

Conceptual Selling

Sell to the Concept in the Buyer's Mind, Not Your Product

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Overview

Developed by Robert Miller and Stephen Heiman (authors of *Strategic Selling*), Conceptual Selling is built on a deceptively powerful insight: buyers don't buy products — they buy their concept of what the product will do for them.

This means the job of the salesperson is first to understand the buyer's concept of the ideal solution, and then to align your offering to that mental model — not to pitch features. Every interaction should be structured around getting information, giving information, and getting commitment to next steps.

The Framework

Understand the Concept

Before presenting anything, invest fully in understanding what the buyer's ideal outcome looks like. What does 'winning' mean to them? What does the ideal state look like after implementation?

Information-Getting Questions

Use five question types: confirmation questions (verify your understanding), new information questions (expand your picture), attitude questions (understand how they feel), commitment questions (test readiness), and basic issue questions (surface concerns).

Information-Giving

Give information only in direct response to what you've learned. Connect every feature and benefit back to the concept they described.

Get Commitment

Every interaction should end with a commitment to a specific next step — not a vague 'let me know.' Commitment is what advances the sale.

How to Use on Sales Calls

Pre-Call Planning	Write down what you know, what you need to know, and what you want to give. Define the specific commitment you want from this call before it starts.
Opening	State the purpose of the call and immediately invite the prospect to share what they're hoping to achieve — not what they're looking to buy.
Concept Alignment	As you listen, playback your understanding of their concept: 'It sounds like what you're looking for is...' and adjust until they confirm.
Solution Presentation	Frame every feature as a direct answer to their concept: 'You mentioned you need reps to be confident on technical questions — here's exactly how that works.'

Pro Tips

- Develop your list of concept-uncovering questions before each call.
- Never present before you've fully validated their concept of the ideal solution.
- Map your notes from the call to the five question types to ensure full coverage.
- The commitment at the end of every call is as important as the information gathered.

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Every sales methodology in this guide becomes dramatically more effective when your reps can execute it flawlessly on live calls — without relying purely on memory or experience. That's exactly what Convinco enables.

Key Features

◆ Real-Time AI Guidance

Convinco listens to your live call and surfaces the right question, reframe, or talk track at exactly the right moment — invisibly, so your prospect never knows.

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