



Product Detail Page Guidelines

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Product Description (Product Title)

The one-line product name on the Product Detail Page that is displayed when a customer is browsing or searching for products. It should be composed as follows: "Brand Special Attribute/Product Descriptor Variable Product Name". This Description should distinguish an item from all other items in the store in concert with the item's Size and Item Count (Note: Size/Volume is captured separately and should not be listed in the product name). This product description will also be indexed for onsite search results.

Example: Simple Truth Organic™ Strawberry Fruit Spread



- Product title is required
- Ideal length is 100 characters or less.
 Include critical information needed to understand what is being sold.
- Capitalize the first letter of each word, do not use ALL CAPS
- Do not include subjective comments, such as "Best Seller" or "Hot Item"
- Do not include commas



Product Description (Product Title) Naming Order

- Brand Name: The brand name as presented to the consumer on packaging and in advertising, including ® or ™ symbols if applicable
- Special Attribute/Product Descriptor: key selling adjective that will help the customers buying decision. This will also help differentiate and improve relevancy within search results.
 - Examples: Organic, Gluten-Free, Low-Sodium, Sugar-Free
- Variable: Flavor, Color, Scent, etc.
 - Place the variable after a dash. See product name example above: "- Strawberry"
 - Omit where not needed (Example: Raspberries Red, "Red" is not needed since there is no variable)

Product Name

- Product name usually matches the name on the package of the product. "Fruit Spread" in the example below.
- This component of the description must be included for all products.

Avoid:

- Subjective comments such as "Best Seller" or "Hot Item"
- Adding multiple keywords to increase search relevancy

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Simple Truth Organic™ Strawberry Fruit Spread



Product Copy Guidelines

Great copy will not only help drive more traffic to your PDP through Search Engine Optimization (SEO) but will also help the customer understand product details. This information can encourage conversion and reduce the chances of returns.

There are some requirements you are legally obligated to include in your copy, and other formatting requirements that will ensure a cohesive customer experience.



Good Content Answers Questions

What is the item?

 How quickly does the customer understand if this is what they're looking for

What are the benefits?

Can the customer tell what makes this item unique

How do you use it?

 Is this a food item or supplement? A snack or a meal?

What are the ingredients?

 Are key ingredients easy to find? Are allergens and free-from claims called out?



Romance Description/Marketing Message (Product Details)

A brief, customer-focused description about the product.

- Required
- Product copy should be 1-3 sentences/300-400 characters about the product
- Should give customers a quick glance of the key features and benefits of the product
- Copy should be unique to Kroger to improve search engine value
- Use complete sentences in sentence case
- Use active, rather than passive, verbs
- Ensure your description is unique and tells the customer the key benefits of your item. Avoid repetition.
- Consider how you shop online. Is it by name? Brand?
 Key Features? Be sure to include these when writing the description.







Product Details

Enjoy a classic chocolate treat that's loved around the world! M&M'S Candy has been one of the most famous Candy since 1941. The bite-sized pieces of chocolate in a colorful candy shell are a fun dessert for everyone. Keep M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candy on hand for parties, celebrations, baking, traveling or a special treat.

- Contains one (1) 10.7-ounce bag of M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candy
- · Made with real milk chocolate and surrounded by a colorful candy shell
- M&M'S Chocolate is a great movie candy to share with friends and family
- These resealable zipper bags of M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candy are great for a midday treat
- Use M&M'S Chocolate Candy for baking or decorating cookies or topping off your favorite desserts



Romance Description/Marketing Message (Product Details)

- Copy should be only about the product and not about the brand or manufacturer. Do not include any of the following brand/manufacturer information:
 - E-mail address
 - Website URL
 - Mailing address or phone numbers
 - Company-specific information
 - Details about another product that you offer on Kroger's banner websites
- In most cases, you can leverage the long description on your product's packaging/label (excluding the brand/manufacturer information listed above)
- Do not use promotional language such as "sale" or "free shipping"



SEO

Optimizing your PDP for Search Engine Optimization (SEO) can increase the likelihood your products will rank higher on external search engine results page (SERP).

- Ensure all visual assets are visible to search.
 - Use image/asset name and alt text fields for maximum customer and search value.
- Label all rich content assets with the product name to boost SEO value
 - ex. "Kroger® Donut Shop Ground Coffee. jpg"
- Provide all content fields required and recommended at item setup.
- SEO Best Practices:
 - Description should be unique to Kroger (not duplicated across multiple websites)
 - The description should describe the item, including other ways that people might refer to the product when searching.
 - Include the brand name of the product
 - Use specifics when describing the product, avoid vague descriptors
 - Repeat product title within product description



Key Features (Bullet Points)

Bullet points that will be directly below the Romance Description to give customers a quick glance at key product features.

- Suggested
- Highlight the top 5-7 features that you want customers to consider (product features, not brand features)
- Begin each bullet point with a capital letter
- Should not include ending punctuation
- Maximum character limit of 3000 combined with the Romance Description above
- Do not write vague statements; be as specific as possible
- Separate phrases in one bullet with semicolons
- Do not enter company-specific information as above in the Romance Description; this section is for product features only
- Do not include promotional and pricing information











Product Details

Have peace of mind with Tide Free & Gentle Liquid Laundry Detergent that will keep your clothes brilliantly clean and your family's skin safe.

- · Deeper clean that is gentle on skin
- Dermatologist recommended
- Hypoallergenic
- Free and clear of dyes and fragrance



Examples of Key Features (Bullet Points)

- Features like Non-GMO, no high fructose corn syrup, FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Certified, etc.
- Ratings like Wine Spectator or Wine Enthusiast score
- Instructions/storage like keep refrigerated, store in a dry location or how to use the product
- Care, for example: hand wash, dishwasher safe, microwave safe, etc.
- Product dimensions; weight
 - Measurements should be written as length x width x height. For example: 30 inches length x 35 inches width x 36 inches height
 - Spell out measurements/weight, such as inch, or feet and pounds
 - Use decimals rather than fractions, for example: 3½ would be 3.5
- Sizing, diapers for example: Newborn (up to 10 pounds), Size 1 (8-14 pounds), etc.
- Country of origin
- Product warnings such as "If pregnant consult your physician", "Keep out of reach of children" or "California proposition 65 warning"
 - Ingredient allergens like nut and dairy are not needed and will already be captured in Nutrition Info tab



Copy Guidelines

- Do not abbreviate
- Spell out numbers greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to nine.
 - For example: "zero", "one", "10", "96". Exceptions include when the number relates to the product's size displayed on packaging (size 1) or is paired with a unit of measure (2 inches).
- Reference the AP Style Book for hyphenation, spelling, and numeric conventions, and general guidelines which are not addressed in this documentation



Copy FAQ

- How do I upload my product title changes
 - This information can be uploaded in the eCommerce Description field in VIP
- Where can I upload product romance copy/item description?
 - the Feature Benefits and/or Marketing Message field in VIP



Product Images

- Main image is required.
- Alternate images are suggested but will help give the customer more context and insight to convert.
- 1000px or bigger for ideal zoom/enlarged view functionality
- Show the entire product, and the product should occupy at least 80 percent of the image area
- There are 6 total image spots available. The main image is required as noted above and the 5 remaining images can be used at the brand's choice in order to best highlight their product.
- Images should appear in the following order for consistency:
 - 1. Main image
 - I. Silhouette
 - II. Silhouette with product in front of packaging
 - III. Enhanced Image (two attributes callout)
 - IV. Enhanced Image (single attribute callout)
 - 2. Back Alternate Image
 - 3. Additional Product Angel Alternate Images
 - I. Only if needed to show product details or helpful information. We do not need to show these angles if they are not useful to the customer (example: top of milk carton).
 - 4. Infographic Alternate Image
 - 5. Lifestyle/Environmental Alternate Image

Product Image Requirements

- 1000px minimum in one direction
- RGB color mode
- White or Transparent Background
- .jpg or .png



Main Image Options

• **Silhouette**: Silhouette image with white background of the front (or top in some instances) showing the main product label with brand and product name. Brands can choose to simplify packaging and enhance product name/size for better readability if the integrity of the packaging is maintained. Simplified images allow the customer to easily identify attributes of the product. Examples:









- **Silhouette Mobile Optimized Hero Images** are a type of silhouette option. These a simplified visual of the product image with key features highlighted. It allows the customer to easily identify details of the product without having to click into the PDP.
- Mobile Optimized Hero images can improve conversion by making it easier for the customer to find the size and item type they wan
- Integrity of the packaging should be maintained so that it is recognizable to the customer



• Silhouette - Product in Front Packaging: Same pack shot as Silhouette option. showing the main product label, but with the actual product contents in front of the packaging. This is great for multipacks to give the customer insight into the individual contents or products where the recognizable product form may not be clear with a pack shot.









 Enhanced Image - Two Attributes Callout: Pack shot with white background and graphic panel showing product form/flavor and quantity/size for quick reference of product details that may not be readable on the packaging to help the customer to make a quicker purchasing decision.







Enhanced Image - Single Attribute Callout: Pack shot with white background and single
graphic call out (circle or simple graphic call out). This as an opportunity to call out product
pack size or other key information to help the customer understand what is being sold at a
quick glance.

















Alternate Images

- Alternate images are not required but are strongly recommended. These images can help increase conversion by providing additional information and context to customers and help reduce negative reviews.
- Up to 5 alternate images can be added as secondary images for an item.
- Alternate images are to display additional angles, information, give scale of the items to customers
- Lifestyle images, including infographics are accepted
- Avoid marketing claims such as "best seller" "number 1 recommended", within imagery
- Select Front, Back, Left, Right, Top, or Bottom angle for your lifestyle image. This field must be selected for the image to flow through to Kroger.















Alternate Image (continued)

- Alternate Image Back: Silhouette image with white background showing nutrition label or back label with additional information about the product if applicable
 - Additional Product Angle Alternate Images:
 - Left, right, top, bottom
 - Only if needed to show product details or helpful information. We do not need to show these angles if they are not useful to the customer (example: top of milk carton).









Alternate Images (continued)

 Alternate Images – Infographic: graphic calling out features and benefits of the product being sold. This image will rank after the main image and product angle alternate images. Brands can opt to use multiple infographic shots to help highlight the features and benefits of their products. Please enter these images in VIP/1 World Sync after your product angle alternate images (will need to be added in an existing angle field).









Alternate Images (continued)

- Alternate Images Lifestyle/Environment: Showing the product in use in an environment. This image will rank after the main image, product angle alternate images and infographic images. Brands can opt to use multiple environment shots to help showcase their products.
 - Please enter these images in VIP/1 World Sync after your product angle alternate images (will need to be added in an existing angle field).







Images FAQ

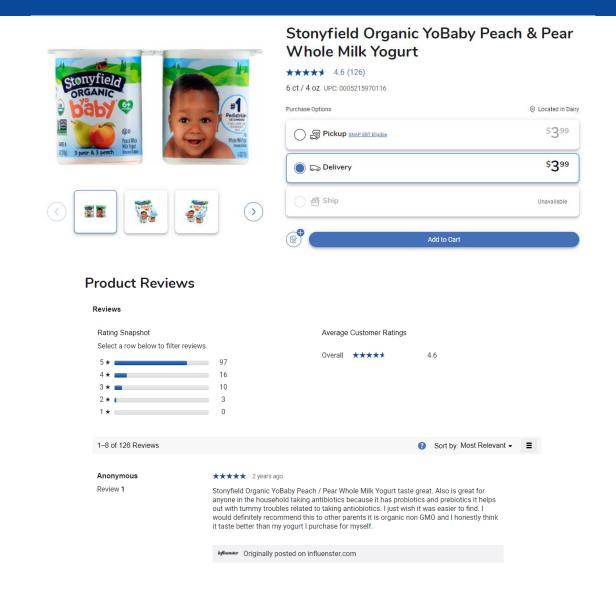
- What do I do if my image is incorrect on the site?
 - Make sure image is uploaded and submitted in VIP
 - Ensure that all fields for the image are filled in to properly flow
 - Do not use a Kroger Item Submission Reason Code
- What are the image requirements?
 - 1000px minimum in one direction
 - RGB color mode
 - White or Transparent Background
 - .jpg or .png
- What angle do I select for my lifestyle images within VIP?
 - Please select Front, Back, Left, Right, Top, or Bottom angle
 - Image fields must be filled in for them to flow to us



Ratings and Reviews

Ratings and reviews on Banner.com are powered through Bazaarvoice.

- Brands that have an existing relationship with Bazaarvoice and have questions regarding their syndicated content on Kroger.com can contact your Bazaarvoice account manager.
- New suppliers looking to engage with Bazaarvoice contact Brandon Willard (brandon.willard@bazaarvoice.com).





Item Setup FAQ

How do I get my item to appear on Kroger.com?

- Please make sure all image and attributes are uploaded into VIP and submitted to Kroger
- Items must be in a "Complete" status for the information to flow over to our system to validate

Will the information from VIP flow directly to Kroger.com?

 No, the information must go through a review process before it appears on the site

My item is in a Complete status but not showing up on the site

- We ask for a two-week minimum from when the item was completed in VIP before updates will flow onto the site
- If it has been longer than two weeks, you can reach out to Digital_Item_Setup@kroger.com for an update
 - Please provide the 13-digit UPC when sending this request



Item Setup FAQ (continued)

Item isn't online and status in VIP is In Process - Retailer

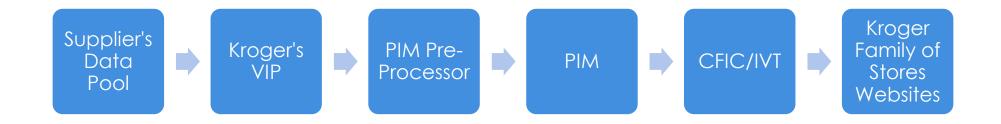
- If an IMF was submitted, the item needs to be approved by the Category Manager (Pick-Up/Delivery)
- If an IMF was submitted, the item needs to be approved by the Supplier Liaison (Ship)

Any Additional Questions

- If you have additional questions about Digital Item Setup, please email Digital_Item_Setup@kroger.com
- If you have questions within VIP, please reach out to our Supplier Engagement Team at 844-277-6165
- If you have questions within VIP for Ship items, please reach out to your Supplier Liaison



Data Flow to Banner.com





Nutritional Information

Supplier 'How to guide' and data flow diagram to follow



Updates to Vitcost only items

- Retail of an item updated:
 - email <u>VCpricing2@Kroger.com</u>
- Description update:
 - email <u>VCItemUpdates@Kroger.com</u>
- Incorrect UPC:
 - email <u>VCDigitalItemSetup@Kroger.com</u> & notify Supplier Liaison.
 - Please note if GTIN has changed along with the UPC, a new RFI is required
- Cost change:
 - email <u>VCPricing2@kroger.com</u> & <u>VCDigitalItemSetUp@kroger.com</u>
- Customer-Facing MOQ update:
 - email <u>VCItemupdates@kroger.com</u>
- Calculated PO Unit of measure update (from EACH to CASE or CASE to EACH):
 - email <u>VCDigitalItemSetUp@kroger.com</u>
- Image Update:
 - Email VCItemUpdates@kroger.com
- Vitacost Image Questions
- Kroger
- VCItemupdates@kroger.com

