Montana

About Montana

Montana is a robust stencil typeface cut into a square sans-serif. Combining multiple weights, a complete letter case, and an intrinsic toughness, Montana is definitely a hardworking typeface.

Frequently used by cargo and construction companies and by the military, stencil typefaces are proven to clearly and quickly identify equipment, vehicles, and locations. Montana is indeed based on a set of construction stencils found in New York City. Due to this association with the domains in which stencil typefaces are typically employed and its blockish characters, Montana commands attention and has a certain authority.

The typeface was designed with a complete letter case—both upper and lower cases—and three weights, which is rare for stencil typefaces. These features not only define Montana but allow for more extensive usage and diverse graphic applications.

→ Designed in 2003

Designed by Gavillet & Rust

Gavillet & Rust was the partnership between Gilles Gavillet and David Rust. until Rust's tragic death in 2014, Gavillet and Rust met while studying at the École cantonale d'art de Lausanne (ECAL) and they started to collaborate on typeface designs during a stay at the Cranbrook Academy of Arts, in 1997, It was at Cranbrook where they developed their first typeface together, Detroit MM. Specializing in editorial design and visual identities, Gavillet & Rust developed many typefaces which have been used in their graphic design projects and later commercialized through Optimo Type Foundry. Additionally, both have taught at ECAL. Gavillet & Rust has received many distinctions for their work, including the prestigious Jan Tschichold Prize in 2006 for their outstanding achievements in book design and the Swiss Grand Award for Design in 2012. Their work has been featured and exhibited around the world.

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Montana Regular 178 pt

Montana Bold 178 pt

Montana Family 3 Styles Montana Light Montana Regular Montana Bold

Uppercase

Lowercase

Standard Punctuation

Symbols

Standard Ligatures

Proportional Lining Figures

Mathematical Symbols

Currencies

Fractions

Ordinals

Accented Uppercases

Accented Lowercases

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Language Support

Albanian, Asu, Bemba, Bena, Chiga, Cornish, Dutch, English, Faroese, French, German, Gusii, Icelandic, Indonesian, Italian, Kalenjin, Kinyarwanda, Luo, Luyia, Machame, Makhuwa-Meetto, Makonde, Malagasy, Manx, Morisyen, North Ndebele, Nyankole, Oromo, Portuguese, Rombo, Rundi, Rwa, Samburu, Sango, Sangu, Scottish Gaelic, Sena, Shambala, Shona, Soga, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Taita, Teso, Vunio

Optimo Basic Latin Character Set

Adobe

Adobe Latin-1

Apple Macintosh

- MacOS Roman (Standard Latin)
- MacOS Iceland

ISO 8859

- · 8859-1 Latin-1 Western European
- 8859-15 Latin-9

Microsoft Windows

MS Windows 1252 Western

Encoded Glyphs

- · Basic Latin
- Latin-1 Supplement

(Standard Latin)

OpenType Features

All Caps [cpsp] AΑ

Case Sensitive Forms [case]

This function formats the text in uppercase and adjusts spacing between all capital letters. It also applies the 'Case Sensitive Forms' feature which replaces certain characters with alternates that are better suited for all capital text, especially related to punctuation.

OFF

All Capital

«Optimo» hi@xyz.ch $[X] = [4 - 7 \times 8]$

H@|\()[]{}<><<>---H+-×÷-=≠

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ON

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Tabular Lining Figures [tnum-Inum]



Proportional Lining Figures [pnum-Inum]

This typeface includes lining figures available in tabular or proportional spacing formats. Lining figures have an invariable height. For contexts in which numbers need to line up such as columns or tables, the tabular setting is perfectly adapted as all numerals width is uniformized. Proportional setting generates numerals suitable for text; each number has an appropriate width based on its shape.

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Contextual Alternates [calt]

This feature adapts the position of a glyph after its surrounding context. For instance, a dash placed between two uppercase letters or numbers will be replaced by an uppercase version of the dash, slightly higher. This feature is usually active by default in Adobe applications.

5×5

A-B-C-D 1-2

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Δ-B-C-D 1-2

fi

Standard Ligatures [liga]

Standard ligatures replaces a sequence of characters with a single ligature glyph, they are designed to improve kerning and readability of certain letter pairs.

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Fractions [frac]

All Optimo fonts have at least three basic pre-built fractions (1/2, 1/4, 3/4).

1/2 1/4 3/4 0/0 0/00 1/2 1/4 3/4 0/0 0/00



Ordinals [ordn]

This feature replaces any letter following a numeral with its matching superior letters. Spanish, Portuguese and Italian language uses the feminine and masculine ordinal indicators such as 'a' for for 19, 19. Ordinals are designed to match the weight of the typeface.

2a 2o

2^A 2^D

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