to make an obscene gesture in response to another driver exhibiting rude or aggressive behavior; last year, they ranked No. 12 in the same category. This year, Detroit shares the No. 1 ranking with New York and Sacramento.
- **TEXTING/E-MAILING**—Tied with San Francisco, Detroit motorists are most likely to report seeing *other* drivers texting, e-mailing and/or using a BlackBerry while driving every day; however, they're the 10th least likely to admit doing this themselves.
- **TAILGATING**—Admitting to driving too close to the car ahead of them placed Detroit drivers in the No. 3 position for that category. Last year, Detroit was the third least likely to do this.