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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

SAN FRANCISCO

- **ELEVENTH MOST COURTEOUS**—San Francisco (tied with L.A.) is the 11th most courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's a slight change from last year's No. 10 ranking. This year, Portland, Ore., ranked as the most courteous. The top 10 best cities (with the least amount of road rage) 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.
- **TALKING ON CELL PHONES**—Tied with D.C. for the No. 2 spot, drivers in San Francisco are least likely to observe other drivers talking on their cell phones while driving every day (77 percent). Portland ranks No. 1.
- **TEXTING/E-MAILING**—Drivers in San Francisco (tied with Detroit) are most likely to observe other drivers texting, e-mailing and/or using their BlackBerry while driving every day, at 47 percent. Baltimore and Sacramento are tied for least likely to see this, at 28 percent.
- **MULTI-TASKING**—San Francisco drivers are third most likely to see another driver multi-tasking (such as putting on makeup, shaving or reading) while behind the wheel every day, at 32 percent. But, they are the fourth least likely to admit multi-tasking themselves.