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Concise, organized notes for quick reference

1. Definition & Core Purpose

Aspect	Description
Advertising	Paid, non-personal communication by an organization to promote its products, services, or ideas to a target audience.
Primary Goal	Influence consumer awareness, attitudes, and behavior to generate demand and support overall marketing objectives.

2. Strategic Functions of Advertising

Function	What It Does	Marketing Impact
Awareness Creation	Introduces new products or brands; reminds existing customers.	Expands market reach; builds top-of-mind recall.
Persuasion	Shapes attitudes, highlights benefits, differentiates from competitors.	Drives consideration and purchase intent.
Brand Building	Consistent visual & verbal identity; tells a brand story.	Increases brand equity, loyalty, and price-premium potential.
Information Transmission	Conveys features, pricing, promotions, usage instructions.	Reduces purchase risk; shortens decision cycle.
Demand Stimulation	Seasonal or limited-time offers; calls to action (CTA).	Generates spikes in sales; supports inventory turnover.
Image & Positioning	Projects desired corporate or product image (e.g., luxury, sustainability).	Aligns perception with target-segment expectations.
Competitive Counter-play	Directly or indirectly addresses rival messages.	Protects market share; reinforces differentiation.

3. Integration with the Marketing Mix (4Ps)

Marketing Mix Element	Advertising's Role
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Product	Highlights key attributes, new variants, or improvements.
Price	Communicates price points, discounts, value propositions, or financing options.
Place (Distribution)	Announces new retail locations, online channels, or delivery services.
Promotion	Acts as the central “promotion” tool, often coordinated with sales?promotion, public relations, direct marketing, and personal selling.

4. Media Channels & Their Contributions

Channel	Strengths	Typical Use Cases
Television	Broad reach, high impact (audio?visual).	Brand launches, mass?market products, emotional storytelling.
Radio	Local targeting, cost?effective, good for frequency.	Regional promotions, drive?time ads, event announcements.
Print (Newspapers, Magazines)	Credibility, detailed copy, niche audiences.	Luxury goods, B2B services, industry?specific products.
Digital (Search, Social, Display, Video)	Precise targeting, real?time metrics, interactive.	E?commerce, performance?driven campaigns, retargeting.
Out?of?Home (Billboards, Transit, Digital Screens)	High visibility in public spaces, geographic focus.	Local brand awareness, event sponsorships.
Influencer & Content Marketing	Authentic voice, community trust.	Younger demographics, niche lifestyle segments.
Mobile (App ads, SMS, Push notifications)	Immediate, location?aware, high engagement.	Time?sensitive offers, app installs, loyalty programs.

5. Measurement & Effectiveness

Metric	What It Shows	Typical Tool
Reach & Frequency	Number of unique viewers & how often they see the ad.	Media planning software, TV/radio rating services.
**Impressions		