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Cut Square is a a straight-edged variant of MuirMcNeil Cut, a stencil type family.

The Cut project is inspired by designs from two historical periods. Its proportions are based on the forms of neoclassical typefaces produced in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The sharp vertical stroke contrast of these types has been taken to an extreme in Cut and Cut Square, with hairline cross-strokes dissolved into open spaces that break down its letterforms into individual segments.

The systematic construction methods used to assemble Cut's letters references typefaces created in the early twentieth century where parts of letters were reduced to simple geometric units that could be used as structural components to build alphabets, using scaling, reflection, repetition and redistribution.

Although the typefaces produced in these historical periods appear to share few visual attributes, they can be seen as stages in the development of a common heritage that is rational, reductive, elegant and modern. The MuirMcNeil Cut type system is intended to reconcile these disparate points of historical reference.

Cut and Cut Square are available as OpenType display families, each in Light, Regular and Bold weights.

Didot: 1780s

ABCDEabcefg

Bodoni: 1780s

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Fat Face: 1810s

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Bracketed Modern: 1810s

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Bayer 1931

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Kombinations-Schrift: 1920s

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Futura Black 1929

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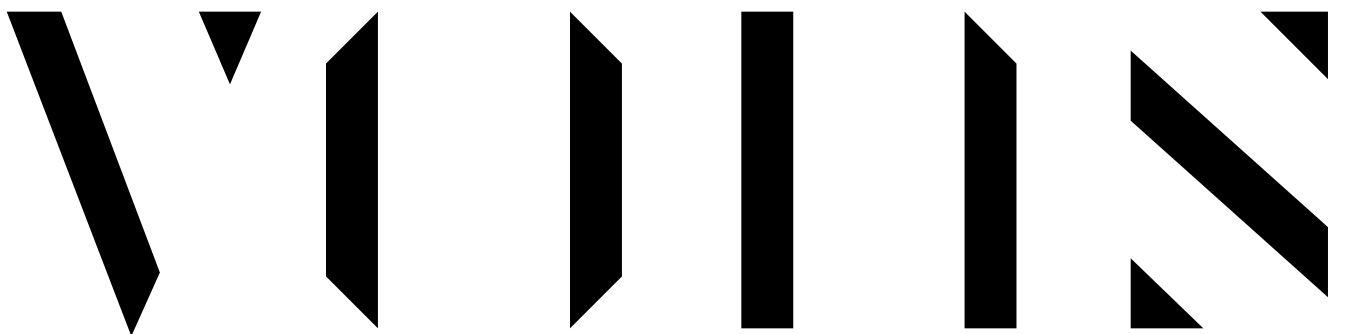
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Latin 1 standard character set in OpenType, TTF, WOFF and WOFF 2 encoding.

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