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The First 382 Minutes After You Hit Publish: A Minute-by-Minute Bot Race

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Direct Answer: Putting a stopwatch on a brand-new tygartmedia.com post from t=0 reveals Bingbot arriving in 10 seconds via IndexNow, ShapBot at 55.8 minutes, AzureAI and LinkupBot 7 seconds apart at 104 minutes, OpenAI search and training bots 1 second apart at 248 minutes, and live user AI pulls within 382 minutes.

In our curing-window rule essay, I reminded operators not to keep poking wet concrete while waiting weeks for search indexes to settle. Wait until you put an actual millisecond stopwatch on what happens inside our server logs the moment a brand-new post goes live on **tygartmedia.com**.

On November 27, 2026, a scheduled morning dispatch went live at **04:16:39 UTC**. Because nobody has ever bothered to print a real second-by-second server race from zero to the first live human chat citation on one URL, we traced every verified search crawler, wholesale AI search indexer, training bot, and live chat agent that touched that fresh URL over its first 24 hours.

Within one day, **nine completely different AI platforms logged 26 fetches** against that single post — and the choreography between Microsoft, OpenAI, and third-party wholesale search indexes was startling.

The Full Stopwatch Ledger: From t=0 to First Live Buyer Pulls

Every timestamp below was measured directly on **tygartmedia.com** from the initial publish heartbeat (`04:16:39 UTC`) forward:

Elapsed Time After Publish	Verified Bot Family	Ecosystem Role	What Happened on the Wire
+10 seconds (04:16:49Z)	Bingbot	IndexNow Search Pusher	Arrived almost instantaneously after IndexNow ping notified Microsoft.
+26 seconds (04:17:05Z)	YandexBot	IndexNow Participant	Shared IndexNow notification mesh pulled 16 seconds behind Bingbot.
+55.8 minutes	ShapBot	Wholesale AI Search	First standalone AI search startup to discover and fetch the new URL.
+104.3m & +104.5m (1h 44m)	AzureAI-SearchBot -> LinkupBot	Cloud Search & Grounding API	LinkupBot hit the exact slug just 7.0 seconds after Microsoft AzureAI arrived.
+226.0 minutes (3h 46m)	ExaSearchBot	Wholesale AI Indexer	Third-party neural search index pulled HTML for API distribution.
+248.3m & +248.4m (4h 08m)	OAI-SearchBot + GPTBot	OpenAI Search & Training	Both OpenAI indexers arrived roughly 1 second apart in tight tandem.
+263.0 minutes (4h 23m)	PerplexityBot	AI Answer Indexer	Completed Perplexity's primary crawl pass ahead of daytime queries.
+299.8m (5h 00m) & +382.1m (6h 22m)	ExaUser & ChatGPT-User	Live User Conversations	First real-time human/workflow citations pulled the page live — inside 6.4 hours.

Look at two jaw-dropping synchronizations sitting in plain sight inside that ledger. First, under the IndexNow push protocol, Microsoft showed up in **ten seconds flat**. Our own earlier crawl-speed benchmark proved that IndexNow compresses discovery from days down to seconds — and watching `Bingbot` hit at +10s with `YandexBot` sixteen seconds behind confirms it.

Second, notice OpenAI's `OAI-SearchBot and GPTBot` arriving **one second apart** just past hour four (+248.3m and +248.4m). And look right before them at **+104.3m**: `LinkupBot` walked onto that fresh page just **7.0 seconds** after `AzureAI-SearchBot` touched it.

Coincidence or Feeder Pipeline? The 500-Trial Permutation Check

Whenever you spot one crawler landing 7 seconds behind another on one morning post, your first instinct should be skepticism: on a busy WordPress site, bots overlap by sheer chance. So we ran a strict **500-trial random permutation null test** across our 30-day origin logs to see whether crawlers genuinely trailed one another more often than random daily timing allowed.

Against `ShapBot` (p = 0.926), `KeenableBot` (p = 0.563), `ExaSearchBot` (p = 0.317), and `PerplexityBot` (p = 1.000), `LinkupBot` showed purely random timing overlap. Against Microsoft and OpenAI, however, the signal lit up cleanly with **zero reverse leads**: `AzureAI-SearchBot` led `LinkupBot` within 5 minutes (observed 2 vs 0.1 expected, **p = 0.008**), `Bingbot` led `LinkupBot` within 30 minutes (observed 9 vs 3.1 expected, **p = 0.004**, with 24 pairs inside 2 hours), and `GPTBot` led `LinkupBot` within 30 minutes (observed 3 vs 0.4 expected, **p = 0.008**).

Where Was Googlebot While Nine AI Platforms Converged?

Meanwhile, look at what Googlebot was doing across that same 24-hour window on **tygartmedia.com** versus how established pillars win convergence:

Audience & Speed Layer	24h Measured Behavior on tygartmedia.com	Speed to Live Distribution	What Operators Should Ship at Publish
IndexNow + AI Mesh	Bingbot (+10s) -> 9 distinct AI engines converged in 24h	First live citations in 5.0h - 6.4h	Fire IndexNow + keep XML sitemaps and Markdown alternates ready at t=0.
Googlebot 24h Focus	68 total requests (34 polling sitemaps/RSS; 28 top Claude pages)	Conservative ranking & verification curve	Respect 7-14d search curing windows while AI cites same-day specs.
9-Platform Convergence Leaders	5 slugs hit by 9 AI platforms (up to 73 hits on flagship pricing)	Continuous background + live-agent demand	Keep high-convergence tables & Markdown twins synced before hitting publish.

In that entire 24-hour window, `Googlebot` made just 68 requests on **tygartmedia.com** — half of them polling sitemaps and RSS feeds, and almost all editorial reads focused tightly on our highest-traffic Claude rate-limit and comparison guides. Google operates on a deliberate, conservative discovery clock.

Publish Ready From Minute Zero

As we documented in our Direct box autopsy and Markdown twins white paper, AI agents do not patiently wait around for you to clean up a rough draft next week. Within six hours of hitting publish — when IndexNow fires cleanly and your metadata, table facts, and Markdown twin are in place at **t = 0** — live buyer assistants are already pulling the finished copy.

> **Operator Takeaway:** From t=0 on a fresh tygartmedia.com post, IndexNow sparks a Bingbot pull in 10 seconds and live AI user citations arrive inside 382 minutes. Continue the series at https://tygartmedia.com/grok-wordpress-mcp-86-sessions-clean-teardown/