

The Post Pressure Test

Before you post it, pressure-test it.

A quick checklist to help small business owners catch weak hooks, unclear messaging, missing CTAs, and confusing content before the post goes live.

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How to Use This Checklist

Use this before you publish a post - especially when you are not sure whether the message is clear enough to work.

The 5-minute review flow

- Pick one post you are about to publish.
- Read it once like the business owner. Then read it again like the audience.
- Score each section using 0, 1, or 2 points.
- Add your total and check whether the post is ready, needs tightening, or should be rewritten.
- Fix the weak spots before the post goes live.

Scoring

2 = Strong | 1 = Needs tightening | 0 = Missing or unclear

Remember

You are not looking for perfection. You are looking for clarity, focus, and a clear next step. A post does not have to sell to have a job.

The Post Pressure Test Scorecard

Check each item. Then total your score at the bottom.

Question	0	1	2
Hook Does the first line make the right person stop?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hook Does it create recognition, curiosity, or tension?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audience Is it clear who this post is for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audience Would the right person recognize themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Message Does the post focus on one main idea?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Message Can someone understand the point quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CTA Is there a clear next step?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CTA Does the CTA fit the post purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tone Does it name the problem without blaming the reader?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tone Does it sound helpful instead of scolding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose Does this post have a job before it goes live?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose Is it meant for awareness, engagement, trust, or action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Score: _____ / 24

Use the scoring guide on the next page.

What Your Score Means

20-24: Ready to Post

Your post is clear, focused, and has a next step. Publish it with confidence.

12-19: Tighten Before Posting

The idea may be good, but something needs work. Check the hook, message, audience signal, or CTA.

0-11: Rewrite Before Posting

The post may be too broad, too vague, missing a clear purpose, or asking too much from the reader.

Non-negotiable fixes

- If the CTA is missing or unclear, tighten the post before publishing.
- If the audience is unclear, add a stronger signal for who the post is for.
- If the hook sounds like a generic tip, rewrite the opening line.
- If the post feels blame-heavy, reframe around clarity, structure, or signal.
- If the post is trying to say too many things, choose one main point.

CTA Starter Bank

Use these when you know the post needs a next step but you are not sure what to ask for.

For engagement

- Comment A, B, or C.
- Which one fits you right now?
- Drop a yes if this feels familiar.
- Pick one: this or that?
- What would you fix first?

For saves

- Save this before you write your next post.
- Save this as a reminder before you publish.
- Keep this for your next content planning day.
- Save this if your captions need a clearer next step.

For clicks

- Click the link to see the next step.
- Visit the page to learn more.
- Start here if you need a clearer plan.
- Use the link to see what is included.

For soft conversion

- Comment HELP and I will send the details.
- Message me if you want help finding the breakdown.
- Comment LAUNCHPAD if you want the posts created for you.
- Send me the word CONTENT and I will point you to the next step.

Post Fix Examples

Example 1: Weak hook

Weak version: Social media tips for your business.

Why it is weak: It is too broad. It does not create urgency, recognition, or a reason to stop.

Pressure-tested: Posting more will not fix unclear content.

Why it works: It creates tension and points to a clearer problem.

Example 2: Weak CTA

Weak version: Let me know your thoughts.

Why it is weak: It asks people to do too much thinking and gives no simple response path.

Pressure-tested: Comment A if you struggle with what to post, B if you post consistently but get little response, or C if you are not sure what is missing.

Why it works: It makes the response easy and specific.

If It Fails the Test, Fix This First

Use this page when your score lands in Tighten or Rewrite.

Hook feels weak

Add tension, specificity, or recognition. Make the right person think, "That sounds like me."

Audience feels unclear

Name or strongly imply who the post is for. Small business owners, local businesses, service providers, buyers, or clients.

Message feels scattered

Choose one main point. Save the extra ideas for another post.

CTA feels vague

Tell people exactly what to do next: comment, save, click, choose, reply, message, or download.

Tone feels too sharp

Name the problem without blaming the person. Shift from "you are doing it wrong" to "the message may be missing structure."

Purpose feels missing

Decide the job before posting: awareness, engagement, trust, or action.

Want the Posts Created for You?

The Post Pressure Test helps you check your own content before it goes live.

But if you would rather have posts built for your business, start with LaunchPad.

LaunchPad

Get 14 pressure-tested posts created around your business, audience, and goals - so you are not starting from a blank screen or guessing what to say.

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Next step: Visit successpro-digital.com/launchpad-system

Tip: If you use this checklist and realize your content needs more than a quick edit, that is usually a sign you need a stronger content structure - not more random post ideas.