

PRACTICAL BUSINESS GUIDE

Brand Voice at Scale

Explain the recognisable patterns that make AI-assisted marketing feel generic, and how a documented voice standard and human edit pass protect distinctiveness.

Where AI Content Gives Itself Away

Brand voice is the repeatable way a business sounds: word choice, formality, rhythm, specificity and the kinds of claims it is willing to make.

01

Document the voice.

AI can reduce blank-page work and reach a usable first draft faster.

02

Restore specific detail.

Generic language can spread across many pieces before the repetition is noticed.

03

Keep a human final pass.

Real products, customer situations and opinions make writing harder to interchange.

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PURPOSE

The problem this guide helps you see

MISSION

Explain the recognisable patterns that make AI-assisted marketing feel generic, and how a documented voice standard and human edit pass protect distinctiveness.

WRITTEN FOR

Businesses using AI to draft emails, posts, articles, advertisements or website copy and noticing that the output is becoming technically competent but interchangeable.

ACCURACY BOUNDARY

No checklist or detection tool can reliably prove authorship. This guide judges the final writing on specificity, consistency and brand fit rather than attempting to identify which tool produced it.

DEFINITION

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THINK OF IT LIKE THIS

A form letter can include your name and still feel as though it was written for everyone.

MECHANISM

Where AI Content Gives Itself Away

Use the mechanism to separate production speed from evidence, customer trust and commercial value.

GENERIC TELL

Built from habit

Over-hedging

We aim to help where possible

Repeated structure

Three predictable points every time

Broad claim

Quality solutions for every need



VOICE-MATCHED

Built from choices

Normal confidence

State what the business can stand behind

Message-led shape

Structure follows the purpose

Specific detail

Use the real product, customer and constraint

These are editing clues, not a reliable authorship test. Judge the final writing on brand fit.

STABLE TEST

AI products and interfaces change. Inspect the final claim, customer experience, evidence, measurement and named human owner.

COMMERCIAL EFFECT

Why this matters beyond faster production

AI can change the cost and speed of marketing work. The commercial test is what happens to quality, trust, customer behaviour and the final outcome.

WHAT CHANGES

Drafting speed

AI can reduce blank-page work and reach a usable first draft faster.

WHAT CHANGES

Brand dilution

Generic language can spread across many pieces before the repetition is noticed.

WHAT CHANGES

Distinctiveness

Real products, customer situations and opinions make writing harder to interchange.

WHAT CHANGES

Consistency

Shared examples give staff and tools the same editorial reference.

WHAT CHANGES

Accountability

A person remains responsible for every customer-facing claim and choice.

WHAT CHANGES

Pattern fatigue

Repeated introductions, structures and sign-offs expose the production habit.

Accuracy boundary: no model capability, performance result or universal benchmark is promised.

FAULT REGISTER • 1 OF 2

What I would flag

Severity reflects customer and business impact, not a score assigned by an AI product.

CRITICAL**Content is published without a human edit**

The first usable output moves directly into customer-facing marketing.

Generic phrasing, weak claims and awkward brand choices multiply at production speed.

MAJOR**There is no documented brand voice**

Writers and tools rely on vague instructions such as sound professional or sound like us.

The brand becomes whatever tone the latest draft happens to use.

MAJOR**Every piece follows the same structure**

Emails, posts and articles repeatedly use the same opening, section rhythm and closing.

Customers begin to notice the production method instead of the message.

FAULT REGISTER • 2 OF 2

What I would flag

Severity reflects customer and business impact, not a score assigned by an AI product.

MODERATE

Specific details become generic claims

Real products, customers and operating details disappear into phrases any competitor could use.

Smooth writing becomes less memorable and less commercially useful.

MODERATE

The same phrasing keeps returning

Qualifiers, transitions and sentence shapes recur across unrelated topics.

The voice narrows into a small set of recognisable drafting habits.

READ NEXT

The Content Engine

A weak voice becomes more visible and more expensive when the business produces content faster.

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CORRECTION

The assumption that keeps this problem alive

COMMON MYTH

If I give the AI my website as a reference, it will sound like me.

Better framing: Reference material narrows topic and vocabulary. Voice still needs examples, constraints, preferences and a person who edits the final message.

WHY IT PERSISTS

Topic is mistaken for voice

Knowing what the business discusses does not define how it sounds.

WHY IT PERSISTS

A smooth draft feels finished

Fluency can hide generic claims and repeated habits.

WHY IT PERSISTS

Pieces are reviewed alone

Patterns become visible only when several outputs are compared.

WORKING CONTROL

Voice examples

Show preferred language, rhythm and confidence using real approved writing.

WORKING CONTROL

Specificity pass

Replace broad claims with facts, situations and genuine points of view.

WORKING CONTROL

Named editor

Give one person responsibility for the final customer-facing version.

Useful boundary: AI can change the workflow. It does not remove editorial judgement, verification, customer trust or commercial measurement.

STANDARD

What a working version looks like

Aim for a durable marketing condition rather than a universal tool, model or publishing cadence.

AREA	FAILING PATTERN	WORKING PATTERN
Drafting	First output is publishable	Output is a first draft
Voice	No shared reference	Examples and rules are documented
Structure	One template everywhere	Shape follows message and channel
Specificity	Generic adjectives dominate	Real business detail is added
Phrasing	Recurring habits pass unnoticed	Patterns are edited out
Approval	No named editor	A person owns publication

QUICK SELF-CHECK

- Every AI-assisted piece receives a human edit
- Approved writing examples define the voice
- Structures vary with the message
- Generic claims are replaced with real detail
- Recurring phrases are actively removed
- A named person approves publication

RELEVANT FOLLOW-UP SERVICE

Email Marketing Setup

Use this when the workflow needs clearer controls, ownership or measurement.

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DUE DILIGENCE

Five questions worth asking whoever owns the marketing process

Strong answers should explain the current workflow, evidence and ownership without relying on AI terminology.

01 Which examples best represent the voice we want to keep?

02 Which phrases or structures have started repeating?

03 Who performs the final edit?

04 Which details could only belong to this business?

05 What parts of the voice are not documented anywhere?

EVIDENCE CHAIN

Ask what the business can verify, not what the tool can generate. A strong process remains understandable when the product changes.

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PRIMARY NEXT STEP

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Want help applying this to your business?

Bring me three pieces of content that sound more alike than you want. I can identify the repeated habits and turn the useful parts of your real voice into a reusable standard.

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