Competition: customer complaints and features

Vamo — Kiosk + AI advisor on WhatsApp that greets, quotes, books test drives, verifies identity and builds the customer's loan application at the dealership.

Analysis by Menteia's research agent on October 28, 2026, based on public reviews (G2, Capterra, Trustpilot, app stores, forums, Mexican regulators CONDUSEF/PROFECO and press). Complaints are paraphrased and each theme cites its sources.

Competitors analyzed

- DealerSocket (Solera) · Global
- CDK Global · Global
- Salesforce Automotive Cloud · Global
- Podium · Global
- Gubagoo (Reynolds and Reynolds) · Global
- Impel · Global
- Matador.ai · Global
- Intelimotor · Local
- Kavak (alternativa de compra y crédito) · Local

Most frequent complaints and pain points

1. Slow response and unanswered leads

Mystery-shop studies show a meaningful share of dealers take hours or never reply, after-hours response is even worse, and real price quotes lag far behind the auto-responder.

Frequency: High · *Competitors:* Agencias con CRM tradicional, Chat de concesionarias *Sources:* Auto Remarketing – estudio de tiempo de respuesta a leads · F&I and Showroom – leads de Messenger fuera de horario · WardsAuto – agencias lentas para responder

2. Robotic chat that can't confirm inventory

Users report chats that feel like lead capture, repeated questions and agents unable to confirm unit availability; voice AI users mention lag and awkward answers.

Frequency: High · *Competitors:* Gubagoo, Matador.ai, Impel *Sources:* Capterra – reseñas de Gubagoo · G2 – reseñas de Gubagoo · Stork.ai – perfil de Matador

3. Complex software, hard to adopt

Reviews describe simple tasks becoming complicated, a steep learning curve for staff and, for Salesforce, feature bloat aimed at OEMs rather than dealers.

Frequency: High · *Competitors:* DealerSocket, Salesforce Automotive Cloud, CDK Global *Sources:* Capterra – reseñas de DealerSocket / Auto/Mate · GetApp – DealerSocket · Capterra UK – Salesforce Automotive CRM

4. High price, paid add-ons, costly migration

Dealers call the DMS/CRM expensive, with add-ons and customization inflating total cost and migration so disruptive they stay despite dissatisfaction; smaller dealers feel it most.

Frequency: High · *Competitors:* CDK Global, DealerSocket, Salesforce Automotive Cloud *Sources:* Capterra – reseñas de CDK Global · GetApp – DealerSocket · Software Advice – Salesforce for Automotive

5. Rigid contracts, auto-renewal and billing after cancellation

Recurring complaints about one-year auto-renewals, ignored cancellations, mandatory contract buyouts and charges continuing after cancellation; other vendors require minimum terms.

Frequency: High · *Competitors:* Podium, Matador.ai *Sources:* BBB – quejas sobre Podium · Trustpilot – Podium · Business.org – reseña de Podium

6. Unguarded AI: price promises and off-topic answers

In 2023 an LLM-based dealer chatbot was manipulated into 'agreeing' to sell an SUV for US$1 and recommending a rival brand; analysts note AI needs configuration to meet tone, compliance and OEM brand standards.

Frequency: Medium · *Competitors:* Fullpath (chatbot con ChatGPT), Impel *Sources:* AI Incident Database – chatbot de agencia Chevrolet · The Autopian – chatbot recomendó Ford y dio acceso libre a ChatGPT · FitGap – análisis de Impel

7. Slow support and failing salesperson alerts

Users report support that runs them in circles and cases where reps stopped receiving chat alerts on their phones with no fix, leading them to cancel.

Frequency: Medium · *Competitors:* DealerSocket, Gubagoo *Sources:* Capterra – reseñas de DealerSocket / Auto/Mate · Capterra – reseñas de Gubagoo

8. Outages and dated interface

The June 2024 cyberattack left thousands of dealers unable to close deals for days; reviews also describe an early-2000s interface and reporting glitches.

Frequency: Medium · *Competitors:* CDK Global *Sources:* DealerRefresh – reseña comunitaria de CDK Global · Capterra – reseñas de CDK Global

9. Credit paperwork, delivery and documents

In Mexico, car purchase and auto-loan complaints cluster around delayed deliveries and paperwork, collections and missing payoff letters or invoices; Kavak's Profeco complaints grew through 2022, though Profeco credits its

high resolution rate.

Frequency: Medium · *Competitors:* Kavak, Bancos y financieras automotrices *Sources:* Expansión – quejas de clientes de Kavak · Bloomberg Línea – quejas de Kavak en Profeco · El Financiero – bancos concentran quejas por crédito automotriz

10. Unreliable attribution and analytics

Dealer forums question Google Analytics tracking of chat conversations; evidence is thin, but it matches the product's 'blind funnel' pain.

Frequency: Low · *Competitors:* Gubagoo *Sources:* DealerRefresh – hilo sobre Gubagoo

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Features: what we have and what we are missing

Feature	Status	Priority	Phase	Note
Trade-in appraisal and used-car module	Missing	Medium	Months 13–18	Kavak and Intelimotor offer valuation; the used-car module is on the month 13–18 roadmap.
Post-sale review requests and reputation	Missing	Low	Months 13–18	Table stakes at Podium; useful for dealers but not the core pain.
Real-time inventory (per-unit availability)	Partial	High	Months 1–6	Today it knows catalog, prices and promos; per-unit/VIN stock is not yet connected to confirm availability, a frequent complaint with dealer chat.
AI guardrails: official price list only, no binding commitments, anti-manipulation and audit	Partial	High	Months 1–6	The advisor uses the dealer catalog, but no prompt-injection testing or auditable log is documented; key to selling to the OEM.
Escalation to salesperson with reliable alerts and SLA	Partial	High	Months 1–6	Human handoff and inbox exist; missing multichannel alerts with read receipts, reassignment when nobody picks up and time-to-pickup metrics.
API integration with lenders (decision in minutes)	Partial	High	Months 7–12	Today the application is prefilled; integration with 2 banks is on the month 7–12 roadmap.
Connectors to existing DMS/CRM (DealerSocket, Salesforce, Intelimotor, ADF/XML export)	Partial	High	Months 7–12	Pricing includes free DMS integration, but no connectors are built yet; dealers don't want yet another screen.
Automated post-visit and missing-document follow-up	Partial	Medium	Months 1–6	WhatsApp follows the customer, but there are no documented sequences to re-engage cold leads or chase pending credit documents.
Transparent contract and easy exit	Partial	Medium	Months 1–6	All-in rental with no upfront cost is an edge; the 12-month minimum should come with clear cancellation and no post-cancel billing, the top pain with Podium.
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Instant 24/7 WhatsApp response	We have it	—	—	AI advisor replies in 0 s, including after hours; directly addresses unanswered leads.
Showroom capture via kiosk and dynamic QR	We have it	—	—	None of the listed competitors physically engages the customer already in the store.
KYC, prefilled credit application and e-signature	We have it	—	—	Menteia KYC engine + multi-bank application + DocuSign: cuts the paperwork that slows credit.
Attribution by dealer, kiosk and model	We have it	—	—	The dynamic QR tags each conversation's origin through to credit.
Test-drive booking with reminder	We have it	—	—	Booking plus day-before reminder included.

To the roadmap

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Conclusion

The market complains about both extremes: CRMs/DMSs are expensive, complex and don't engage, while AI chats reply fast but sound robotic, can't confirm inventory and may over-promise. Vamo best addresses waiting time and credit paperwork (0-second response in-store and on WhatsApp, KYC and e-signature), but its biggest gap is integration: real-time inventory, auditable AI guardrails and connectors to DMSs and lenders.