

Blaacck Poster

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Blaacck Poster, 1.500

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Aaron's admiration for Herb Lubalin's work played a role in the design of the Blaack typeface. Ligatures were added as well as engaging, almost ornamental punctuation symbols. The concept behind this typeface is also to enable super-compact typesetting both horizontally and vertically. For this reason, the lowercase x-height is fairly high, the accents are reduced to thin hairlines, and flattened on the capitals to allow for tight leading. We also increased the compactness by pushing some ball terminals into the letter-shapes (as seen in the 'r' or the 'f', 'J' and 'Q').

The Blaack typeface, is a creative tool for designing striking headlines, and it covers a wide glyphs set including all the necessary accents for all European languages as well as Vietnamese, a set of arrows, alternates for 'r' and '&', ligatures, and dynamic fractions, as set by Black Foundry's standard.

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Punctuation

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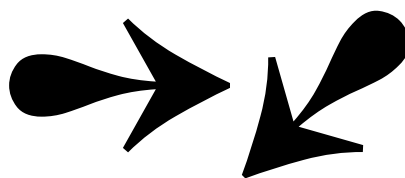
Funky symbols

iii

Ligatures

rQ

Compact letter-shapes



Arrows

Àé

Thin hairlines accents

652 Latin

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ascender: 720

capHeight: 682

xHeight: 540

HbP

descender: -210

hhea - OS/2 descent: -250

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First release 07/2024

Version:

Version 1.500

Version history:

Version 1.500 – 02/2025 – Fine-tuned the overall shapes and kerning

Version 1.010 – 10/2024 – Minor changes.

Version 1.000 – 07/2024 – All glyphset including: Punctuation / Symbols / Diacritics / Fractions / Proportional, Tabular, Old Style & Lining Figures / Superior, Inferior, Numerator, Denominator / Case sensitive / Ordinals / Arrows.

Writing Systems:

Latin

21 available openType features:

aalt case dnom frac kern liga lnum locl numr onum ordn pnum salt sinf ss01 ss02 ss03 ss04 subs sups tnum

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