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Callers like Saturday hours for car dealers

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: How do you feel about sales personnel protesting against a dealer staying open on Saturday?

Following are the responses:

Sales personnel have every right to refuse to work extra hours. They work approximately 60 hours a week now and they are not paid on a regular salary basis. They are paid on commission. There is no financing available on Saturday, consequently there is no stock deliveries and no deals that are made. The dealers would have to work as many hours as they could to make as much money as possible yet these people are not paid.

I think the sales personnel are correct. We have enough businesses open on the weekend as it is and I don't think the car dealerships should be open on Saturdays and Sundays.

The car sales people, if they don't want to work six days, should be closed one day during the middle of the week, Tuesday or Thursday or whatever. I don't see why they shouldn't work on Saturday. They go to the hospital on Saturday. How would they like it if those places were closed on Saturday? And furthermore they don't care a bit about their customers. If they did they would be open to the convenience of the customer.

I think for the dealerships to be closed on Saturday is ridiculous. It is the best opportunity that most people have to shop for a car. What if we were general on that and closed all retail establishments on Saturdays?

I think they ought to stay open on Saturday to give people a chance to sell their cars and give consumers a better chance to buy them.

Automobile dealers should be able to be open whenever they want to for business purposes. If an employee doesn't want to work, then he can find a job somewhere else. Businesses are open to serve the public, not the employees.

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days. That's one of the reasons I am driving a seven-year old car. I work and I go to school at night. Saturday is the only day I have to shop.

I feel it is ridiculous that car dealerships are not open on Saturday. For most people that is the only time they can buy a car. You have to take a day off or you have to go on a Monday night or a Thursday night and buy the car at their terms. They should all be open on Saturday. Be competitive like other states and other cities.

I think the owners should be able to stay open on Saturday.

I think it is ridiculous that salesmen won't let this particular dealership open on Saturday. For most people Saturday would be an excellent day to go shop for a car. I think the dealers should be encouraged to stay open Saturdays and not be pushed around by some sales people that don't like it.

I think Saturday sales on cars would be a plus. I, myself, personally am too tired at the end of the day to go out and shop for a car. Saturday is my day to browse around and I feel I would end up with maybe one or two new cars a year if they were open on Saturdays. I think it would be a good thing for the industry.

I would like all the dealers to be open on Saturday or at least to have the option of being open on Saturday just for the traffic flow which I believe would be high on that day because most people are out shopping that day anyway.

I think it is ridiculous. I think dealerships should be open on Saturday for people to look and buy cars. I wouldn't have bought my 1974 Thunderbird and my 1984 Thunderbird if the dealer wasn't open on Saturday.

I won't buy a car unless they are open on Saturdays. I think people should buy a car when they have time to buy one and I work during the week.

I always thought I still lived in

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America. How dare anybody tell a businessman what his hours should be. As far as other sales personnel protesting, they should be jailed if they are doing anything disruptive. Some of these people looking for work, anybody can be replaced.

I think Detroit is stupid to be behind all the other major cities in the United States that are staying open on Saturdays and even Sundays. I think it is vulgar that anybody should complain that a businessman wants to stay open to do business when everybody wants to shop on weekends.

If sales personnel does not want to work on Saturday then they should find a job where it isn't required to work on Saturday.

I think they should be open on Saturday because I really don't have time during the weekdays to go out and look for a car.

As a mechanic for a dealership, I really don't care for the idea at all because if they leave sales open, it won't be too much longer before they will want the shops to stay open to and I work about 50 hours a week now. I don't need any extra hours as it is. I need family time as much as the next person. People out there like their weekends and like to spend time with their family. Mechanics, salesmen and people who work in car dealerships have families too, know.

I think they should stay open. It gives a customer a better chance to shop around.

I can't understand their protest. I think the dealerships should be open on Saturday and if they only want to work five days, close on Monday. For a working couple, they can't shop for a car anytime.

I think it is really ridiculous these people protesting against a dealership. For a working couple, it is very difficult to hunt for a car if they are not open on a Saturday. Most other businesses are open and make their times convenient and I think car dealerships should also have more convenient times for people to shop for a car.

I think if car personnel put more time into selling instead of protesting, we would all be better off. Staying open on Saturday would be more convenient for people to shop. People who work find it very difficult to get out and search for a car. If they would put their efforts into selling cars instead of protesting, they would make more money.

Yes, I do think they should be open on Saturdays. That's the time most people have to look for a car. Who wants to buy a car at nighttime?

I think it is a shame that dealers are not open on Saturdays. I would open on

Saturday and close on Monday. The last three new cars I had to buy, I had to take time off work to buy them. I think it is a shame.

I think it is terrible. I feel if dealers really want to sell cars, they would stay open on Saturday. If they want a two day weekend, let them close on Monday. People need a full day to comparison shop and see the product in broad daylight.

If these car dealers and their families never went to the supermarket on Saturday, never went to the shopping mall on Saturday and never used any of the services that are open on Saturday, then I could see their viewpoint. As long as they have a day off during the week, I don't think they should inconvenience all the rest of the world because they don't want to work on Saturday.

Car dealerships should definitely be open at least Saturday morning and maybe they could close Mondays. It is nice to see the colors in the daylight and it is hard for a man when he has worked all day, and a woman too.

should be able to stay open on Saturday as long as they want.

Saturday should be the best day of the week as a retail sales day. I believe every dealer should stay open on Saturday.

I think it is ridiculous that they should protest. I think Saturday is one of the best days around to be able to shop for a car.

I think car dealers should be open on Saturday. Years ago when I realized they weren't, I couldn't believe that they could stay in business without Saturday hours. I think it is convenience for people and they should be open.

I think the car dealers should be open on Saturday. It is convenient for the customer. I haven't seen any evidence that the auto companies and auto dealers care about their customers because most of us are not available to look for cars at any other time.

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