



Ad Unit Specification & Creative Policies

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General Guidelines

SSL Compliant Ads

- As the online advertising industry increasingly adopts secure sockets layer technology (SSL), major exchange partners are increasing their SSL-only inventory. We recommend that you send SSL-compliant creative ad tags and trackers for upcoming and any existing campaigns by June 30th in order to ensure the broadest access to inventory and optimal performance for your campaigns running on the Rocket Fuel platform. Also ensure that any third-party beacons trafficked into your creatives via your ad server are also SSL compliant ('https:'). Note that SSL-compliant ad tags will also run on non-SSL ad inventory.
- Please reach out to your account manager for any questions you may have.

General Content Standards

- White ads must have a distinct border to clearly identify where the page ends, and advertisement begins.
- Sponsor of the advertising message must be clearly identified.
- Advertiser's landing page must match the offer being made in the advertisement.
- An ordinary person must be able to make an informed decision from the offers in the ad.
- It is the advertiser's responsibility to ensure that all product claims, warranties, guarantees or other assurances comply with applicable laws & regulations.
- Destination Landing URLs must be crawlable for search engines (i.e. search engines have to be able to navigate to the page-- more info: <http://www.agent-seo.com/seo/6-crawlability-mistakes-how-to-cure-them/>).

- Ad unit and landing page must have detailed disclosures as appropriate; in particular, full terms and conditions of the offer must be easily accessible on landing page.

Creative CANNOT:

- Use "bait and switch" tactics, e.g. advertising that promotes an unavailable product or price as a means of luring the user into purchasing a different product.
- Display false functionality - contain graphics that simulate interactivity where no such interactivity exists.
- Resemble error messages or Windows/Mac/Unix dialogue boxes.
- Prompt a download (except for mobile app install campaigns).



General Guidelines Cont.

Subjective Content

- Astrology, horoscopes, psychic services or other related services.
- Creative **MUST** state that the service is for entertainment purposes only.
- Creative **CANNOT** imply that there are scientific groundings to such services and/or promises of wealth or good fortune.
- All ringtone/cell phone offers must disclose the details of the service, particularly when the offer requires a subscription.
- Ads for promotions (contests, sweepstakes, special offers):
- Creative **CANNOT** imply that the promotion is approved or endorsed by any government or quasi-government entity?
- **MUST** offer a fair opportunity for all entrants to win
- Chance based promotions **MUST** clearly disclose that no purchase is necessary
- **CANNOT** claim “everyone wins”, or suggest that user was specially selected to receive a prize
- **CANNOT** suggest that a payment by the winner is necessary to claim a prize (except for applicable taxes)
- **MAY NOT** imply that the mere act of clicking a button is sufficient to win (e.g. “Win a car! Click here!”)
- Ads for food products must comply with applicable laws & regulations regarding definitions/restrictions on food-related descriptive words
- The use of the word “Free” in any ad **MUST** fully comply with all state and federal guidelines, and disclose all material terms and conditions to obtain

the free item; in particular, ad units which claim to offer “free gifts” which in fact require the user to sign up for one or more offers, trial subscriptions, etc., must disclose how many offers the user must complete before receiving the gift.

- **CANNOT** Suggest that the product alone is effective for weight loss or make any unrealistic claims about the amount of weight that can be expected from the product
- **MUST**, where weight loss claims are made or implied, contain a disclaimer such as “results not typical; individual results may vary”.

Unacceptable Content

- We will not accept ads for the following products:
Adult products (films, magazines, websites, toys, etc.), alcohol, drugs, lotteries (other than official state lotteries sponsored by a U.S. state, e.g. Illinois State Lottery), casino services, online casinos, gambling portals, gambling educational sites, tobacco products, political messages, religious messages, degrees for sale or offered by non-accredited universities or programs, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, loan products which require upfront fees, products/services that claim to repair bad credit, securities (stocks, bonds, notes, warrants, options, etc), insider tips on a particular stock or commodity, products containing ephedra, ma huang, chitosan or human growth hormones, comfrey, or pyruvate; others as may be designated by Rocket Fuel.



Rocket Fuel Misleading Creative Format, In-banner Video or Video Stuffing Policy

Rocket Fuel does not allow ad creatives whose format is intentionally misleading. Ads whose format is found to be intentionally misleading using methods including but not limited to video stuffing, are subject to the Rocket Fuel malware policy.

Video Stuffing is defined as:

- a. Using display banner creative or VAST video creative to buy display banner inventory or video inventory that serves pre-roll content that syndicates video inventory ad requests to buyers on ad networks and video SSPs.
- b. Using display banner creative or VAST video creative to buy display banner inventory or video inventory and serve/rotate multiple video ad creatives in succession.

In-banner video defined as:

- a. Use of display banner creative to serve a video player without ending the animation after 15s with a call to action (separating this from Rich Media that uses video clips) or user interaction through expansion (excluding full screen expansion).



Rocket Fuel Malware Policy

Malware delivered via advertising creatives degrades the advertising ecosystem, undermines Rocket Fuel's relationship with supply partners, harms consumers and negatively affects Rocket Fuel's brand. Additionally, malware infected machines may be used to generate money for fraudsters. Rocket Fuel does not allow ad creatives that are infected with malware, or can be used as a distribution vector for malware. Ads that misrepresent themselves or ads that click through to landing pages that are infected with malware are not allowed.

Ads that are found to violate this policy will be disapproved from running on Rocket Fuel. Accounts associated with ads that are found to violate this policy more than once will be suspended.

Display Ads

Creative Unit	Rectangle	Skyscraper	Leaderboard
Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	300x250, 300x600, 336x280, 200x200, 234x60, 250x250, 300x100, 320x100, 320x480, 930x180, 970x250, 1000x300, 120x240, 180x150	160x600, 120x600, 300x1050	728x90, 468x60, 470x80, 970x90, 980x120, 980x90
File Types	.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, HTML5	.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, HTML5	.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, HTML5
Max Frame Rate	24 fps	24 fps	24 fps
Max Initial File Load Size	200 KB	200 KB	200 KB
Subsequent Max Polite File Load Size	1 MB	1 MB	1 MB
Subsequent Max User-Initiated File Load Size	1.5 MB	1.5 MB	1.5 MB
Subsequent Max User-Initiated Additional Streaming File Size	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum Animation Length	15 sec	15 sec	15 sec
Max Percentage of CPU Usage	20%	20%	20%
Labeling Requirements, Font Size, etc.	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)
Submission Lead-Time	Min 3 business days before campaign starts	Min 3 business days before campaign starts	Min 3 business days before campaign starts

Display Expandable Ads

Creative Unit	Medium Rectangle	Skyscraper	Leaderboard
Initial Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	300x250	160x600, 120x600	728x90
Maximum Expanded Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	600x250	320x600	728x270
File Types	“.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, .SWF or HTML5 HTML5 assets must be hosted by a third-party”	“.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, .SWF or HTML5 HTML5 assets must be hosted by a third-party”	“.GIF, .JPG, .PNG, .SWF or HTML5 HTML5 assets must be hosted by a third-party”
Max Looping	3	3	3
Max Frame Rate	24 fps	24 fps	24 fps
Max Initial File Load Size	200 KB	200 KB	200 KB
Subsequent Max Polite File Load Size	1 MB	1 MB	1 MB
Subsequent Max User-Initiated File Load Size	“2.2 MB for creative files”	“2.2 MB for creative files”	“2.2 MB for creative files”
Max Animation Length	15-sec	15-sec	15-sec
Minimum Required Controls	“Control = “Close X” on expanded panel and “Expand” on collapsed panel Font = 8pt (11px) - 16pt (21px)”	“Control = “Close X” on expanded panel and “Expand” on collapsed panel Font = 8pt (11px) - 16pt (21px)”	“Control = “Close X” on expanded panel and “Expand” on collapsed panel Font = 8pt (11px) - 16pt (21px)”
Submission Lead-Time	Min 5 business days before campaign start	Min 5 business days before campaign start	Min 5 business days before campaign start
Implementation Notes & Best Practices	“Best Practice: For times when the user’s browser does not support creative functionality (i.e. Flash”, HTML5), provide a standard image file. Expansion: we can take any direction of expansion - but multiple directions can’t be in one tag--must be separate tags for each direction. This is important to note as agencies are leaning towards one tag.”	“Best Practice: For times when the user’s browser does not support creative functionality (i.e. Flash”, HTML5), provide a standard image file. Expansion: we can take any direction of expansion - but multiple directions can’t be in one tag--must be separate tags for each direction. This is important to note as agencies are leaning towards one tag.”	“Best Practice: For times when the user’s browser does not support creative functionality (i.e. Flash”, HTML5), provide a standard image file. Expansion: we can take any direction of expansion - but multiple directions can’t be in one tag--must be separate tags for each direction. This is important to note as agencies are leaning towards one tag.”

Mobile Ads (Standard)

	Smartphone	Tablet
Initial Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	300x50, 300x250, 320x50, 320x480, 480x320 All Display sizes are highly recommended as well	300x250, 160x600, 728x90, 768x1024, 1024x768 All Display sizes are highly recommended as well
Maximum Expanded Dimensions	Expansion not allowed for this unit	Expansion not allowed for this unit
File Types	GIF, JPG, PNG, third-party JS tags (No flash)	GIF, JPG, PNG, third-party JS tags (No flash)
Max Looping	3	3
Max Initial File Load Size	40 KB	40 KB
Subsequent Max Polite Size	Not allowed for this unit	Not allowed for this unit
Max Animation Length	15-sec	15-sec
Max Percentage of CPU Usage	20%	20%
Labeling Requirements, Font Size, etc	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)
Submission Lead-Time	Min 3 business days before campaign starts	Min 3 business days before campaign starts
Implementation Notes & Best Practices	Ensure images are mobile web optimized; do not use Flash™ assets; landing pages must be mobile optimized; include dimensions in file name	Ensure images are mobile web optimized; do not use Flash™ assets; landing pages must be mobile optimized; include dimensions in file name

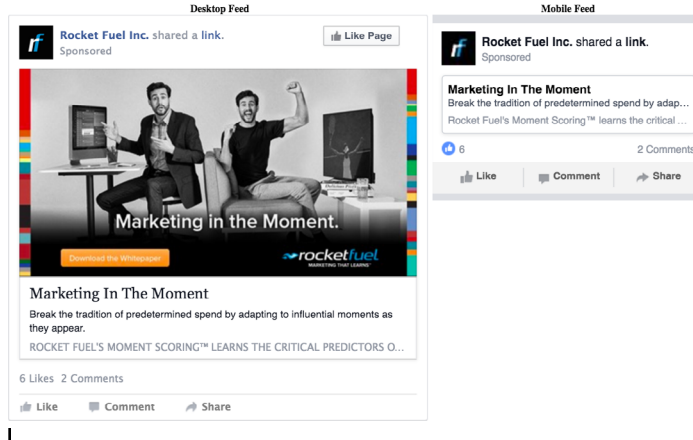
Mobile Ads (Rich Media/Expand)

	Smartphone	Tablet
Initial Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	300x250, 320x50, 320x480, 480x320	300x250, 160x600, 728x90, 768x1024, 1024x768
Maximum Expanded Dimensions	300x250 -> 320x480 320x50 -> 320x480 320x480 -> 320x480 480x320 -> 480x320	300x250 -> 500x400 160x600 -> 400x600 728x90 -> 728x400 768x1024 -> 768x1024 1024x768 -> 1024x768
File Types	Third-party JS tags (No flash)	Third-party JS tags (No flash)
Max Looping	3	3
Max Initial File Load Size	40 KB	40 KB
Subsequent Max Polite Size	Not allowed for this unit	Not allowed for this unit
Max Animation Length	15-sec	15-sec
Max Percentage of CPU Usage	20%	20%
Labeling Requirements, Font Size, etc	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)	Ad unit content must be clearly distinguishable from normal webpage content (i.e. ad unit must have clearly defined borders and not be confused with normal page content)
Submission Lead-Time	Min 3 business days before campaign starts	Min 3 business days before campaign starts
Implementation Notes & Best Practices	Ensure images are mobile web optimized; do not use Flash™ assets; landing pages must be mobile optimized; include dimensions in file name	Ensure images are mobile web optimized; do not use Flash™ assets; landing pages must be mobile optimized; include dimensions in file name

Video Ads

	Desktop	Mobile
Dimensions (WxH in pixels)	640x360 or larger	640x360 or larger
File Format (Hosted by RF)	Raw files – MOV, MP4, FLV, WebM, AVI, WMV	Raw files – MOV, MP4, FLV, WebM, AVI, WMV
VAST	2.0 – Must be mobile encoded with MP4	2.0 – Must be mobile encoded with MP4
VPAID	VPAID Flash and VPAID JS	VPAID JS
Max File Size	50MB	50MB
Aspect Ratio	16:9 Widescreen, 4:3 Standard	16:9 Widescreen, 4:3 Standard
Max Video & Animation	30 fps	30 fps
Bit-Rate (KBPS)	300-400	300-400
MAX Video Length	30 sec	30 sec
Audio Initiation	Must be user-initiated (on click) Default state must be muted	Must be user-initiated (on click) Default state must be muted
Minimum Required Controls	Play, Pause, Mute	Play, Pause, Mute
Companion Banner	300x250	300x250
Codecs	Upload files* encoded with an h.264 codec at the highest quality setting recommended. The following codecs are also supported: mjpeg, mpeg4, h263, dvvideo, svq3, svq1, qtrle, rawvideo, rpza.	Upload files* encoded with an h.264 codec at the highest quality setting recommended. The following codecs are also supported: mjpeg, mpeg4, h263, dvvideo, svq3, svq1, qtrle, rawvideo, rpza.
Container Format	FLV, MPEG-4 Part 14, or OGG	FLV, MPEG-4 Part 14, or OGG
Submission Lead-Time	Min 3 business days before campaign starts for both desktop and mobile	Min 3 business days before campaign starts for both desktop and mobile

Facebook Ads



- Minimum image dimensions of 254x133
- Title: <25 chars
- Body: <90 chars
- Minimum image dimensions of 1200x628
- Message/text: FB recommends <110 chars
- Headline: FB recommends <25 chars
- Description: FB recommends <30 chars

	RHS	News Feed
Title & Body Restrictions	Cannot start with punctuation Cannot have duplicate consecutive punctuation characters with the exception of 3 ellipses... Words cannot be greater than 20 characters in length Only 2 consecutive 1 character words are allowed Cannot consist entirely of capital letters Double spacing is not allowed Additionally, the following characters are not allowed: IPA Symbols Superscript and Subscript characters with the exception of TM and SM The following characters \^_=[] <>	Cannot start with punctuation Cannot have duplicate consecutive punctuation characters with the exception of 3 ellipses... Words cannot be greater than 20 characters in length Only 2 consecutive 1 character words are allowed Cannot consist entirely of capital letters Double spacing is not allowed Additionally, the following characters are not allowed: IPA Symbols Superscript and Subscript characters with the exception of TM and SM The following characters \^_=[] <>
Third-party Impression Trackers	Clients who want to use view tags must be a Facebook Managed Advertiser. If they're not, we should run without view tags, using RF/FB numbers.	Clients who want to use view tags must be a Facebook Managed Advertiser. If they're not, we should run without view tags, using RF/FB numbers.
Major Approved View Tag	AdCentric/AdGear, Adition, Adform, Adometry, AdParlor, Adsfac-Facilitate, Aggregate Knowledge, Atlas, BB Elements, Compass Labs, Doubleclick, Efficient Frontier, EyeReturn, Flashtalking, Graph Effect, Kenshoo, MediaMind, Mediaplex(add &mpcs=bypass), MIG, Nanigans, Pointroll, Smart Adserver, Spruce, Xaxis The subdomains need to be approved before the campaign launch with FB: Convertro, Trueffect, Weborama	AdCentric/AdGear, Adition, Adform, Adometry, AdParlor, Adsfac-Facilitate, Aggregate Knowledge, Atlas, BB Elements, Compass Labs, Doubleclick, Efficient Frontier, EyeReturn, Flashtalking, Graph Effect, Kenshoo, MediaMind, Mediaplex(add &mpcs=bypass), MIG, Nanigans, Pointroll, Smart Adserver, Spruce, Xaxis The subdomains need to be approved before the campaign launch with FB: Convertro, Trueffect, Weborama
Submission Lead-Time	Min 3 business days before campaign starts	Min 3 business days before campaign starts

Links for Reference:
[Facebook Advertising Policies](#)
[Facebook Advertising Policies PDF Version](#)
[Tool can be utilized to determine if an ad violates the 20% policy](#)

HTML 5

	Desktop	Mobile
File Types	Third-party served HTML 5 Non third-party served HTML 5 includes Google Web Designer, Adobe Edge, Greensock, and Swiffy	Third-party served HTML 5 Non third-party served HTML 5 includes Google Web Designer, Adobe Edge, Greensock, and Swiffy
Max Initial File Load Size	200 KB (Compressed zip)	200 KB (Compressed zip)
HTML Requirements	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <!DOCTYPE html> declaration • <html> tag • <body>tag • Proper clickTag 	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <!DOCTYPE html> declaration • <html> tag • <body>tag • Proper clickTag
HTML Assets	ZIP file should contain the HTML for the ad as well as any of the following file types: .CSS, .JS, .HTML, .GIF, .PNG, .JPG, .JPEG, .SVG	ZIP file should contain the HTML for the ad as well as any of the following file types: .CSS, .JS, .HTML, .GIF, .PNG, .JPG, .JPEG, .SVG
Submission Lead-Time	Min 5 business days before campaign starts	Min 5 business days before campaign starts

Additional Info

- All HTML5 files should be provided as one zip file. Each creative should have its own separate zip file.
- All files that are referenced in the HTML file should be included in the zip file. Do not include any files that are not referenced including the back-up images.
- .TTF and .OTF files are NOT allowed.
- All external calls to JS files must be SSL compliant.
- If the client is using a Google Web Designer then we need the file in the “DoubleClick” environment instead of the “Generic” environment.
- Google Web Designer assets should use the exit event handler as the click event.

Rising Star High Impact Display Units

	Rising Star - Billboard	Rising Star - Filmstrip	Rising Star - Portrait	Rising Star - Pushdown
Initial Dimensions	970x250	300x600	Entire ad: 300x1050 Module 1: 270x460 Module 2: 270x202 Module 3: 270x202	970x90
Maximum Expanded Dimensions	N/A	N/A	Entire ad: N/A Module 1: 613x460 Module 2: 405x303 Module 3: 405x303	970x250
File Types	HTML5, can be a static image, with a "Close X" button. Must be hosted by third-party.	HTML5	HTML5, .JPG, MPEG4 encoded to H.264 Must be hosted by third-party.	HTML5, .JPG, MPEG4 encoded to H.264 Must be hosted by third-party.
Max Looping	Loops within 30 seconds max animation time permitted	Loops within 15 seconds max animation time permitted	Loops within 15 seconds max animation time permitted	Loops within 15 seconds max animation time permitted
Max Frame Rate	24 fps	24 fps	24 fps	24 fps
Max Initial File Load Size	200 KB	200 KB	200 KB	200 KB
Subsequent Max Polite File Load Size	1 MB	External child files (up to 500k) or streaming video can be loaded into parent 100k cell upon user click only	1 MB	1 MB
Subsequent Max User-Initiated File Load Size	1.5 MB	External child files (up to 500k) or streaming video can be loaded into parent 100k cell upon user click only	1.5 MB	1.5 MB
Subsequent Max User-Initiated Additional Streaming File Size	10 MB for non-YouTube served FLVs (video) Combined size for both FLV must not Exceed 10MB	Max of (5) 300x600 px content cells that make up a 300x3000 container	10 MB for non-YouTube served FLVs (video) Combined size for both FLV must not Exceed 10MB	10 MB for non-YouTube served FLVs (video) Combined size for both FLV must not Exceed 10MB
Best Practices	http://www.iab.net/media/file/IAB_Billboard_Style_Guide.pdf	http://www.iab.net/media/file/IAB_Filmstrip_Style_Guide_v3.pdf	http://www.iab.net/media/file/IAB_300x1050_style_guide_v3.pdf	http://www.iab.net/media/file/IAB_970x90_style_guide_v3.pdf



Emerging Products

Programmatic TV

[Extreme Reach Specifications](#)

- RF will need to confirm with the client to make sure they have an account with Extreme Reach to host the creative files.
- If an account needs to be set up then RF will work with the Extreme Reach to provide the correct regional contact for the client.
- Extreme Reach owns the relationship with the client for hosting the creative, not RF.
- All creatives must be 30 sec.
- Client must provide ER and RF with the ISCI ID code for the creatives.
- We can only accept Vast tags. RF can receive this in one of three ways:
 1. Client can provide the Vast tag to us.
 2. Client can send us the raw creative files and RF can create the Vast url.
 3. Client grants ER permission to give Rocket Fuel access to their creative files so that RF can generate the Vast url (ER will send RF a downloadable mp4 file along with the ISCI ID).

Dynamic Creative

We'll need a few simple creative inputs from the client to provide ad mocks.

1. Logo (attachment or URL)
2. Product Border
 - Border width (default is 1 px)
 - Color
 - Display option: On Hover, Always
3. Should the ads include labels? (This is usually the product name)
 - Font / Font Style (Normal, Bold, Italic, Bold Italic)
 - Text Color
4. Should the ads include prices?
 - Font / Font Style (Normal, Bold, Italic, Bold Italic)
 - Text Color
5. Should the ads include CTA?
 - CTA Text
 - Font / Font Style (Normal, Bold, Italic, Bold Italic)
 - Text Color
 - Button Color

Note: For colors, provide HEX or RGB. For fonts, we support standard web-safe fonts.