# Mountain Dew: Selecting New Creative

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Standing at the front of a PepsiCo conference room, Bill Bruce gestured enthusiastically, pointing to the sketches at his side. Bruce, a copywriter and Executive Creative Director, headed up the creative team on the Mountain Dew account for PepsiCo's advertising agency, BBDO New York. In fact, it was Bruce who devised the famous "Do the Dew" campaign that had catapulted Mountain Dew to the number three position in its category. With his partner, art director Doris Cassar, Bruce had developed ten new creative concepts for Mountain Dew's 2000 advertising to present to PepsiCo management. Gathered in the room to support Bruce and Cassar were BBDO senior executives Jeff Mordos (Chief Operating Officer), Cathy Israelevitz (Senior Account Director), and Ted Sann (Chief Creative Officer). Each of the three executives had over a decade of experience working on Mountain Dew. Representing PepsiCo were Scott Moffitt (Marketing Director, Mountain Dew), Dawn Hudson (Chief Marketing Officer, and a former senior ad agency executive), and Gary Rodkin (Chief Executive Officer, Pepsi Cola North America).

Scott Moffitt scribbled notes as he listened to Bruce speak. Moffitt and the brand managers under him were charged with day-to-day oversight of Mountain Dew marketing. These responsibilities included brand strategy, consumer and sales promotions, packaging, line extensions, product changes, and sponsorships. But for Moffitt and the senior managers above him, the most important decisions of the year were made in conference rooms with BBDO creatives. Each of the ads would cost over a million dollars to produce. But the production costs were minor compared to the \$55 million media budget that would be committed to air these spots. Historically, PepsiCo management had learned that selecting the right creative was one of the most critical decisions they made in terms of impact on sales and profits.

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# PepsiCo and BBDO

PepsiCo was widely considered to be one of the most sophisticated and aggressive marketing companies in the world. In North America, the company had three divisions, each with category-leading brands. Pepsi and Mountain Dew were the number two and three sof drinks. Frito-Lay dominated the salty-snack category with Ruffles, Lay's, Doritos, and Cheetos. And the company had recently acquired Tropicana, the leading juice brand. In 2000, PepsiCo had acquired the SoBe line of teas and "functional" drinks from South Beach Beverages, which it operated as a stand-alone subsidiary.

BBDO was one of the ten largest ad agencies in the world, with worldwide billings about \$15 billion. Of the largest full-service agencies, BBDO was particularly renowned for the quality of their creative work. The roster of the New York office, BBDO New York included many high-powered clients such as General Electric, Visa, M&M/Mars, Charleschwab, and FedEx. Their top 10 accounts had been BBDO clients for an average of years. BBDO's relationship with PepsiCo dated to breakthrough campaigns for Pepsi in 1960s. BBDO took over Mountain Dew from Ogilvy & Mather in 1974 and had held account ever since. In 1998, PepsiCo hired Uniworld, the largest African-American owned ad agency in the United States, to develop a separate Mountain Dew campaign targeted in African-Americans.

# The Carbonated Soft Drinks Category

Similar to most other countries, in the United States soft drink consumption was ubiquitated. And, until recently, soft drinks had meant cola. The retail carbonated soft drinks (CSD) egory had long been dominated by the two cola giants, Coke and Pepsi. In the so-called wars of the 1960s and 70s, Pepsi directly attacked Coke with taste tests and with advening designed to make Pepsi the hipper and more stylish "choice of the new generation," plying that Coke was a drink for older and less "with it" people. The soft drink category and colas in particular, boomed throughout the 1970s and 1980s as people substituted and colas in particular, boomed throughout the 1970s and 1980s as people substituted and colas in particular, boomed throughout the 1970s and 1980s consolidated as important brands (RC Cola, Orange Crush, A&W Root Beer) faded into the background by the 1990s, three companies controlled all of the major national brands: The Coca-Company (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite), PepsiCo (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew).

CSDs were a promotion intensive category. In most grocery stores, Coke and Peps trolled a great deal of shelf space and displays. They had so much clout that their bottlewere able to choose how to stock the shelves and what to display. Impulse purchase

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Product, promotion, packaging, and pricing innovations were constant though usually incremental, quickly diffusing throughout the category. In the last decade, one of the major innovations in the category had been the 20-ounce single serve bottle, usually priced at \$.99 and sold as an impulse purchase. The margins on this bottle were higher than the twelvepacks or 2-liter bottles. Also, all of the large brands introduced 24-pack cases sold to heavy users. Brand managers worked to keep package design contemporary. For example, at PepsiCo, both Pepsi and Mountain Dew had substantial make-overs in the 1990s resulting in richer and more vibrant colors and simplified graphics. Other brands, including 7-UP and

Sprite also executed similar packaging re-designs.

For most of the twentieth century, PepsiCo and The Coca-Cola Company competed fiercely, each responding in tit-for-tat fashion to the other's successes. Pepsi rolled out lemon-lime Slice in the 1980s to compete against Sprite, but soon withdrew support for that brand. Recently it was rumored that the company was plotting yet another new lemonlime introduction. In the 1970s, Coca-Cola introduced Mr. Pibb to attack Dr. Pepper and Mello-Yello as a me-too competitor against Mountain Dew. With Mountain Dew's national success in the 1990s, Coca-Cola launched a second frontal assault, introducing another copy-cat brand called Surge. In addition, both companies had launched other new products without much success: Coke had flopped with OK Cola (the cynical retro cola), and Fruitopia (the neo-hippie fruit beverage). PepsiCo had similar problems with the introduction of Crystal Pepsi (the clear crisp cola), though was able to establish Pepsi One as a niche

In the 1990s, cola growth slowed and the "flavor" CSDs did very well. Sprite, Mountain Dew, and Dr. Pepper all enjoyed great success, although 7-UP continued to struggle (See Exhibit 1). In 1999, however, all CSD sales suffered as a result of customers' sticker shock to a category-wide 5% retail price increase, and also a trend toward experimentation with noncarbonated drinks and bottled water as substitutes for soft drinks. Sports drinks were led by Gatorade, tea and juice blends by Snapple, Arizona, and SoBe, and the highly caffeinated "energy" drinks by Red Bull. These drinks, sometimes termed "functional" or "alternative," often included a stimulant (caffeine or similar substance) and plant extracts reputed to have medicinal value (ginko, guarana, St. Johns Wort, ginseng). Many of these drinks were launched by small companies with grass-roots marketing efforts focused on music and sports sponsorships, on-site promotions, and non-traditional distribution (e.g., sandwich shops for Snapple, record stores for Red Bull). Industry rumors were circulating that Coca-Cola, Anheuser-Busch, PepsiCo, and Cadbury-Schweppes were working aggressively to develop functional drinks to tap into this growing segment.

# **U**vertising and Branding

Over many decades, Coca-Cola had become "America's drink" (and later the preferred drink in many countries around the world) through advertising that conveyed that Coke served as a social elixir. Coke promoted the idea that the drink brought people together in friendship around ideas that people in the nation cared about. From 1995 onward, Coke had struggled as it experimented with a variety of new branding ideas. Pepsi rose to the rank of Coke's loyal opposition in the 1960s with the successful "The Pepsi Generation" ad campaign, in which the brand harnessed the ideas and passions of the 1960s counterculture.

EXHIBIT 1 CSD Sales/Share (Million cases/Percent market)

Source: Maxwell Report

	(Est.)	Share	20.3	8.5	5.1	8.9	6.3	7.1		2.1
	1999	Sales Share	2,018.0	843.0	503.0	671.5	630.0	705.0		2.1 204.9 26.7 41.6
	Share		20.6	8.6	5.4	9.9	6.1	6.7		7.1
		Sales	2,037.	851.8	529.7	651.8	599.4	665.1	0011	51.8
	1997	Share	20.6	8.5	5.5	6.2	5.9	6.3	"	53
	19	Sales	1,978.2 20.6	0.618	523.5	598.0	2000	605.2	7167	69.0
1	19%	Share	20.8	7.0	5.8	5.7	0.0	5.8	2.3	
101		Sales	1,929.2		541.5	529.8	2000	535.6	217.7	59.0
1995	:	Share	20.8		5.8	5.1		5.7		
15		Sales	1,868.6 20.8 1,1,344.3 15.0 1,793.0 8.8		521.4	460.3		9.605	219.9	9.19
1994	1	Share	20.4 15.0 8.8		5.9	4.5		5.2	2.5	
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1991	Share		16.9	6.3	,	4.9	4.1		7.0	
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	Share	20.1	17.6	6.3	2 2	4.7	3.9	7.2	;;	
0661	Sales	1,565.5	1,370.0 17.6 726.9 9.3	490.0	295.0	364.8	300.0	2115		42.9
		Coke	Pepsi 1, Diet Coke	Diet	Sprite	Dr. Pepper	Mountain	Dew 7-UP	Surge	Mello

Advertising Spending: Television Media CSDs, SMM)

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	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 (Est.)
	\$157.4	\$139.9	\$168.1	\$131.1	\$161.5	\$124.7	\$199.8	\$156.8	\$140.4	\$167.7	\$208.3
	129.8	141.3	137.8	144.0	120.6	133.1	98.1	133.1	140.5	165.9	159.6
Mountain Disw	12.9	20.0	25.9	29.1	30.3	38.3	40.4	43.1	50.3	45.0	55.9
	32.0	36.1	27.5	26.9	36.0	54.6	57.9	60.6	56.2	69.9	87.7
Pepper	32.2	49.3	50.1	52.8	61.5	65.4	67.9	81.0	86.8	102.4	106.8
	38.8	37.4	23.7	29.4	27.3	23.2	33.1	38.7	27.0	38.7	45.1
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	21.0	19.6	0.2

More recently, Pepsi used celebrities-particularly musicians such as Michael Jackson, Madonna, Faith Hill, Ricky Martin, and Mary J. Blige-to convey the idea that Pepsi was an expression of youth attitudes. Nonetheless, the Pepsi brand also had struggled to maintain sales in the 1990s.

7-UP was successful in the 1970s branding against the colas as the "uncola" in ads that used a charismatic Jamaican actor to describe the purity and naturalness of 7-UP in a tropical setting. Similarly, the sweet cherry-cola concoction Dr Pepper challenged the audience to "be a Pepper" with well-received dance numbers that encouraged consumers to do their own thing rather than follow the masses in drinking cola. From the late 1980s onward, 7-UP faded as the brand was used as a cash cow with ever-shrinking media investments. Meanwhile, Mountain Dew rose from its regional status to become a major "flavor" brand. The three major flavor brands dominated different geographic areas: Dr Pepper dominated Texas and the rest of the deep South, Mountain Dew dominated rural areas, particularly in the Midwest and Southeast, and Sprite dominated urban-ethnic areas.

Category advertising spending exceeded \$650 Million (See Exhibit 2). PepsiCo spent substantially less as a percentage of sales than its competitors. Instead, the company relied on exceptional creativity to make the advertising work harder for less cost. PepsiCo viewed the creative development process as a key organizational competency, a strategic weapon that was central to their financial success.

# main Dew Brand History

Mountain Dew was invented by the Hartman Beverage Company in Knoxville, Tennessee in the late 1940s. The bright yellow-green drink in the green bottle packed a powerful citrus flavor, more sugar and more caffeine than other soft drinks, and less carbonation so that it could be drunk quickly. The drink became a favorite on the Eastern seaboard, through Kentucky, Tennessee, and eventually spread up through the Great Lakes states (skirting the big cities) and into the Northern Plains of Minnesota and the Dakotas. PepsiCo, amazed by Dew's success in what brand managers would come to call the "NASCAR belt" (the stock car racing circuit that drew rural men as its primary audience), and in need of a "flavor" soft-drink to round out its line-up, purchased Mountain Dew in 1964.

PepsiCo originally assigned Mountain Dew to the Ogilvy & Mather ad agency. The strategy for the new brand extrapolated from Dew's origins and existing packaging. The beverage's heart-pumping caffeine and sugar rush were linked to its backwoods heritage to produce the idea of a comic "hillbilly" character named Willie who drank Mountain Dew

to "get high" on the soft drink equivalent of moonshine liquor. The tagline, "Yahoo! Mountain Dew!" was accompanied by "Thar's a bang in ever' bottle."

In 1973 PepsiCo assigned the brand to BBDO, its agency of record for Pepsi. For two decades client and agency worked to expand the brand's reach from America's hinterlands into the suburbs and cities of the major metropolitan areas. The major campaign of the 1970s—"Hello Sunshine"—sought to tie Mountain Dew's distinctive product characteristics to a set of backcountry recreational images. The yellow-green product and strong citrus flavor are represented over and over by the gleaming sun sparkling in beautiful natural settings. The product name is represented in virtually every ad by mountains, dew drops reflecting in the sun, and condensed drops on cans to represent dew. The energizing effects of the caffeine and sugar are toned down and now are a refreshing part of an active outdoor lifestyle. Often the ads featured casual coed athletic activities that always ended in a plunge into a rural pond or creek.

This campaign pulled the Mountain Dew brand into more contemporary terrain, but it was still too rural to get much traction in the suburbs. So in the 1980s, PepsiCo directly targeted suburban teenagers with a new campaign called "Country Cool." The creative idea was to marry the popular athletic endeavors of suburban kids (cool) with Mountain Dew's active rural lifestyle (country), all punctuated by the refreshing Dew plunge. Ads featured male teens performing on skateboards, mountain bikes, and BMX bikes. A new tune was crafted for the occasion: "Being cool you'll find is a state of mind. Your refreshing attitude. Things get hot. Cool is all you got. Dewin' it country cool. So chill on out; when the heat comes on. With a cool, smooth Mountain Dew. Dewin' it Country Cool. Mountain Dew. Dewin' it Country Cool."

BBDO jettisoned the "country" component of the campaign in 1991 to build an entire campaign around athletic stunts. This advertising departed dramatically from anything that BBDO had produced in the previous sixteen years. The spots featured daredevil maneuvers of sports like windsurfing, rollerblading, motocross cycling, and paragliding. The closely framed shots, which put the viewer in the middle of the action, also suggested excitement and energy. The spots were set to aggressive rock music rather than studio jingles. In 1992 a new song called "Get Vertical" is introduced with the lyrics "Ain't no doubt about the power of dew, got the airborne thrust of rocket fuel."

### Cultural Trends

PepsiCo and BBDO managers paid close attention to cultural trends. They were particularly focused on track music and sports trends since these activities were so central to youth culture.

Three musical trends dominated the airwaves in the 1990s. Rap music exploded to become the most popular genre in the country. At first, gangsta rap, which flaunted misogynistic and violent lyrics, was said to represent the reality of life in the "hood" (the American ghetto). From 1992 onward, gangsta rap broke out with a lighter sound and slightly less aggressive lyrics, sometimes called gangsta-lite, that made the music much more accessible while maintaining the forbidding connotations. By 1993, media coverage of the travails of celebrity rappers like Snoop Doggy Dog and Tupac Shakur ruled not only the music magazines but People and Newsweek. Rap music, and the hip-hop lifestyle of which it was a part, permeated teen life. MTV's program Yo! MTV Raps and specialty magazines like The Source and Vibe became mainstream cultural venues. By 1999, rap remained very popular amongst male teens. especially in urban areas, though its Top 40 appeal had subsided somewhat.

At roughly the same time, the alternative rock music scene, which throughout the 1980s existed as a small subcultural scene found mostly on college campuses, also exploded. Two Seattle bands-Nirvana and Pearl Jam-put CDs at the top of the charts with aggressive and emotive music that combined equal parts punk and heavy metal. The media tagged this music "grunge" and anointed Seattle as grunge headquarters. Grunge was marketed heavily by the culture industries—music labels put out dozens of grunge bands, films that displayed the grunge attitude appeared, and fashion runways and J.C. Penney's stores were clogged with flannel shirts and clothes that had the look of the vintage Salvation Army gear that was the uniform of the grunge scene. Grunge faded in its influence in part due to the death of its most talented lead actor when Nirvana's Kurt Cobain committed suicide in 1995.

Later in 1990s, techno music began making significant inroads into American youth culture. Invented in the 1980s as "house music" in low-budget studios of Chicago and Detroit, this beat-driven dance music became the lifeblood of dance parties called "raves" in places like London and the Spanish island of Ibiza. Raves quickly spread throughout continental Europe and beyond. Raves were all-night dancing marathons often set up in warehouses, exotic outdoor locales, and other improvised spaces. Raves attracted young people, mostly teens, who danced for hours at a time, not in pairs, but in free-form groups. The highly rhythmic music and long-winded dancing combined to produce for some fans an ecstatic trance-like state. The music was produced almost entirely by disk jockeys sampling records with tape loops and other electronic tricks. Many sub-genres have since emerged that mix-and-match musical styles from around the world. Part of the scene was a drug called ecstasy, a drug that induces promiscuous affection, sensory overload, and euphoria. And, to keep the energy flowing all night, the dancers demanded energizing drinks. In particular, an enterprising Austrian company marketed Red Bull, a drink that was once an Asian hangover cure, as a rave stimulant. Either straight or mixed with vodka, Red Bull became the rave drink of choice. Raves diffused rather late to the United States, but proved to be most popular in the major metropolitan areas.

#### Sports

The so-called "alternative sports" took off in the early 1990s. Teen enthusiasts transformed casual hobby activities-mountain biking, skateboarding, paragliding, BMX biking, and inline skating-into highly technical, creative, and often dangerous sports. Snowboarding became an overnight hit with teens. Bungee jumping was a fad that disappeared quickly. As these sports became increasingly risky and creative, they began to attract spectators. Socalled extreme sports—skiing down extremely steep terrain or jumping off tall buildings with a parachute-were covered by ESPN. ESPN also aggressively promoted circuits and tournaments to professionalize these new sports, which culminated in the Extreme Games in 1994, a non-traditional Olympics of sorts. Mountain Dew was one of the founding lead sponsors of the Extreme Games, which later became the X Games. Later, NBC followed with the Gravity Games, and MTV also began to cover these sports. Grunge music, more aggressive styles of rap, and various hybrids were prominent aural expressions of these sports.

#### **GenX Ethos**

During the 1990s, teens and young adults evinced a growing cynicism toward the dominant work-oriented values of the previous generation and toward corporations more generally. They found that working hard to get ahead in terms of salary and occupational prestige was harder to swallow in an era of corporate reengineering. Their cynicism also extended to corporations themselves and their marketing efforts. As this cohort became increasingly knowledgeable about how marketing worked and increasingly jaded about why brands were popular, they were not interested in listening to "sales messages" that tried to persuade them into believing a particular brand of soft drink or beer was cool. Instead, these youth adopted a campy interest in non-trendy products, television programs, and music of previous eras.

As these odd new tastes became commercialized in programming like Nickelodeon cable channel's "Nick at Nite" series—which featured less-than-notable programming from the 1950s-1970s—"retro" was born.

# The Do the Dew Campaign

In 1992, senior management at PepsiCo sensed an opportunity to increase business on Diet Mountain Dew. Diet Mountain Dew's distribution was limited mostly to the rural regions where the brand was strongest, even though regular Dew was now a national brand. Diet Mountain Dew performed very well on product tests versus other diet drinks in the category because the heavy citrus flavor did a better job of masking the undesirable taste of the artificial sweetener. So PepsiCo allocated money for incremental advertising to support an effort to expand Diet Mountain Dew distribution. Bill Bruce, then a junior copywriter working on several brands, was assigned to the project. The strategy statements that guided the initial creative idea and subsequent spots in the campaign are reported in Exhibit 3. Bruce came up with the "Do Diet Dew" tag line (which soon evolved into "Do the Dew" to support the entire brand) and several new ideas to embellish what BBDO had begun with the Get Vertical campaign.

The first breakthrough ad of the new campaign, *Done That*, features a hair-raising shot of a guy jumping off the edge of a cliff to take a free-fall toward the narrow canyon's river bottom, set to throbbing grunge music. This was the first ad to feature the "Dew Dudes"—four young guys who are witnessing the daredevil stunts presented in the ad and commenting on them. *Done That* became a huge hit, capturing the country's imagination. The ad was widely parodied and the phrase "been there, done that" entered the vernacular. For 1994 and 1995, BBDO produced three carbon-copy "pool-outs" of *Done That*. By 1995, after two years of these ads, consumer interest in the creative was fading fast. According to Jeff Mordos, if the creative hadn't moved to another idea that year, consumer's flagging interest and the potential of a revolt by PepsiCo bottlers likely would have forced PepsiCo to develop an entirely new campaign.

For 1995, three of four spots produced relied upon different creative ideas. One of these spots, *Mel Torme*, became the second hit of the campaign. The spot was a parody featuring the aging Vegas lounge singer Mel Torme, tuxedo-clad atop a Vegas hotel crooning "I Get a Kick out of You," with lyrics altered to incorporate Mountain Dew references. He impresses the Dew Dudes with a base jump of his own. Similar ads followed. In *007*, ateenage James Bond engages in a frenetic pursuit scene with typical Bond stunts, accompanied by the familiar Bond theme music. The Dew Dudes are not impressed until Bond comes upon a Mountain Dew vending machine. In *Training*, brash tennis star Andre Agass performs extreme stunts as training exercises, and then plays an extreme game of tennis with the Dew Dudes as his coaches.

In 1997, BBDO came up with two breakthrough spots. The director of Nirvana's classic music video "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was hired to direct *Thank Heaven*, which mimics a music video. The spot stars the lead singer of an alternative rock band called Ruby. She sings a punked-up version of the classic song "Thank Heaven for Little Girls," in which the grunge style suggests the "little girls" of old have been replaced by the feminine brand of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The noun pool-out is derived from a verb that is particular to the advertising business—"to pool out." The idea is to develop a pool of ads that are all closely related derivations from the same creative idea. Some advertisers feel that pools deliver a more consistent campaign while others feel that the ads become too formulaic when they are so similar. Regardless, there is a great temptation when an ad breaks through and becomes a hit to develop pool-outs to extend the popularity.

Executional Direction	Distinct campaign with Dew equity consistency     Leverage "full tilt taste" and "rush" as point of difference     "rush" as point of difference	Shift to a united trademark focus modeled after "Do Diet Dew"  Explore outdoor settings  Predominant male, mid-20's  casting  Preserve balance between "out-landish" and "realistic"  actions/sports	Bring "Do the Dew" trademark campaign to the next level	Continue "Do the Dew" trade: mark campaign and encompass the Mt. Dew experience	Evolve the "Do the Dew" campaign against core target with fresh and relevant copy Develop ethnically-targeted "cross-appeal" spot Enhance product perception	Develop pool of "Do the Dew" executions Explore other metaphors beyond alternative sports to express "ex- hilarating intensity" One execution should have AA/ urban relevance Communicate quenching Inclusion of water-greenery ele- ments not mandatory	
	eens/young adults	Bulfs eye: 18 yr. old leading • Shift edge male • Exp Broad 12–29 year olds • Prec Casts I ellence	Bull's eye: 18 yr. old leading • Brir edge male can Broad: 12–29 year olds	Bull's eye: 18 yr. old leading • Cor edge male Broad: 12–29 year olds	Bull's eye: 18 yr. old leading • Evc edge male free Broad: 12-29 male/female • De "Cr	Male Teens (16 yr. old epicenter)  • Invite teen girls while continuing  • Ex as male CSD  • Maintain cross-over appeal among  hill  20–39 year olds  • C  or  m	
Target	Strategy You can have the most thrilling, exciting, daring experience but it will never compete with the experi- ence of a Mt. Dew	st thrilling, berience but it with the experi-	(You can have the most thrilling, exciting, daring experience but) edd there's nothing more intense than Broad clamping Mt Dew	thrilling, ience but) intense than	Associate Mt. Dew with thrilling and Bull exhilarating adventures in a light-ed hearted manner Bro	Associate Mt. Dew with the exhilarating intensity of life's most exciterancy, fun adventures	
	Objective Increase awareness and trial of Mountain Dew	Distinguish Mt. Dew within the competitive environment through contemporary communication of the trademark's distinct, historical positioning	Optimize Dew's positioning equity among the target in a highly relevant and contemporary manner	Optimize Dew's positioning equity among the target in a highly relevant and contemporary manner  • Strengthen brand perceptions among AA  • Encourage product trial where fa-	milarity is low Build badge value and authentic, true Icon status for Mt. Dew in the world of youth-targeted consumer goods	Optimize relevance of Dew's positioning among the target	
	1993–94	1995	1996	1997	1998	3	91

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