## **PHONE SKILLS:** Your Business Is On the Line

Challenging Calls

CHALLENGE	STEPS
Fast Talker	<ol> <li>Apologize for not being able to keep up.</li> <li>Ask them to repeat their comments more slowly.</li> </ol>
Long-Winded	<ol> <li>Politely interrupt them.</li> <li>Politely ask them to comment on vehicle needs only.</li> </ol>
Distracted	<ol> <li>Ask direct questions.</li> <li>Request another time to talk when distractions are minimal.</li> </ol>
Hard to Understand	<ol> <li>Apologize for not understanding them.</li> <li>Ask them to repeat their comments more slowly.</li> </ol>
lrate	<ol> <li>Let them vent; say "I understand" or "I see what you are saying."</li> <li>Partner with customer by offering suggestions for a resolution.</li> <li>Agree on a plan.</li> </ol>

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