



Adobe Trademark Guidelines

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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.

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- Any notice that your product is compatible with an Adobe product or technology must be made in a referential manner, such as “for use with,” “for,” or “compatible with.” Example: “Your product name” plug-in for Adobe® Photoshop®; or, ABC extension for Adobe® InDesign®; and
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INCORRECT: Adobe® announced a new product today.

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Player compatible output,” but not as “Flash enabled.”

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- In communications, you should define the file format in the initial reference; afterwards you may use just the format extension (FLV playback, for example).

Example: Use Adobe Premiere Pro to export FLV files—the video format compatible with the Adobe Flash Player runtime.

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| CORRECT: | The image was enhanced using Adobe® Photoshop® software. |
| INCORRECT: | The image was photoshopped. |
| INCORRECT: | The image was Photoshopped. |
| INCORRECT: | The image was enhanced using Photoshop. |
| CORRECT: | The image pokes fun at the Senator. |
| INCORRECT: | He created a photoshop to poke fun at the Senator. |
| CORRECT: | Those who use Adobe® Photoshop® software to manipulate images as a hobby, see their work as an art form. |
| INCORRECT: | A photoshopper sees his hobby as an art form. |
| INCORRECT: | My hobby is photoshoping. |
| CORRECT: | The new features in Adobe® Photoshop® software are impressive. |
| INCORRECT: | Photoshop's features are impressive. |
| CORRECT: | Take a look at the new features in Adobe® Photoshop® software. |
| INCORRECT: | Take a look at the new features in PS. |

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INCORRECT: the first “real-time” RIP for PostScript

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