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## IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

### 2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

## HOUSTON

- **EIGHTH LEAST COURTEOUS**—Houston is the eighth least courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. Last year, the city was ranked as the 11<sup>th</sup> least courteous. 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.
- Dallas/Fort Worth ranked as the second least courteous city.
- **SPEEDING**—At 64 percent, drivers in Houston are tied with San Diego for the No. 1 spot in terms of seeing others driving too fast every day, a road rage-inducing behavior.
- **MULTI-TASKING BY OTHERS**—Houston motorists tied with Atlanta as third most likely to see other drivers multi-tasking (applying makeup, shaving, reading). Thirty-two percent see this on a daily basis.
- **CELL PHONES**—When it comes to talking on their cell phones behind the wheel, Houston drivers are the third most likely to observe other motorists doing this every day. However, admitting that they do it themselves is another story. Tied with Portland, Ore., Houston drivers are the second least likely to admit talking on their cell phones while driving.