Tekton Pro



An Adobe® Original

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an informal multi-purpose typeface family





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Adobe Systems Incorporated introduces Tekton Pro, a new font software package in the growing library of Adobe Original typefaces designed specifically for today's digital technology. Since the inception of the Adobe Originals program in 1989, Adobe Originals typefaces have been consistently recognized throughout the world for their quality, originality, and practicality. They combine the power of PostScript® language software technology and the most sophisticated electronic design tools with the spirit of craftsmanship that has inspired type designers since Gutenburg. Comprising both new designs and revivals of classic typefaces, Adobe Originals font software has set a standard for typographic excellence.

What is OpenType?

Developed jointly by Adobe and Microsoft, OpenType® is a highly versatile new font file format that represents a significant advance in type functionality on Windows® and Mac OS computers. Perhaps most exciting for designers and typographers is that OpenType fonts offer extended layout features that bring an unprecedented level of control and sophistication to contemporary typography.

Because an OpenType typeface can incorporate all glyphs for a specific style and weight into a single font, the need for separate expert, alternate, swash, non-Latin, and other related glyph sets is eliminated. In OpenType savvy applications such as Adobe's InDesign,™ OpenType layout features organize groups of glyphs according to their use. Activating these features enables typographic refinements such as ligatures, small capitals, and oldstyle figures, streamlining the process of setting and fine-tuning text. In addition, all glyphs in an OpenType font can be accessed in InDesign, whether or not they are covered by a layout feature. OpenType fonts, coupled with the enhanced typographic control offered by a program such as InDesign, let users of type take advantage of advanced justification, optical margin alignment, hanging punctuation, and optically sized masters (for fonts that have two or more optical masters). Adobe OpenType fonts are some of the most sophisticated typefaces ever offered, allowing typographers and designers to more effectively take advantage of the power of the computer for digital design and typesetting.

Tekton Pro abcdefghijklmnopgrst PQRSTUVWXYZ ghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz





Since its first release in 1989, Tekton, with its friendly, informal character, has been used by designers around the world to lend a personal touch to millions of documents. The introduction of Tekton Pro, an expanded OpenType design, makes one of Adobe's most popular type-faces even more useful. Tekton, designed by David Siegel, is an Adobe Original type family based on the hand-lettering of Francis D.K. Ching, a Seattle-based architect and noted author on design and drawing for architectural graphics and building construction. Tekton Pro's variety of weights and widths, greatly expanded roman and oblique character sets and more extensive kerning mean designers can meet even the most demanding requirements of contemporary graphic design and typography. From web page creation to newsletters and packaging, Tekton Pro offers a dynamic palette.

Although Tekton was initially designed with architects in mind—Tekton is the Greek word for builder—it quickly found a much broader audience. The simple, clean letterforms work well with architectural and engineering drawings, while the personalized, informal character of the design, combined with its clear legibility, make it well suited to correspondence, invitations, and signage. In the hands of a skilled designer, its potential is unlimited.

Siegel, a former draftsman, conceived the idea of creating a typeface inspired by the hand-lettering of Ching. Siegel contacted Ching and the two began to collaborate on the design of Tekton. Ching's lettering style, which exhibits straight vertical stems, slanted horizontal strokes, and tilted elliptical shapes is featured prominently in his books and has served as the aesthetic model for the hand-lettering of many contemporary architects.

This specimen book provides background information on the design, development, production, and historical context of Tekton Pro. It also includes text sample showings of Tekton Pro at a full range of weights, widths, and sizes, as well as sample artwork that shows the typeface family in use.

Designing Tekton

Before the introduction of CAD (Computer Aided Design), architects used the same tools to make letters as to render structures on a drawing. As a result, the letters and drawing shared key visual characteristics, such as similar line weights and emphatic line terminations—and each drawing sheet could convey a strong sense of the architect's personal aesthetic. The widespread use of CAD, with letterforms created by plotters, lettering machines, and dot matrix printers, changed all that. Though efficient and consistent, the text they produced tended to be fairly crude and lacked the human touch that made architects' lettering so visually appealing. Although Tekton was created to provide a pragmatic alternative for architectural lettering, it became clear during the development process that it would appeal to a much broader audience of creative professionals.

Frank Ching's hand lettering

EXECUTED WITH BOTH A PENCIL AND A FOUNTAIN PEN WITH A FINE FLEXIBLE NIB. HANDLETTERING NATURALLY

ABCDEFGRSXY

Left: Ching's hand

lettering. Right: Tekton Pro The design process began in 1988 when Ching created a series of text samples using various drawing tools; from these, Siegel selected a representative sampling of ¼" letters drawn with a technical pen. After enlarging the samples, in order to facilitate the process of rendering Ching's letterforms digitally, Siegel began to distill the essential character of each letter. In hand-lettering, the form of each letter on a page varies naturally while a typeface, on the other hand, usually has only one image for each character in the font and each character's space is predefined. For Tekton, an ideal form and width for each letter had to be determined. With input and advice from the Adobe type design team, Siegel distilled the design, proportions, and letter spacing from a large group of sample characters. As a result, the typeface retains much of the strength and character of Ching's original hand-lettering.

Another design challenge was to preserve the handmade look and vitality of Ching's original samples, for example, straight strokes made with Ching's technical pen left characteristic ink blobs at the beginning and ending strokes. To maintain this look, stroke terminals were left more irregular and natural and a careful balance was established between the uniformity of strokes and letter spacing and the lively irregularity of shapes and alignments.

The design of Tekton included many iterations, modifications, and adjustments. Throughout this process, Siegel and the Adobe type design staff carefully studied Tekton rendered at a variety of sizes on-screen and output from laser printers and digital typesetters in order to evaluate letter shape, design, and spacing. Adobe's Fred Brady and Jim Wasco made design refinements and modifications, added bold and oblique weights, and completed the final production and testing of Tekton.

Between 1998 and 2000, design and production to add new OpenType glyphs and features to Tekton Pro was done in-house by Christopher Slye, with design review and input from others on the Adobe type design staff. The family's tradition of refinement continues with a greatly expanded character set and other improvements that take advantage of the OpenType font format.

Tekton Pro Oblique

Introduced with the original Tekton font, the oblique versions provide slightly slanted and condensed letterforms that can be used on their own or as a companion to the regular face.

Tekton Pro's Weights and Widths

Tekton Pro roman and oblique include three weights—light, regular, and bold—and three widths—condensed, normal, and expanded—that give type users the ability to choose type for a wide range of requirements. The weights of Tekton Pro suggest letters that were created with different tools, from a fine-tipped technical pen for the light versions to a heavy felt-tipped marker for the bold. The condensed and normal widths are ideal for text, headlines, and signage, while the expanded widths evoke the hand-lettering still used by some architects.

Tekton Pro's Kerning

For better typographic control, Tekton Pro includes OpenType class kerning, which allows many more awkward combinations of letters to be adjusted than has been previously possible. Thousands of kerning pairs are in the Tekton Pro family, and glyphs that would have formerly been in different fonts, and therefore not addressed by kern pairs, are now adjusted in Tekton Pro.

Glyphs in Tekton Pro

The extensive glyph complement in Tekton Pro was designed to further meet the exacting requirements of professional typographers and graphic designers worldwide.

Oldstyle figures

Designed with ascenders and descenders, Tekton Pro's oldstyle figures have features and proportions compatible with the lowercase characters of the typeface. Oldstyle figures typically are used for text setting because they blend in well with the lowercase. In Tekton Pro they are available in both fitted and tabular versions.

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Regular figures

Designed to be compatible with capital letters, these figures are usually capital height or slightly smaller and are typically designed with identical widths. They are also commonly used in tabular settings such as financial reports and spreadsheets. The Tekton Pro regular figures are available in both fitted and tabular versions.

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Small capitals

These glyphs are smaller versions of the normal capital letters and are designed to be visually compatible with the lowercase letters of the typeface. They can be used to introduce the first few words at the beginning of a story, or to highlight key words within text. Tekton Pro includes small capitals in all roman and oblique weights.

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f-ligatures

Tekton Pro has a set of f-ligatures that are designed to correct awkward combinations where letters may collide. These ligatures can be used easily in Adobe InDesign and other OpenType savvy applications.

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Superiors, inferiors, numerators, and denominators

The numerator and denominator figures can be used with the fraction bar to construct fractions. The superior and inferior figures can be used for footnote reference numbers and as mathematical exponents, for example, $E=mc^2$.

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Math symbols

Tekton Pro contains an expanded set of mathematical symbols that have been designed especially for the family. The set contains some of the more common symbols used in mathematics.

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Accented glyphs

The large number of accented glyphs in Tekton Pro supports a broad range of Latin-based languages. The accented glyphs are available in uppercase, lowercase, and small capital versions.

ÁÂÄÀÅÃÇÉÊËÈÍÎÏÌÑÓÔÖÒÕ ŠÚÛÜÙÝŸŽáâäàåãçéêëèíîïì

Monetary symbols

Includes symbols for dollar ϕ , cent ϕ , sterling ϕ , yen ϕ , florin ϕ , and Euro ϕ , that align with both old style and regular figures.

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Glyph Set for Tekton Pro

Basic Latin Glyphs

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW XYZ&abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 1234567890&

Additional Glyphs

Accented Lowercase

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Accented Small Caps

Accented Capitals

Glyph Set for Tekton Pro Oblique

Basic Latin Glyphs

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Additional Glyphs

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Accented Lowercase

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Accented Small Caps

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Tekton Pro Oblique Typefaces

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Text Settings

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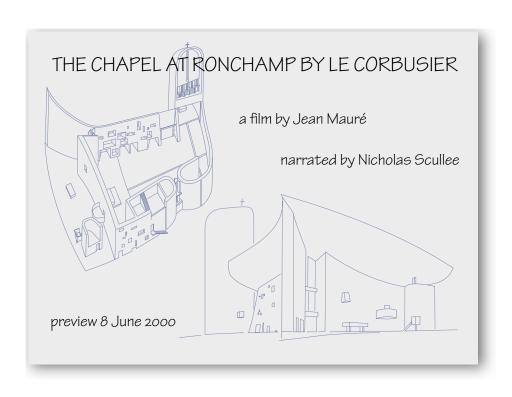
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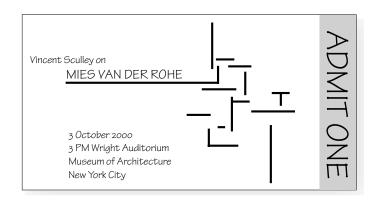
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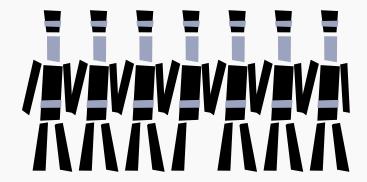
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Sample Art







The Steadfast Tin Soldier

Hans Christian Andersen

Once upon a time there were five and twenty tin soldiers. They were all brothers, for they had been made from the same tin spoon. As soon as the lid was taken off their box, they heard someone cry, "Soldiers! Soldiers!" and then a little boy drew them out one by one and set them upon a table. It was his birthday and they had been given to him for a present.

Each man shouldered his gun and kept his eyes face front. They looked very handsome in their shiny red uniforms, but one was a little different from the others. He had only one leg, for he had been made last and the tin had run out. Yet there he stood, as steadfast on one leg as the others were on two, and he is the hero of this story.





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