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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT 2009 AUTOVANTAGE ROAD RAGE SURVEY

TAMPA

- **ELEVENTH LEAST COURTEOUS**—Tampa is the 11th least courteous city in terms of road rage, compared to 24 other major American cities. That's a slight improvement from last year's ninth least courteous 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 city. 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.
- **WAVING FISTS/ARMS**—Tampa drivers are the second least likely to wave their fists or arms at another driver in reaction to rude or aggressive driving, at 7 percent. Baltimore is least likely to do this and, at 21 percent, New Yorkers are most likely to do this.
- **TAILGATING**—Keeping the town from moving higher up in the most courteous rankings, drivers in Tampa (tied with Atlanta) are the second most likely to observe others driving too close to the car in front of them every day, at 61 percent. For the second consecutive year, Pittsburgh is least likely to see this.
- **TEXTING/E-MAILING**—Drivers in Tampa hold the No. 2 spot with Atlanta, Dallas and Philadelphia for texting, e-mailing and/or using their BlackBerry while driving every day. Tied at No. 1 are Phoenix and Cincinnati.