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2007 Bi-Annual Survey of Dealership Satisfaction with Dealer System Providers' Products and Services

Market Research Study

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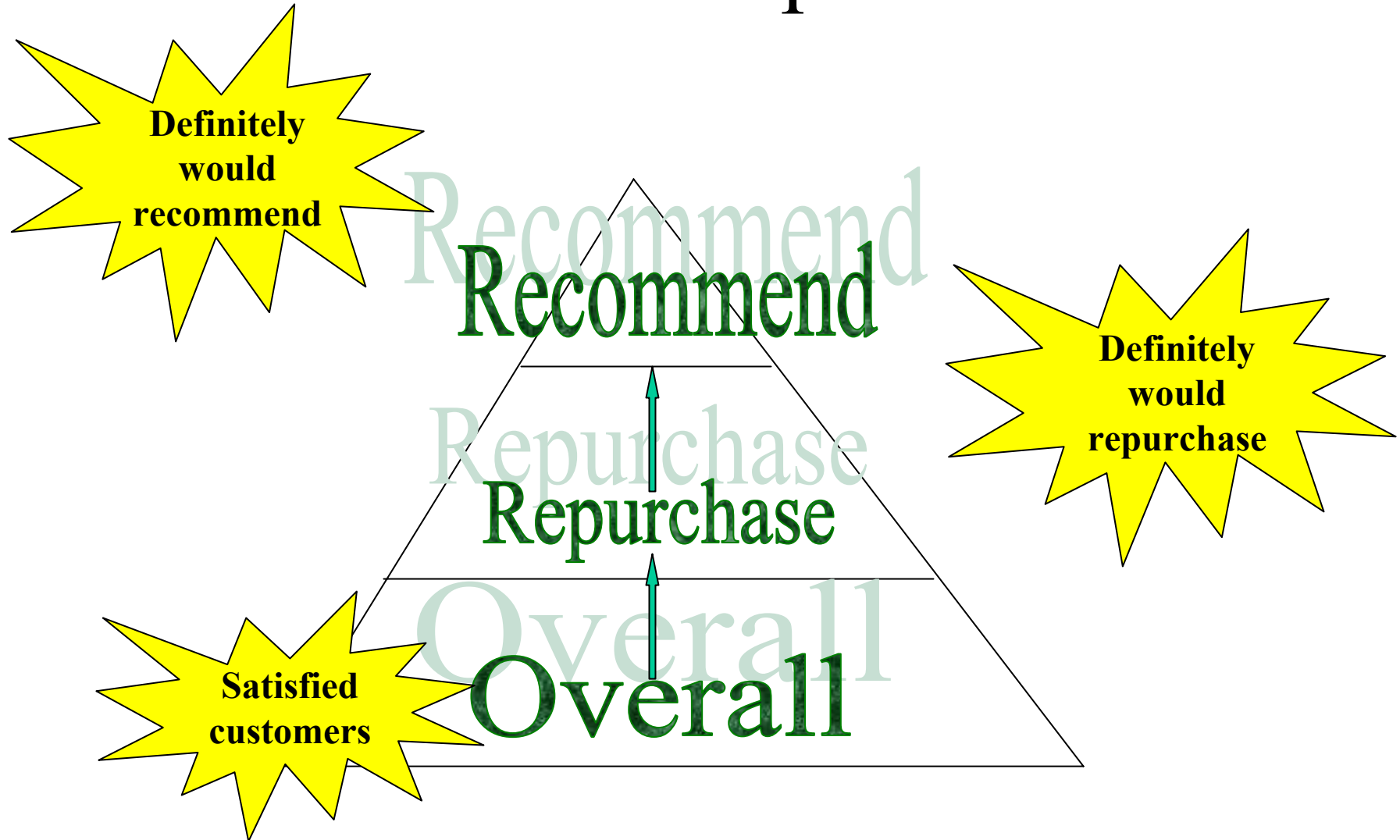
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- III. System Functionality
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Introduction and Study Methodology

- 995 telephone surveys were completed by Friedman-Swift Associates from June 2007 to July 2007.
- Dealerships included in this study have used their current DSP vendor for at least one year.
- Dealership personnel interviewed have personally used their current DSP vendor for at least 6 months.
- Infiniti and Saturn dealerships were excluded from the study since these dealers do not choose their DSP.
- DSP vendors active in the U.S. market that were below the survey threshold for number of customers included: DPC, Jarvis, NeoSynergy, PBS and Quorum.
- Maximum margin of error:
 - Total sample is plus or minus 3%
 - Per dealership management group is plus or minus 6%
 - Per individual vendor is plus or minus 7%
- The following dealership positions were interviewed and grouped accordingly:
 - Dealers/General Managers (GM)
 - General Sales Managers/New Car Sales Managers
 - Office Managers (OM)/Controllers
 - Parts Managers
 - Service Managers

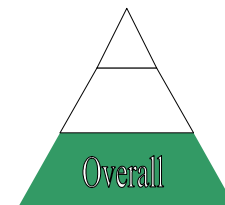
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Overall Dealership Satisfaction

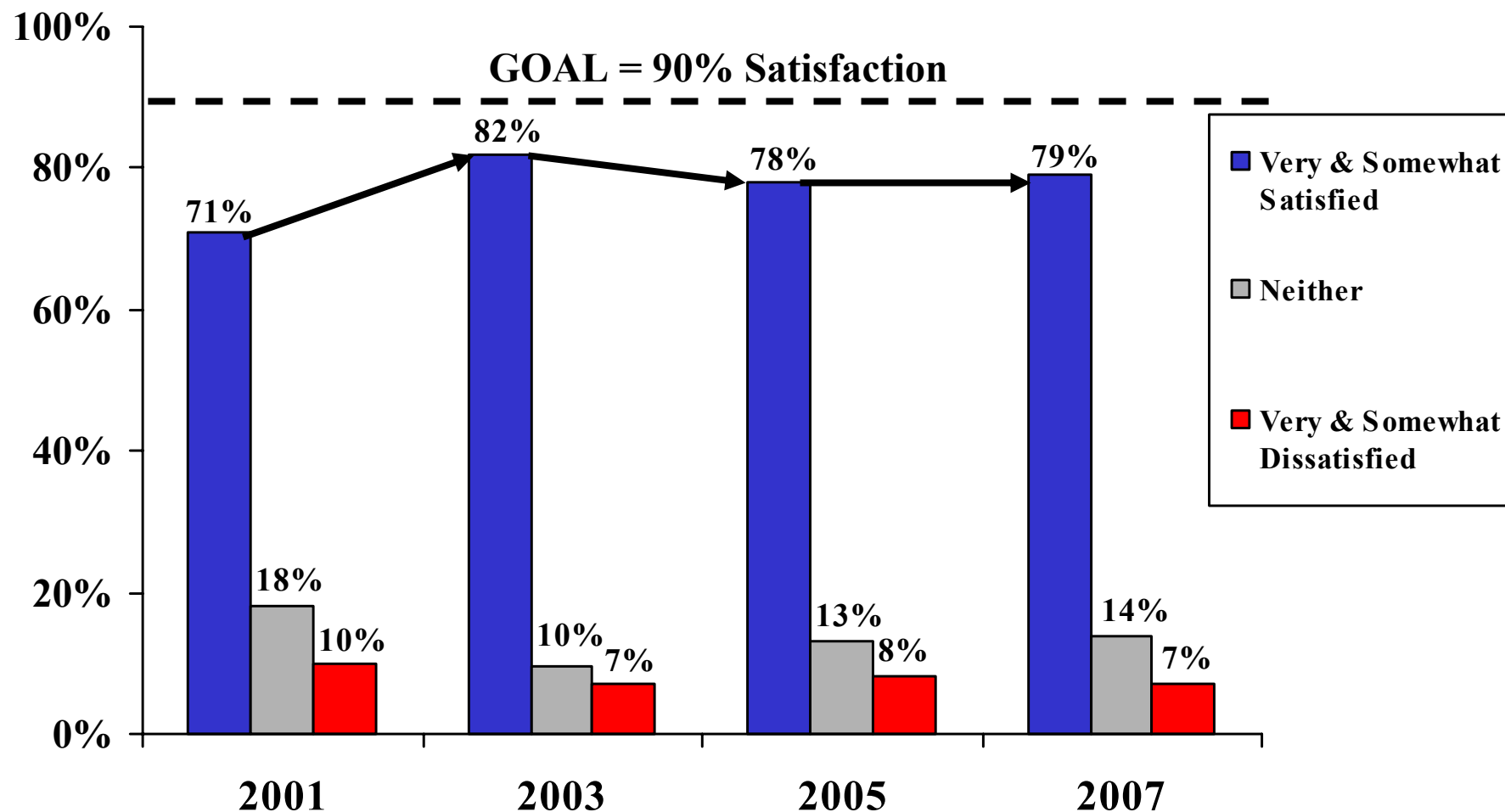


Overall Dealership Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed



How satisfied are you overall with the products and services received from *(your DSP vendor)*?



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2007 Actual Base = 995

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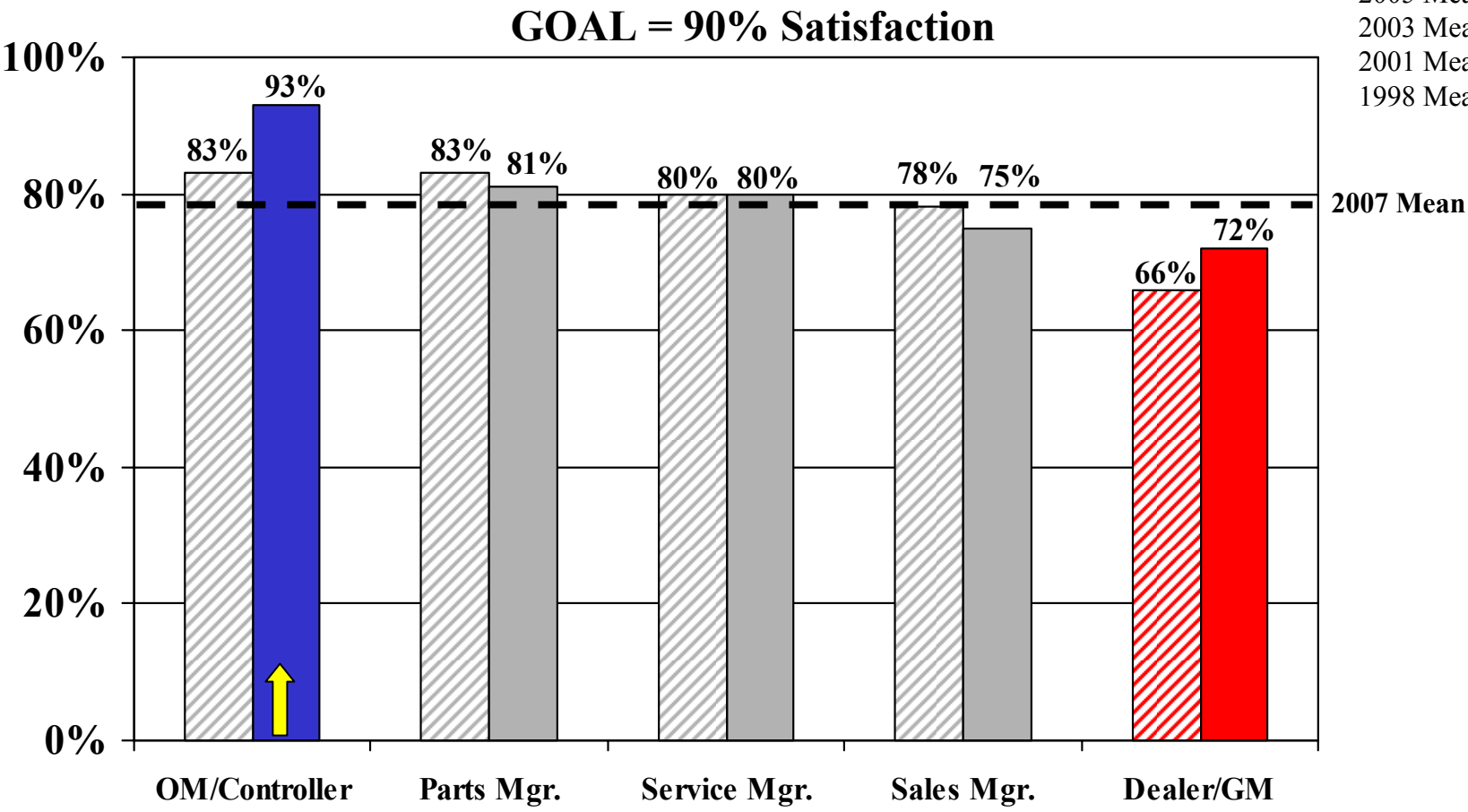
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2003 Mean = 82%
2001 Mean = 71%
1998 Mean = 66%



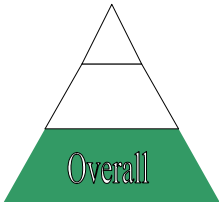
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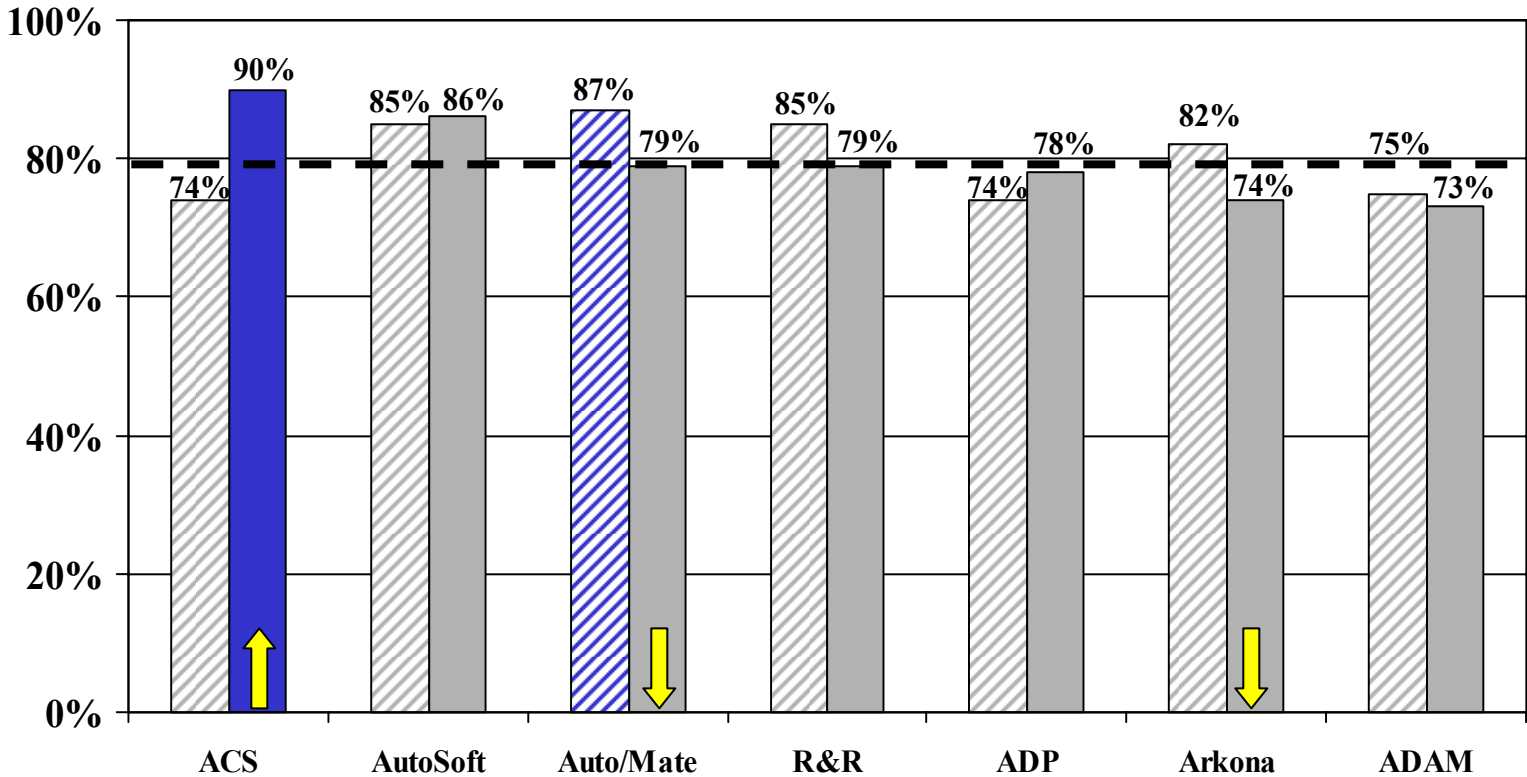
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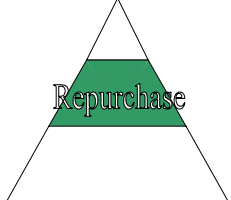
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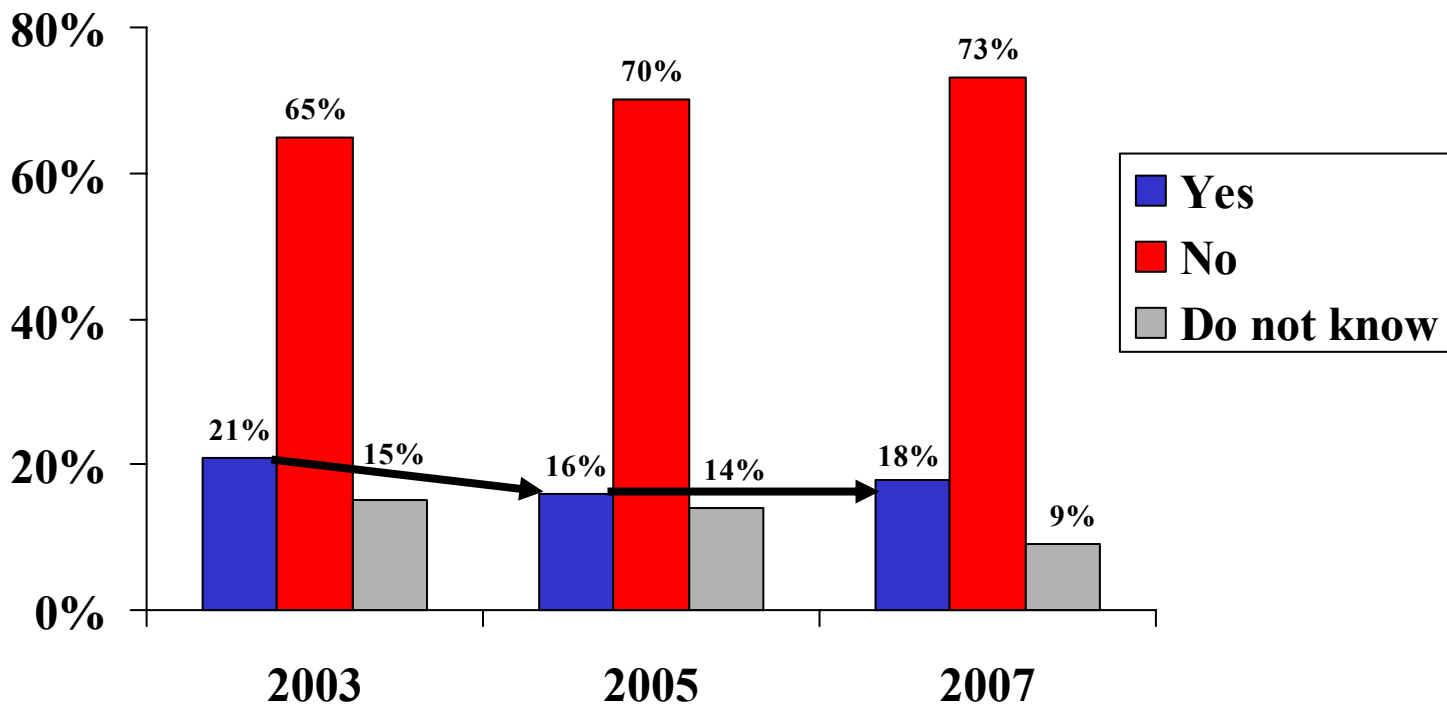


Likelihood of Switching

Overall Dealership Satisfaction

Off. Mgr./Controller, Sales Mgr., Service Mgr., Parts Mgr. surveyed

If you could choose which DSP vendor your dealership used, would you switch from *(your DSP vendor)* to another vendor?



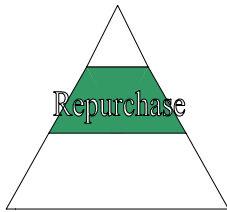
25% of 2007 Dealer/GMs surveyed plan on switching vendors when their contract is up, while 13% are undecided

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2007 Actual Base = 796

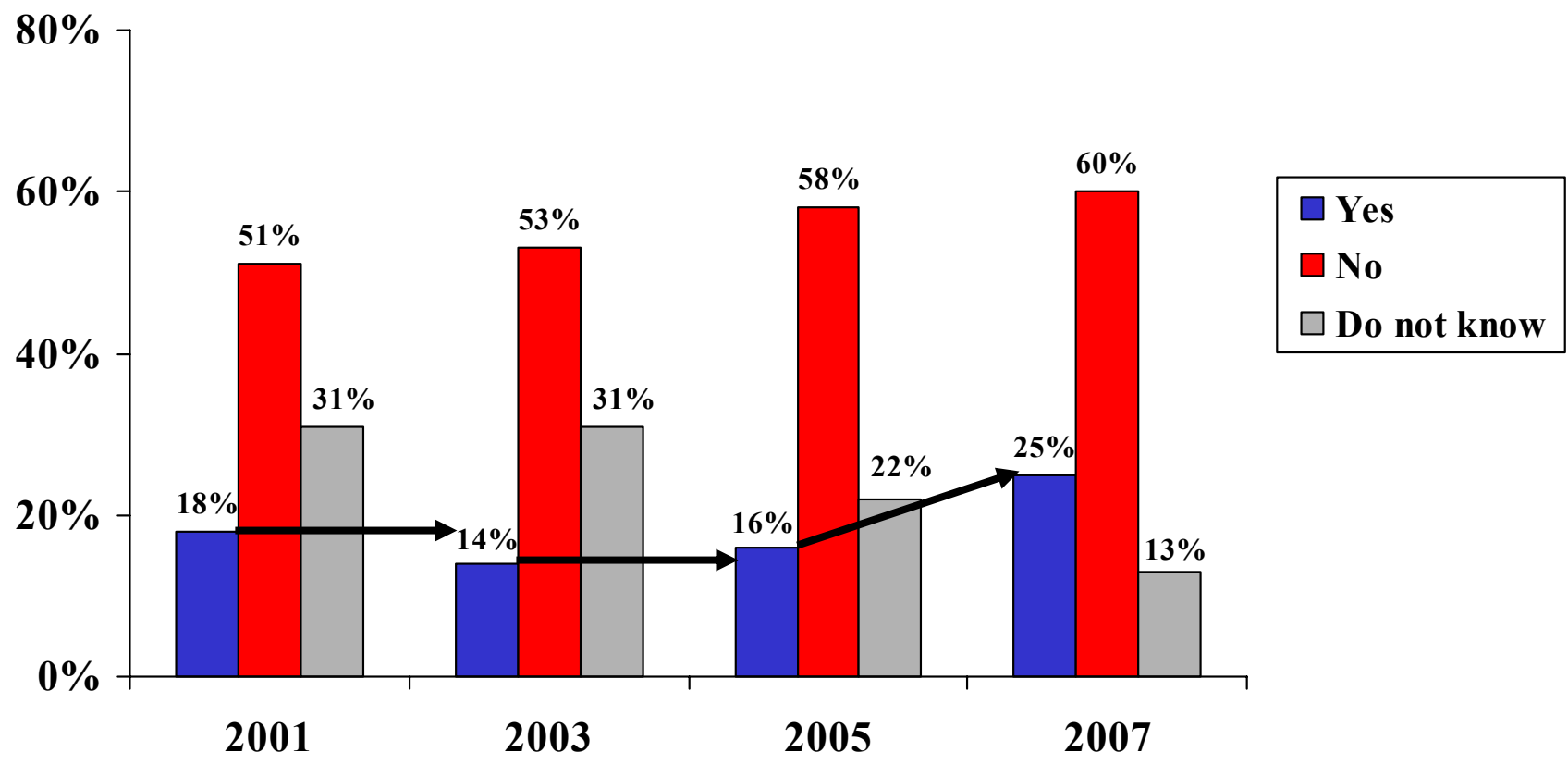
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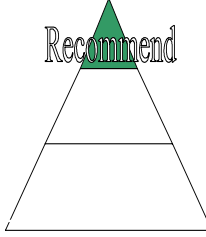
Overall Dealership Satisfaction

Dealer/GM surveyed



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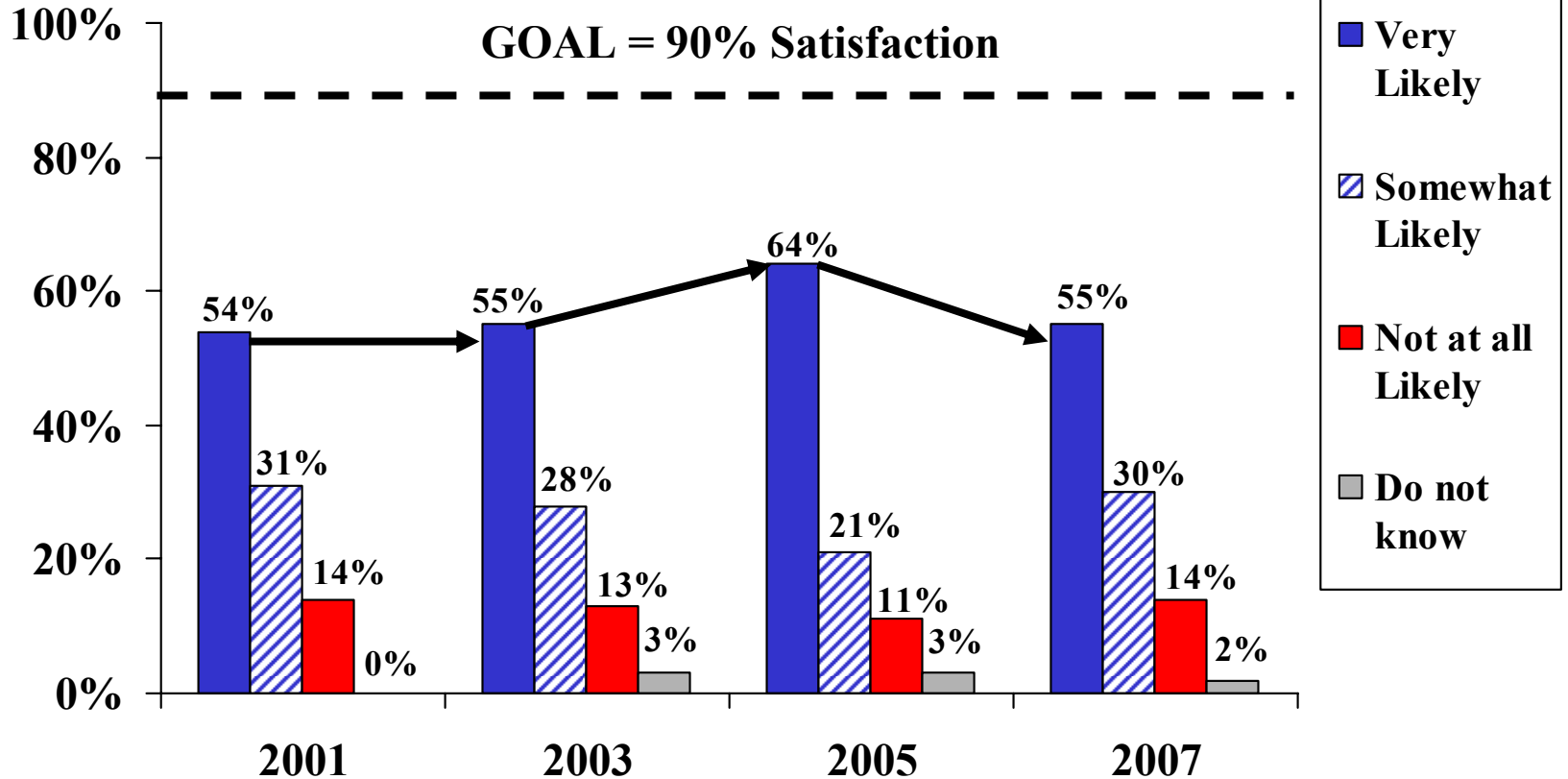


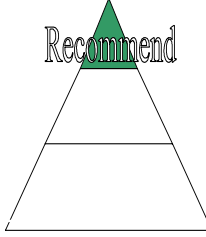
Likelihood of Recommending

Overall Dealership Satisfaction

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Likelihood of Recommending Overall Dealership Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

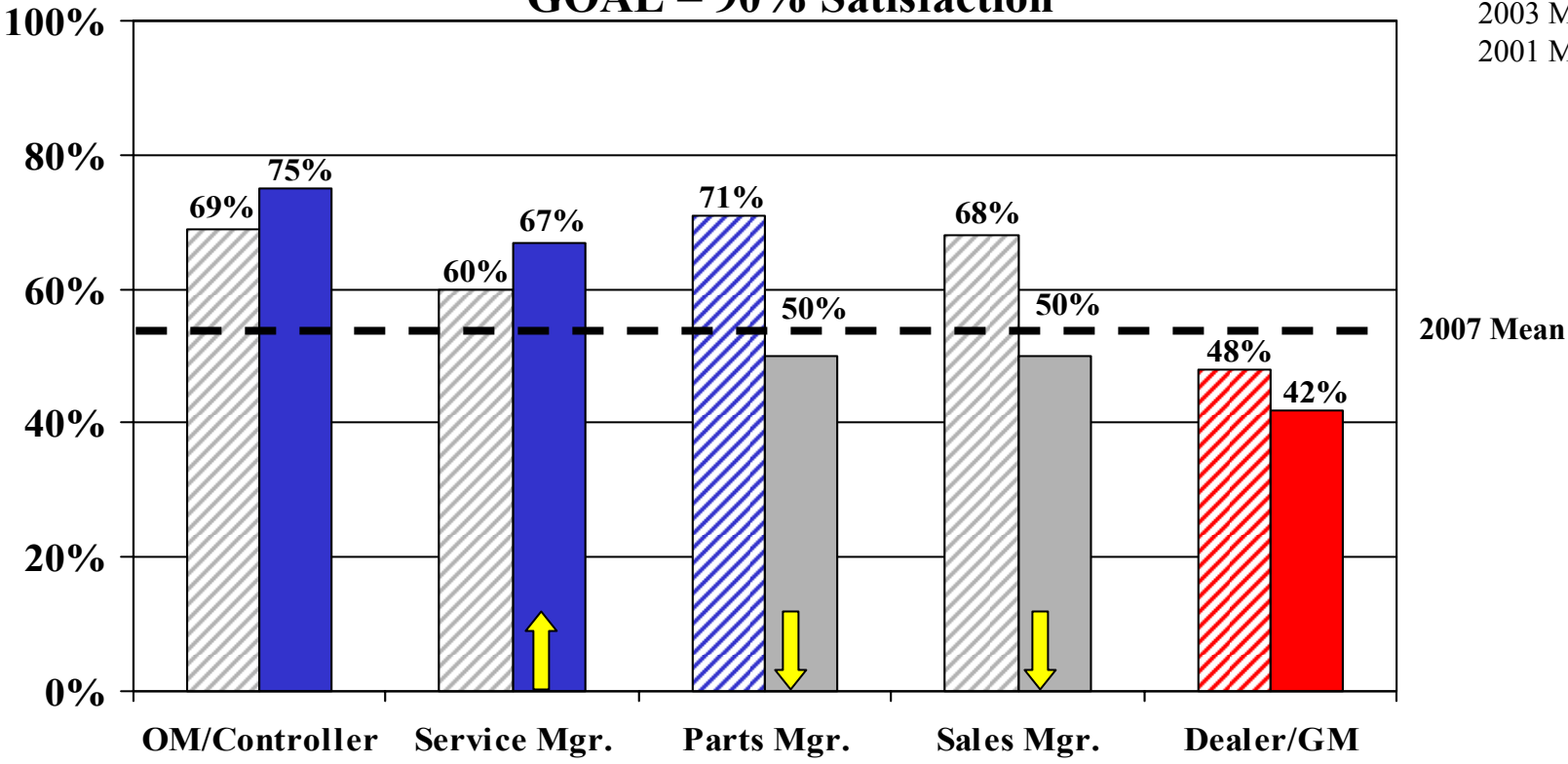
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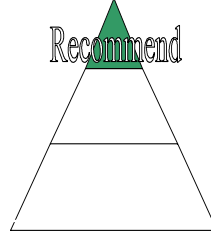
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GOAL = 90% Satisfaction



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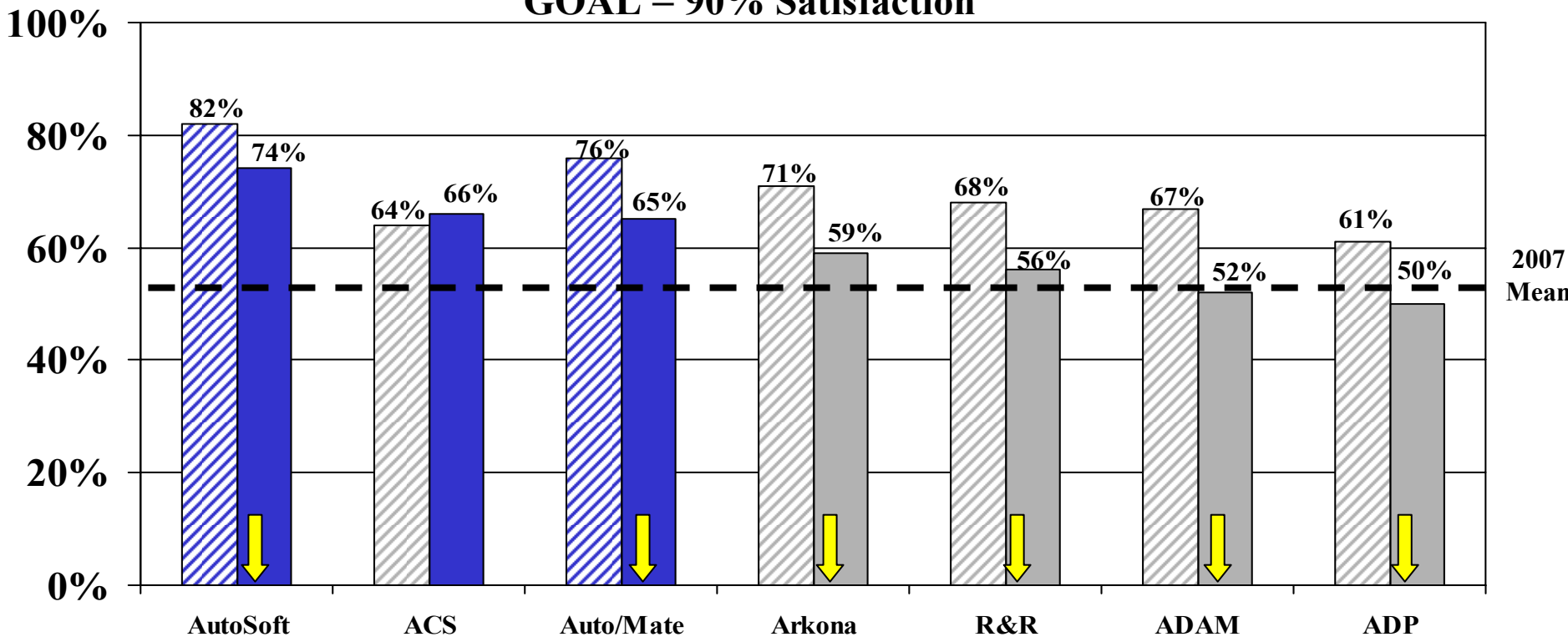
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2007 Key Drivers of Dealership Satisfaction

Correlation (r value) to overall dealership satisfaction

Customer Service .75

- Satisfaction with overall customer service
- Problems and concerns being fixed correctly the first time

System Functionality .72

- Flexibility of system software to adapt to your business needs
- Ability to customize the software

Training .50

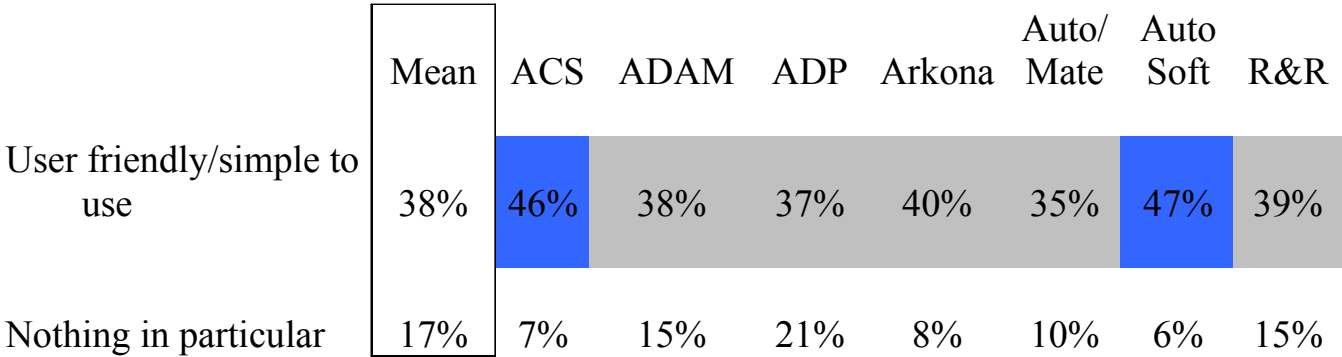
- Effectiveness of technical training
- Effectiveness of technical training compared to all costs associated with training

Overall Dealership Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

What do you like best about (your DSP vendor) system?

■ Better than mean ■ Equivalent to mean ■ Worse than mean



2007 Respondents

Overall Dealership Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

What do you like least about (your DSP vendor) system?

 Better than mean  Equivalent to mean  Worse than mean

	Mean	ACS	ADAM	ADP	Arkona	Auto/ Mate	Auto Soft	R&R
Too expensive/not cost effective	9%	0%	2%	6%	2%	0%	1%	15%
Difficult to navigate	7%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	1%	8%
Not user friendly	6%	4%	8%	8%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Poor customer/technical service	5%	4%	7%	8%	8%	8%	4%	3%
Slow system	5%	3%	3%	7%	4%	0%	1%	4%
Inadequate report generator	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Nothing in particular	32%	43%	30%	30%	27%	44%	42%	31%

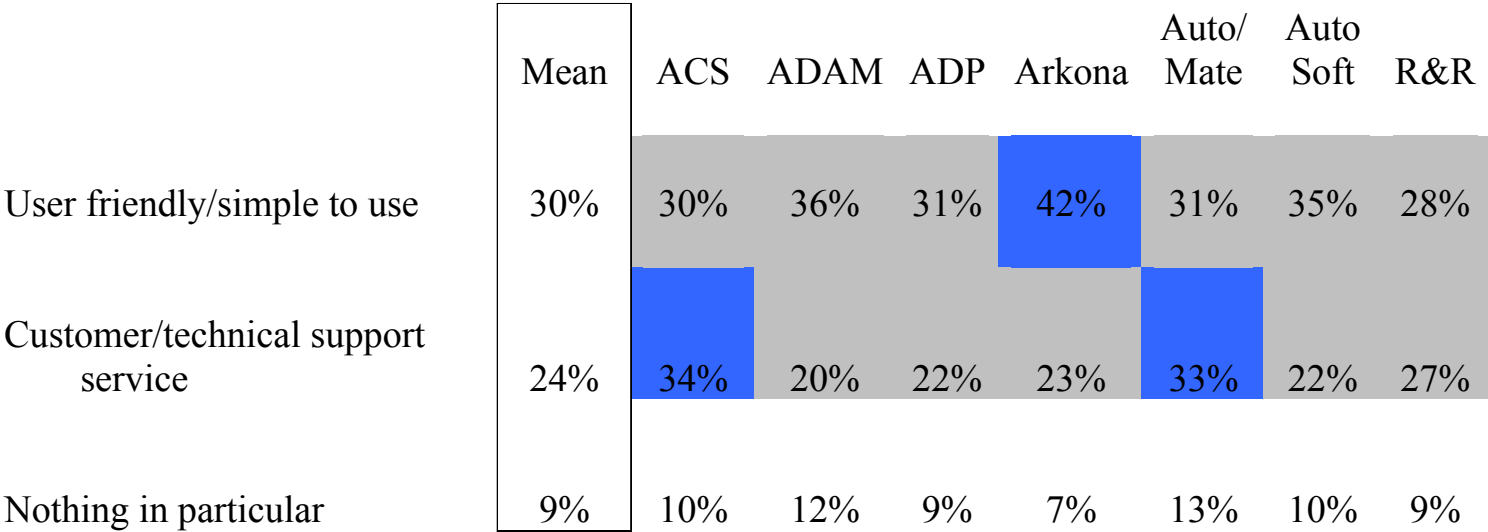
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Aside from price, what makes one dealer system provider better than another?

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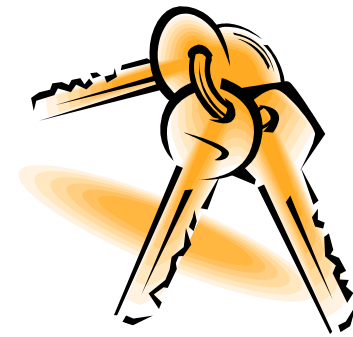
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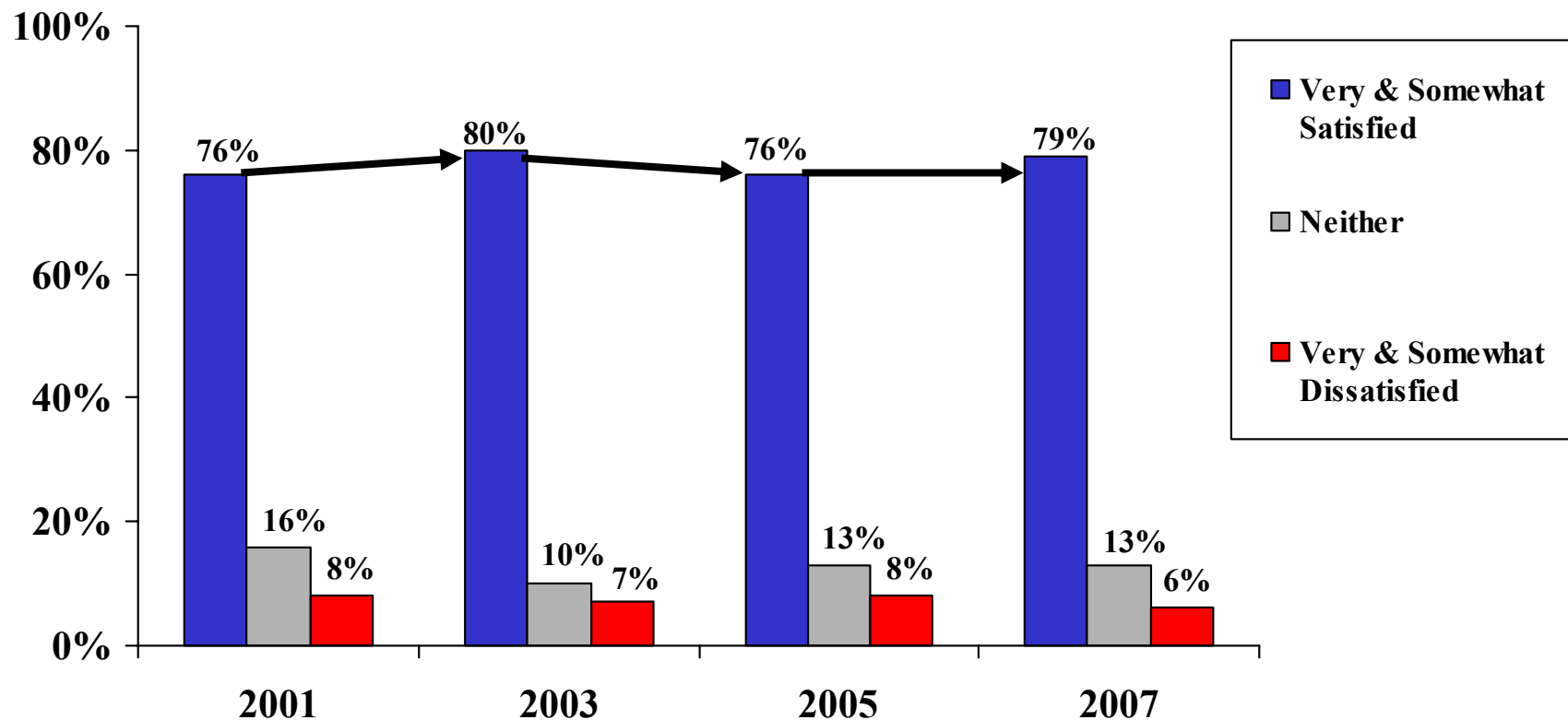


DSP Customer Service Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed



Overall, how satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor's)* customer service department?

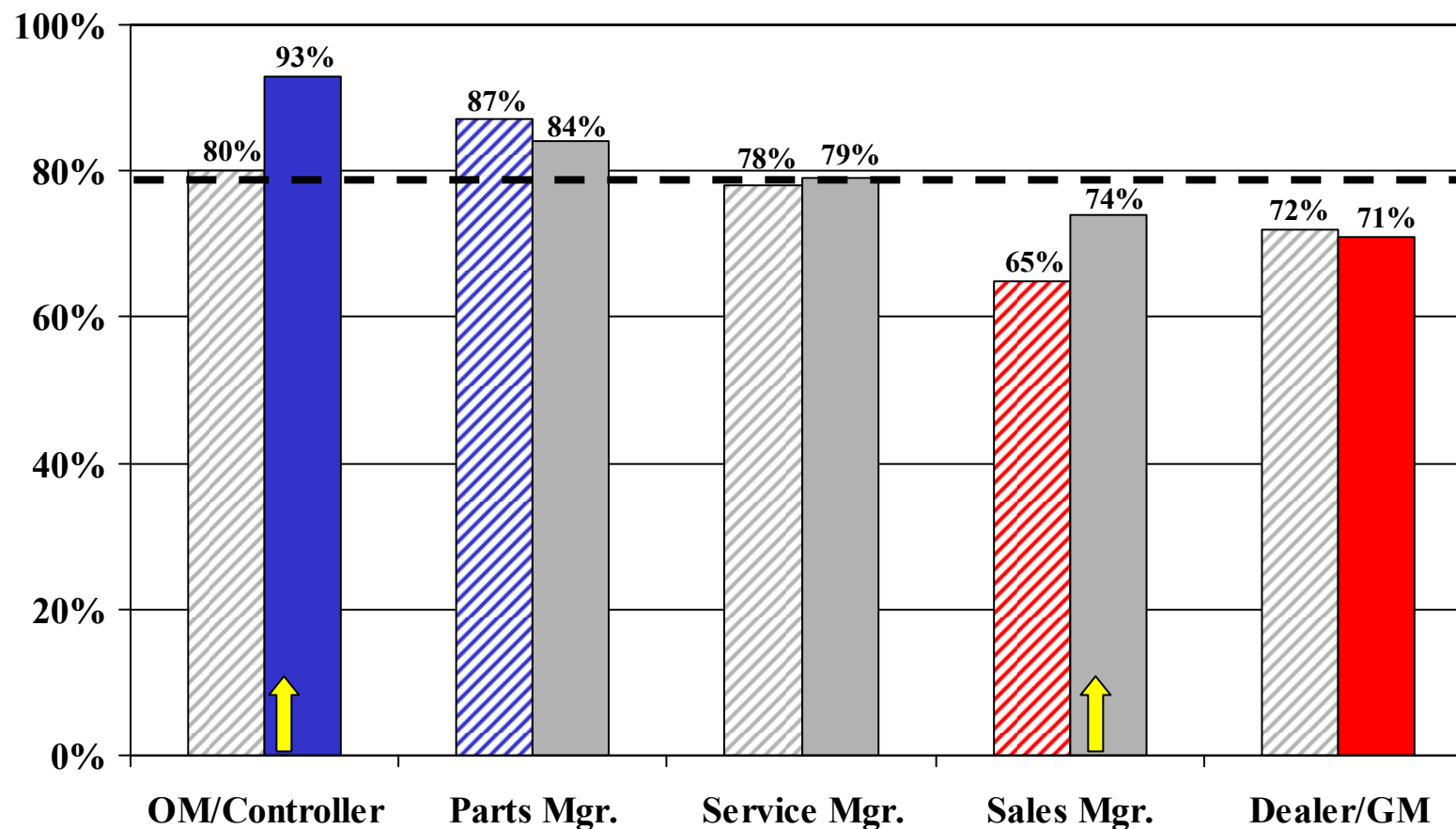


DSP Customer Service Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

Overall, how satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor's)* customer service department?

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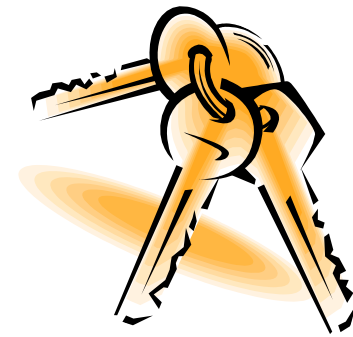
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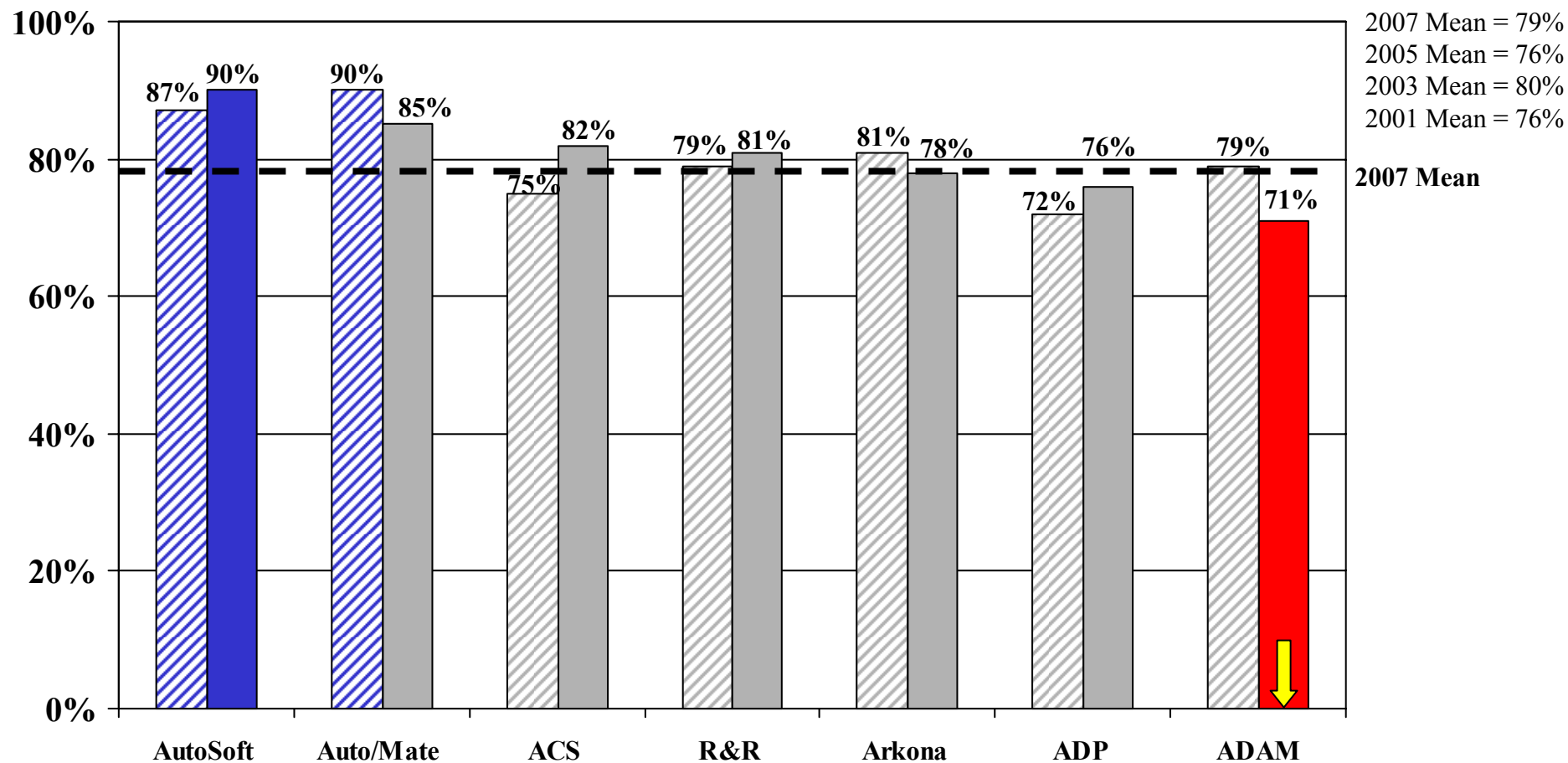
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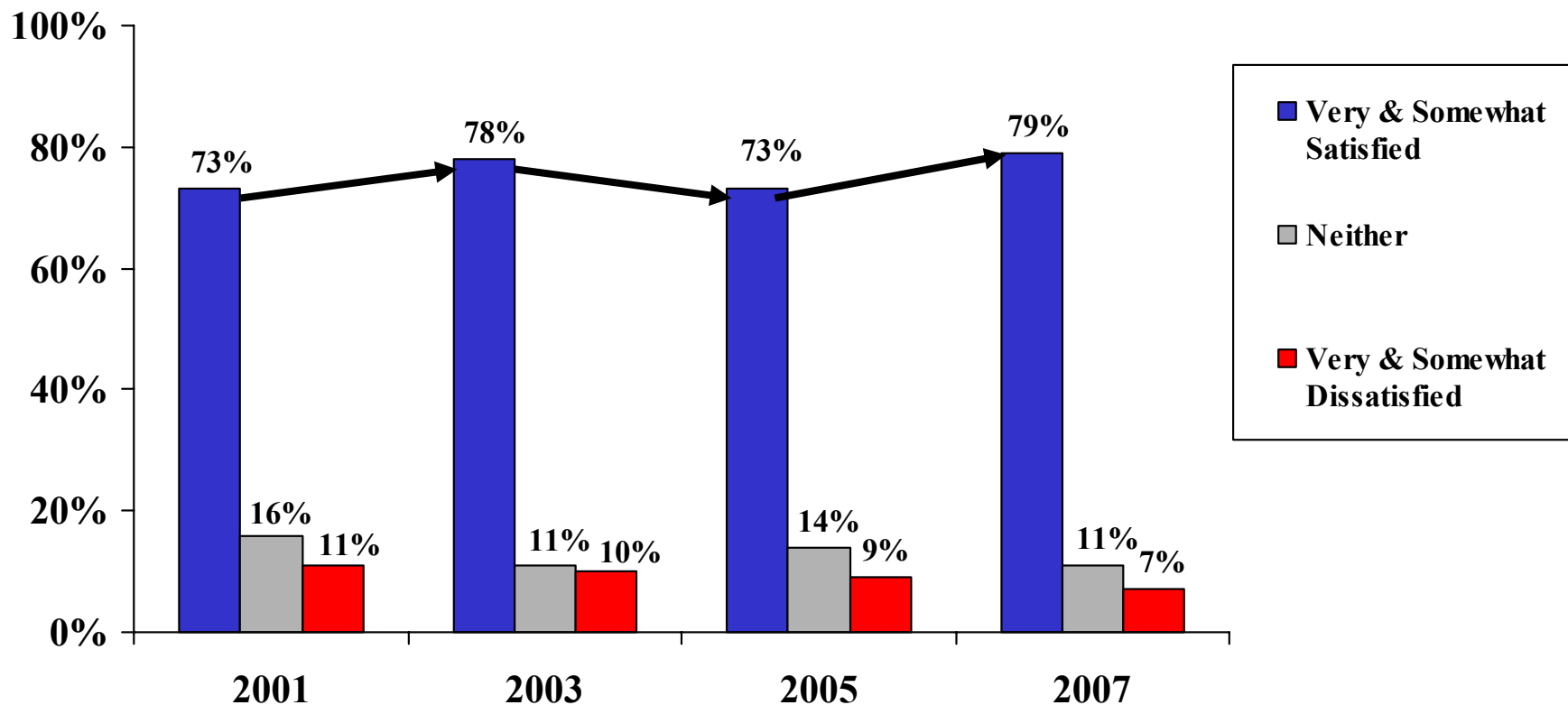
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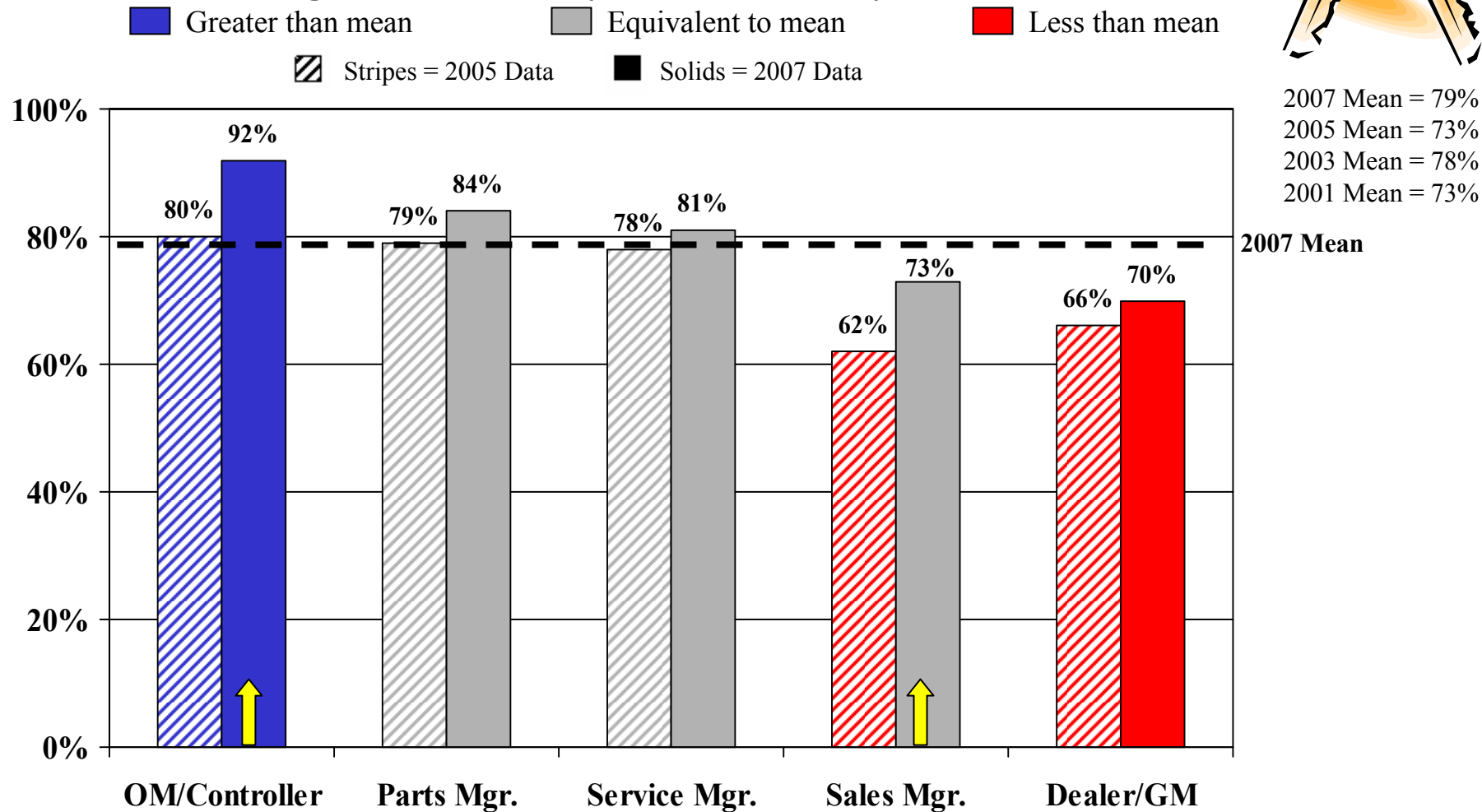
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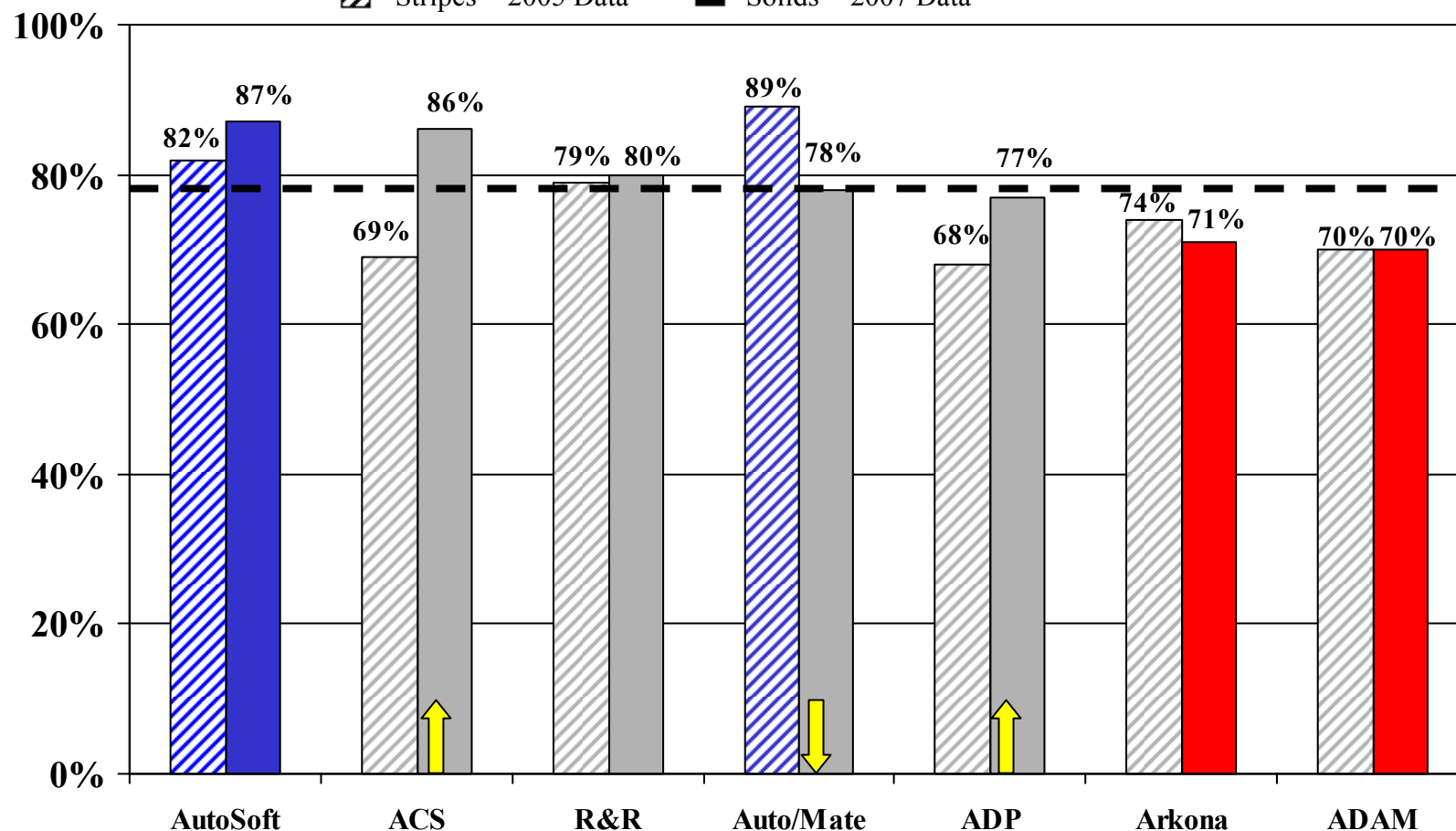
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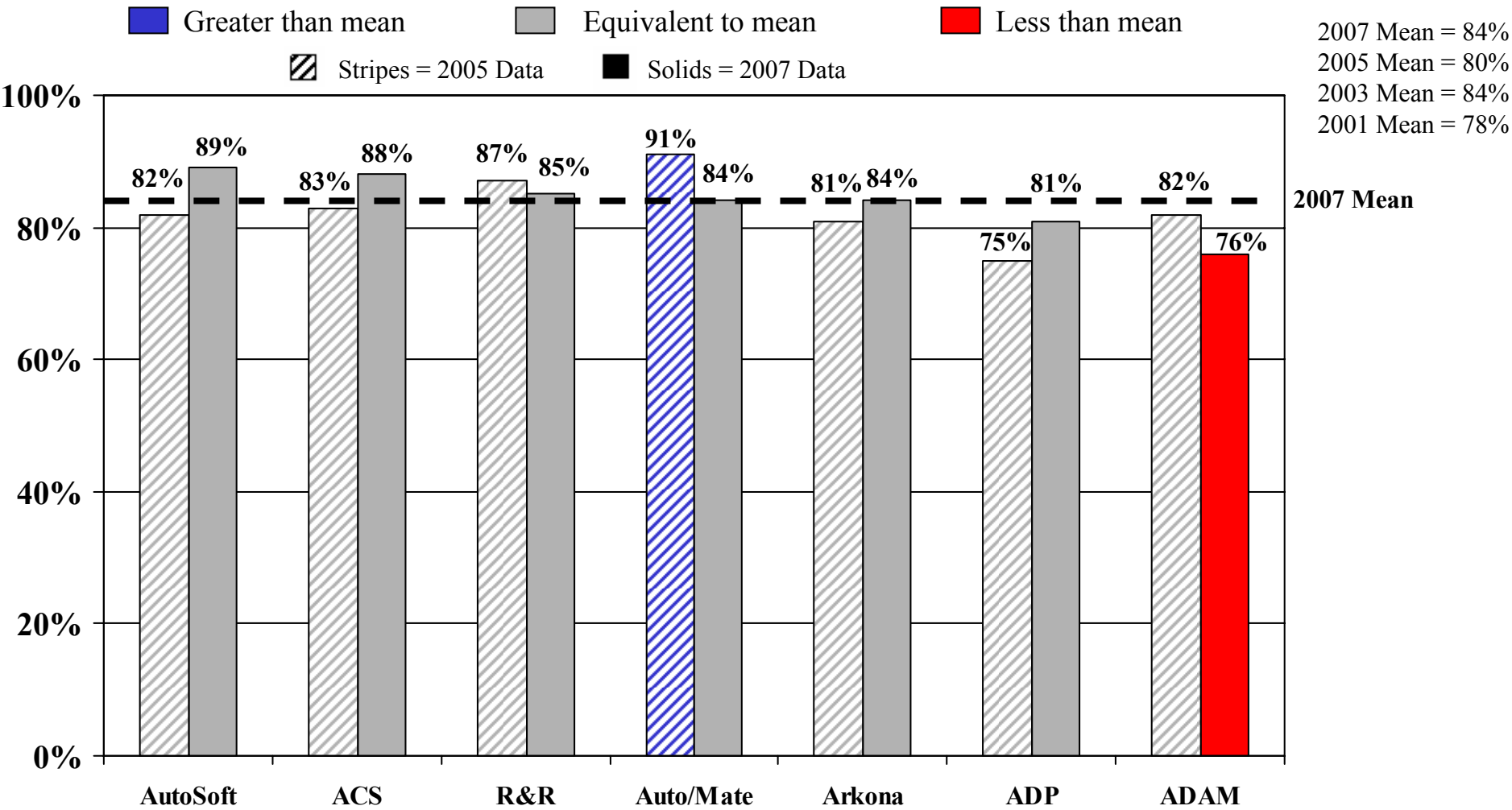
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DSP Customer Service Satisfaction

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How satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor's)* customer service department in regard to the maintenance of your daily business with minimal interruptions?



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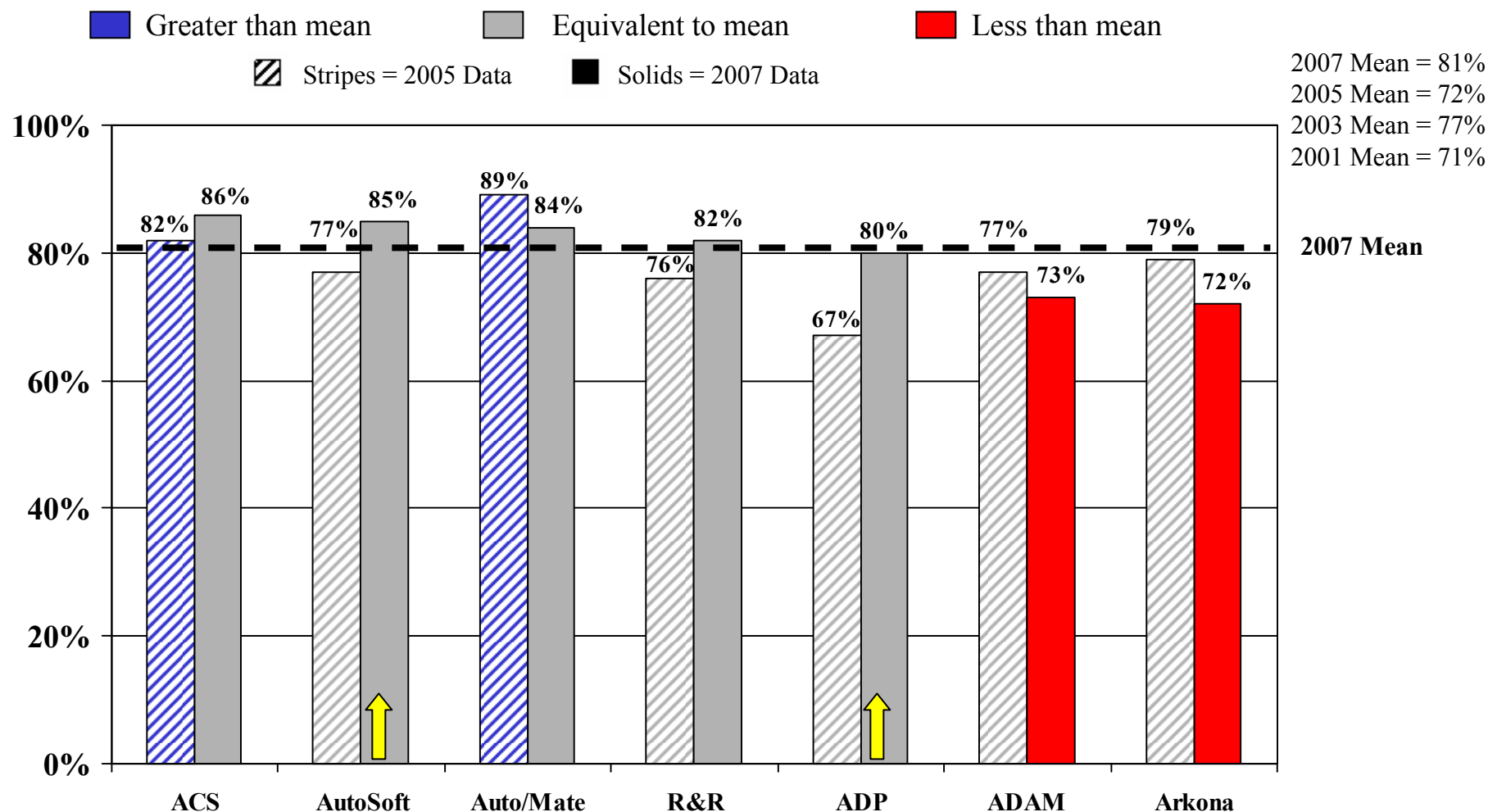
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How satisfied are you with (*your DSP vendor's*) customer service department in regard to the availability of customer service representatives?



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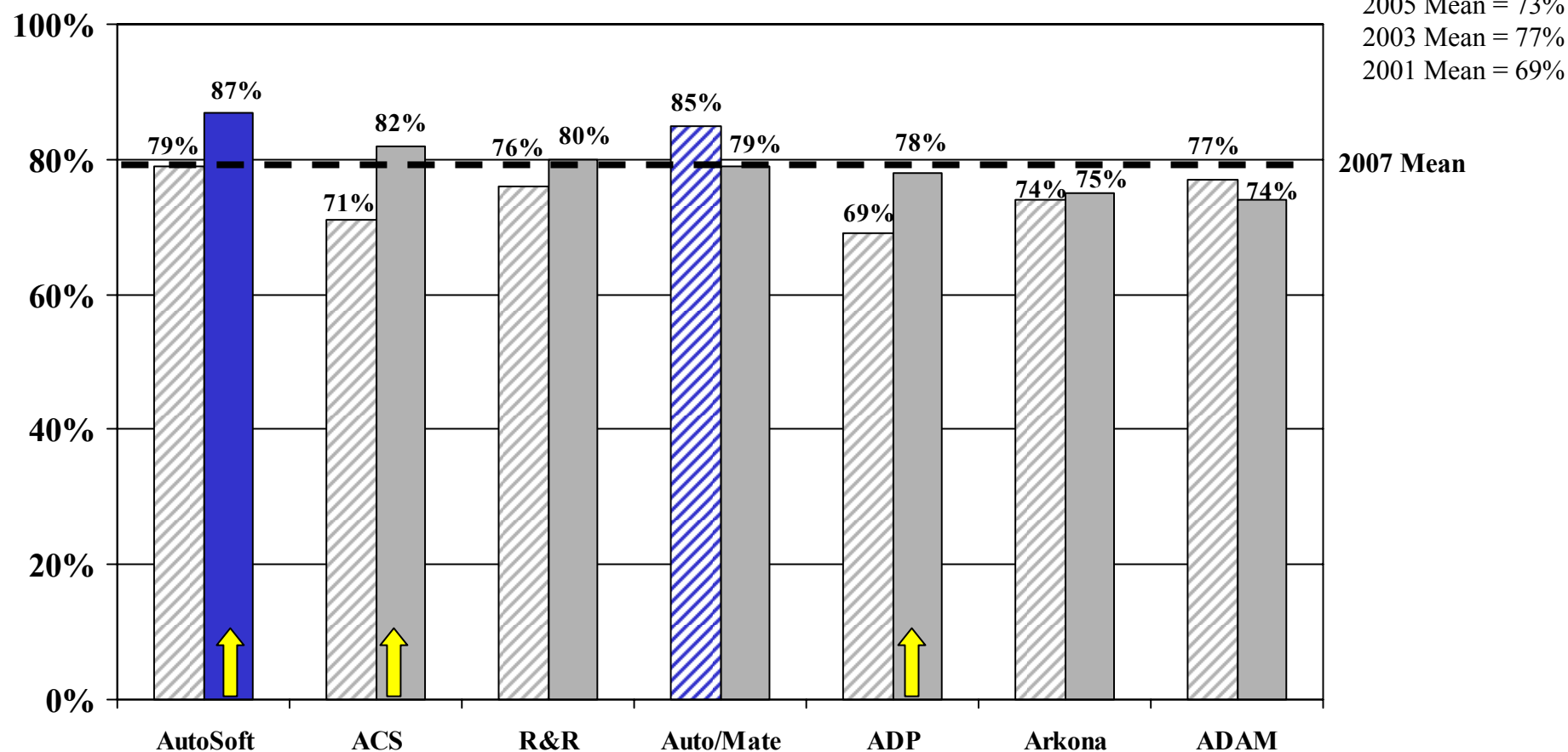
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DSP Customer Service Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

How satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor's)* customer service department in regard to the customer service representative's prompt follow-up to handle the needs of you and your staff?

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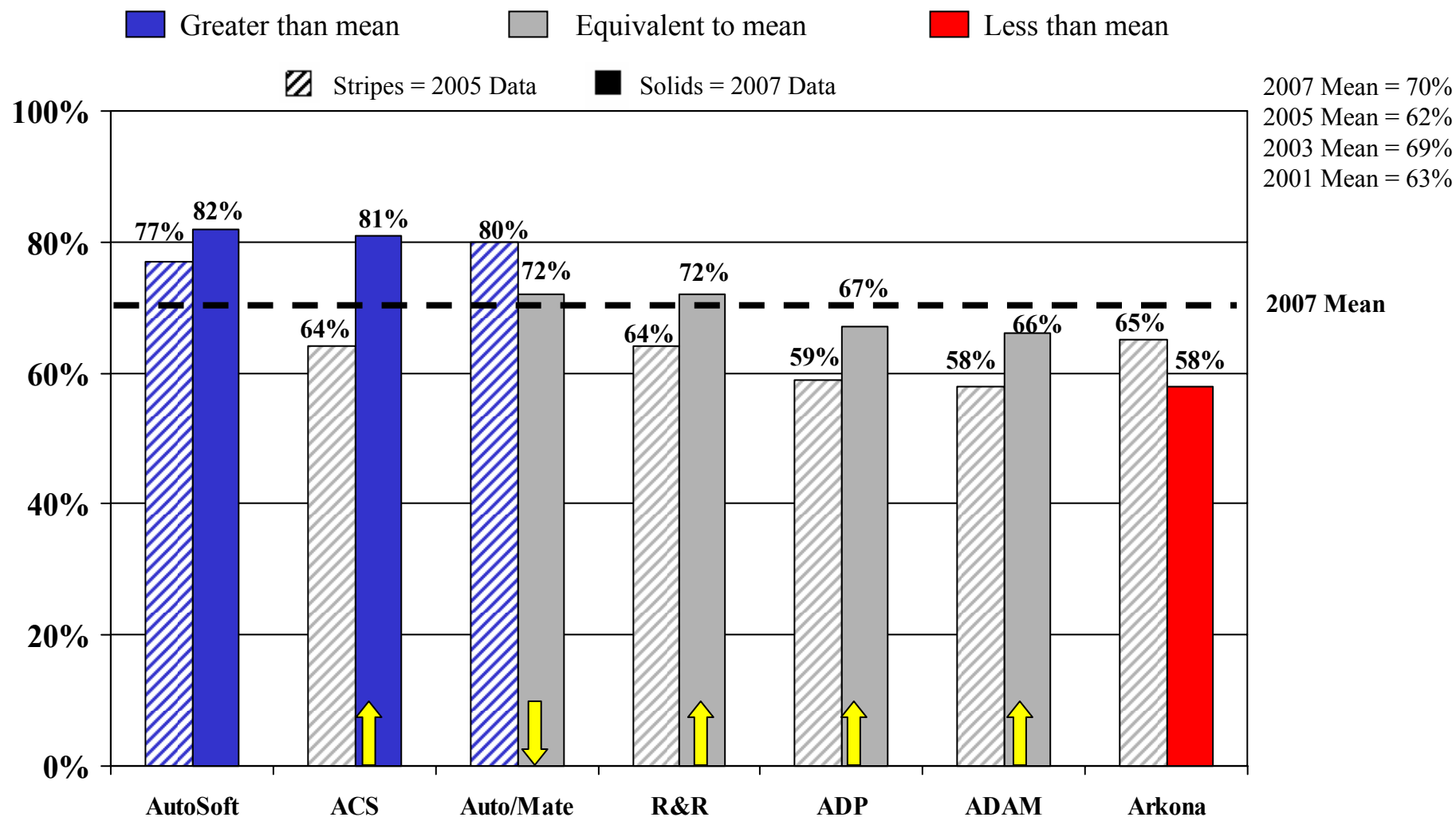
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DSP Customer Service Satisfaction

All Dealership Positions surveyed

How satisfied are you with (*your DSP vendor's*) customer service department in regard to the speed of getting changes and modifications made?



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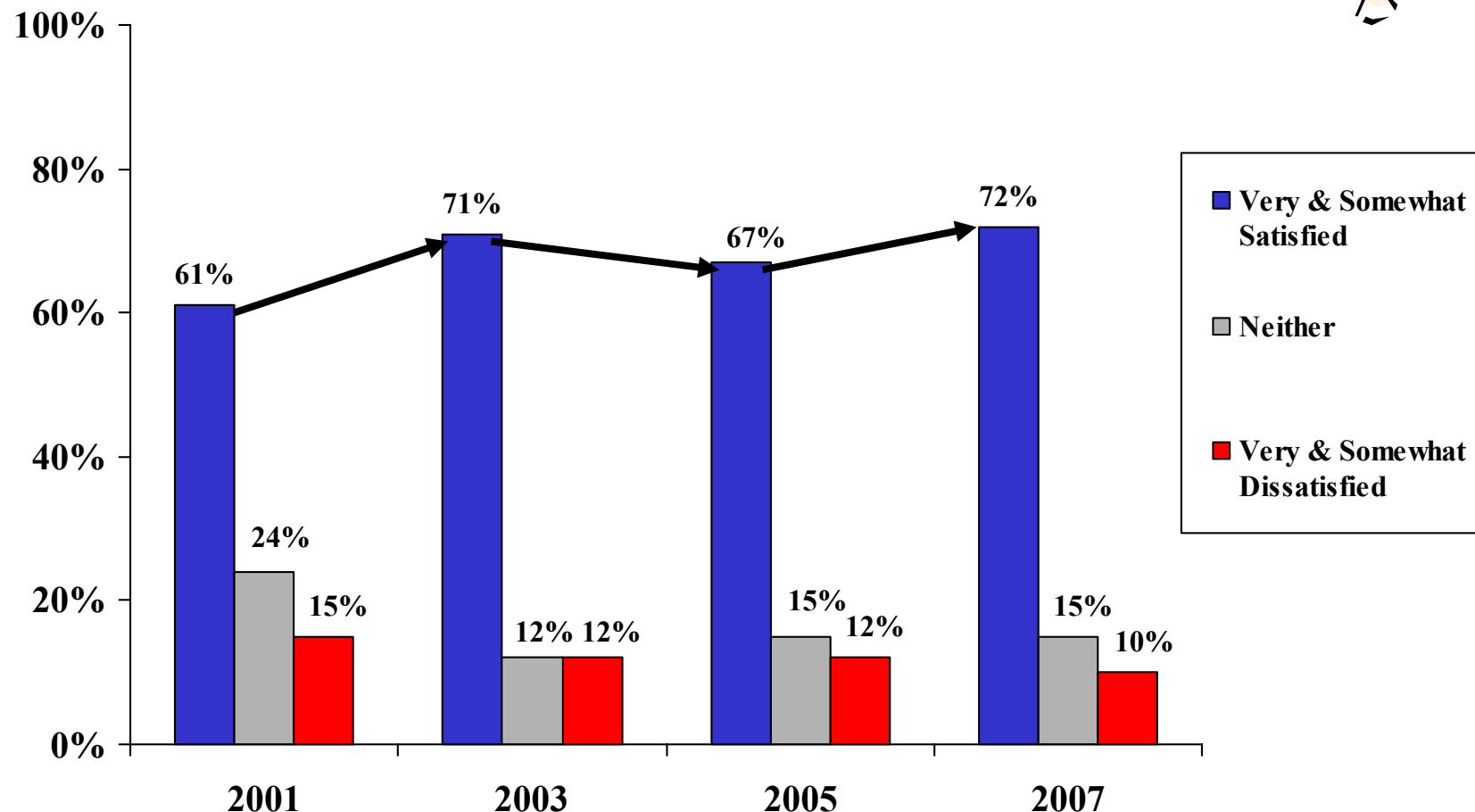
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III. System Functionality





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System Functionality

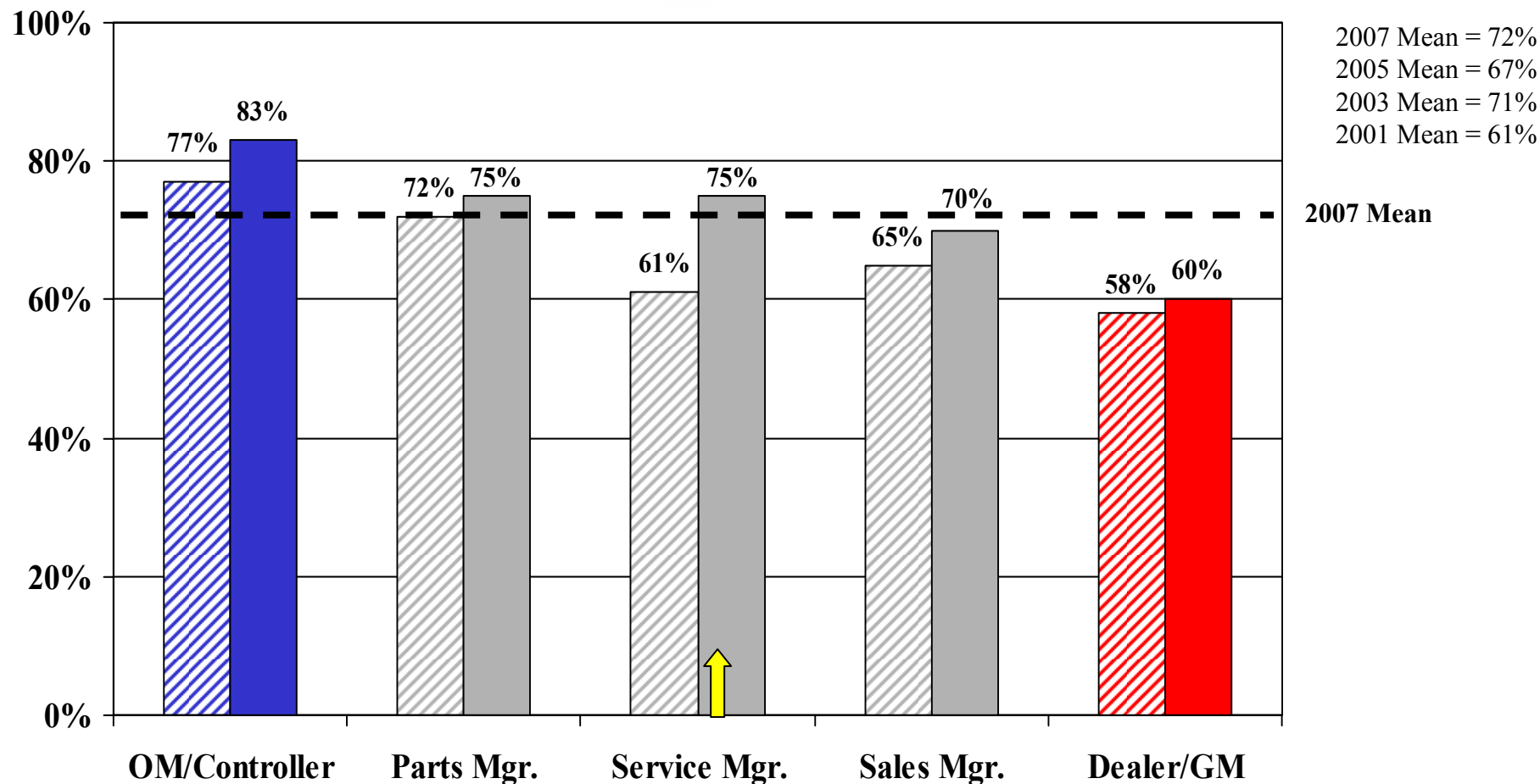
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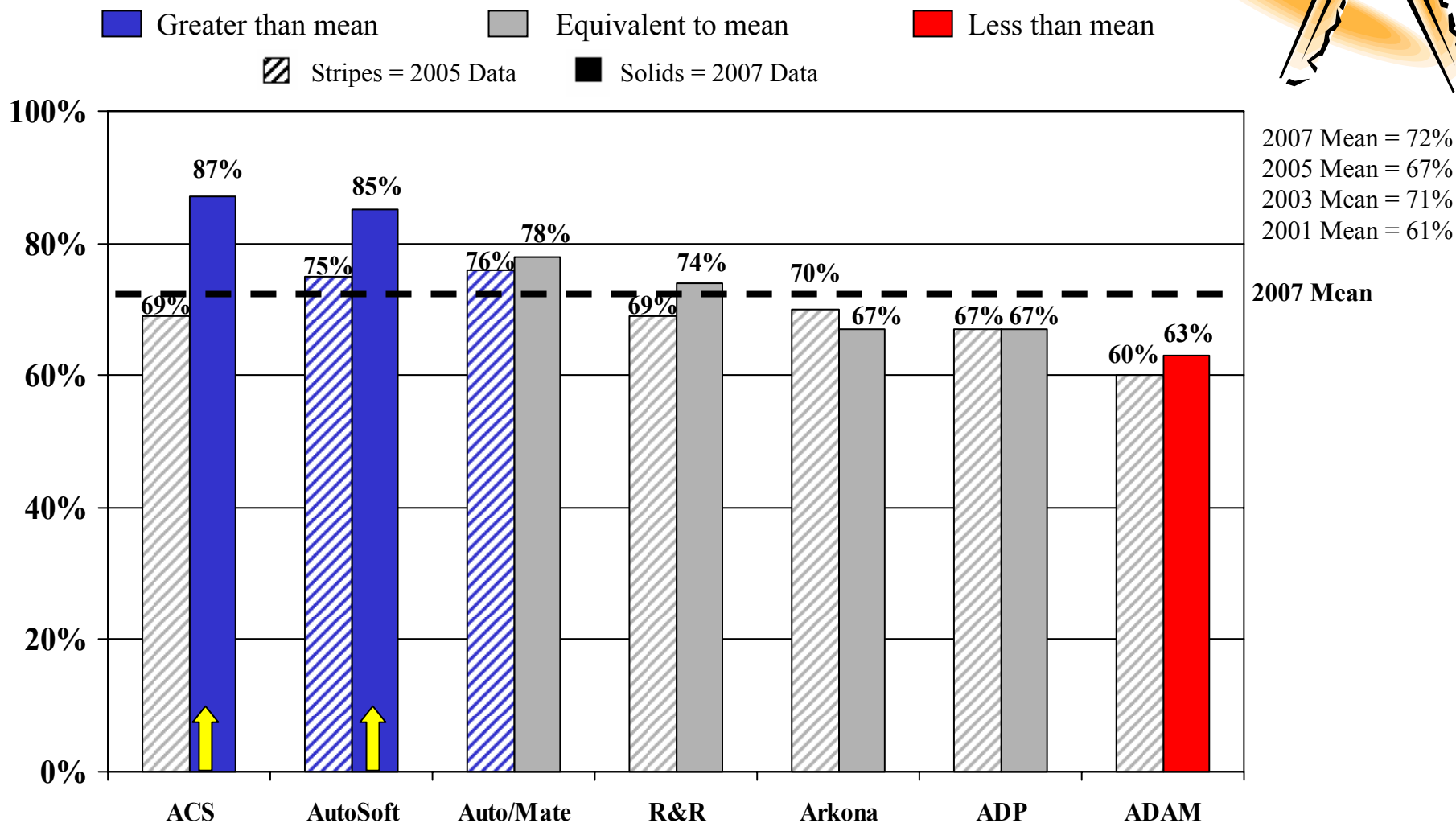
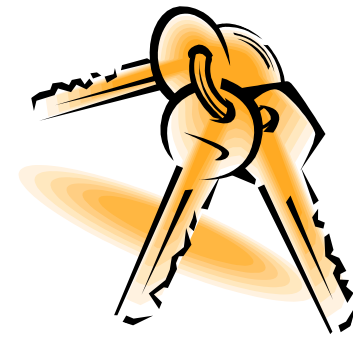


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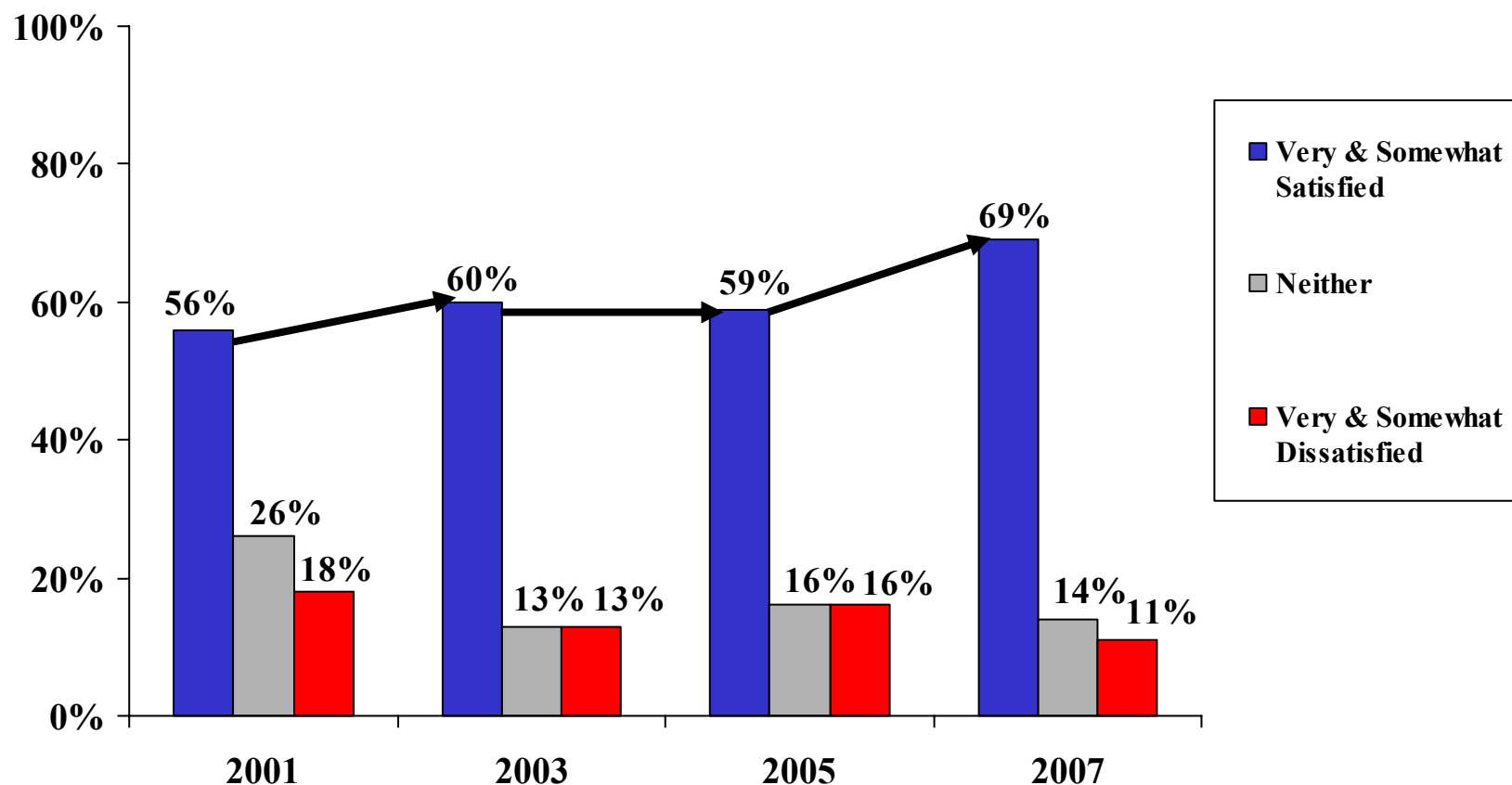
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How satisfied are you with the ability of (*your DSP vendor*) to customize the software to meet your needs?



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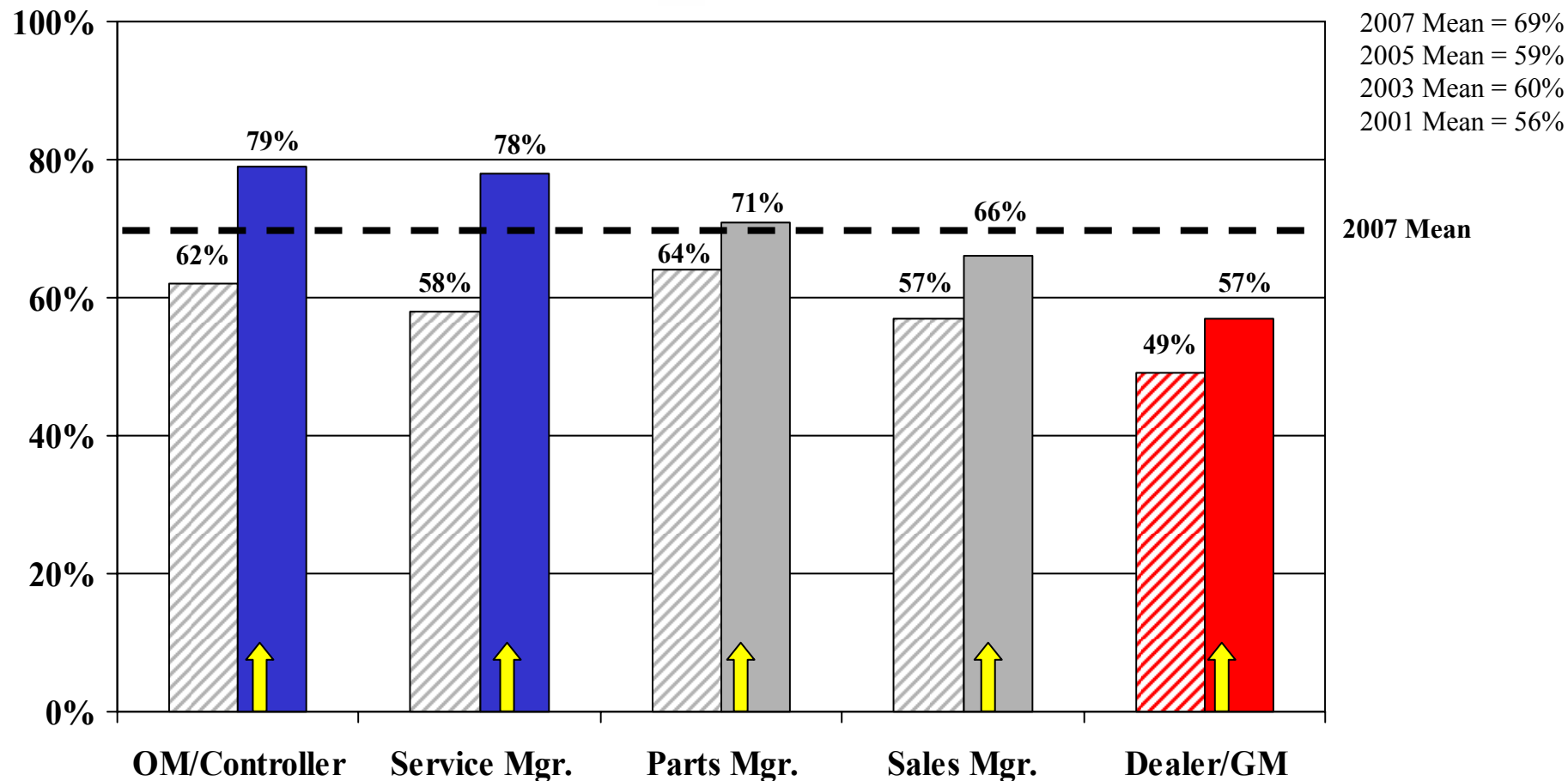
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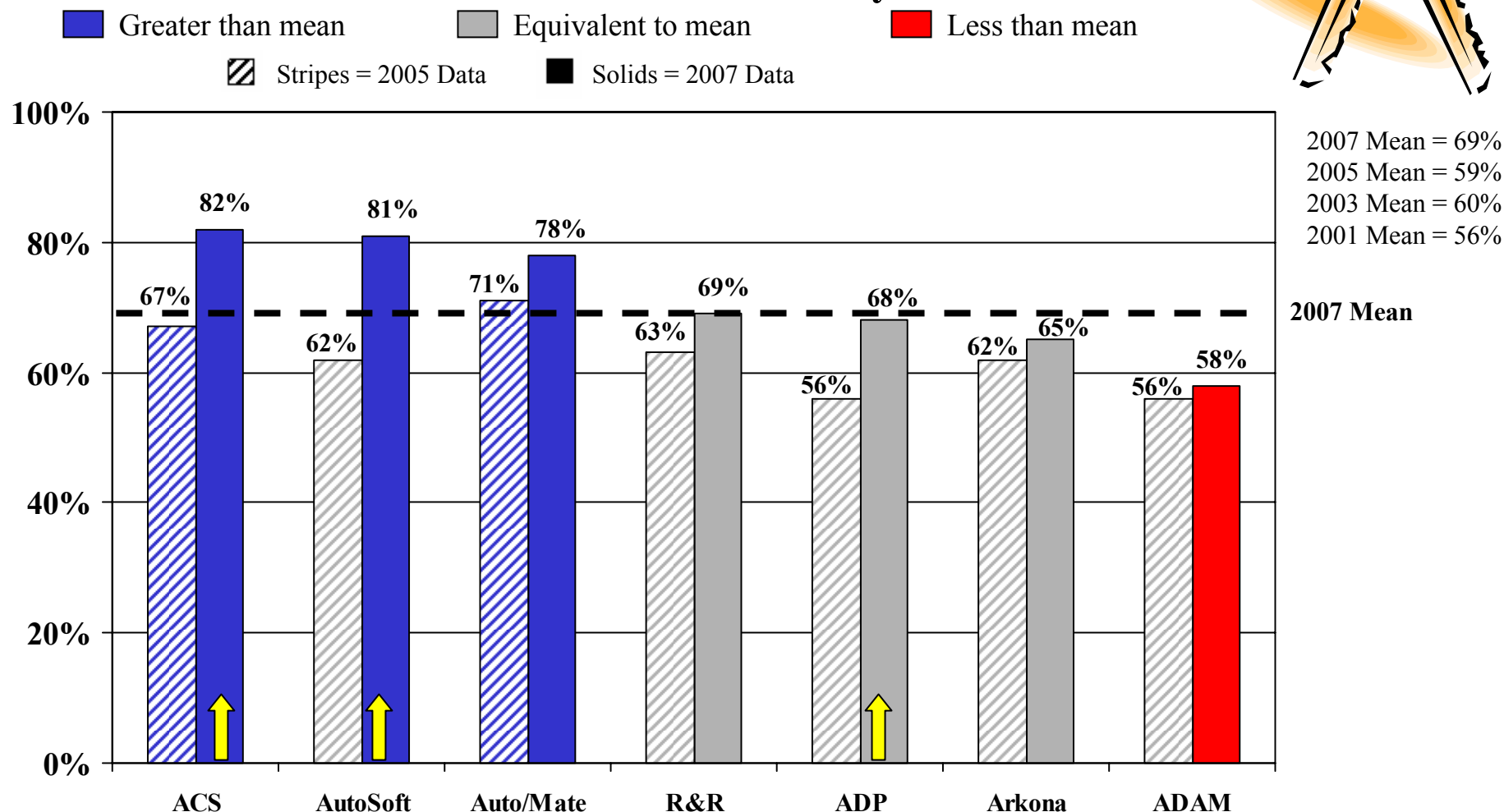
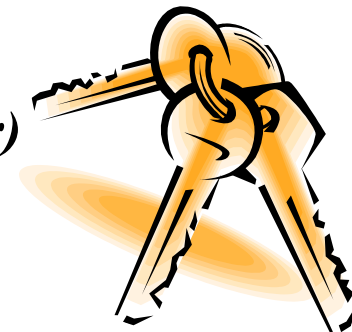
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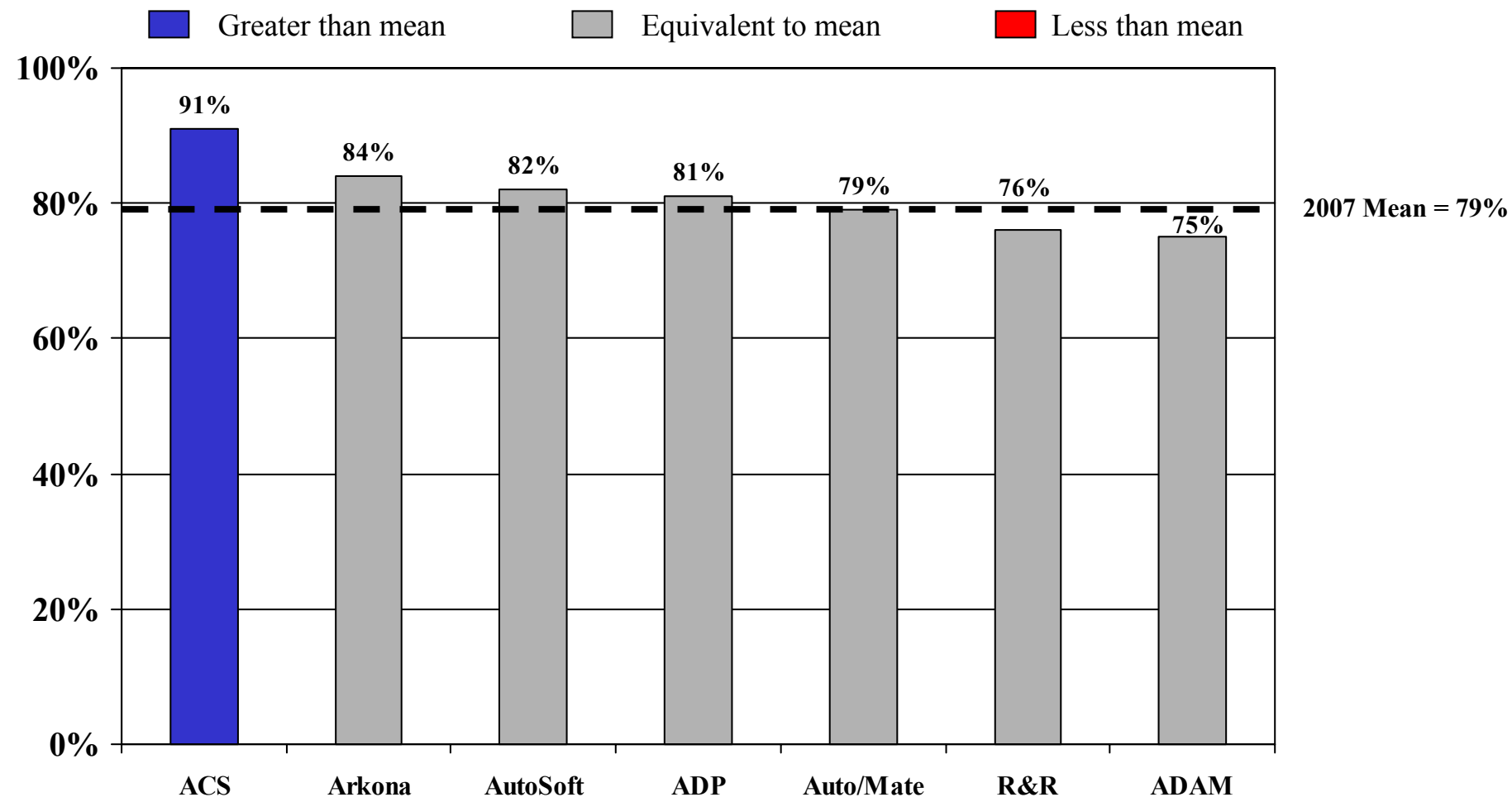
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System Functionality

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How satisfied are you with the amount of time (*your DSP vendor's*) system can store data?



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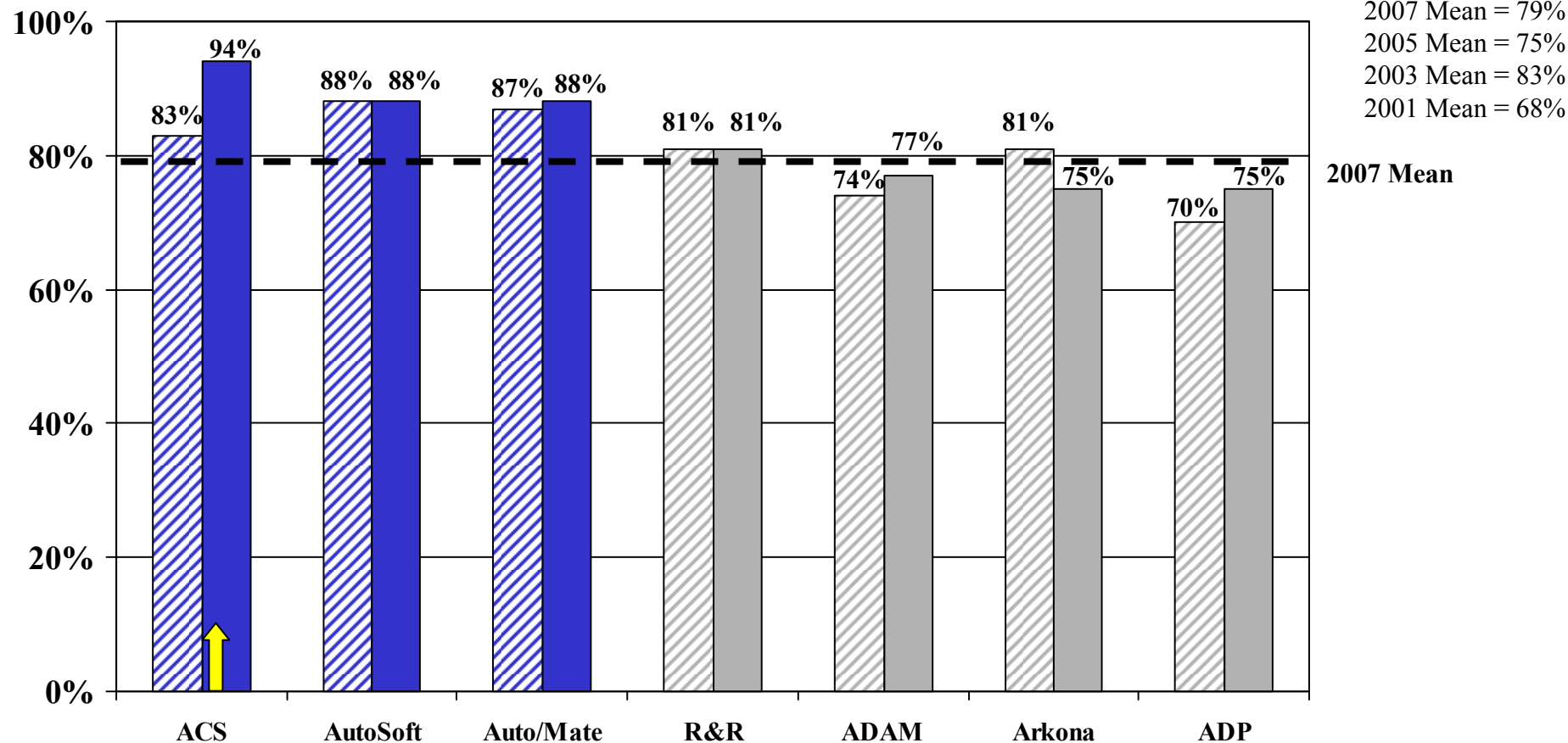
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How satisfied are you with the speed of (your *DSP* vendor's) system?

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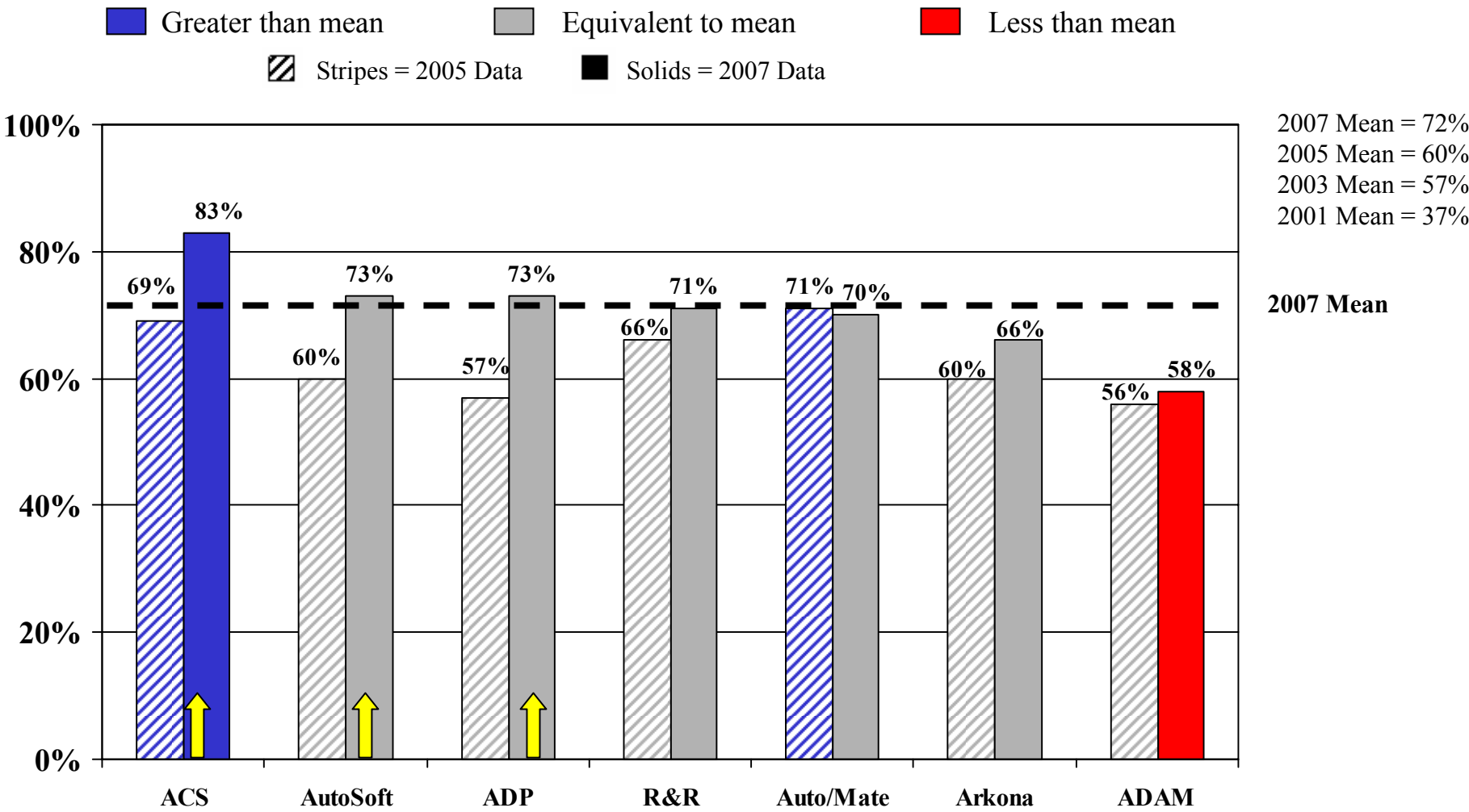


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System Functionality

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How satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor)* in the ability to integrate with Internet-based DCS (Dealer Communication Systems) applications (email and the Web)?



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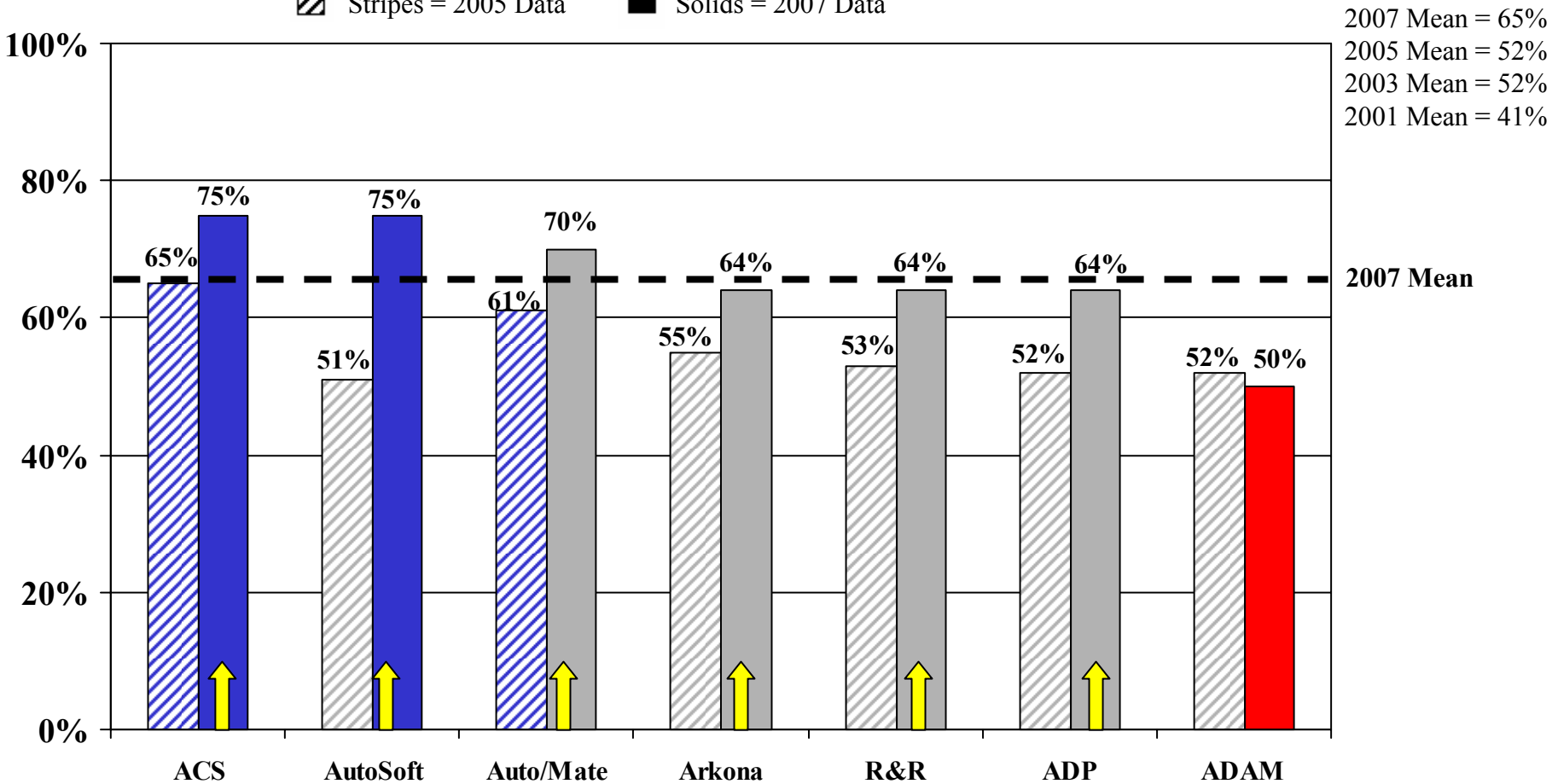
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How satisfied are you with *(your DSP vendor)* in the ability to access data through common software applications such as Microsoft Word or Excel?

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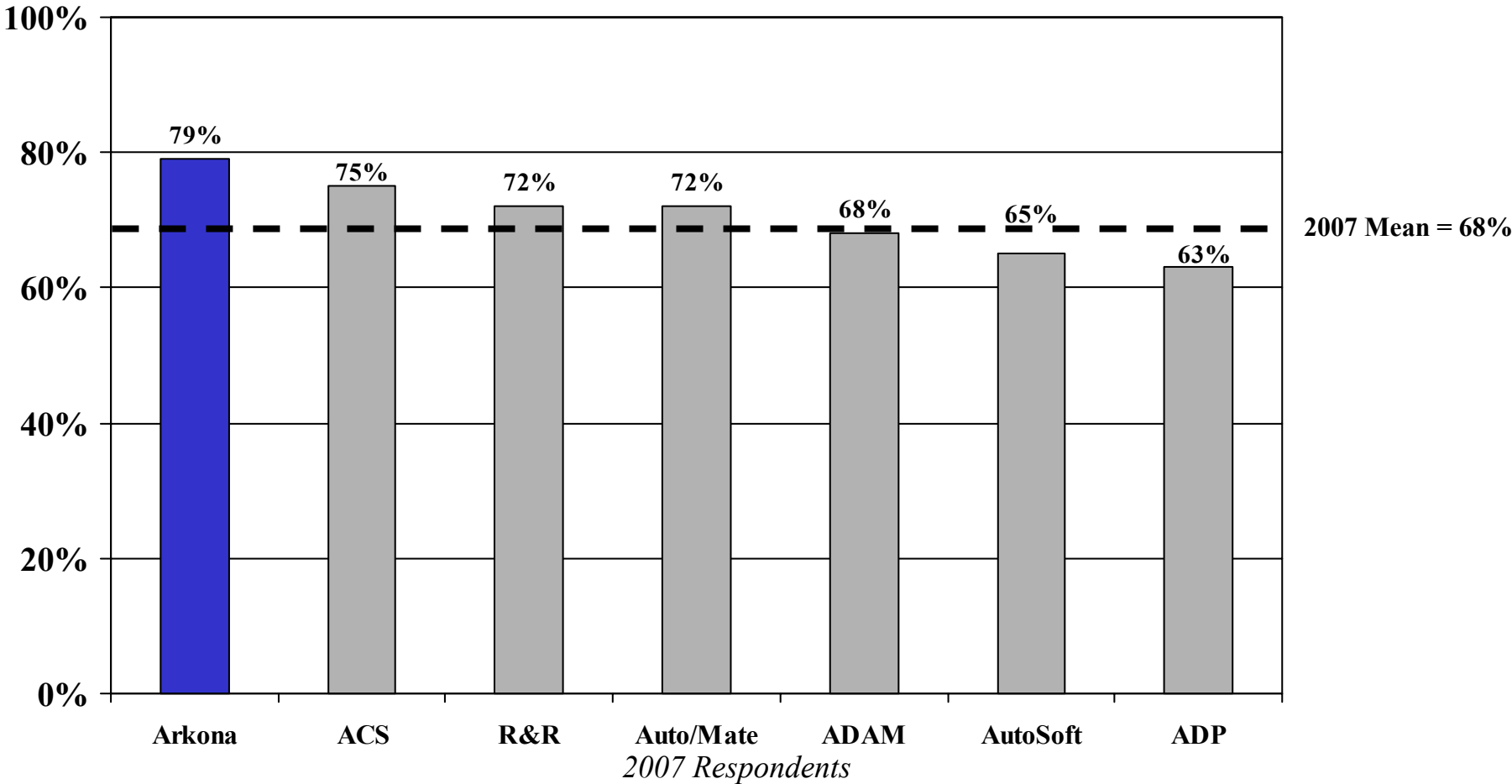
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System Functionality

All Dealership Positions surveyed

Overall, would you say it is very important, somewhat important or not at all important for the *(your DSP vendor)* system to have the ability to allow third party vendors to share information?

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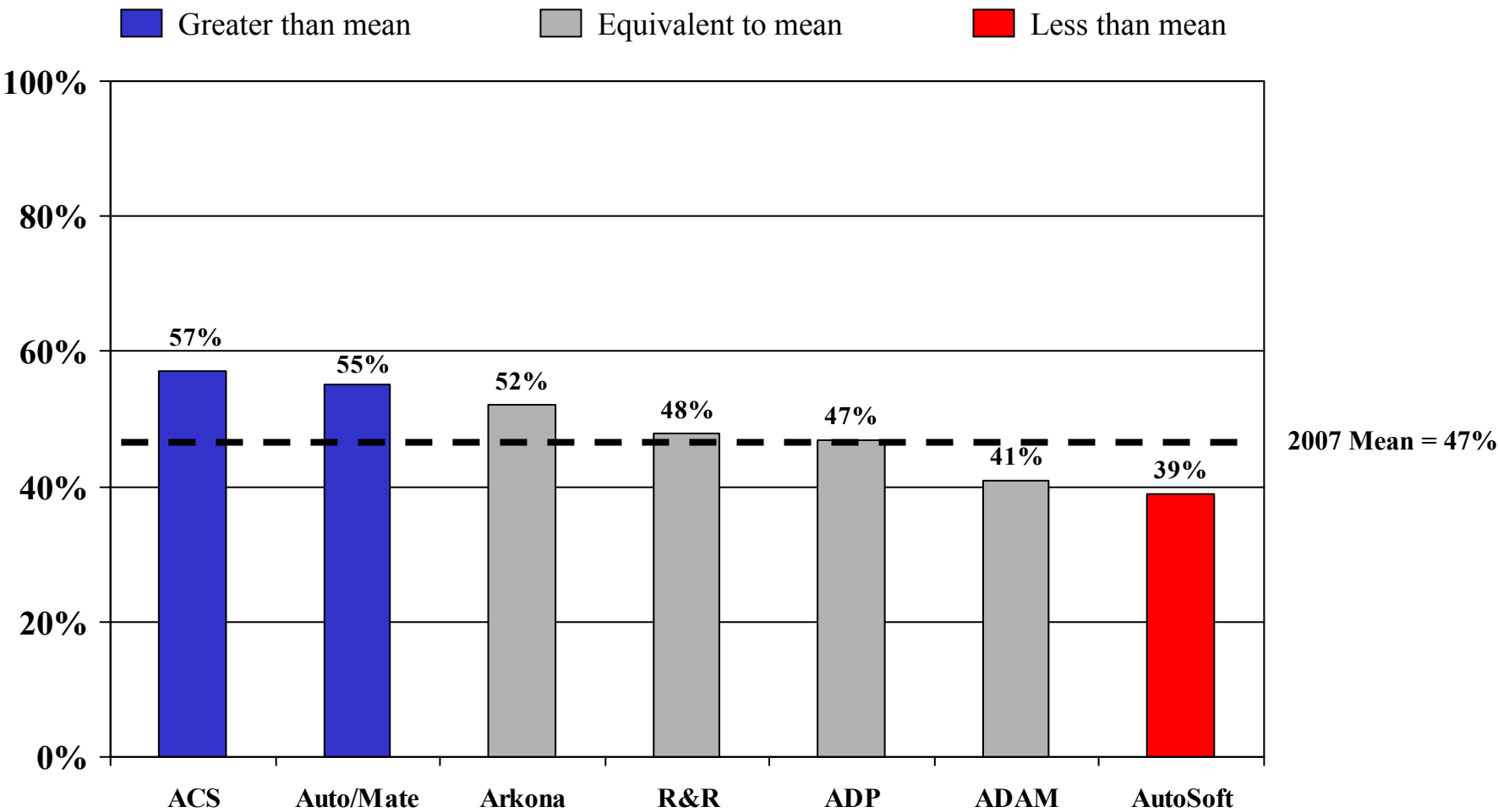


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System Functionality

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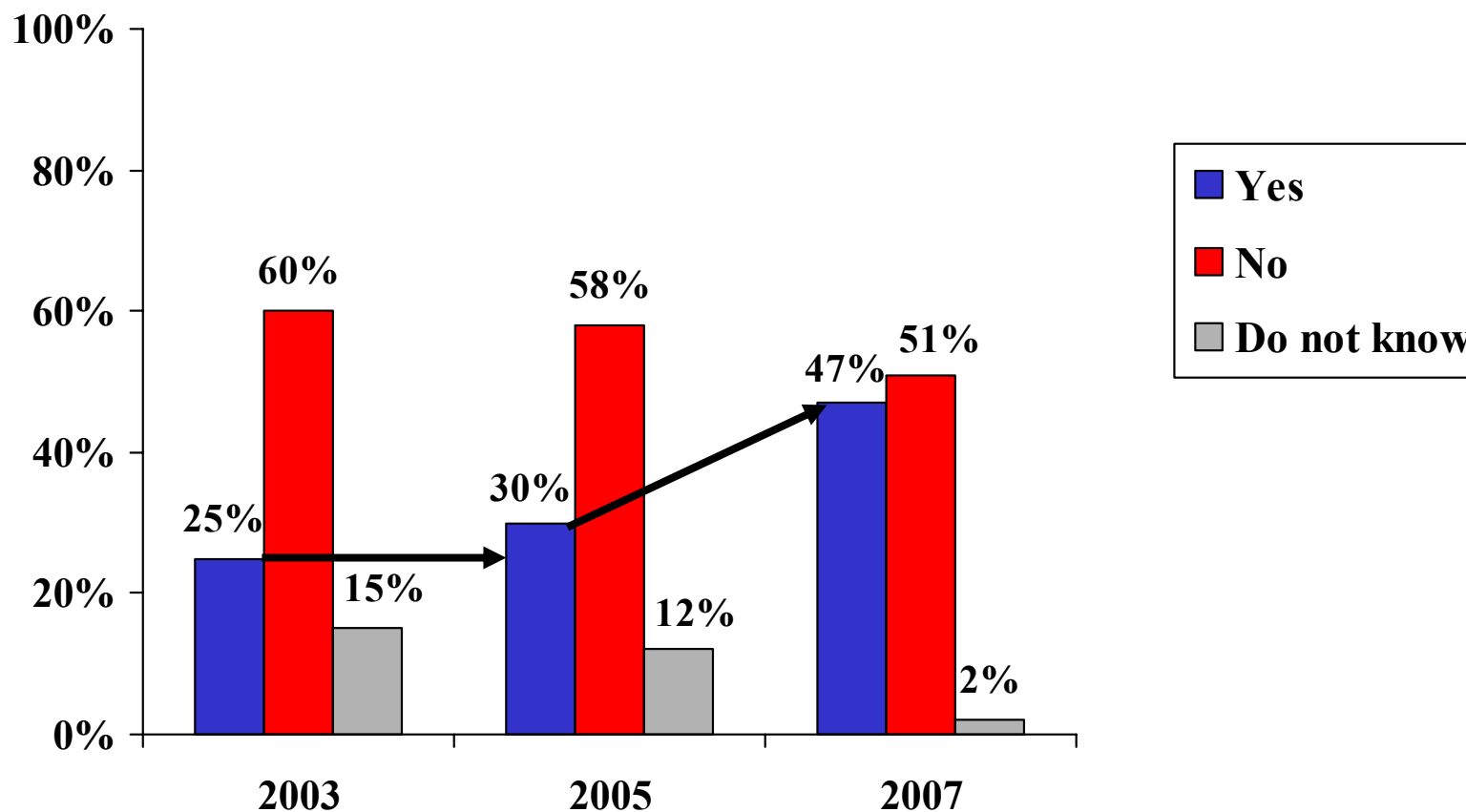


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System Functionality

Sales Mgr. surveyed

Are you currently using a customer relationship management (CRM) system?



IV. Vendor Training and Education

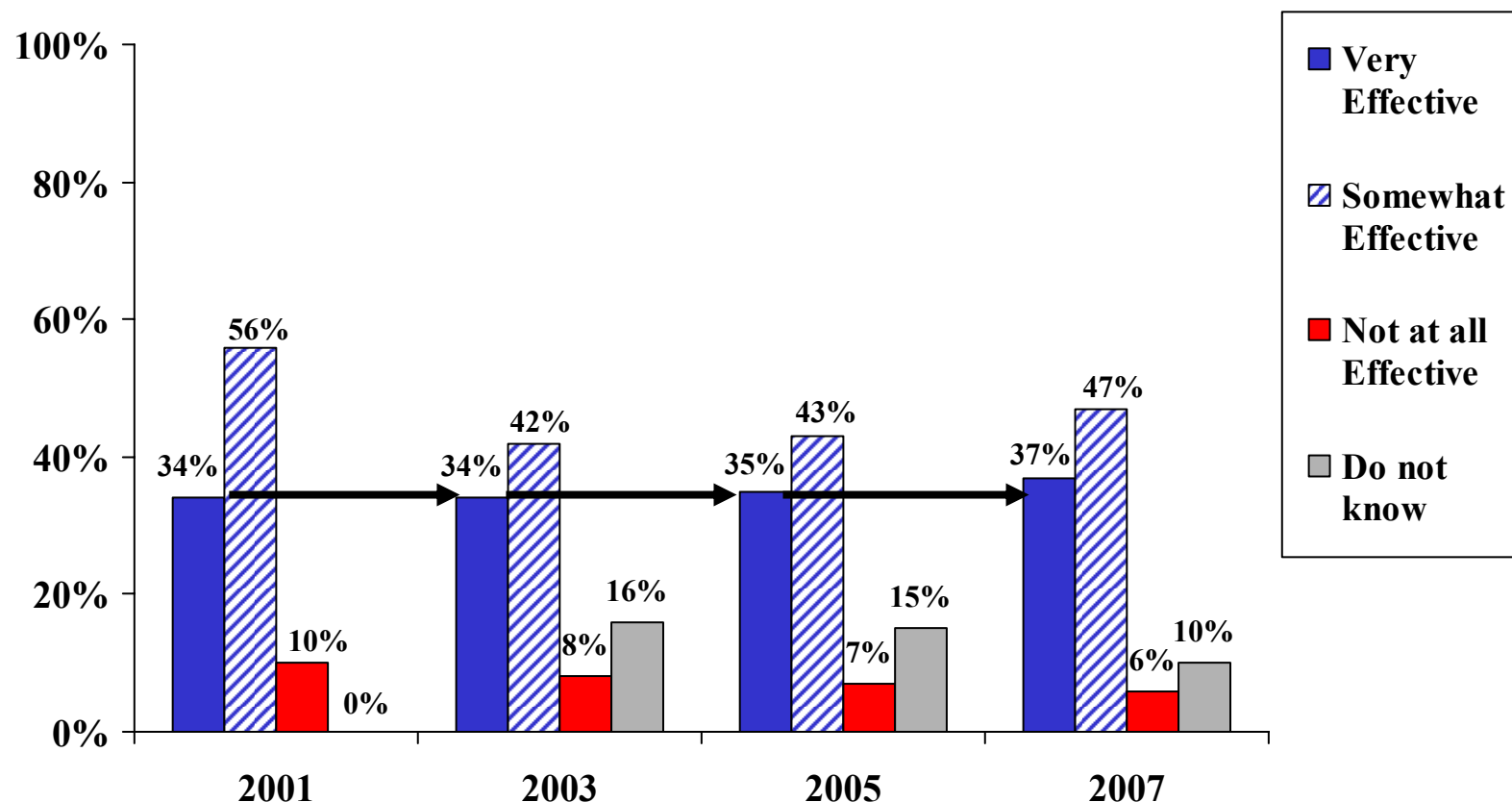


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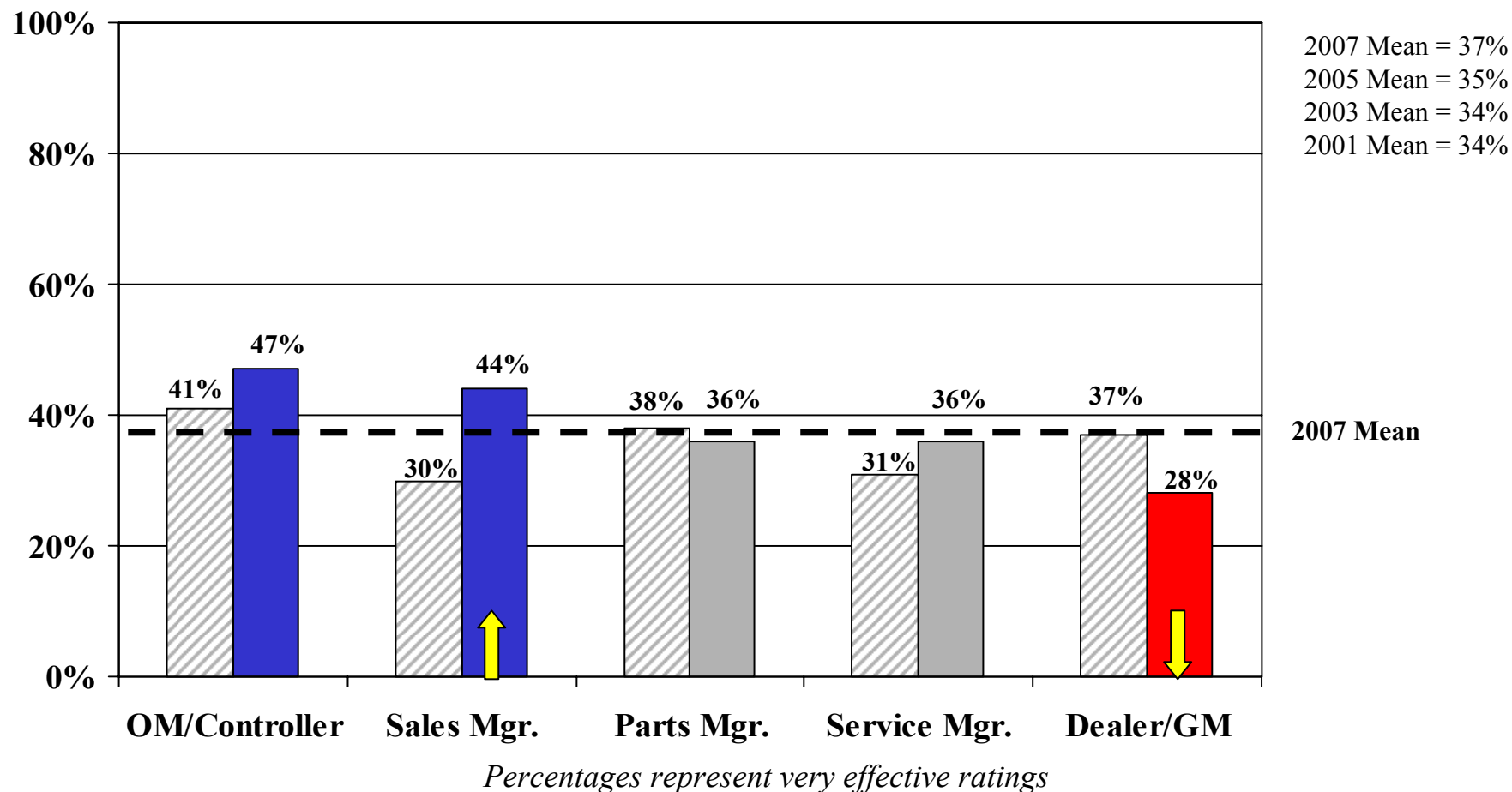
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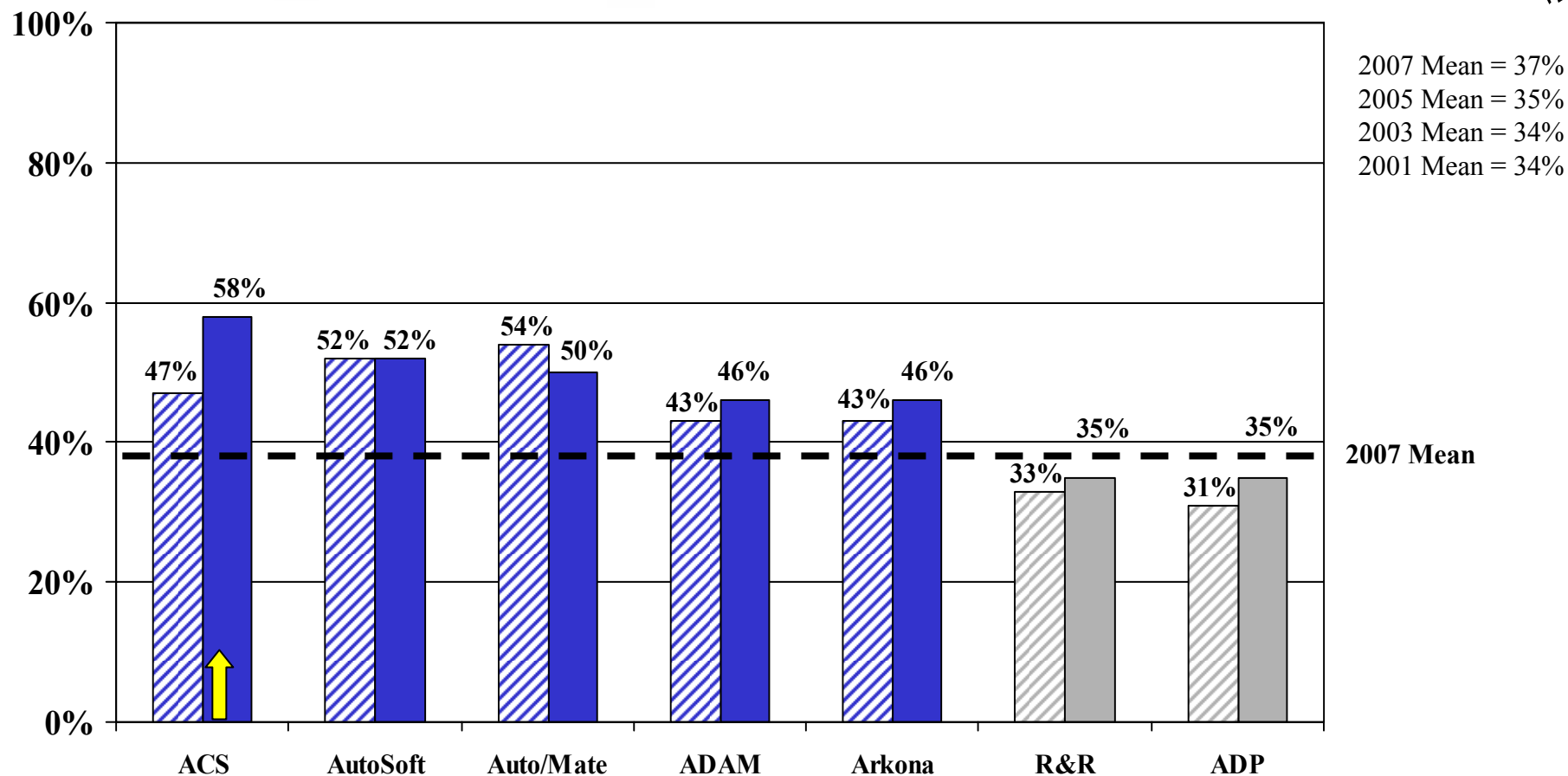
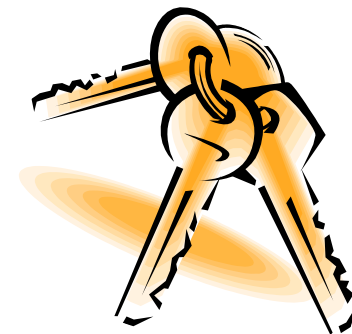
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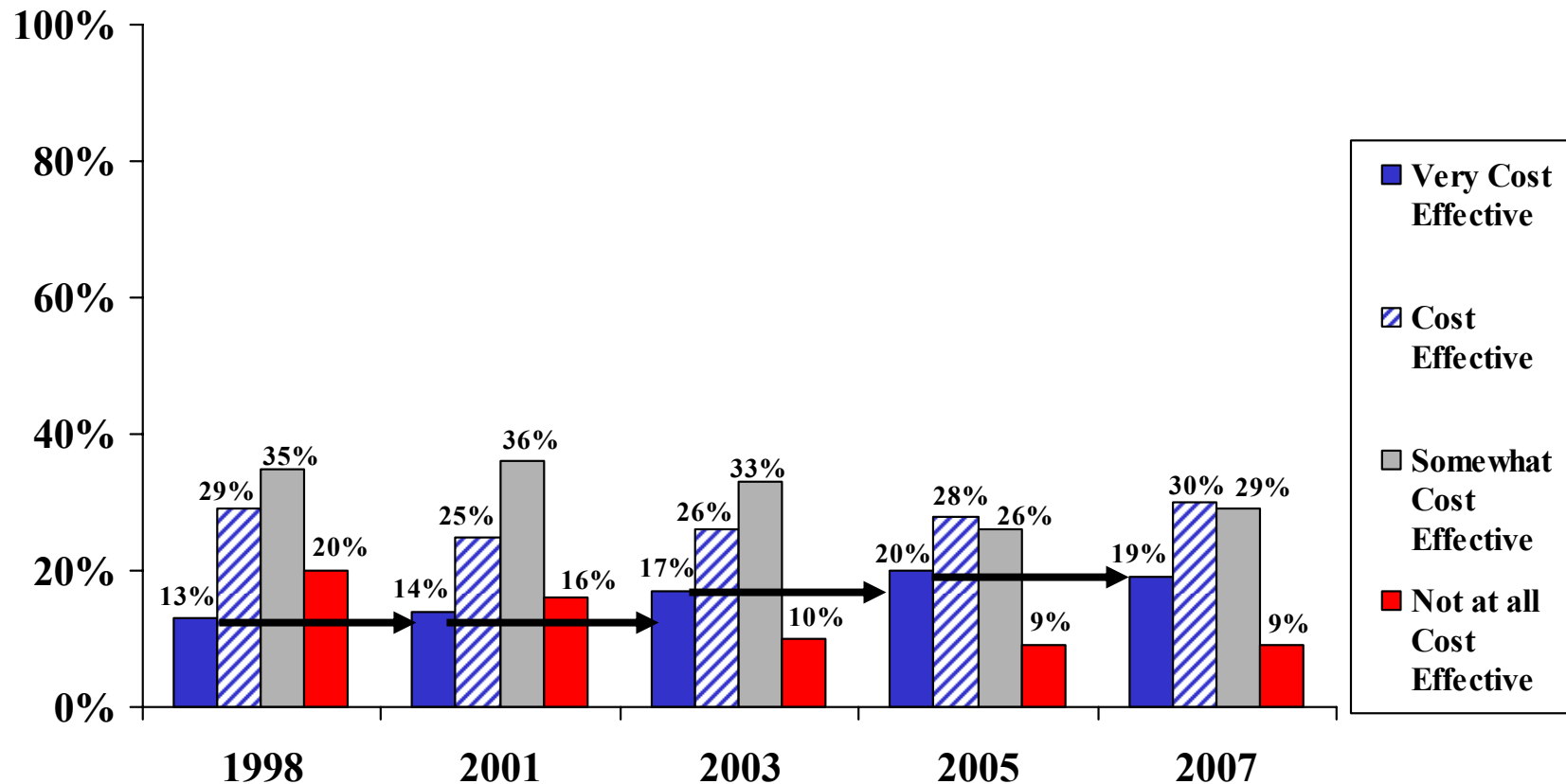
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Considering all costs associated with training, i.e. travel, lost time on the job, etc. vs. the benefits received, how cost effective would you say the computer system training received from (*your DSP vendor*) is?



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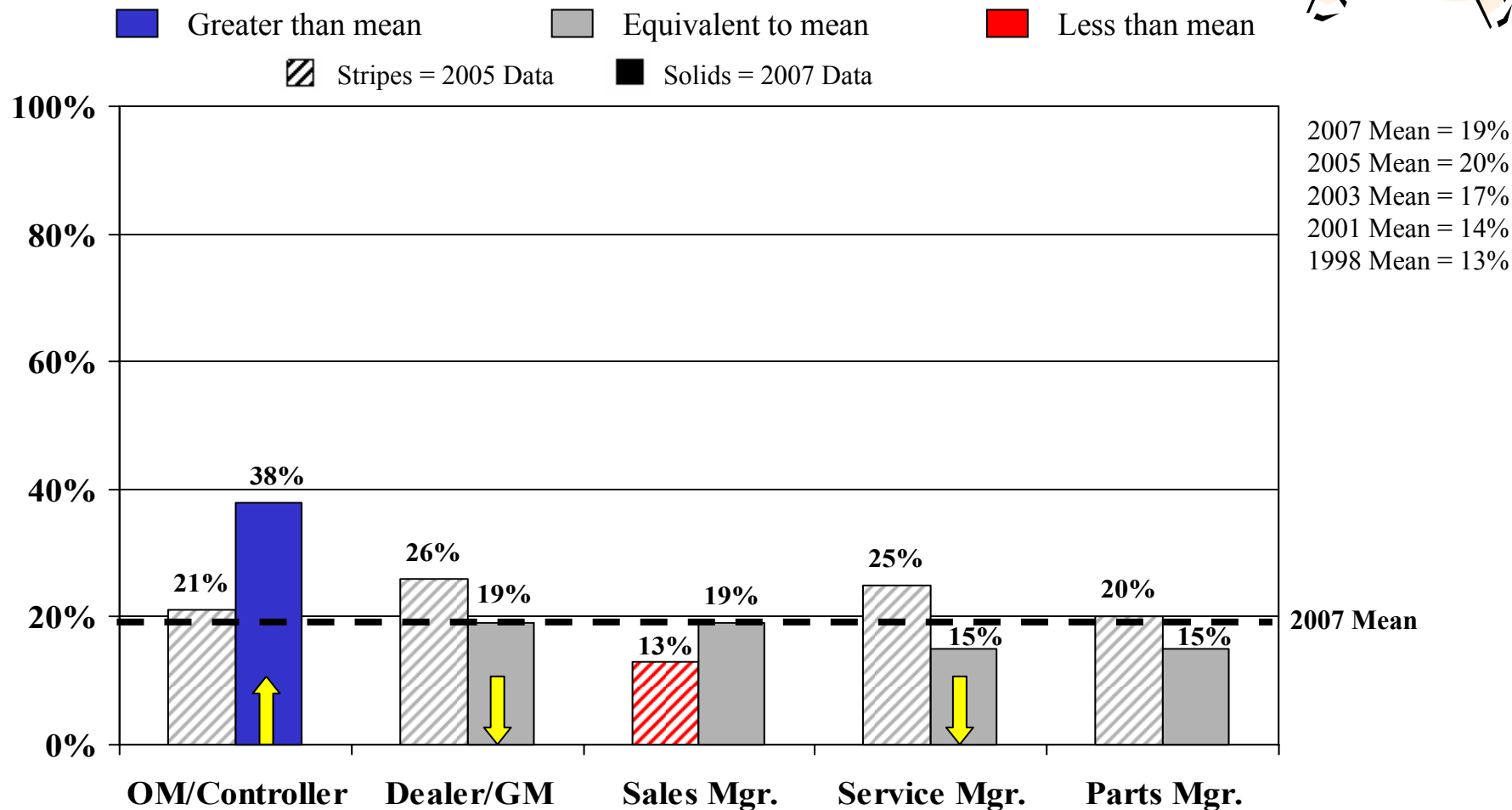
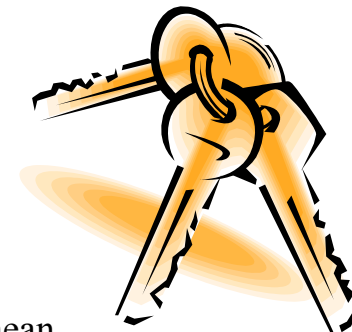
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Vendor Training and Education

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Considering all costs associated with training, i.e. travel, lost time on the job, etc. vs. the benefits received, how cost effective would you say the computer system training received from *(your DSP vendor)* is?

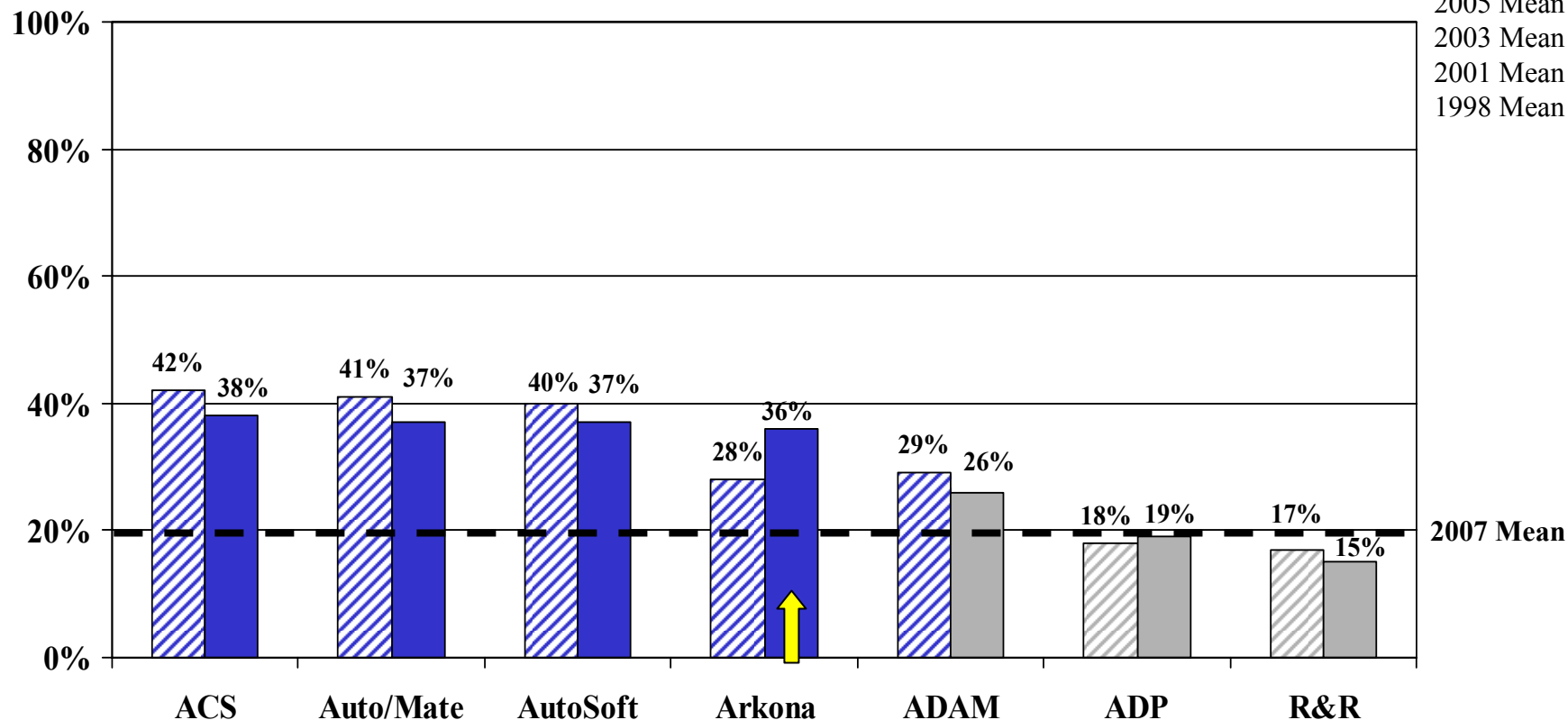


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■ Greater than mean
 ■ Equivalent to mean
 ■ Less than mean
▨ Stripes = 2005 Data
 ■ Solids = 2007 Data



2007 Mean = 19%
 2005 Mean = 20%
 2003 Mean = 17%
 2001 Mean = 14%
 1998 Mean = 13%

Percentages represent very cost effective ratings

2007 Weighted Base = 995

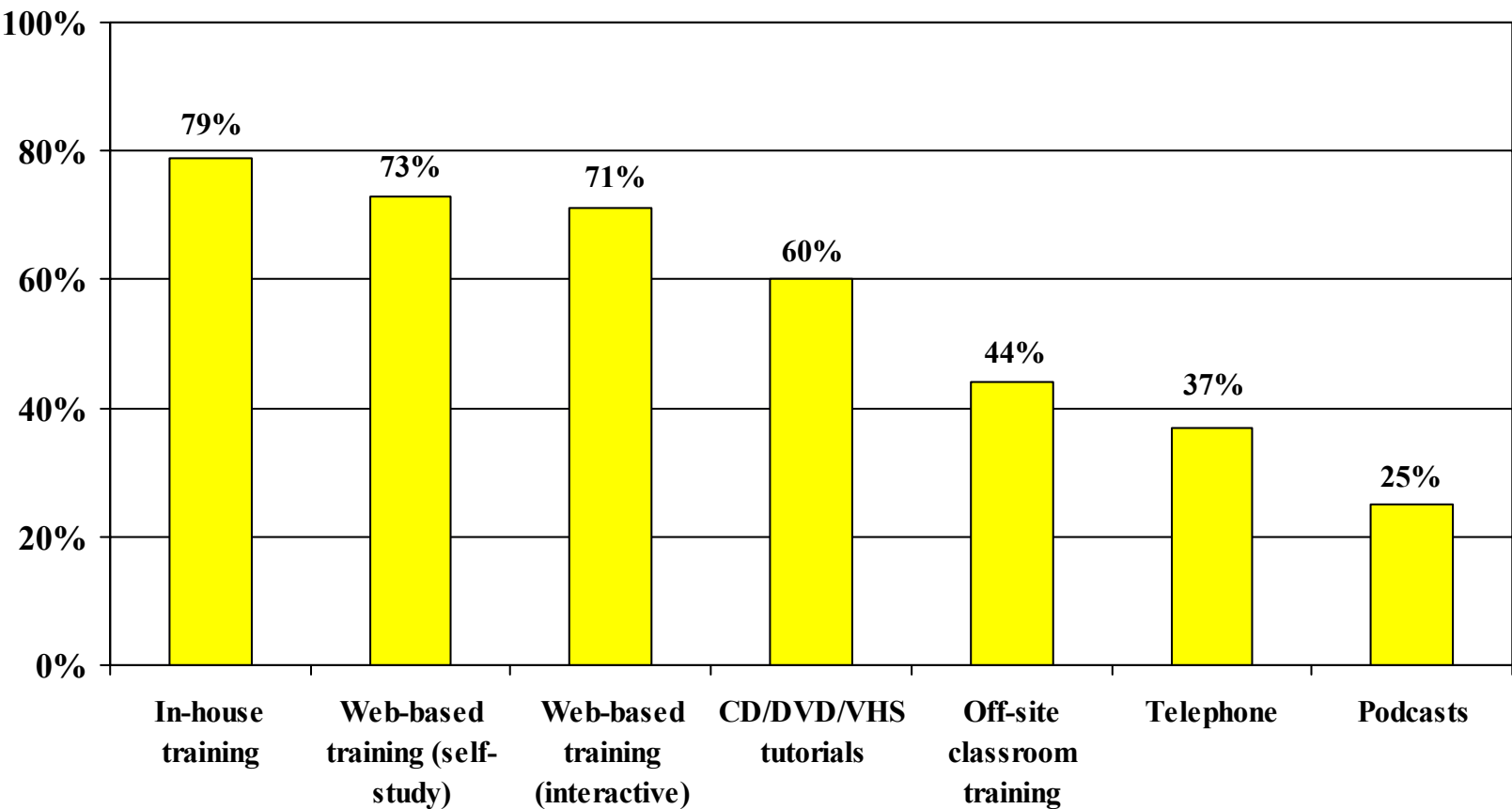
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2007 Actual Base = 995

Vendor Training and Education

All Dealership Positions surveyed

What types of system training should (*your DSP vendor*) offer that would be most convenient, as well as cost effective, for your dealership's needs?



2007 Respondents

Percentages represent yes responses

2007 Weighted Base = 995
2007 Actual Base = 995

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Vendor Training and Education

All Dealership Positions surveyed

Thinking of all the capabilities that you know (*your DSP vendor's*) system has, what percentage of these computer applications specific to your department do you use?

■ Greater than mean ■ Equivalent to mean ■ Less than mean

	Mean	ACS	ADAM	ADP	Arkona	Auto/ Mate	Auto Soft	R&R
Less than 20%	10%	7%	3%	11%	6%	6%	7%	11%
20% up to 40%	18%	12%	8%	20%	13%	15%	9%	19%
40% up to 60%	20%	20%	14%	21%	17%	16%	18%	18%
60% up to 80%	22%	26%	30%	19%	27%	27%	25%	23%
80% up to 100%	27%	36%	43%	26%	36%	32%	40%	26%

2007 Respondents

2007 Weighted Base = 995

2007 Actual Base = 995

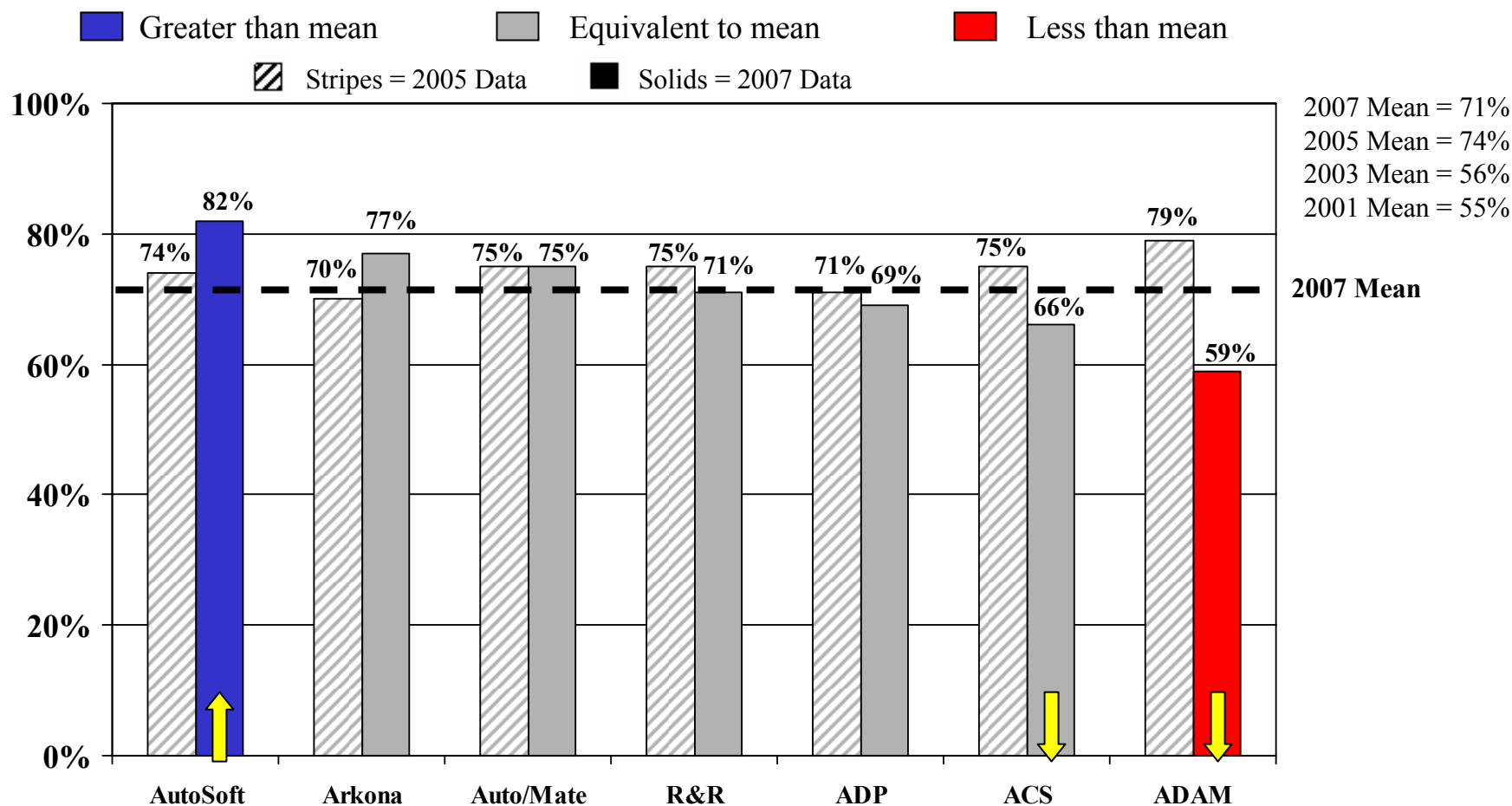
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Vendor Training and Education

All Dealership Positions surveyed

2001-2005 - Overall, how important would you say it is to have the ability to have electronic reference manuals and monthly parts price tapes via CD-ROM, DVD or the Internet?

2007 - Overall, how important would you say it is to have the ability to have electronic reference manuals and monthly parts price updates downloadable via the Internet?



Percentages represent very important ratings

2007 Weighted Base = 995

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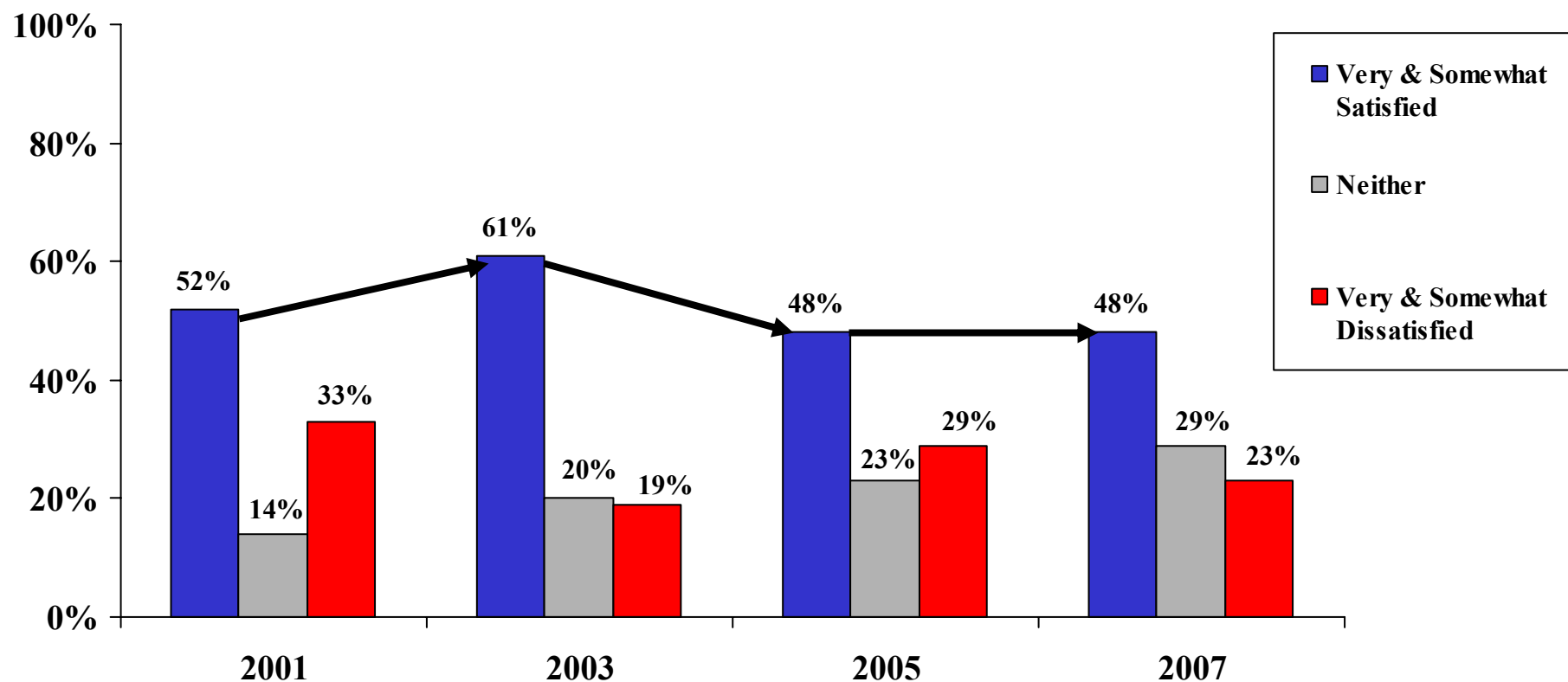
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V. Additional Survey Findings

Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

How satisfied are you with the value or benefit you receive from the system compared to all costs, including initial purchase cost, lease cost, and monthly fees?



2007 Weighted Base = 217

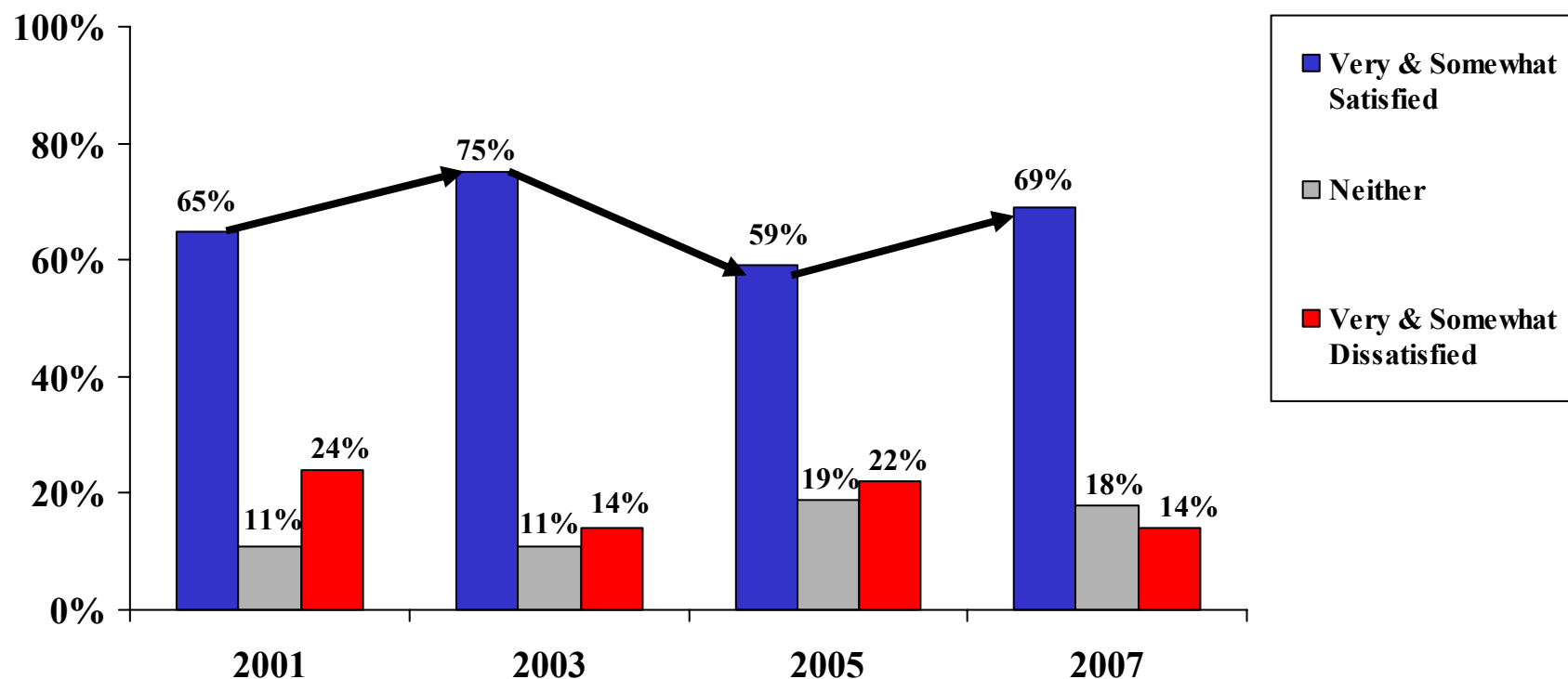
2007 Actual Base = 199

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Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

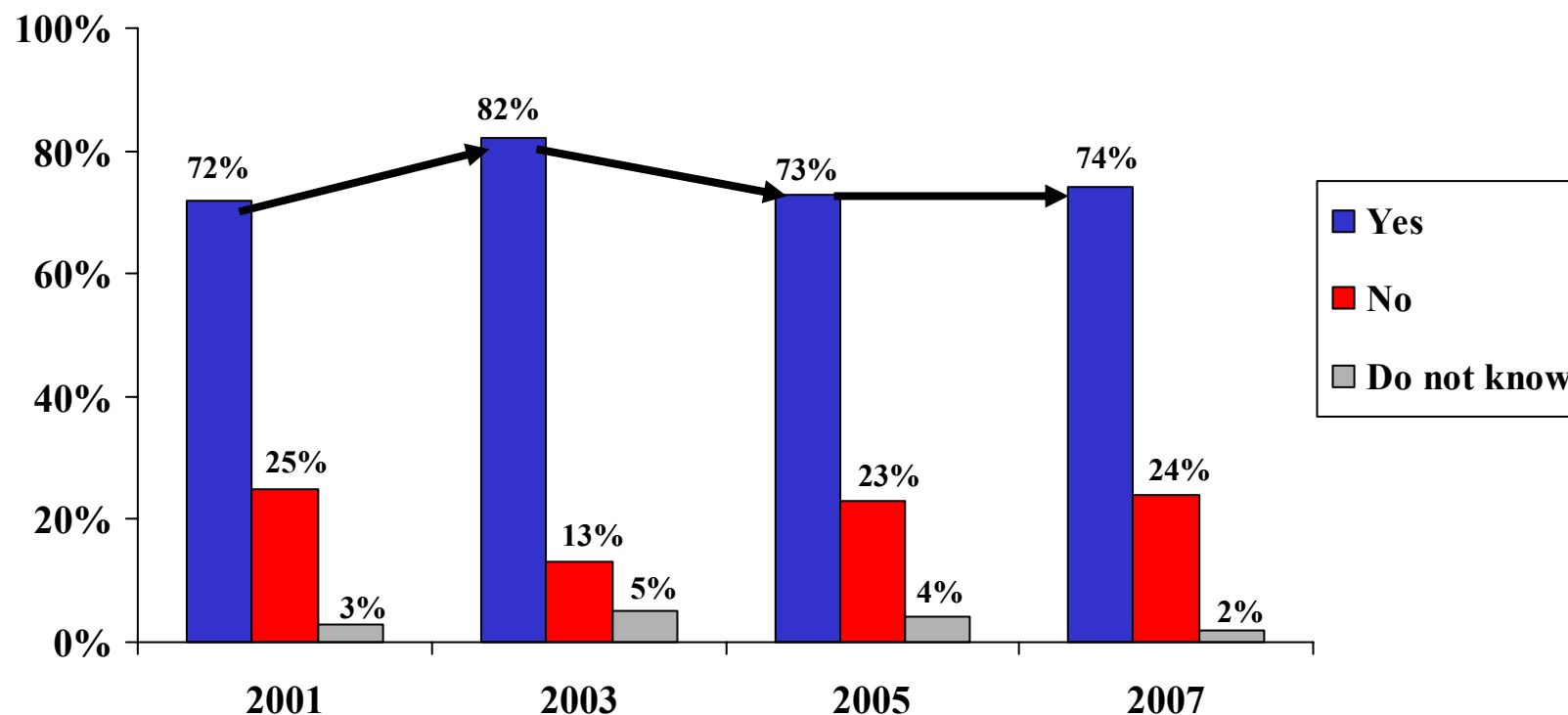
How satisfied are you with how well (*your DSP vendor*) understood your dealership's needs?



Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

Do you believe the dealership received what *(your DSP vendor's)* salesperson promised?

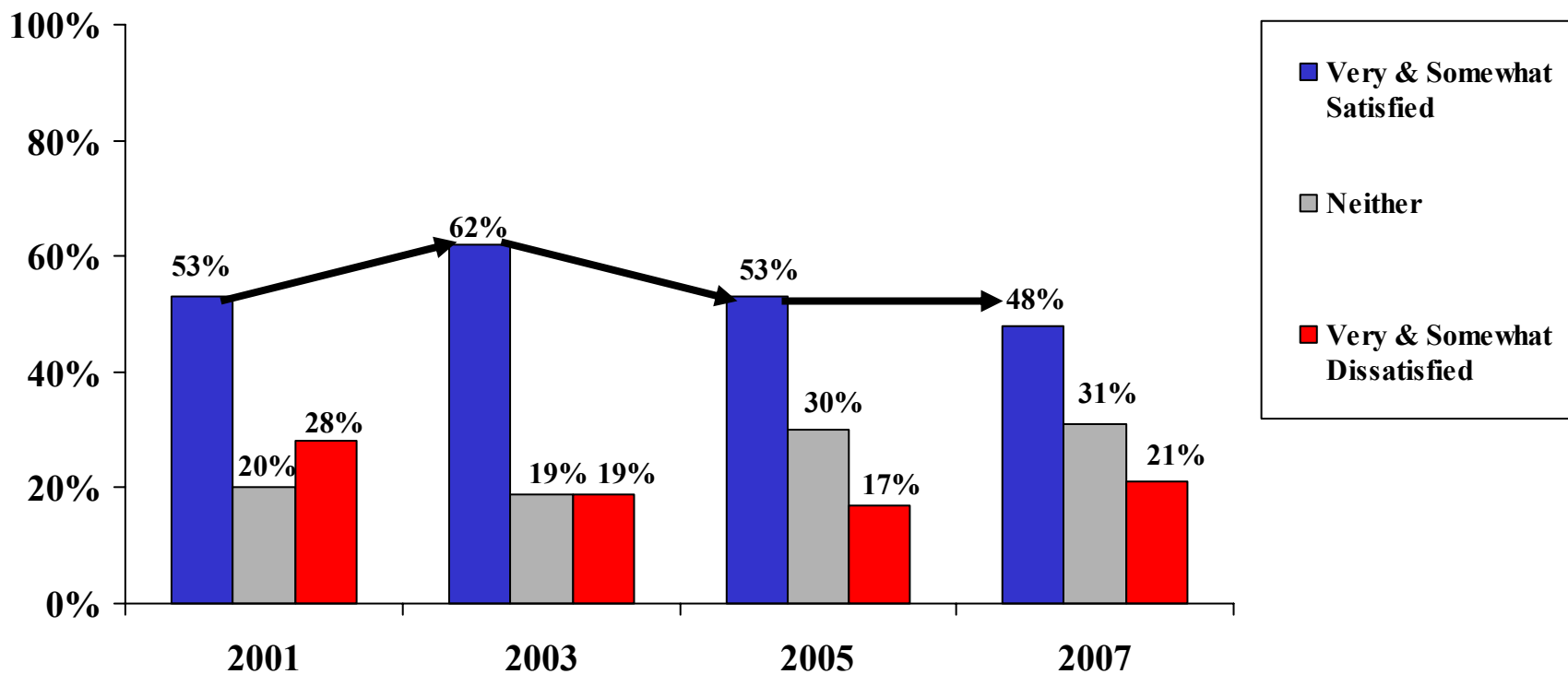


Dealer/GMs who were involved in the decision to choose their DSP vendor

Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

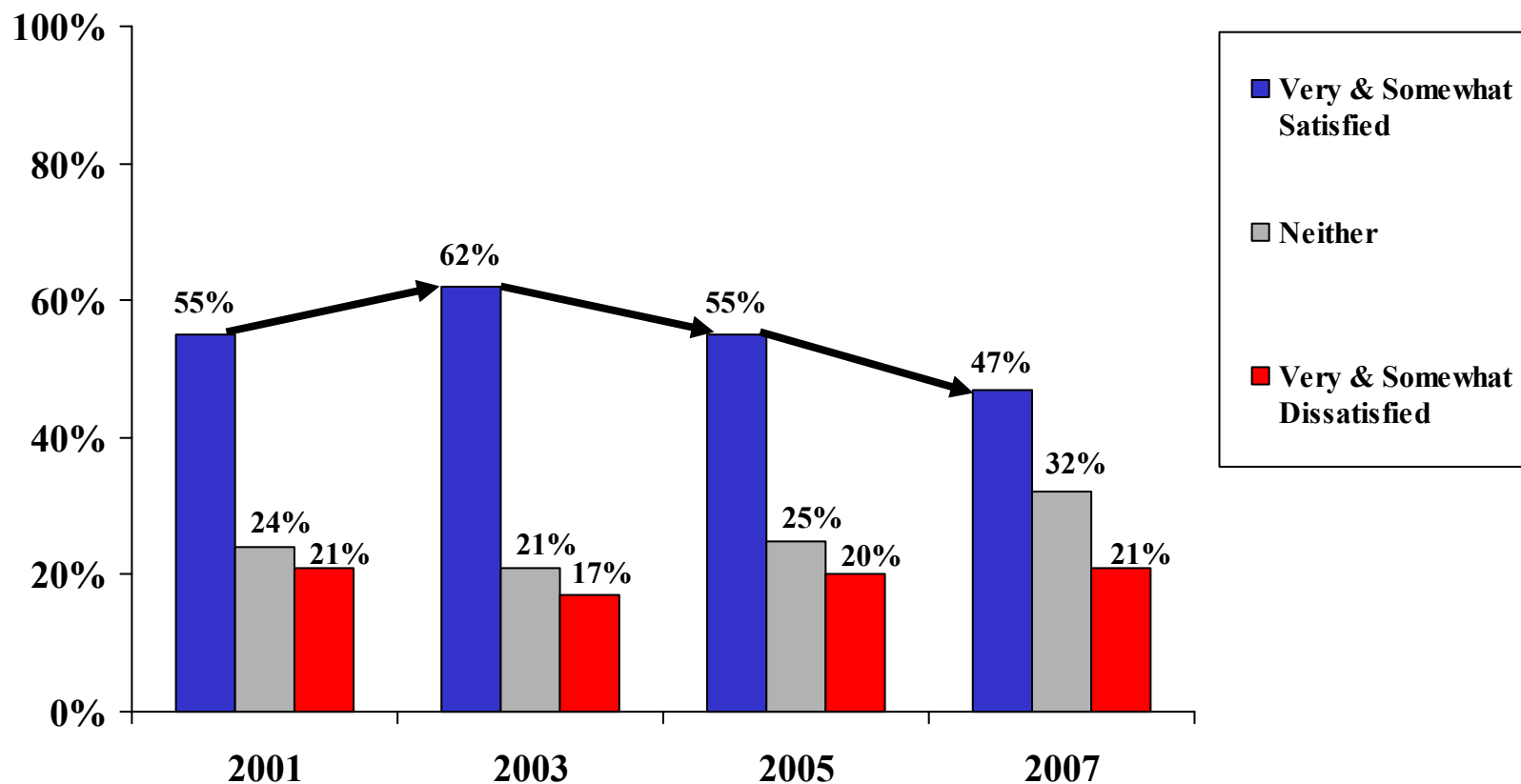
How satisfied are you with the fairness of the contract?



Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

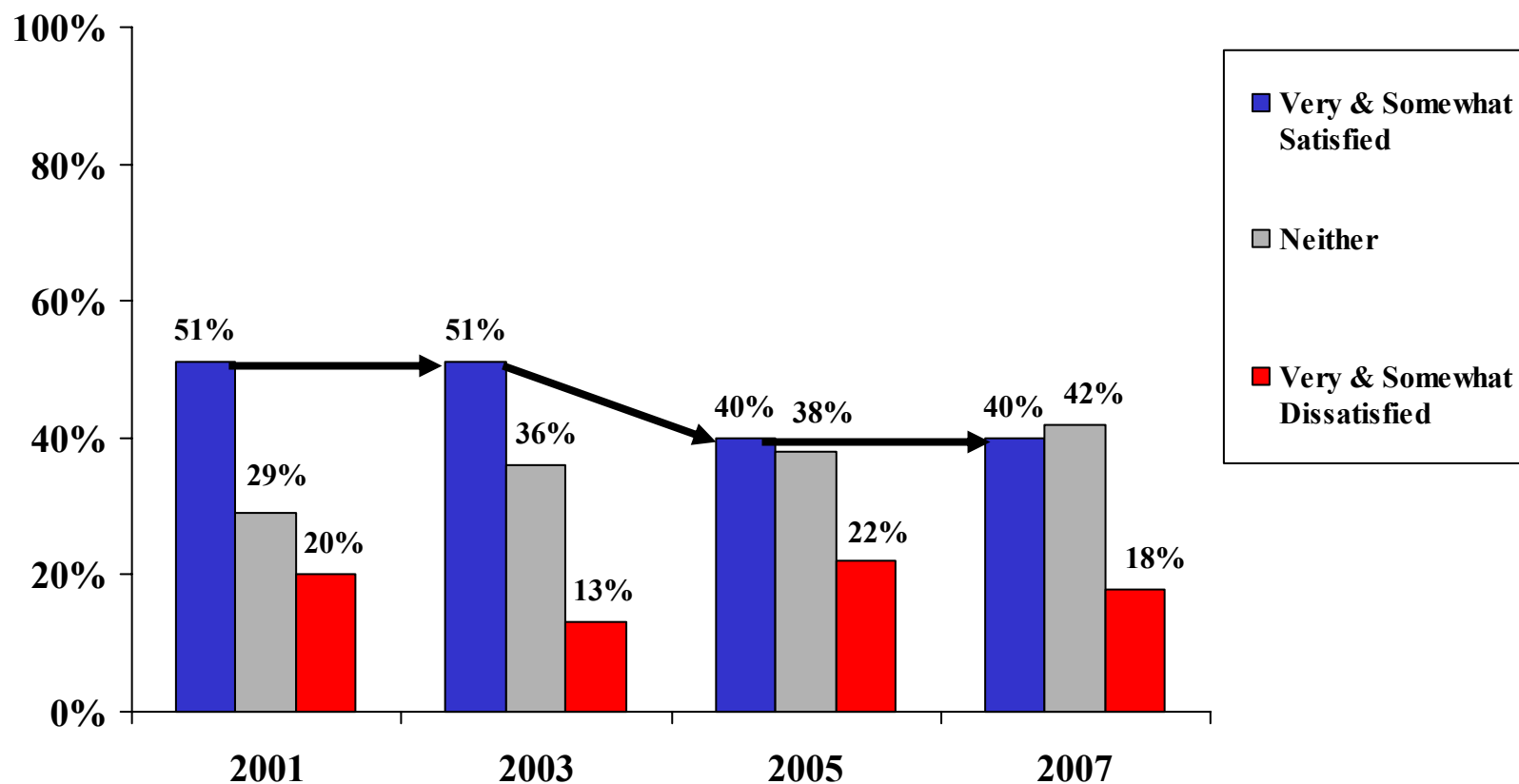
How satisfied are you with the term of the contract agreement (length of time)?



Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed

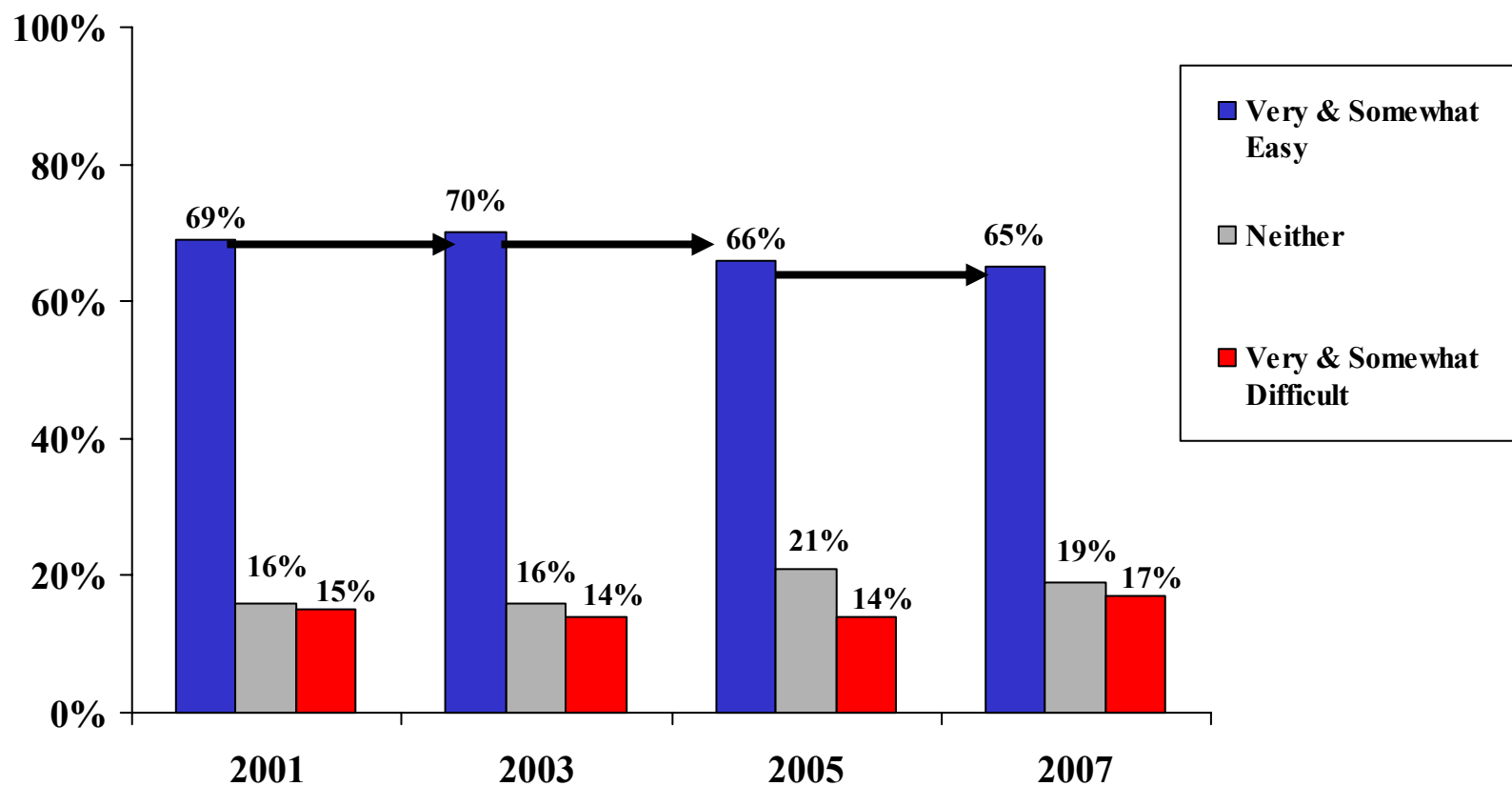
How satisfied are you with the overall length of the document (# of pages in the contract)?



Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM, Off. Mgr./Controller surveyed

How easy to understand is your monthly bill?

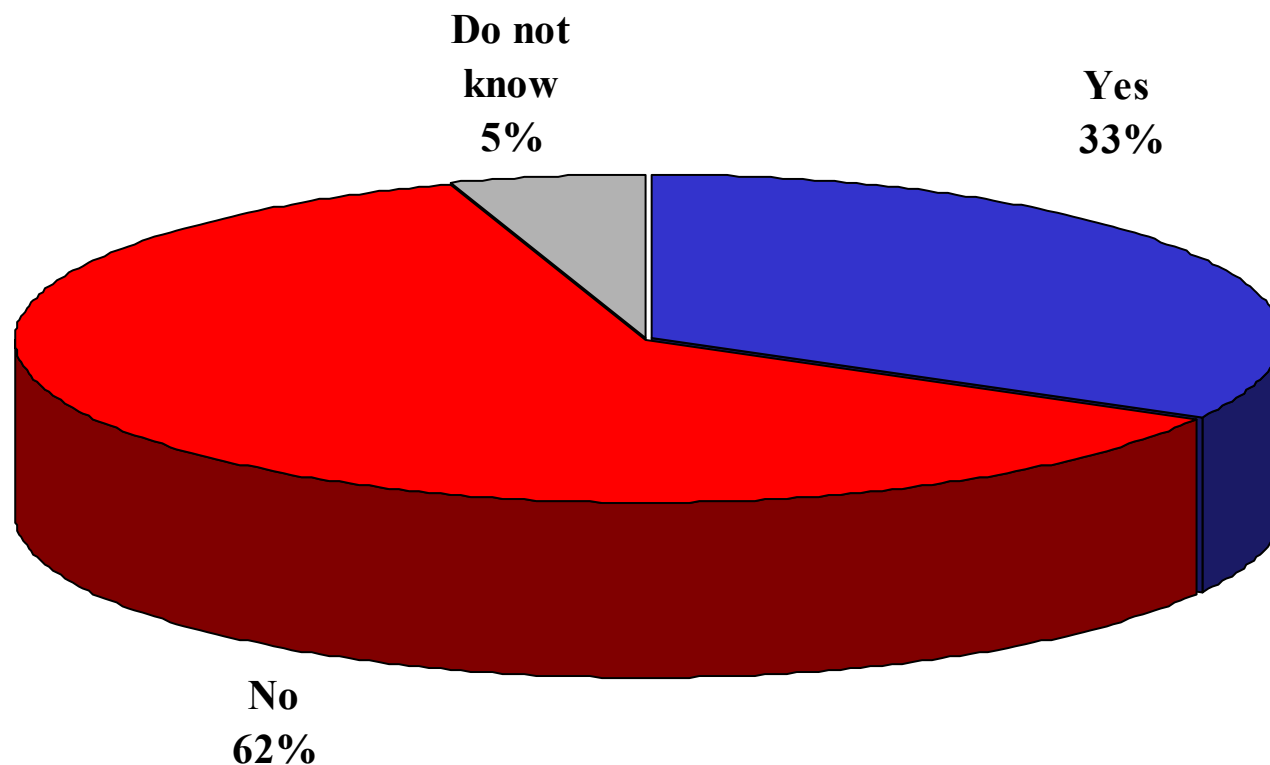


Additional Survey Findings

Dealer/GM surveyed



Are you aware of the benefits that the Standards for Technology in Automotive Retail (STAR) has provided your manufacturer(s) as they've converted DCS processing to the Internet?



2007 Respondents

Additional Survey Findings

All Dealership Positions surveyed



Are you aware of the NADA PC Purchasing Program available to dealers and dealership employees?

