

Standard Ad Formats

RECTANGLE

Overview

The Rectangle is a standard rectangular ad unit that typically appears further down the page, close to or among site content. This unit is sometimes also referred to as an InContent, Mid-Page Unit (MPU), or Medium Rectangle (MREC).

Availability



Technical Specifications

Accepted Dimensions	File Weight (total)	File Type	3P Tracking / Serving	Video (optional)
300x250	< 200K	png, jpg, gif, HTML5	Yes / Yes	Auto-Start: Muted; Must use polite download; 30s max; <1.1MB User-Initiated: <10MB; no duration limit
300x250 (mobile)	< 200K	png, jpg, gif, HTML5	Yes / Yes	Auto-Start: No video allowed User-Initiated: <5MB; no duration limit

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HTML5 Requirements

- HTML5 creative may be first-party served or third-party served from an approved third-party vendor.
- HTML5 creative served first-party must adhere to the following:
 - Must use a single click-through URL.
 - Cannot include in-banner video or interactive features such as photo galleries or mouse-over effects.
 - File references in the HTML5 code must use relative file paths.
 - Assets must be submitted as .zip folders containing all applicable files—one .zip folder per creative.
 - HTML5 creative must be “plug and play”—assets must be delivered in a state in which the main
 - HTML5 file can be opened and function correctly. HTML5 creative which is not in a functioning state will be rejected.
- HTML5 creative served via an approved third-party must be delivered via javascript or iframe tag. Raw files will not be accepted.
- The file weight listed above applies to all HTML5 files and assets including images, HTML/JS/CSS files, custom fonts, or other assets.
- HTML5 creative requires a minimum lead time of five business days for testing and approval.

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Animation / Ad Behavior

- Total animation time may not exceed 20 seconds.
- No more than three loops of animation are allowed within the 20s limit.

Capping

- No capping restrictions.

Third-Party Tag

- Creative tags must be provided by an approved vendor.

Submission Deadline

- Minimum of five business days for testing and review.

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Video (optional)

- Creative with in-banner video must be third-party served.
- Auto-play video must utilize a polite download and must not exceed 30 seconds and 1.1MB for applicable sizes.
- Auto-play video cannot be served via YouTube player.
- User-initiated video must not exceed 10MB.
- Video files must include “Play”, “Pause”, and “Mute” functions at minimum.
- Audio must be user-initiated only on click.

HTTPS Compatibility

- All creative, including third-party tags and third-party tracking tags, must use secure protocol (HTTPS).
- Any creative that is not fully secure will be sent back for revisions.

General Information

- The company reserves the right of final approval on all creative assets.
- The advertising content must be clearly identifiable as an advertisement.
- Ad units must have a linking URL that resolves to an active page.
- All clickthroughs must open a new window.
- Placeholder or non-final ad content will not be considered as “proxies” for final creative.