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`\boxmaxdepth`   [⟨*dimen*⟩ parameter]

This parameter contains a dimension D. TEX will not construct a box whose depth exceeds D. If you produce a box whose depth d would exceed D, TEX will transfer the excess depth to the height of the box, effectively moving the reference point of the box down by $d - D$. If you set `\boxmaxdepth` to zero, TEX will line up a row of vboxes so that their bottom boundaries all lie on the same horizontal line. Plain TEX sets `\boxmaxdepth` to `\maxdimen` (p. '`\maxdimen`'), so `\boxmaxdepth` won't affect your boxes unless you change it.