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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

- **FIFTH LEAST COURTEOUS**—Minneapolis/St. Paul is the fifth least courteous city in the country in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's a significant change from last year, when the city ranked as the fourth *most* 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:

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| #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.
- **EATING OR DRINKING**—For the second consecutive year, Twin City drivers were the most likely to report eating or drinking while behind the wheel every day (34 percent), as compared to drivers in Los Angeles, who were the least likely to report doing so (13 percent).
- **TAILGATING**— Minneapolis/St. Paul drivers were the second most likely to admit to driving too close to the car in front of them; Dallas is in the No. 1 position in this category, while Tampa comes in last.
- **OBSCENE GESTURES**—At 13 percent, Minneapolis/St. Paul-area motorists were the second most likely to admit to making an obscene gesture at another driver in response to rude or aggressive behavior in the past month. In last year's survey, they were the least likely to admit doing this.
- **CURSING**—Respondents in Minneapolis/St. Paul were the third most likely to have cursed at another driver in the past month. Miami drivers are the most likely to do this.