



# **Adobe Systems Incorporated**

**Guidelines for Third Parties Who Use  
Adobe Trademarks**

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To Third Parties Who Refer To Adobe Trademarks:

Adobe counts among its most valuable assets the company's trademarks and the goodwill they represent. Protection of these marks is a priority for Adobe. These guidelines have been developed for licensees and other third parties to answer common questions about proper use of Adobe trademarks.

The status of Adobe's trademarks is continually changing, and it may be necessary to revise these guidelines from time to time. Please refer to the section "How to Obtain Additional Information" for references to additional resources, and for details on how to obtain updated information on these guidelines and the status of Adobe trademarks.

If you are a licensee, please be sure to consult your agreement with Adobe for any additional or different requirements applicable to your use of Adobe trademarks.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Adobe Systems Incorporated

## Introduction

Please follow these guidelines carefully. They are designed to ensure proper legal usage of Adobe trademarks, and to prevent consumer confusion that can result from improper or illegal usage.

These guidelines will help you identify the correct form for Adobe trademarks, the proper method of marking using the symbols ® and ™, and the appropriate attribution statement to accompany use of Adobe trademarks by third parties. The guidelines also provide information related to commonly asked questions about the proper use of Adobe trademarks. For convenience, these guidelines refer only to trademarks, but the rules also apply to service marks as well.

## Identifying the Proper Trademark Form

The database of Adobe trademarks (see “How to Obtain Additional Information”) shows the proper content, spelling, and capitalization of Adobe’s current trademarks. Note that the proper form for product names normally includes “Adobe”; for example, “Adobe Photoshop” is preferred over “Photoshop.”

Never vary the spelling, add or delete hyphens (even for normal hyphenation at the end of a line of text), make one word two, or use a possessive or plural form of the trademark. Adobe trademarks must always be used as adjectives followed by a generic term (such as “software”), and never as nouns or verbs.

For example:

CORRECT: The image was modified using Adobe Photoshop® software.

INCORRECT: The image was Photoshopped.

CORRECT: You’ll appreciate the PostScript® interpreter’s unique ability to provide flexibility.

INCORRECT: You’ll appreciate PostScript’s® unique ability to provide flexibility.

## Marking With ® or ™

When using an Adobe trademark on any materials that will be distributed or presented to the public in the United States or in the United States and other countries, use the registered trademark symbol ® on the most prominent (or if none is prominent, the first) appearance of a trademark registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (If the materials will be distributed only in a certain country or region outside of the United States, please contact Adobe Legal for the appropriate marking information—see the section “How to Obtain Additional Information.”) For any Adobe trademark that is not registered, the ™ symbol should be used in place of the registered trademark symbol (®). Once marked, it is not normally necessary to mark subsequent appearances of the trademark in the piece.

Every appearance of Adobe logos and product names in stylized form should always appear with the appropriate ® or ™ symbol, and may be used only under license with Adobe—unauthorized use is strictly prohibited.

Attached to these guidelines is a list of current Adobe trademarks that reflects the registration status of the trademarks. This list will be updated regularly. See “How to Obtain Additional Information.”

## Attribution Statements

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[List of Adobe marks used, beginning with “Adobe” and “the Adobe logo,” if used, followed by any other marks in alphabetical order] are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Adobe Systems Incorporated in the United States and/or other countries.

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## Use of Logos, Product Signatures, and Stylized Marks

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CORRECT: Adobe announced a new product today.  
INCORRECT: Adobe<sup>®</sup> announced a new product today.

CORRECT: Adobe Systems Incorporated  
INCORRECT: Adobe<sup>®</sup> Systems Incorporated

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CORRECT: Adobe has developed industry-standard PostScript® language solutions  
INCORRECT: Adobe has developed industry-standard PostScript

CORRECT: The first “real-time” RIP for PostScript® language compatibility  
INCORRECT: The first “real-time” RIP for PostScript®

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## How to Obtain Additional Information

To obtain updated information on these guidelines as well as Adobe’s list of trademarks in proper form, see our web site at:

<http://www.adobe.com/misc/pdfs/tmgguide.pdf>

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