

Attribution Overcredit — Fallout (Paid Social vs Internal)

Thesis: Platform (OEM) reporting can overcredit paid social relative to reconciled revenue when UTM hygiene degrades, models shift credit post-update, or campaign metadata drifts—eroding investment discipline and masking leakage.

Exposure Window: — → 2024-12-03 (archival baseline)

Signals (dated; Provenance: Risk • OEM • RevOps):

- — — OEM: reporting/model change affecting channel credit.
- — — Risk: UTM coverage gaps on paid surfaces.
- — — RevOps: divergence between OEM clicks and reconciled orders (server-side).

Forensic Five — Snapshot (as-of 2024-12-03):

- Attribution Parity ($\Delta\%$): — — —
- UTM Hygiene (%): — — —
- Consent Lineage (%): — — —
- Detection Lag (days): — — —
- Residual Variance (%): — — —

Modeled Impact (bands; assumptions; confidence):

- D30: 3–7% revenue impairment; media waste 2–5% (conf. 70%)
- D60: 5–9% (conf. 65%)
- D90: 7–12% (conf. 60%)

(Forensic Five quick check)

- Attribution Parity ($\Delta\%$): ☐ $\leq \pm 3\%$ ☐ 3–5% ☐ $> 5\%$
- UTM Hygiene (%): ☐ 100% ☐ 95–99% ☐ $< 95\%$
- Consent Lineage (%): ☐ $\geq 95\%$ ☐ 90–94% ☐ $< 90\%$
- Detection Lag (days): ☐ ≤ 3 ☐ 4–7 ☐ > 7
- Residual Variance (% @ D60): ☐ $\leq \pm 2\%$ ☐ 2–3% ☐ $> 3\%$

If any Red, commission a Signal Brief (Lite/Full). If ≥ 2 Amber, commission Lite.

Disconfirmers: OEM/internal aligned $< \pm 3\%$; channel mix stable; consent lineage $\geq 95\%$.

Brief Triggers (any one): Parity $> \pm 5\%$ for 7 days; UTM valid $< 95\%$ any day; consent $< 95\%$ any week; accrual delta $> 2\%$ vs reconciler.

Footer: BRF-2025-011 • Provenance: Risk • OEM • RevOps • SLA: Docket $\leq 1\text{bd}$; Delivery $\leq 3\text{bd}$; Breach → fee -10%

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