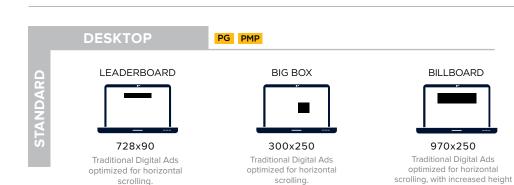
# POSTMEDIA

# DIGITAL SPEC SHEFT

Postmedia offers a wide variety of digital desktop, mobile and tablet ad formats for premium exposure of advertiser messaging across our brands.

# DISPLAY AD FORMATS-DESKTOP

PG PMP PD





for enhanced brand exposure.



scrolling with increased

height and width for best

performance.





Premium video pre-roll

that plays before

content. Generally

found on Story pages.

728x90, 320x50, 300x50 Unique and enhanced experience display ad banner that appears in the content of Video Player.

PG PMP PD



# DISPLAY AD FORMATS-MOBILE & VIDEO

#### MOBILE

#### MOBILE OPTIMIZED







**BANNER** 320x50 300x50

**BIG BOX** 300x250 TALL BLOCK 300x600

Mobile specific display ads optimized for vertical scrolling positioned strategically for best mobile performance.











Premium mobile video player which plays before content generally found on Story pages.









#### SQUEEZEBACK

728x90, 320x50, 300x50 Unique and enhanced experience display ad banner that appears in the content of Video Player.



#### OUTSTREAM

Mobile video which plays on Story pages in between content.







#### INTERSCROLLER



#### Static: 600x1200

Responsive, customizable template with flexible sizing, auto height, and advanced design controls for high-converting ads on any device.



#### **REVEALER**



#### Available in all standard IAB ad sizes

Adds a customizable, interactive scratchoff effect to ads for better engagement and performance tracking.



#### **CUBE**



#### Available in all standard IAB ad sizes

Engage users with a 3D rotating Cube ad featuring interactive panels, custom content, motion settings, and unique links on each side.



#### **CLIPBANNER**



#### Available in all standard IAB ad sizes

Boost video ads with a dynamic branded background and customizable placement for high-impact delivery.



#### **CONVERGER**



#### 600x1200 Optional top layer: 280x230

Sliding-door ad unit featuring full-screen animated layers, optional video, adjustable timing, and separate click-throughs before folding back to a persistent base ad.





# CONTENT AD FORMATS

DESKTOP

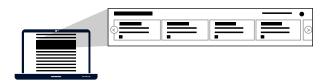
#### CONTENT AD

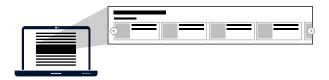
#### 675x140

In-feed ad with a similar look and feel of traditional editorial placements. Used to drive audiences to custom content on the Postmedia network as part of our content packages.











\*All sponsorship formats must be purchased as part of a custom sponsorship package.

#### RESOURCE CENTRE

#### 990x160

Horizontal carousel ad located within the content well that features up to 8 links (images and headlines) to content on the advertiser's website.

#### CONTENT MODULE

#### 990x160

Horizontal carousel ad located within the content well that features up to 8 links (images and headlines) to custom content on

Display ad that features both advertiser and Postmedia logos as well as a scrollable feed of custom content, including headlines and images.

#### MOBILE



#### CONTENT AD

#### 255x90

In-feed ad with a similar look and feel of traditional editorial placements. Used to drive audiences to custom content on the Postmedia network as part of our content packages.





Horizontal carousel ad located within the content well that features up to 8 links (images and headlines) to content on the advertiser's website.

RESOURCE CENTRE

255x160

#### CONTENT MODULE

#### 255x160

Horizontal carousel ad located within the content well that features up to 8 links (images and headlines) to custom content on the Postmedia network.

#### COBRAND

#### 300x250

Display ad that features both advertiser and Postmedia logos as well as a scrollable feed of custom content, including headlines and images.

the Postmedia network.

#### **COBRAND**

#### 300x250

# CONTENT AD SPECS

CATEGORY SPONSORSHIP	CUSTOM CATEGORY	RESOURCE CENTRE (TEXT WIDGET)	CONTENT MODULE (LIST WIDGET)	SOCIAL FEED	STATIC COBRANDED AD	RSS COBRANDED AD	ASK ME ANYTHING WIDGET	CUSTOM CLIENT PROVIDED WIDGET
ADVERTISER LOGO  116x40 pixels JPEG or PNG  BRANDSELL 970x250, 728x90, 300x250, 300x600 Pixels Refer to Display specs for creative formats, sizes that are accepted  INFEED ADS  Headline: 90 characters max Caption: 120 characters max Image size: 1000x750, 1MB max	ADVERTISER LOGO 60x30 pixels JPEG or PNG  BRANDSELL 970x250, 728x90, 300x250, 300x600 Refer to Display specs for creative formats, sizes that are accepted  TITLE CHARACTER COUNT: 52 characters max.	AD SIZE 990x160 (desktop), 255x160 (mobile) Refer to Display specs for creative formats, sizes that are accepted  ADVERTISER LOGO 60x30 pixels JPEG or PNG  TITLE CHARACTER COUNT 52 characters max. Must reflect the type of content.  STORY PAGE URLS 4 Stories Minimum	AD SIZE 990x160 (desktop) 255x160 (mobile) Refer to Display specs for creative formats, sizes that are accepted  TITLE CHARACTER COUNT 52 characters max. Must include the custom category title.  STORY PAGE URLS 4 Stories Minimum	Twiiter user name/ Facebook page URL	AD SIZE 300x600 (mobile only) 300x250 (desktop and mobile) Refer to Display specs for creative formats, sizes that are accepted  ADVERTISER LOGO 60x30 pixels JPEG or PNG  SPONSORED STORY URLs including custom category title (character count 52 characters max.)	AD SIZE 300x600 (mobile only) 300x250 (desktop and mobile)  ADVERTISER LOGO 60x30 pixels JPEG or PNG  CUSTOM CATEGORY RSS AND TITLE character count 52 characters max	ADVERTISER LOGO 100x100 Pixels JPEG or PNG	PROTECTED I FRAME

### DISPLAY AD SPECS

PG PMP PD

**LEADERBOARD** 728×90 **BILLBOARD** 970x250 **BIG BOX** 300x250 TALL BLOCK 300x600 XL LEADERBOARD 1200X90 XL BILLBOARD 1200x250

**EXPANDING LEADERBOARD** 728×90 **EXPANDING BILLBOARD** 970x250 **EXPANDING BIG BOX** 300x250 **EXPANDING TALL BLOCK 300x600** 

PG PMP PD

**IN-BANNER VIDEO** 

(VIDEO WITHIN AN AD UNIT) **LEADERBOARD** 728×90 BILLBOARD 970x250 **BIG BOX** 300x250 **TALL BLOCK 300x600** 

FILE SIZE

These units may expand; see

expandable specifications.

Max initial load: 40k:

max polite load: 100k

ANIMATION

30 secs or less: unlimited user interaction

Z-INDEX RANGE

0-4.999

**AUDIO** 

Must be user-initiated

(on click; mute/ unmute);

PG PMP PD **VIDEO** (IN STREAM)

PG PMP PD VIDEO (OUT STREAM)

FILE SIZE

300mb max file size

ANIMATION

Skippable = 6 minute max. Skip button enabled at 5 second mark. Non-Skip = 15 seconds max. \*\* 6 second max preroll preferred for MOBILE \*\*

Z-INDEX RANGE

0-4,999

AUDIO

max bitrate: 192kbps, 44kHz, stereo CBR min bitrate: 128kbps,44kHz, stereo CBR

VIDEO

30 fps max

GENERAL

QuickTime(.mov), .avi, .mpg, .wmv, .flv, .mp4, .mpegs, 3GPP, WebM, DNxHR, ProRes, CineForm, HEVC (h265) Codecs accepted: mpeg2, wmv, H.264/aac,

mpeg 4 \*\*NO VPAID OR VAST WRAPPERS ACCEPTED\*\* VAST 2.0 or higher preferred. VAST 3.0 required for skippable video. Tags must NOT have geo, browser, or any other

targeting on the 3rd party end. To check your VAST tag for compliance, please use the VAST TAG INSPECTOR

\*\*Tags accepted from certified 3rd parties ONLY: DBM, comScore, DoubleVerify, IAS, MOAT, Nielsen, Kantar, and Research Now\*\*

FILE SIZE

300mb max file size

ANIMATION

30 second max duration

Z-INDEX RANGE

0-4.999

AUDIO

May play automatically max bitrate: 192kbps, 44kHz, stereo CBR min bitrate: 128kbps.44kHz, stereo CBR

VIDEO

30 fps max

**GENERAL** 

QuickTime(.mov), .avi, .mpg, .wmv, .flv, .mp4 Codecs accepted: mpeg2, wmv, H.264/aac, mpeg 4 300mb max file size 30 second max duration 0-4.999 \*\*NO VPAID ACCEPTED\*\* VAST 2.0 or higher preferred. To check your VAST tag for compliance, please use the VAST TAG INSPECTOR

#### FILE SIZE

100kb file preferred, 1mb max file size

#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto, Unlimited during interaction

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

0-4.999

#### AUDIO

User initiated on click only. If using audio, functioning on/off button required. Volume control optional.

#### VIDEO

30 fps max

#### GENERAL

Accepted .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png HTML creative must be self-contained OR third party hosted. To check your HTML5 ad for compliance, please use Google's HTML5 VALIDATOR

#### FILE SIZE

100kb file preferred, 1mb max file size 728x90 - 728x315 expanded size 970x250 - 970x500 expanded size 300x250 - 600x250 expanded size 300x600 - 600x600 expanded size

#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto. Unlimited during interaction

#### **Z-INDEX RANGE**

5000-1.999.999

#### AUDIO

User initiated on click only. If using audio, functioning on/off button required. Volume control optional.

#### VIDEO

30 fps max

#### **GENERAL**

Expandable only on user interaction. If expanding on click, retract with "Close X" box. "Close X" button top right, Arial 12pt(Word) or 16pt(Flash)

### default state is muted. VIDEO

30 fps max

#### **GENERAL**

Controls necessary: Play, Pause, Mute (and/or volume to 0) Note: A close button is not required as the video resides within the ad unit 728x90 Must provide a standard jpeg/gif image backup file (40K or less) 970x250 5-7 days business days minimum for testing and execution



# DISPLAY AD SPECS CONTINUED

PG PMP PD

#### **MOBILE OPTIMIZED SITE BANNER** 300x50 **BIG BOX** 300×250 **TALL BLOCK 300x600**

#### **MOBILE APP BIG BOX** 300x250 **FULL PAGE PRE-APP INTERSTITIAL**

#### **TABLET APP** (VIDEO WITHIN AN AD UNIT) **BIG BOX** 300x250 **FULL PAGE PRE-APP INTERSTITIAL**

#### **INTERSCROLLER** DESKTOP/TABLET/MOBILE

#### FILE SIZE

Static: 2400x1680 (L), 600x1200 (P) Animated: 1000x700 (L), 300x600 (P) 100kb file preferred, 1mb max file size Solid HEX# colour code required for both static and animated background

#### ANIMATION

Maximum 30 seconds

**Z-INDEX RANGE** 

**AUDIO** 

**VIDEO** 

#### **GENERAL**

Accepted Static - .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png / Animated - .gif files only \*\*Creative MUST use a single solid colour background\*\* Provide HEX# colour code for background colour bleed No HTML5 or 3rd party creative tags, click and impression tracking URLs allowed.

#### FILE SIZE

300x50 / 320x50 (50 KB) 300x250 (150KB) 300x600 (200KB) \*\*second spot only\*\*

#### ANIMATION

10 seconds or less

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

N/A

#### **AUDIO**

VIDEO

# **GENERAL**

Supported formats are GIF, JPEG, PNG and vendor approved 3rd party tag. Static GIFs preferred over animated GIFs. Animated GIFs should follow KB size limits. NO FLASH ACCEPTED. If animated 3 loops/iterations with a maximum play

time of 15 seconds...

#### FILE SIZE

300x250 (40KB) 320x480 (P) (40KB)

#### ANIMATION

10 seconds or less

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

N/A

#### **AUDIO**

#### **VIDEO**

#### **GENERAL**

Supported formats are GIF, JPEG, PNG and vendor approved 3rd party tags. Static GIFs preferred over animated GIFs. Animated GIFs should follow KB size limits. NO FLASH ACCEPTED. If animated 3 loops/iterations with a maximum play time of 15 seconds.

#### FILE SIZE

300x250 (40KB) 768x1024 (P) 1024x768 (L) (150kb)

#### ANIMATION

Maximum 30 seconds

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

N/A

#### **AUDIO**

#### VIDEO

#### GENERAL Supported formats are GIF, JPEG, PNG and vendor

approved 3rd party tags. NO FLASH ACCEPTED. No close or 'x' button. The reader will swipe the ads in and out. Must use specific HMTL coding for clickthrough, example: <a href="http://www.google.ca">Google.ca Hyperlink</a> Or <input type="button" onclick="window.open('http://www.cnn.com/', 'CNN', 'status=yes');" value="CNN.com Button">.

# DISPLAY AD SPECS - APPLE NEWS

<b>BIG BOX</b> 300x250	BILLBOARD 970X250	<b>LEADERBOARD</b> 728X90	<b>TALL BLOCK</b> 300x600	<b>BANNER</b> 300x50	
FILE SIZE 300x250 (150KB)	FILE SIZE 970x250 (200kb)	FILE SIZE 728x90 (150kb)	FILE SIZE 300x600 (200KB)	FILE SIZE 300x50 (50 KB)	
ANIMATION	ANIMATION	ANIMATION	ANIMATION	ANIMATION	

#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto Unlimited during interaction

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

N/A

#### AUDIO

N/A Expandable: Two-part expand only, No custom close.

#### GENERAL

Accepted .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png HTML creative must be self-contained OR third party hosted. \*\*Tags accepted from certified 3rd parties ONLY: Bonzai, Celtra, Dianomi, Google Campaign Manager, Polar, and ResponsiveAds\*\* URLs must use HTTPS protocol No iFrames, SSL compliant All clicks using MRAID.open() or No fourth-party tracking All ads are to spec in portrait and landscape mode.

#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto Unlimited during interaction

#### **Z-INDEX RANGE**

N/A

#### AUDIO

N/A Expandable: Two-part expand only, No custom close.

#### **GENERAL**

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30 seconds auto Unlimited during interaction

#### **Z-INDEX RANGE**

N/A

#### **AUDIO**

N/A Expandable: Two-part expand only, No custom close.

#### GENERAL

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#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto Unlimited during interaction

#### **Z-INDEX RANGE**

N/A

#### AUDIO

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# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - PAGE TAKEOVER | POINT OF ENTRY

Postmedia Solutions combines premium reader content with enhanced ad experience opportunities to **increase viewability** of your marketing message and **drive results**. This high-impact offering provides **exceptional placement** on Postmedia desktop and mobile sites that **demand consumer attention** and get your advertising noticed.

**HOMEPAGE TAKE OVER:** This maximum exposure package allows your brand to dominate the premium ad units on targeted Postmedia site (or sites) for a 24-hour period with geo, day-parting and audience segmentation opportunities.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 300x250, 970x250, 728x90, 300x600, 300x50, 320x50 creative will be seen by Desktop, Tablet and Mobile screens.
- If Interscroller is added to HPTO, provide 2400x1680 & 600x1200 creatives (see page 11)
- Jpeq files max is 1 MB per file.
- If Multi-Unit Skin is added to HPTO, provide 2400x1680 ad creative (see page 10)
- An HPTO can include either the Interscroller or the Multi-Unit Skin, but not both.
- Must be received by Postmedia
   5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions.







#### **Build Brand Awareness**

Target your customers with the right message at the right time.



#### Target Ideal Audience

Connect through any of Postmedia's 120+ print and digital brands across Canada.



#### First Party Data

Leverage Postmedia's proprietary first-party data to reach your customers.

**POINT OF ENTRY:** Your brand is seen first with this targeted opportunity that showcases your message with 100% share of voice above the fold at the consumer point of entry on the Postmedia network.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 300x250, 970x250, 728x90, 300x600, 300x50, 320x50 creative will be seen by Desktop, Tablet and Mobile screens.
- If Interscroller is added to POE, provide 2400x1680 & 600x1200 creatives (see page 11)
- Jpeg files max is 1 MB per file.
- If Multi-Unit Skin is added to POE, provide 2400x1680 ad creative (see page 10)
- A POE can include either the Interscroller or the Multi-Unit Skin, but not both.
- Must be received by Postmedia
   5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions.

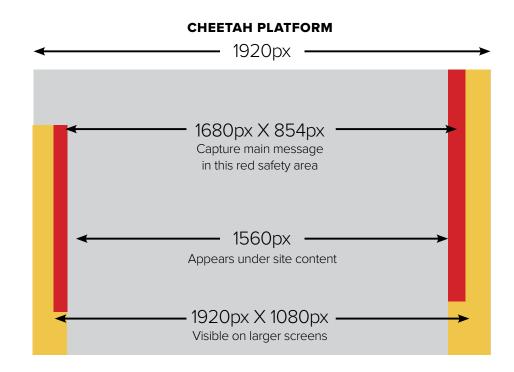
# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - MULTI-UNIT SKIN (MUS)

#### **DETAILS:**

- A high-impact rich media ad product that wraps the entire webpage, capable of offering animated graphics, video, and a variety of other features.
- Includes left and right panels that wrap web pages with interactive creative assets, all served in a single ad unit.
- Booked to accompany other standard display sizes (leaderboards, billboards, tall blocks, and big boxes) to create a fully branded page takeover experience.
- Standard reporting metrics (impressions, clicks, CTR%) available.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Creative Size:
- 1920 x 1080 JPEG file
- Maximum file size: 200 KB
- Leave a centered 1560px-wide area blank to accommodate the site view
- If both Display Ad and Multi-unit Skin creative are required, clients must provide all assets (logos, images, CTAs, URLs, etc.) in line with the standard creative brief.
- Third-party impression and click-tracking URLs are supported.



# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - INTERSCROLLER

**INTERSCROLLER:** Responsive and customizable template, offering flexible sizing, automatic height detection, and advanced design controls to create engaging ads that drive conversions on any device.

- · Supports image, iframe or third-party tags
- Optional banner sizing [size of space, creative size, size of viewport
- Customizable settings for text before and after banner
- Optional background color settings

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Include as part of a PTO or POE or RON CPM campaign.
- Custom ad size 2400x1680 (desktop) and 600x1200 (Mobile).
- JPEG files, max file size 200kb per file.
- HEX colour required for background bleed.
- Fitting essential creative messaging within the safe zone is at the discretion of the client/agency.
- Must be received by Postmedia 5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions.

#### SPECS

# DESKTOP/TABLET (LANDSCAPE)

You should design your creative with a buffer at the top and bottom to accommodate for the scroll. Ad Size (2400x1680px)

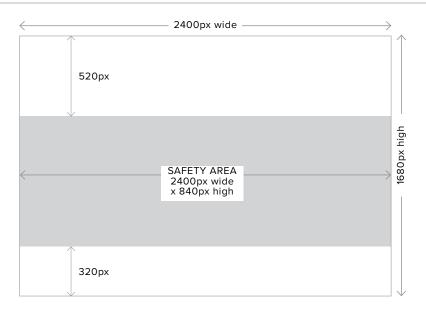
#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Landscape):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME -START DATE - INTERSCROLLER 2400x1680.JPG (eg. WINTER SALE STAPLES CANADA - FEB 7 2025-

INTERSCROLLER 2400x1680.jpg)



#### MOBILE/TABLET (PORTRAIT)

You should design your creative with a buffer at the top and bottom to accommodate for the scroll. Ad Size (600x1200px)

#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Mobile/Tablet (Portrait):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME -START DATE - INTERSCROLLER 600x1200.JPG (e.g. WINTER SALE STAPLES CANADA - FEB 7 2025 -

INTERSCROLLER 600x1200.jpg)



# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - REVEALER

**REVEALER:** Adds an interactive scratch-off effect to ads, enhancing user engagements with customizable reveal mechanics, responsive design and detailed tracking for precise performance management.

- Supports multiple images for reveal and overlay
- Customize scratch area size and reveal threshold percentage
- · Responsive design
- Supports both mouse and touch interactions for scratching
- Customizable background color
- Compatible with both desktop and mobile devices

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Formats: GIF, JPEG, PNG (No Flash)
- Ad sizes: Any IAB standard (e.g., 300x250, 300x600, 728x90)
- Max file size: 100kb
- Scratch size no less than 30 px, reveal on no less than 30% of scratched surface
- Audio: User initiated on click only with clear user controls
- Animated GIFs should follow KB size limits. If animated 3 loops/ iterations with a maximum play time of 15 seconds.
- Must be received by Postmedia 5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions

#### **SPECS**

#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Landscape):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME – START DATE – REVEALER 300x250.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025 – REVEALER 300x250.jpg)



Reveal minimum 30px

#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Portrait):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME – START DATE – REVEALER 300x600.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025 – REVEALER 300x600.jpg)



Reveal minimum 30px



# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - CUBE

**CUBE:** Engage users with a 3D interactive display. The Cube ad features a rotating 3D cube with interactive panels. Each side supports unique creative, custom URLs and flexible motion settings including speed, direction and click URLs for each side. Perfect for showcasing multiple messages or product angles in a single ad unit.

- 4 ads in 1 interactive unit
- · Responsive across all devices
- Custom max width support
- · Swipe to spin on mobile
- Optional nav buttons
- Auto-spin with speed/interval controls

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Formats: GIF, JPEG, PNG (No Flash)
- Ad sizes: Any IAB standard (e.g., 300x250, 300x600, 728x90)
- Max panels: 4
- Max file size: 100kb per panel
- Animated gifs: Max 3 loops, 15 sec playtime
- Audio: Click-to-play only, with user controls
- Default layout: Horizontal, spins left
- Auto-spin: Disabled by default
- Navigation buttons: Required
- Must be received by Postmedia 5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions

#### SPECS

#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Landscape):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME – START DATE – CUBE 300x250.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025 – CUBE 300x250.jpg)



Take 25% OFF"

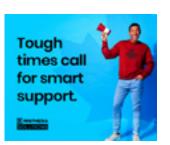
your next print

or digital ad buy

Managor (PAM.)

with Postmedia Ad





### CUBE SPIN EXAMPLE:



# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - CLIPBANNER

CLIPBANNER: Elevate your video ads with a dynamic branded background – featuring customizable controls, flexible placement and seamless integration for a premium, high-impact experience.

- · Responsive across all screen sizes
- · Supports embedded or direct video links
- Customizable controls: play, pause, mute/unmute
- Flexible background: image or colour, with sizing options
- Multi-click setup: clickable video, background or entire unit

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Formats: GIF, JPEG, PNG (No Flash)
- Ad sizes: Any IAB standard (e.g., 300x250, 300x600, 728x90)
- Max file size: 100kb
- Animated gifs: Max 3 loops, 15 sec total
- Audio: Click-to-play only, with visible controls
- Animation: Max 30 sec; unlimited user interaction
- Best Practice: Mute on load
- Must be received by Postmedia 5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions

#### **SPECS**

#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Landscape):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME – START DATE – CLIPBANNER 300x600.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025

- CLIPBANNER 300x600.jpg)







# DISPLAY ENHANCED AD EXPERIENCE - CONVERGER

**CONVERGER:** Built for fast-acting, conversion-driven campaigns such as contests, flash sales, and special events where short-term visibility and urgency are key. It features a striking sliding-door animation in which two ad layers move in from either side (horizontally or vertically) to form a full-screen creative before folding back to reveal a persistent base ad. The unit supports video layers, adjustable animation speed, delayed appearance, and separate click-through URLs for both the full-width layer and the base ad.

#### **Key Features:**

- Horizontal or vertical sliding door animations with adjustable speed
- Supports all creative formats: Images, HTML, and third-party tags
- Optional delayed appearance for timed engagement
- Includes a close button to align with UX best practices
- Supports an optional embedded YouTube or Hosted video as top layer

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- One image, 2400x1680
- Max file size 200kb
- · Solid background colour
- Desktop dimensions:

Full size background 2400x1680 Safe zone 1366x864 Top Layer overlay 600x500

- Mobile dimensions:
  - Full size background 600x1200 Safe zone 300x600
  - Top Layer overlay 280x230
- Fitting essential creative messaging within the safe zone \*\* is at the discretion of the client/agency
- Must be received by Postmedia 5 days prior to live date for testing and revisions

#### SPECS

# DESKTOP/TABLET (LANDSCAPE)

Design your creative so the "doors closing" effect builds suspense with a bold, cinematic frame.

Add an optional top layer to extend engagement with interactive or high-impact content above the closed doors.

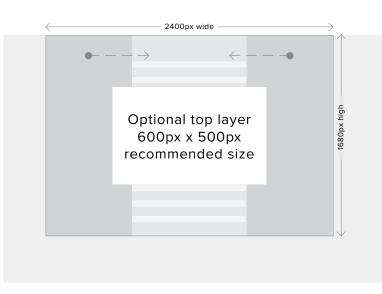
#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Desktop/Tablet (Landscape):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME - START DATE - CONVERGER 2400x1680.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025 – CONVERGER 2400x1680.jpg)



#### **Business Rules:**

- Eligible Sites: Tabloids (All Suns + The Province); Canoe.com, Driving.ca
- Runtime: Max 2-day run time (weekends would count as 1 day)
- Frequency Cap: 1 impression per user per day
- Placement: Restricted to homepage/index
- UTMs: Unique CTAs highly recommended for conversion tracking
- **Scheduling:** Booking calendar to prevent overlapping campaigns

#### MOBILE/TABLET (PORTRAIT)

Design your creative so the "doors closing" effect builds suspense with a bold, cinematic frame. Add an optional top layer

to extend engagement with interactive or high-impact content above the closed doors.

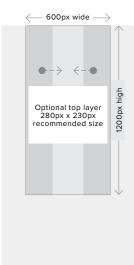
#### FORMAT FOR FILE DELIVERY:

When saving the JPEG files, please follow the naming conventions

#### Mobile/Tablet (Portrait):

SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN NAME – START DATE – CONVERGER 600x1200.jpg

(eg. WINTER SALE – MAY 20 2025 – CONVERGER 600x1200.jpg)



# HTML5 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

	THIRD PARTY HOSTING	DOUBLECLICK CAMPAIGN MANAGER	SELF-CONTAINED	HTML5 BUNDLE
CREATIVE FORMAT	The HTML5 creative will be stored on a 3rd party server. Provided to Postmedia as 3rd party ad tag.	A HTML5 creative hosted by an advertiser/agency using DoubleClick Campaign Manager.	A self-contained HTML5 snippet. Provided to Postmedia as single HTML5 file. Must be less than 1,000KB	A compressed file containing all HTML and supporting assets.  Provided to Postmedia as compressed zip bundle. Must be less than 1,000KB

To test the compatibility of your HTML5 ad before submission, we recommend running it through Google's HTML5 Validator tool HERE

SOFTWARE USED	WHAT TO SUBMIT	SUMMARY OF STEPS	MORE DETAILS	NOTES	
GOOGLE WEB DESIGNER **Preferred	ZIP file containing .html file and all .js, .css, and image assets, plus a static BACKUP .gif or .jpg file	1. Create an Exit button 2. Make sure the Exit has an ID 3. Apply a clickthrough URL 4. Publish locally 5. Submit the resulting .zip for trafficking	CLICK HERE to learn how to add an exit button in Google Web Designer	*HTML files must be received 5 days prior to run date for testing and execution	
ADOBE EDGE ANIMATE **Limited support	ZIP file containing .html file and all .js, .css, and image assets, plus a static ZIP file .gif or .jpg file	1. Add Studio Enabler 2. Create an Exit button 3. Adjust Publisher settings 4. Publish the project 5. Create a .zip archive of the resulted "web" folder and submit for trafficking	CLICK HERE to learn how to add Studio Enabler to your Edge project, and adjust the Publish settings	*HTML files must be received 5 days prior to run date for testing, execution, and submission of revised material if necessary *RESULTS USING THIS SOFTWARE ARE NOT GUARANTEED	
TUMULT HYPE **Limited support	ZIP file containing .html file and all .js, .css, and image assets, plus a static ZIP file .gif or .jpg file	1. Add Studio Enabler 2. Add the Polite Load listener 3. Create an Exit button 4. Export to HTML 5. Create a .zip archive of the exported folder and submit for trafficking	CLICK HERE to learn how to add Studio Enabler, Polite LOad, and Exit to your Hype document	*HTML files must be received 5 days prior to run date for testing, execution, and submission of revised material if necessary *RESULTS USING THIS SOFTWARE ARE NOT GUARANTEED	

#### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

CREATIVES NOT COMPLIANT WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED AS THIRD PARTY AD TAGS. Postmedia is not responsible for the costs associated with third-party hosting.

All HTML5 creatives MUST have a valid ClickTag or Exit function. For additional support please refer to the **DoubleClick Help** article **HERE**. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HTML ASSETS REQUIRE EXTERNAL HOSTING**.

# EMAIL MARKETING SPECS

#### E-NEWSLETTER LEADERBOARD 728x90 BIG BOX 300x250

#### EBLAST 600x400 PIXELS

#### FILE SIZE

100kb file preferred, 1mb max file size

#### ANIMATION

30 seconds auto
Unlimited during interaction
(Animated GIF required)

#### Z-INDEX RANGE

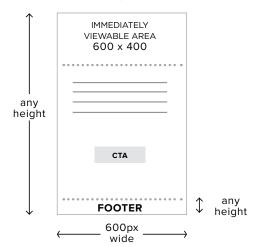
0-4,999

#### GENERAL

Accepted .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, .png

Below provides an overview of the specs as well as proper format for file delivery. It is extremely important that your eblast meets AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) compliancy as penalties are quite substantial.

On average, the top 600px by 400px are immediately viewable. This area should be utilized for showing attention-grabbing headers and/or hero images. Headline text is allowed but should only cover 20% of the full image area. 600px wide or 598px if a 1px border is present on either side



#### **SPECS**

SUBJECT LINE Must be descriptive

SIZE Adhere HTML5 file to maximum width of 600

**ORDER** It's important for all your subscribers to be able to view your content in a logical order no matter what device they're using, but it's especially vital for people who use screen readers

ALL COPY MUST BE LIVE HTML TEXT Subscribers who use a screen reader, or have images blocked in their email client, will not see information in images. Make sure the most critical content in your message is presented in text

FONTS Use web fonts whenever possible at a minimum of 16pt

**IMAGES** Optimize JPG, GIF or PNG file sizes for quick load times, maximum 1MB per eblast. If there is text in your image it will not be accessible by screen readers

RESPONSIVE Images and text must be legible when on mobile and accommodate for all screen sizes and ratios

USE EFFECTIVE COLOUR CONTRAST it is generally a good design choice, but it's especially important for people with color blindness

CTA BUTTON Use one clear button which is easy to click

FOOTER Include the physical address of business, unsubscribe link, legal verbiage, support links and social networks as appropriate

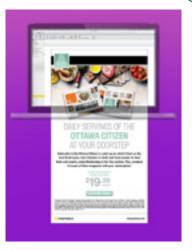
#### **HEADLINE WITHIN VIEWABLE AREA**





MAIN IMAGE WITHIN VIEWABLE AREA





# DOOH CREATIVE SPECS - CANADA

#### IMPORTANT SPEC INFORMATION:

Static: JPG

Video: MOV or MP4

Max File Size (Static): 10MB
Max File Size (Video): 50MB
Static Color Space: RGB and CMYK

All creative is subject to media owner approval and may get rejected based on category restriction / content.

PARENT VENUE	CHILD VENUE	SPECS	LANGUAGE(S)	STATIC (10MB)	VIDEO (50MB)	VIDEO DURATION	VIDEO W/AUDIO	NOTES
EDUCATION	COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15	✓	
	HOTELS	1920×1080	English	✓	✓	:06, :10, :15, :30	X	
	BARS	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15	Varies	
		1080×1920 (9:16)	English & French	✓	✓	:05, :10, :15, :20, :30	✓	
ENTERTAINMENT	RECREATIONAL LOCATIONS	1920×1080 (16:9)	English	✓	✓	:15, :30	X	
	SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT	1920×1080 (16:9)	English	✓	✓	:15 or :30	X	
	CASUAL DINING	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15 or :30	X	
		1080×1920 (9:16)	English & French	✓	✓	:05, :10, :15, :20, :30	✓	
GOVERNMENT	DMV	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15	X	Requires BOTH English and French creative
LIEALTH AND DEALITY	GYMS	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15 or :30	Varies	
HEALTH AND BEAUTY	SALONS	1920×1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15	✓	
OFFICE BUILDINGS	OFFICE BUILDINGS	1920×1080 (16:9) 1024×576, 1280×960, 740×416, 448×252	English & French	✓	✓	:15 or :30	×	

# DOOH CREATIVE SPECS - CANADA

PARENT VENUE	CHILD VENUE	SPECS	LANGUAGE(S)	STATIC (10MB)	VIDEO (50MB)	VIDEO DURATION	VIDEO W/AUDIO	NOTES
OUTDOOR	BILLBOARDS	1920x1080 (16:9) 368x176, 1664x832, 1152x576, 1056x288, 1088x320, 624x288, 1400x400, 1920x1080	English & French	✓	√	Varies	X	Specs and video availabibilty vary by screen - please refer to the DSP or reach out to your Vistar PM for exact required specs
	BUS SHELTERS	2160x3840 1080x1920	English & French	✓	X	×	X	
	URBAN PANELS	1080x1920 (9:16)	English & French	✓	X	X	X	
POINT OF CARE	DOCTORS OFFICES	1920x1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	√	:15, :20	X	
		960x700	English & French	✓	✓	- Varies	X	Specs and video availabibilty vary by screen - please refer to the DSP or reach out to your Vistar PM for exact required specs
RESIDENTIAL	APARTMENT BUILDINGS	1920x1080 (16:9)	English & French	<b>√</b>	✓		X	
RESIDENTIAL		1280x960	English & French	✓	✓		X	
		1024x576	English & French	✓	✓		X	
	CONVENIENCE STORES	1080x1920 (9:16)	English & French	✓	X	X	X	
		1920x1080 (9x16)	English & French	✓	✓	:15 or :30	Varies	
	GAS STATIONS	1920x1080 (16:9)	French	✓	✓	:15	X	Québec only
RETAIL	MALLS	1080x1920 (9:16)	English & French	✓	✓	- Varies	X	Specs and video availabibilty vary by screen - please refer to the DSP or reach out to your Vistar PM for exact required specs
RETAIL		1920x1080 (16:9)	French	✓	✓		X	
		1920x540	English & French	✓	✓		X	
		5120x720	English & French	✓	✓		X	
	LIQUOR STORES	1920x1080 (16:9)	English & French	<b>√</b>	✓	:15 or :30	√	
	AIRPORTS	1920x1080 (16:9)	English & French	✓	✓	:15	X	
		1080x1920 (9:16)	French	✓	√	:15	X	
TRANSIT	SUBWAY	1920x1080 (16:9) 1200x675 1350x759	English & French	✓	✓	:15	X	
	TAXI AND RIDESHARE TV	1920×1080 (16:9)	English	✓	√	:06, :10, :15, :30	✓	