

GLOBAL COVER ART GUIDE

iTunes & Other Partners

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SONY MUSIC

COVER ARTWORK GUIDELINES

PREFERRED DIGITAL SPECS.

DIGITAL ART

Associated with digital product numbers

Squared image - 3000 x 3000 pixels
72 DPI or higher
RGB Colorspace
8 bits/channel
No specialized alpha channels
TIFF or JPEG - Highest/Maximum Quality

GENERAL ACCEPTABLE FORMATS

ARTWORK SIZES

Must be 3000 x 3000 pixels or larger

PHYSICAL ART

Non-squared sizes acceptable

Height and Width can be different sizes with a minimum of 3000 pixels

Linking Physical art to a Digital product

Squared size required (width x height equal)
i.e. 3000x3000px

DIGITAL ART

Associated with digital product numbers
Minimum 3000x3000 pixels (Squared)

IMAGE RESOLUTION

72 DPI or higher - width and height sides equal or greater than 3000x3000px

(Preferred) 300 DPI or higher - width and height sides equal or greater 3000x3000 pixels

COLORSPACE

CMYK or RGB

BITS/CHANNEL

8 bits/channel or 16 bits/channel

ALPHA CHANNELS

No specialized alpha channels

FILE FORMATS

TIFF (flattened image) or **JPEG**

COMPRESSION

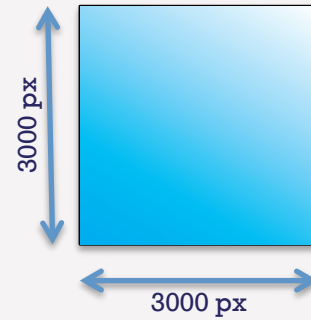
TIFF - Set to "NONE" (no LZW or any other compression types)
JPEG - Highest/Maximum Quality

PIXEL ORDER

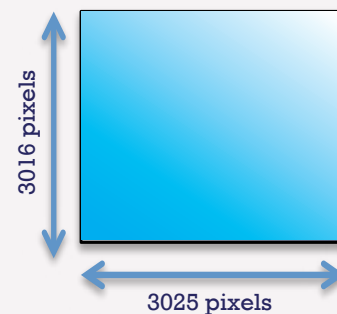
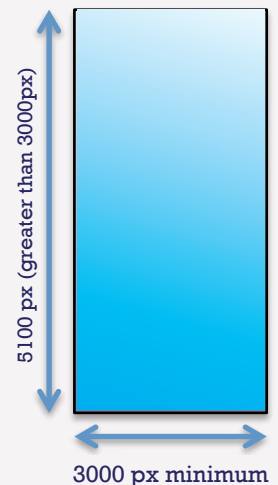
Interleaved (RGRGB)

SAMPLE SIZES

DIGITAL COVER ART (SQUARED)



PHYSICAL COVER ART (NON-SQUARED)



Note: Ratio of the sides must not be greater than 2:1

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GENERAL ART/CONTENT RESTRICTIONS

Do not include the following:

- * Physical references (i.e. CD 1, CD 2, Disc 1, Disc 2, Boxset)
- * Barcodes (*unless it is a creative choice*)
- * No printer marks - i.e. crop marks, registration marks, color bars (*unless it is a creative choice*)

ITUNES STYLE GUIDE SECTION

The DSP will reject cover art assets that have the following:

- * Artwork that is blurry, pixelated, or has image quality issues
 - * Images that promise content that the album does not contain (i.e. “Includes DVD” or “Includes Lyrics”)
 - * References to websites that sell music or compete with iTunes
 - * Artwork that contains the word “iTunes” or the Apple logo - can only be used when the album is produced by Apple
 - * Text that refers to “Exclusive” content - this reference needs prior authorization from Apple
 - * Text that refers to a digital product (i.e. “Digital Exclusive” or “Digital Version”)
 - * References to pricing (i.e. “Reduced Price” or “Low Price” or “Available for \$9.99”)
 - * References to a physical retailer (i.e. “Available at Target” or “Walmart Edition”)
 - * Artwork that contains pornography or a URL for a website that contains or links to pornography
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