

#### Introduction

#### This booklet contains:

- CX observations on nutritional supplement websites
- Our Best Practices

We hope you will find this useful, The NOHOLD Team

#### **About NOHOLD:**

NOHOLD specializes in Artificial
Intelligence. It has created and markets a
platform called SICURA® designed to
implement sophisticated conversational
interfaces. NOHOLD solutions have been
deployed in more than 100 healthcare
institutions, 30 banks, 7500 higher
education institutions and the
Government. Specifically, NOHOLD has
created an Al Assistant called
SalesAdvisor™. It is designed to help
shoppers find the best product for them
based on plain language queries.



# **Companies Analyzed**

- 1. PharmaVite
- 2. Haleon
- 3. Bayer
- 4. GNC
- 5. Herbalife
- 6. Nestle
- 7. Nu Skin
- 8. Thorne

- 9. USANA
- 10. Kirkland
- 11. Le-Vel
- 12. Life Extension
- 13. Unilever
- 14. Reckitt
- 15. Church & Dwight
- 16. Piping Rock Health

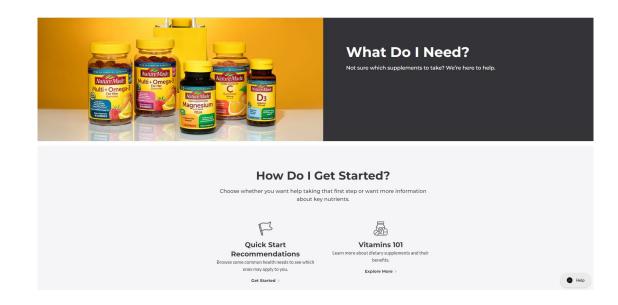
- 17. Ritual
- 18. Nordic Naturals
- 19. Now Foods

# **Our Findings & Recommendations**

- 21% of the companies considered don't have a Vitamin Finder
- 100% of Vitamin Finders are limited in functionality and allow shoppers only to select predefined options
- 100% of existing Vitamin Finders don't allow free queries from the shoppers and therefore lack the ability to capture the Voice of the Customer (VoC).
- Leverage a conversational interface to empower shoppers to express themselves on their own terms
- VoC is critical to improve products and go to market strategy

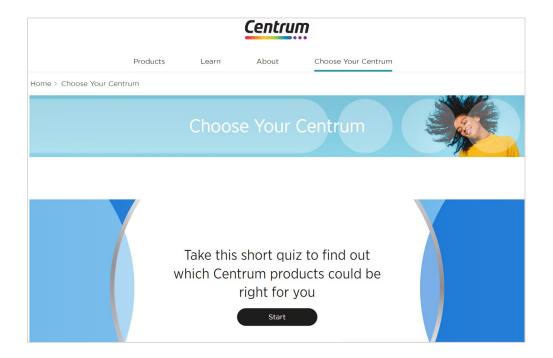
## **PharmaVite: Nature Made**

- Quick Start Recommendations and Vitamins 101 available
- Live chat, no conversational Al obvious
- FAQ and search available
- Contact us: Customer support available via chat, email, phone with limited availability



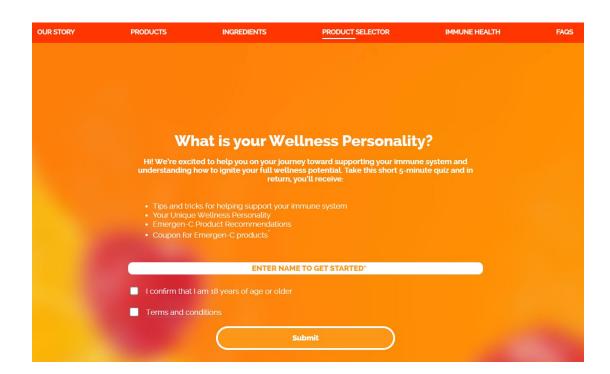
## **Haleon: Centrum**

- Product selector available
- No live chat or Conversational Al obvious
- FAQ and search available
- Contact us: Customer support available via email within 48hrs



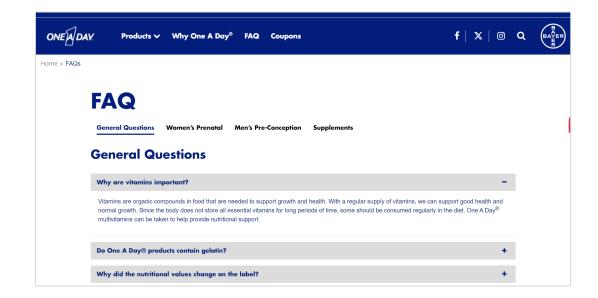
# **Haleon: Emergen-C**

- Product selector available
- No live chat or Conversational Al obvious
- FAQ and search available
- Contact us: Customer support available via email within 48hrs



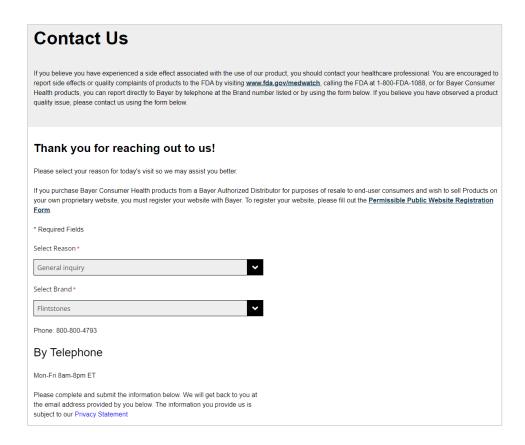
# **Bayer: One A Day**

- No vitamin quiz available
- No live chat or Conversational Al obvious
- FAQ and search available
- Contact us: Customer support via phone, with limited availability, and email



# **Bayer: Flintstones**

- No vitamin quiz available
- No live chat or Conversational Al obvious
- FAQ and search available
- Contact us: Customer support available via phone 8am-8pm ET, email



### **GNC**

- No vitamin quiz available
- No Conversational Al obvious
- FAQs, articles, and search available
- Contact us: Customer support team available via live chat, text, email

#### Ask a GNC Coach!

Get Recommendations & Answers from a GNC store associate



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For requests related to customer service, please click here or call 1-877-GNC-4700

Live Chat Available
Talk now with our product & solution experts

Contact Us
Text or email with a store associate

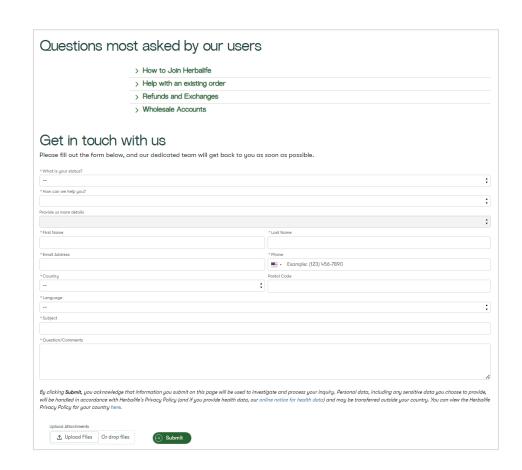
Product Finder
Let us help you find the perfect product

Book an Appointment
Reserve time with us virtually or at a store

Contact Customer Service
Questions about orders, shipping, returns, loyalty

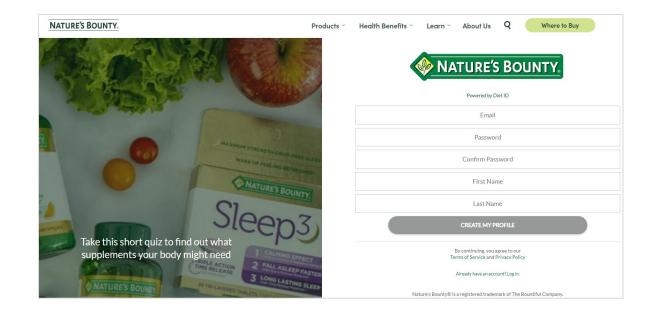
### Herbalife

- No vitamin quiz available
- No chat bot, Conversational AI or live chat obvious
- FAQs, articles, and search available
- Contact us: Customer support team available via contact form or by phone most days of the week for a limited time



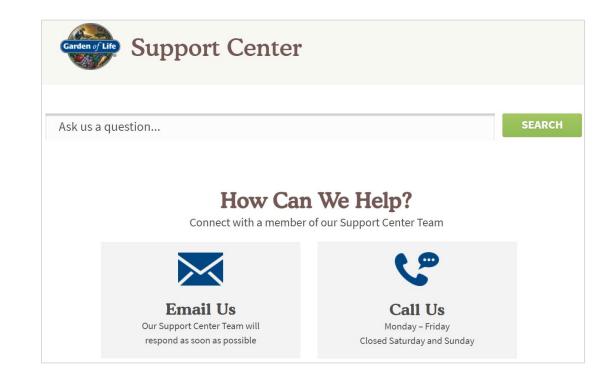
# **Nestle: Nature's Bounty**

- Vitamin quiz available if users create an account
- No chat bot, Conversational
   Al or live chat obvious
- FAQs and search available
- Contact us: Customer support team available via phone or email during normal business hours



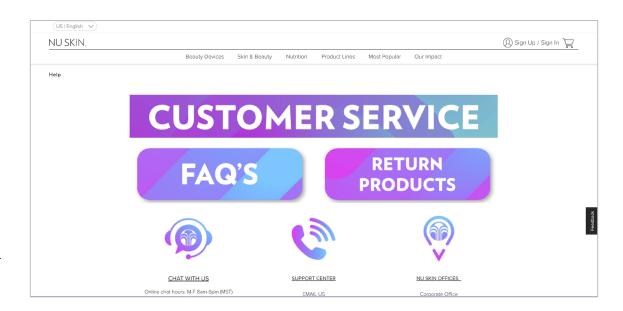
## **Nestle: Garden of Life**

- No vitamin finder available
- No chat bot, Conversational Al or live chat obvious
- FAQs and search available
- Contact us: Customer support team with limited availability via phone or email



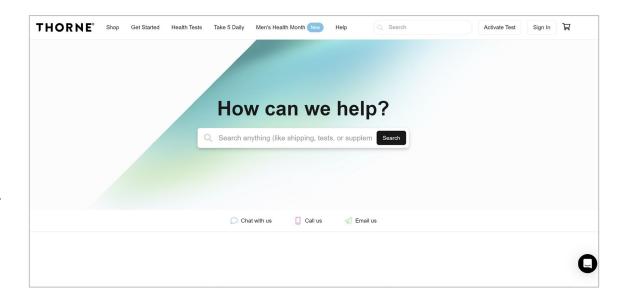
## **Nu Skin**

- No vitamin finder outside of website search
- Phone number limited to regular business hours. Phone number was discovered after reviewing FAQs and articles
- To begin a live chat end user must input their personal information.
   Live chat is available during regular business hours
- No chatbot or Al Assistant available



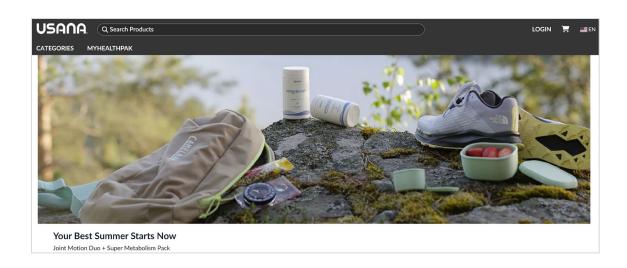
## **Thorne**

- No vitamin finder outside of website search
- Encourage to search FAQs before contacting company
- Phone number available during business hours
- Live chat is available during regular business hours
- No chatbot or Al Assistant available



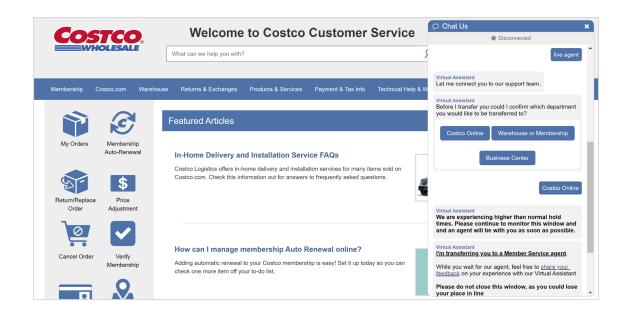
## **USANA**

- Website search exists, but no vitamin finder
- Could not easily find a phone number, link to live chat, chatbot or Al Assistant
- There is a login that may pre-empt these CX applications



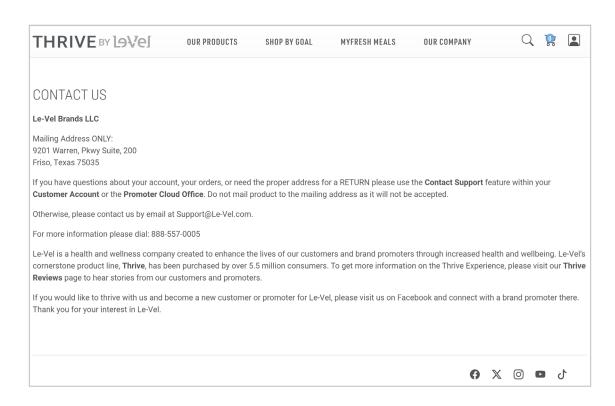
## **Kirkland Signature**

- No vitamin finder. Search available for entire Costco website
- Phone numbers available during specific hours
- Chatbot available but does not answer specific questions about products
- Live chat available after engaging with chatbot – hours are limited similar to phone



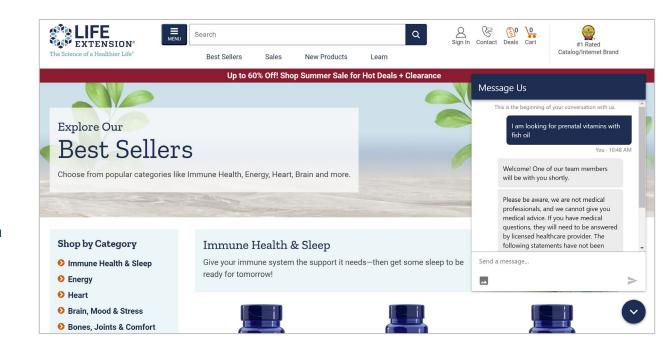
# **Thrive by Le-Vel**

- Option to customize vitamin packs and shopping by goal
- Phone number available
- No options seem to be available for live chat, chatbot or Al



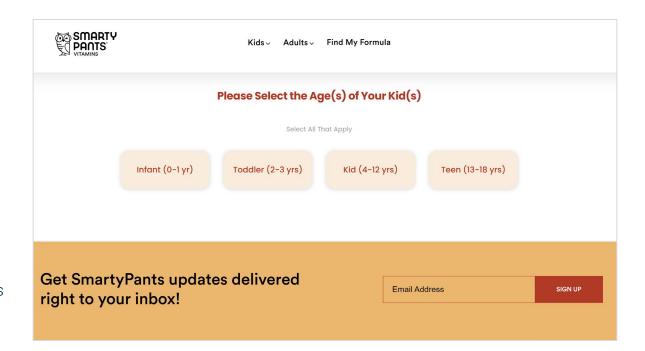
## **Life Extension**

- Sitewide search available with filters, but no vitamin finder
- Customer service phone number available 24/7
- Live chat only available during specific hours. Visitor must add in their personal information before engaging a live agent
- No chatbot available



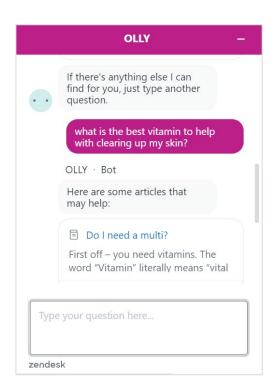
# **Unilever: SmartyPants**

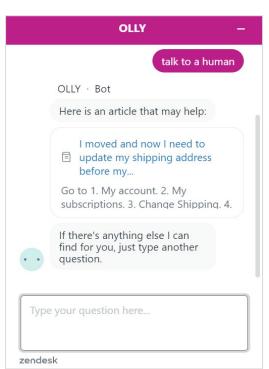
- "Find my Formula" vitamin quiz available. Minimal flexibility, no way to go back or ask questions
- No chat bot, Conversational AI or live chat obvious
- FAQs and search available
- Contact us: Customer support team available during business hours and responds within 2 days
- Email, call and text options



# **Unilever: Olly**

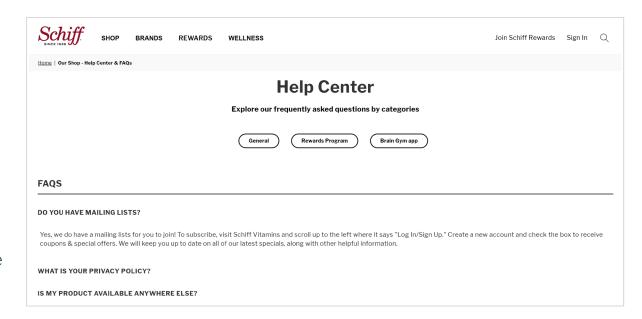
- Bot available. After every question, replies with a list of documents to sift through, similar to basic search. Does not directly answer the question
- No way to escalate to human through bot
- "Help Center" includes basic search, along with categorized FAQs
- Email support within 2 days
- Phone support that includes voicemail





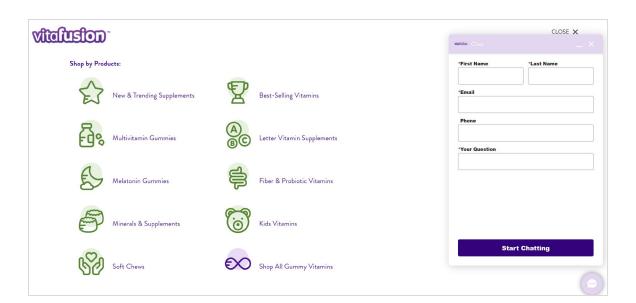
### **Reckitt: Schiff**

- Help Center with categorized FAQs
- Email & phone support available during normal business hours
- No bot, Conversational Al, or option to ask a direct question
- All Schiff brands' websites
   (Airborne, Move Free, Megared,
   Digestive Advantage...) follow the same template which includes
   Help Center



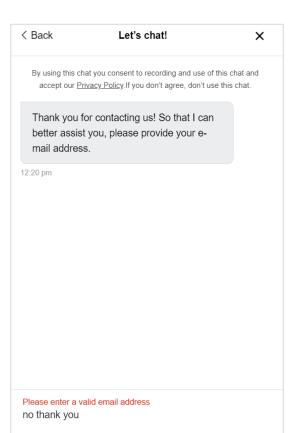
# **Church & Dwight: Vitafusion**

- Live chat available after submitting contact information
- Phone help limited availability
- Contact form, with best effort to respond within 2 business days
- No bot, Conversational Al, or option to ask a direct question
- Shop by Health
   Interests/category option



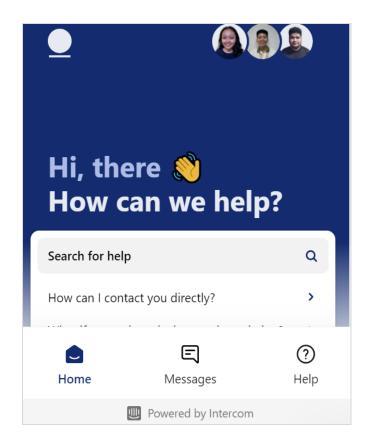
# **Piping Rock Health**

- Phone and text support not always available
- FAQs page
- Live chat available 24/7 however, cannot begin chatting without entering a valid email address
- Contact form available
- No bot, Conversational AI, or option to ask a direct question



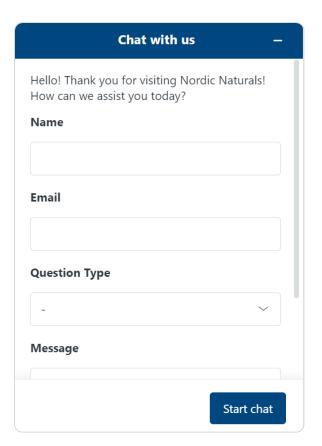
## **Ritual**

- Chat & email Seven days a week
- "Click on blue chat icon to chat"- is not apparent in the chat app or on any other pages
- Can search for articles on help page
- No bot or Conversational Al
- No straightforward way to ask a question and get an immediate response



## **Nordic Naturals**

- Option to search for products
- Live chat available after filling in contact information and question type
- Live chat, phone and email available with limited hours
- No bot, Conversational AI or straightforward way to ask a question and receive a response



### **Now Foods**

- Site search option
- Dedicated pages for shopping FAQs and healthy living FAQs
- To report a product complaint, option to fill out Product Feedback
   Form
- Contact numbers available as well as contact form
- No visible live chat option
- No way to ask a direct question and get an instant response
- No Conversational Al or bot

# **FAQs**

With almost 50 years in business and more than 1,400 natural products, people tend to have some questions about NOW and our formulas. Before you call or send a message, take a moment to browse our database of frequently asked questions. Your answer may just be a click away.

"Best By" Date FAQs Activated Nasal Mist FAQs Airless Pump Dispenser FAQs

<u>Allulose FAQs</u> <u>Beet Sugar FAQs</u> <u>Biotin Supplementation and Lab</u>

Tests FAQs

Black Cohosh FAQs Black Walnut Extract FAQs Bromelain FAQs

# **NOHOLD's Best Practices for CX Apps**

- Make it easy to locate a pinned button or permanent placement in the site's main navigation
- Assist visitors while shopping add direct lines of support in your eCommerce store
- Allow shoppers to ask questions in their own words and receive accurate responses
- Provide a shopping support solution that can be available 24/7/365
- Do not ask for personal information to interact with automated systems
- · Collect shopper free-form input to understand how to better serve your potential customers, reduce costs and increase sales
- Choose Al support applications that apply both Deterministic and Generative Al because:
  - Procedures can be established like a Vitamin Finder
  - Information is consistent
  - Answers are discovered through company-only content to avoid hallucinations and inaccurate information
  - It is secure and compliant
- Choose AI support applications that can be leveraged on multiple channels and languages simultaneously

# We hope you found this helpful.

Members from the NOHOLD team did high-level evaluations of CX experiences on nutritional supplement websites. We focused on customer service telephone number, vitamin finders/ quizzes, chatbots, live chat, and Conversational AI to identify how easily we could find specific products and get answers to product questions via the website/eCommerce store. Your feedback is appreciated.

Thank you,

NOHOLD Team



