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vbox.   A *vbox* (vertical box) is a box that TEX constructs by placing the items of a vertical list one after another, top to bottom. A vbox, taken as a unit, is neither inherently horizontal nor inherently vertical, i.e., it can appear as an item of either a vertical list or a horizontal list. You can construct a vbox with the `\vbox` or the `\vtop` command (p. '`\vtop`'). The difference is that for `\vbox`, the reference point of the constructed vbox is derived from that of the last (and usually bottommost) constituent list item, but for `\vtop`, it's that of the first (and usually topmost) constituent list item.