



Brand-identity Guidelines

Client: USA Climbing

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Introduction

Overview

The purpose of these guidelines is to explain the use of the new brand style and to reinforce consistent application of the visual elements in all communications. This includes publications, presentations, and all other marketing materials both online and offline. Guidelines on the use of the logo are included.



Your new “identity”

Your corporate identity is the face and personality presented to the global community. It's as important as the products and services you provide. Your identity is the total effect of your logos, products, brand names, trademarks, advertising, brochures, and presentations— everything that represents you.

Because the brand cannot be compromised, we've created this guide to provide all the pertinent specifications you need to maintain its integrity. The guidelines set in this document are not meant to inhibit, but to improve the creative process. By following these guidelines, the materials you create will represent your company cohesively to the outside world.

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The Logo Design

The company logo is an important and valued graphic element and must be used consistently and appropriately. Even minor variations will undermine and compromise the image of the branding.



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Primary logo - in colour



Primary logo - alternative colours

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The Logo Usage

Always use master artwork when reproducing any logo design. It should never be recreated under any circumstances. Always ensure you are using the correct artwork for the application.

When reproducing any logo elements, only the original high resolution or vector graphic files shall be used - logos should not be taken from this document.



Exclusion Zone

Make sure that text or other design elements do not encroach upon the logo.

The marked space should always be given to let the logo 'breathe', free from distraction.



Minimum reproduction size

In the primary logo format a minimum size must be adhered to so that legibility is retained.

In exceptional circumstances where space is below the recommended size, adjustments may have to be made to balance the shape and visibility.



Wrong!

The logo has become distorted from its designed aspect ratio, therefore stretching or squashing the shape and text.

If the space is restrictive, the scale of the logo (not the dimensions) must be adjusted to fit.



Correct!

The logo's shape is consistent with the initial design, retaining balance and legibility.



Wrong!

The backdrop for the logo's placement is too similar to the primary colour - it lacks visibility and contrast.

To fix this problem, you can either select a contrasting base colour, or switch to one of the secondary colours assigned to the logo.



Correct!

The logo is clear and visible, set in primary colours onto a backdrop which shows contrast.

Although the backdrop is not white, the colours have been adjusted accordingly to work with the design.



Wrong!

Important elements within the logo have been distorted, enlarged or shrunk, affecting the balance and design.

A consistent layout is essential across all media, and by changing key elements it will introduce confusion into the brand.



Correct!

The logo has been used in the fashion it was designed. A consistency has been achieved in how it is seen.



Wrong!

A colour outside of the selected brand colour scheme has been used. This is not recommended as it confuses the brand image.

Replacing the font is a definite no-no. The selected typeface should be used at all times with the presentation of the logo.



Correct!

The logo is presented in its primary colours using the primary typeface that has been selected for the logotype.



When referring to a specific discipline within USA Climbing, refer to it only as directed above. Do not separate the logo elements at all.

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Color Scheme

Accurate reproduction of the brand colour scheme is essential in communicating a clear and consistent message about the company image.

The Pantone colours should be used wherever possible, with CMYK / RGB being matched as closely as possible depending on the materials and print process.

Black and white are acceptable as accent colours, in addition to the colours within the assigned scheme.

		Pantone colour ref.	CMYK	RGB	HEX
Primary Brand Colour logo / main background / business cards		PANTONE 289 C 2	97 / 84 / 45 / 51	13 / 34 / 64	#003333
Secondary Brand Colour logo text / secondary background / accent		PANTONE 711 C 2	11 / 97 / 92 / 2	209 / 42 / 47	#CC3333
Third Brand Colour highlighting / second accent		PANTONE WHITE	0 / 0 / 0 / 0	255 / 255 / 255	#FFFFFF
Text / Content Colour		PANTONE BLACK	0 / 0 / 0 / 100	0 / 0 / 0	#000000



Examples of how the primary logo deals with the alternative colour backgrounds from the suggested scheme.

The only 'rules' are that the colours do not clash and that there is a level of contrast (or difference) between logo, typography and it's specified backdrop.

This also applies to the logo's placement over a photographic background, pattern, visual graphics or other media.

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Typography

The primary typeface is "Antenna TTF" with a secondary "Beton TTF" to complement the primary. These have been carefully selected to best represent the brand image, and must be used to retain consistency - especially within the logo.

Replacing fonts with alternatives should not be done under any circumstances.

Primary Typeface

Antenna (Regular) - Content

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
1234567890

Secondary Typeface

Beton (Regular) - Tagline

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
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