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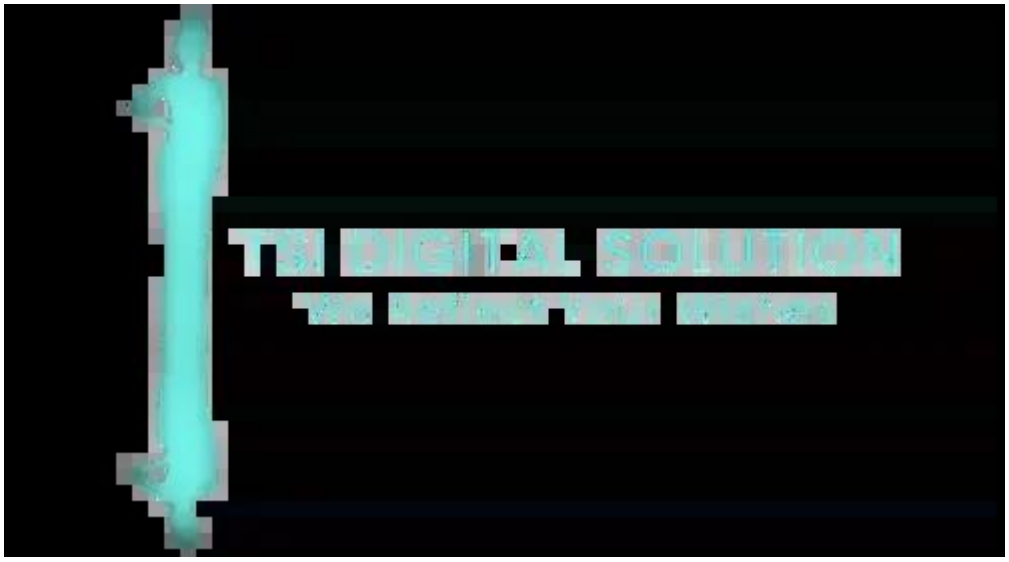

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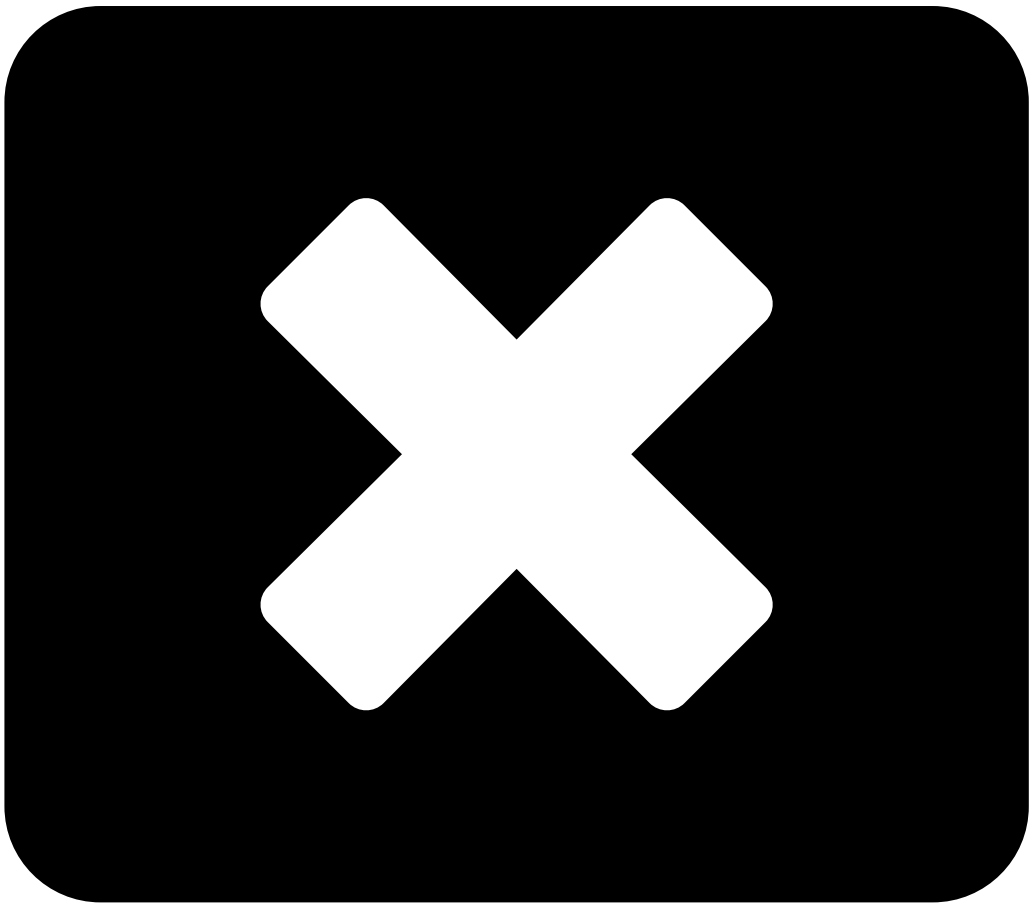

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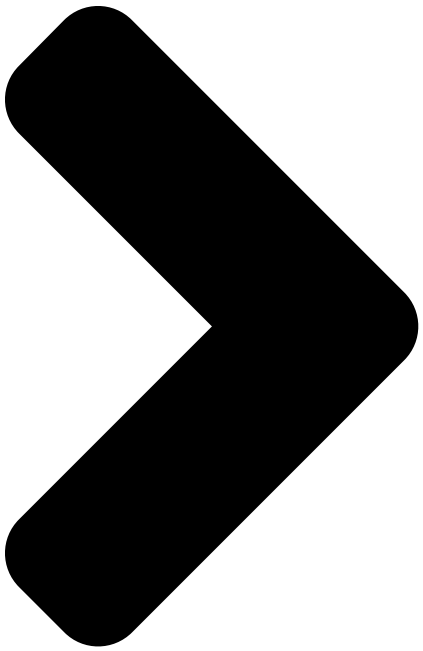

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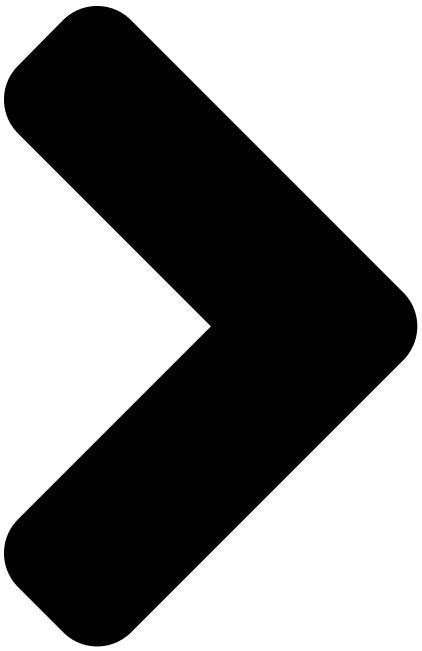

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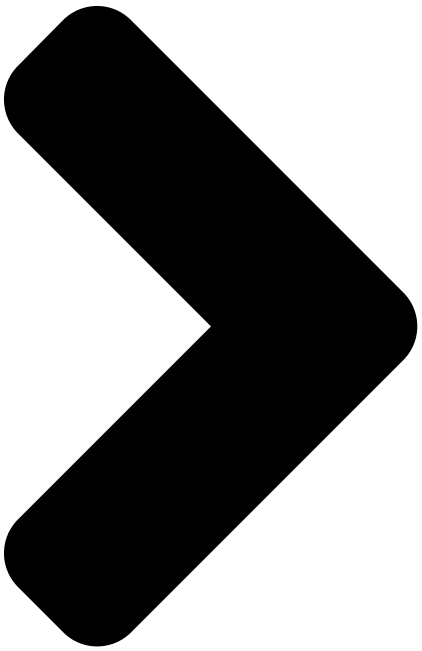

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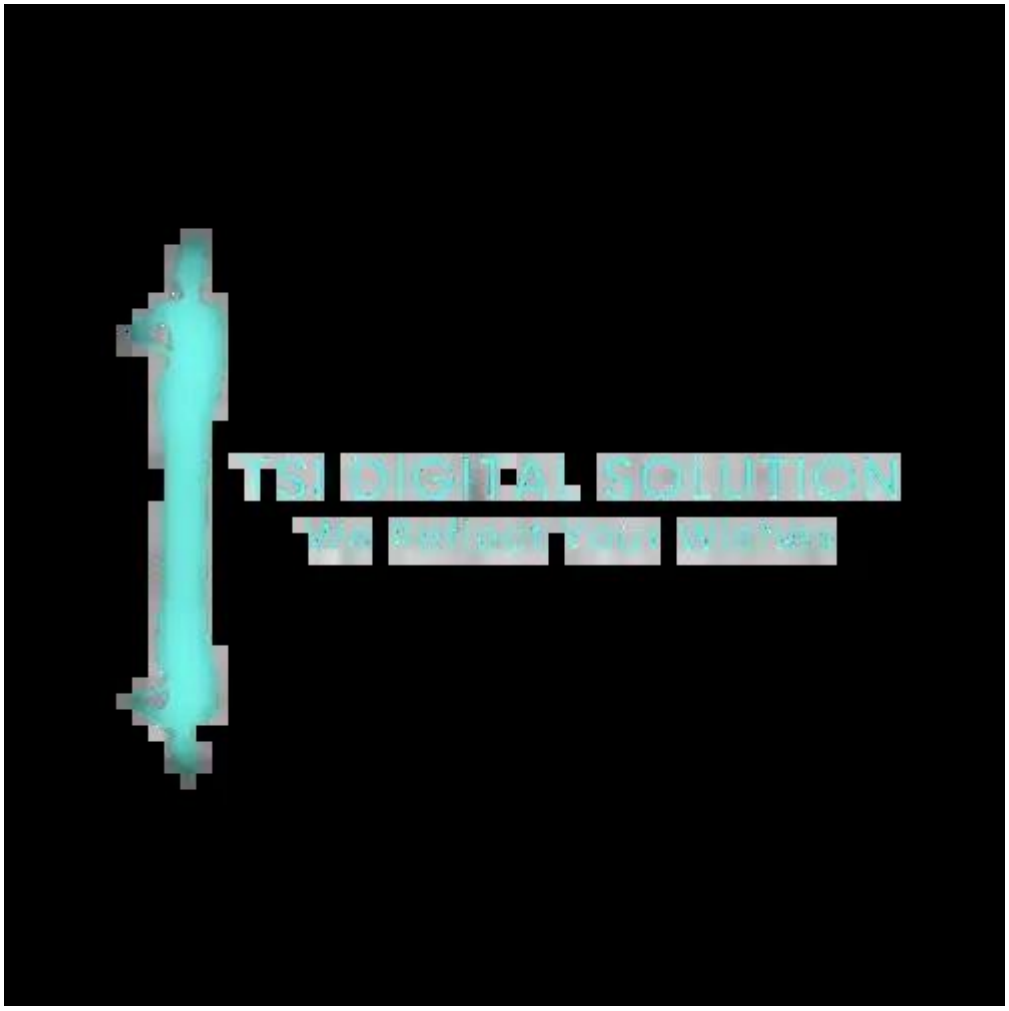
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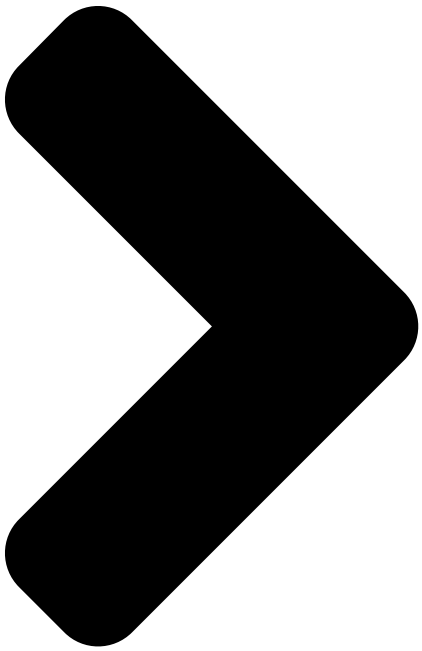

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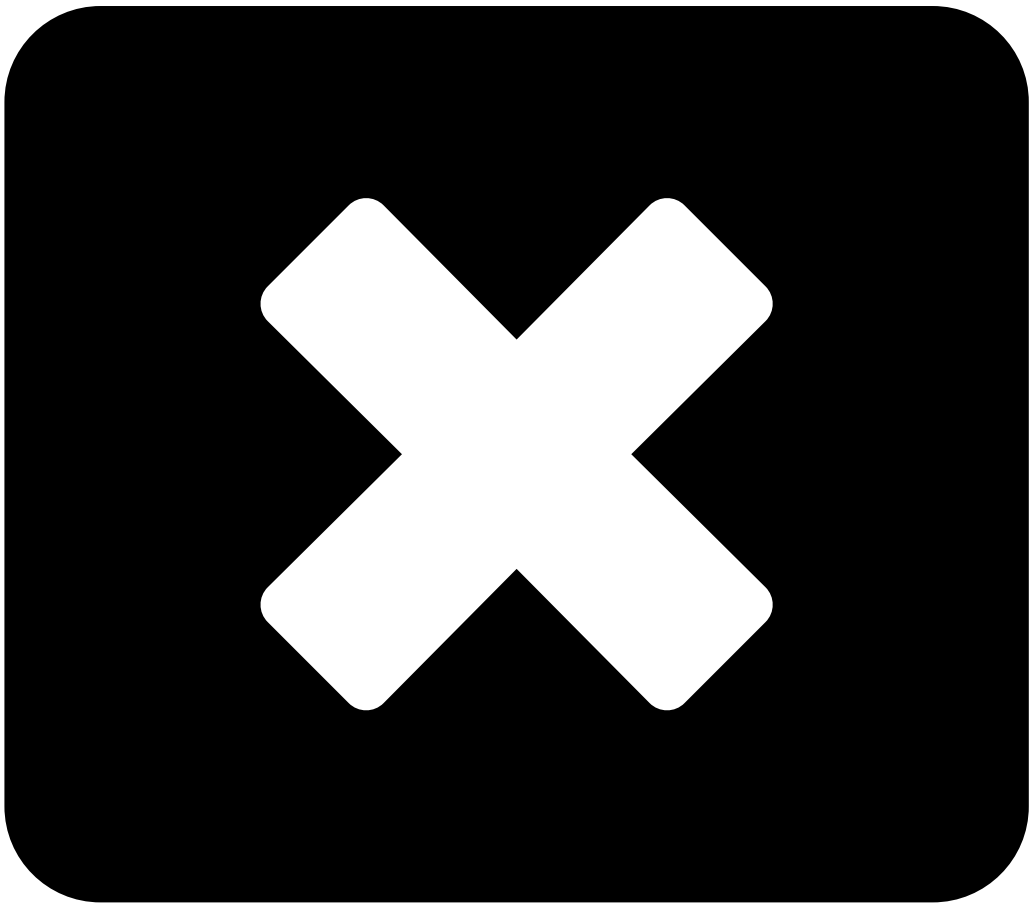

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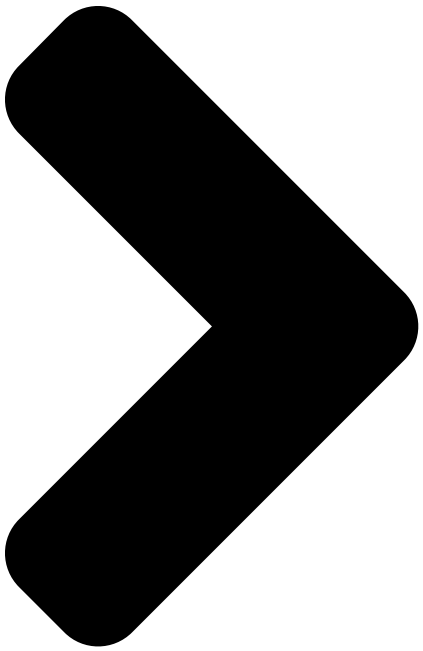

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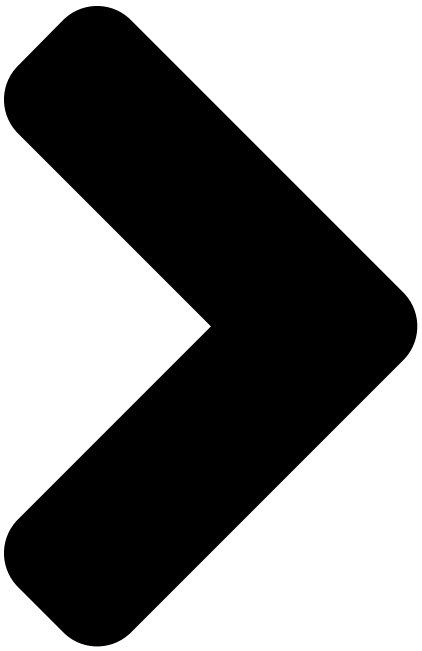

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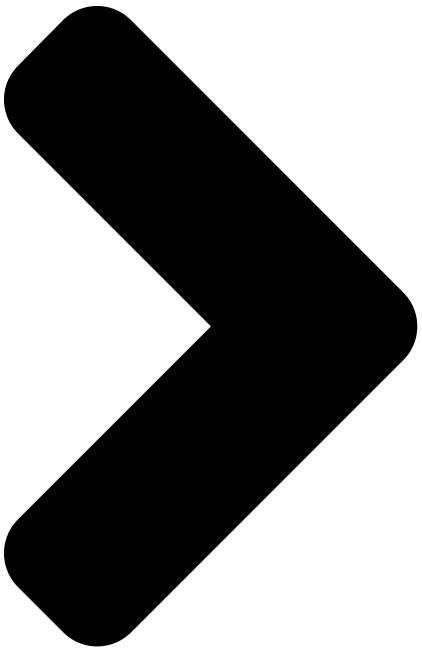

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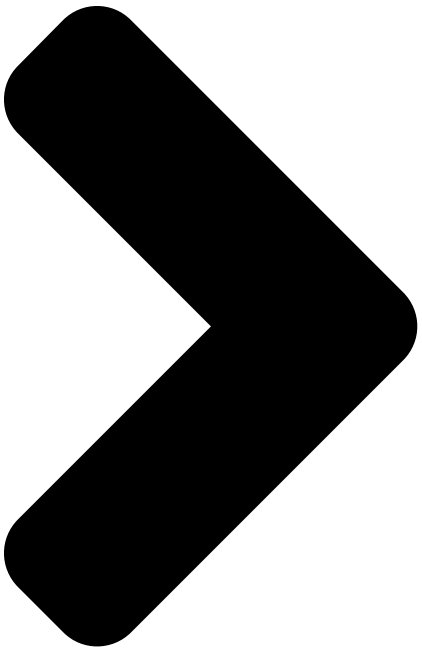

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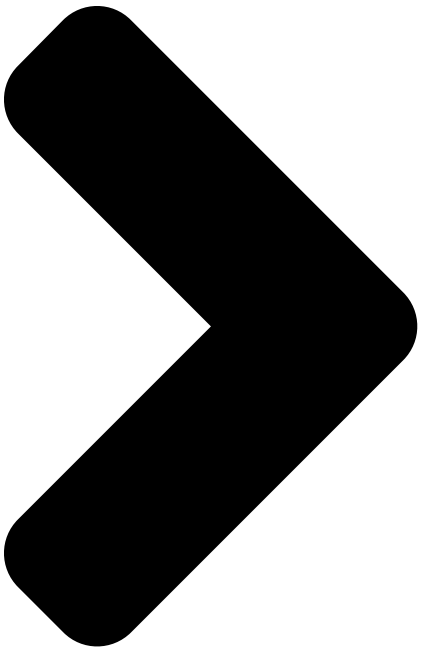

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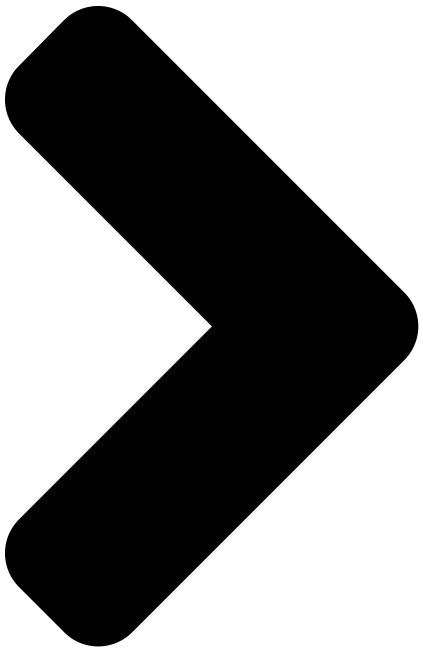

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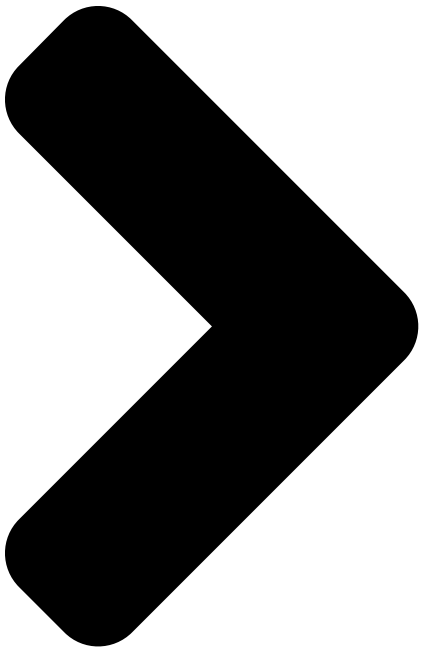

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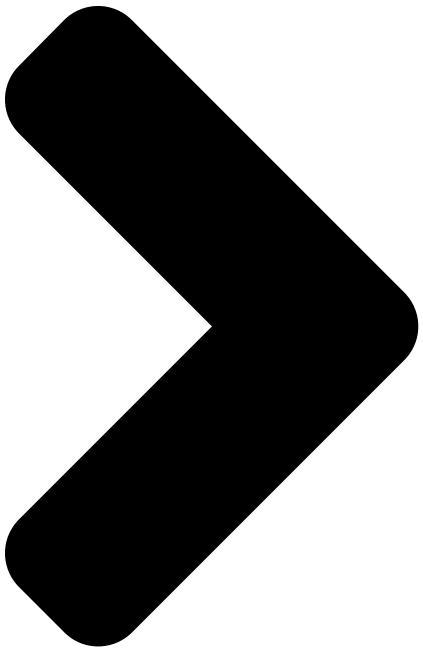

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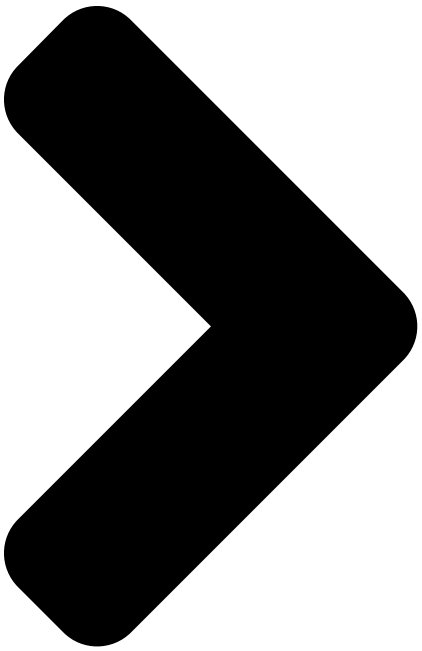

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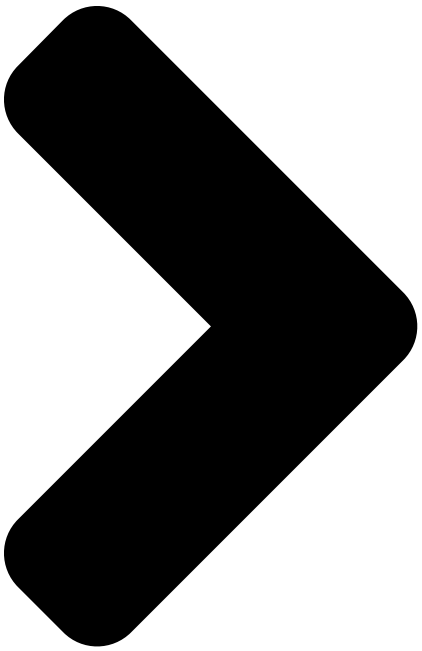

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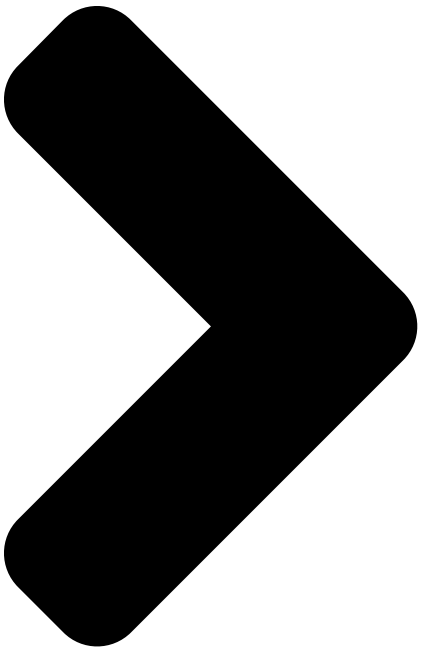

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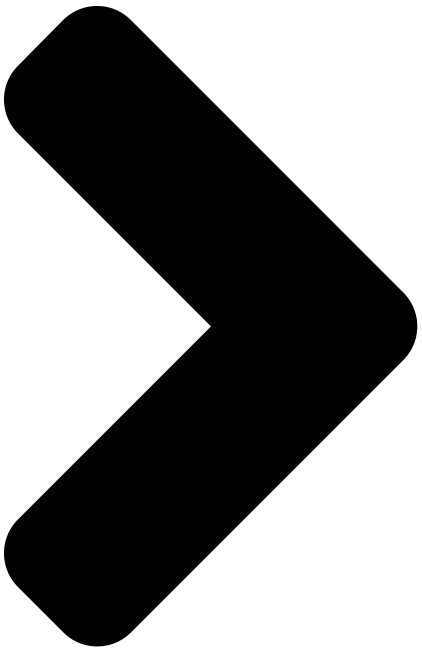

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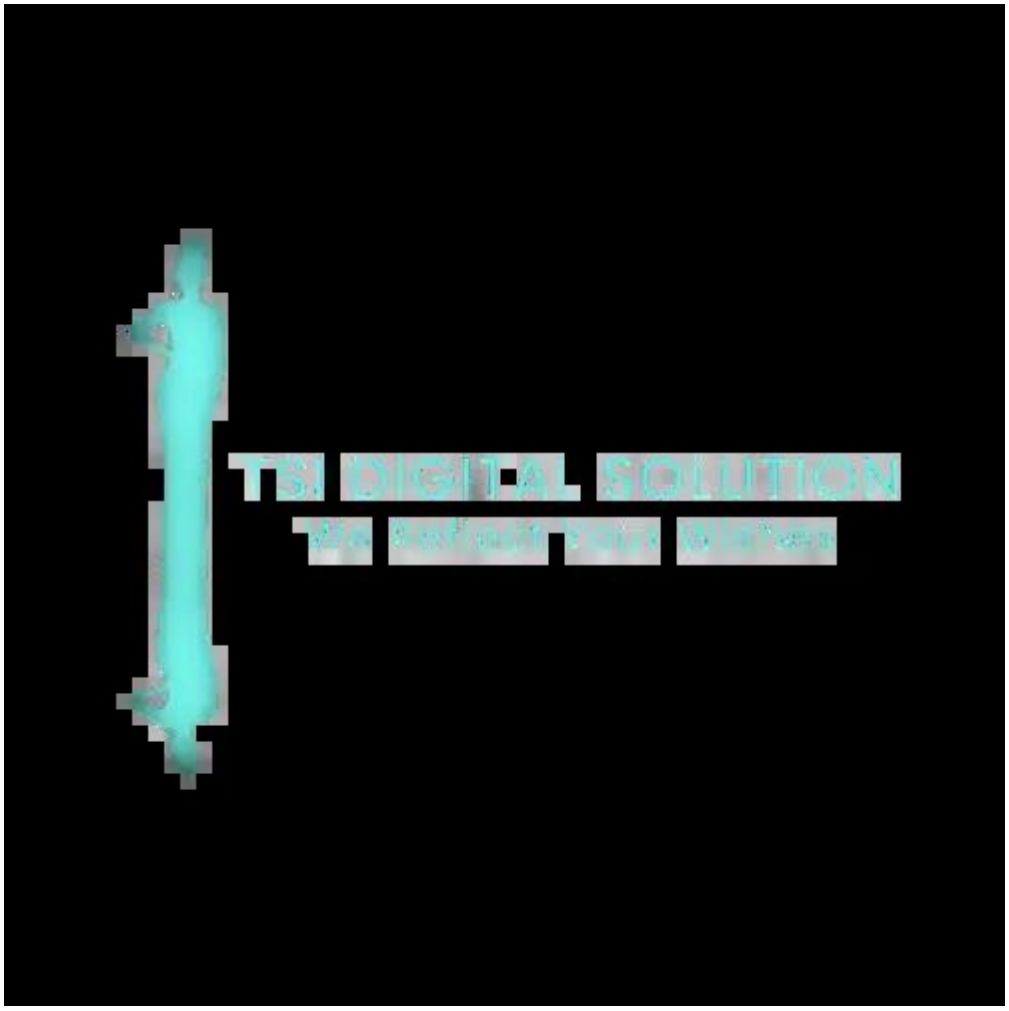
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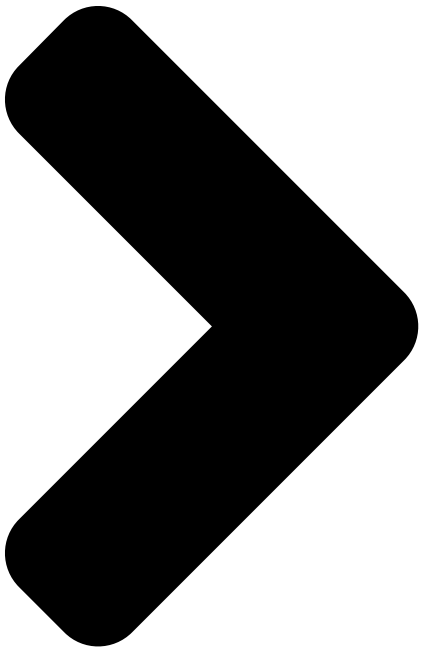

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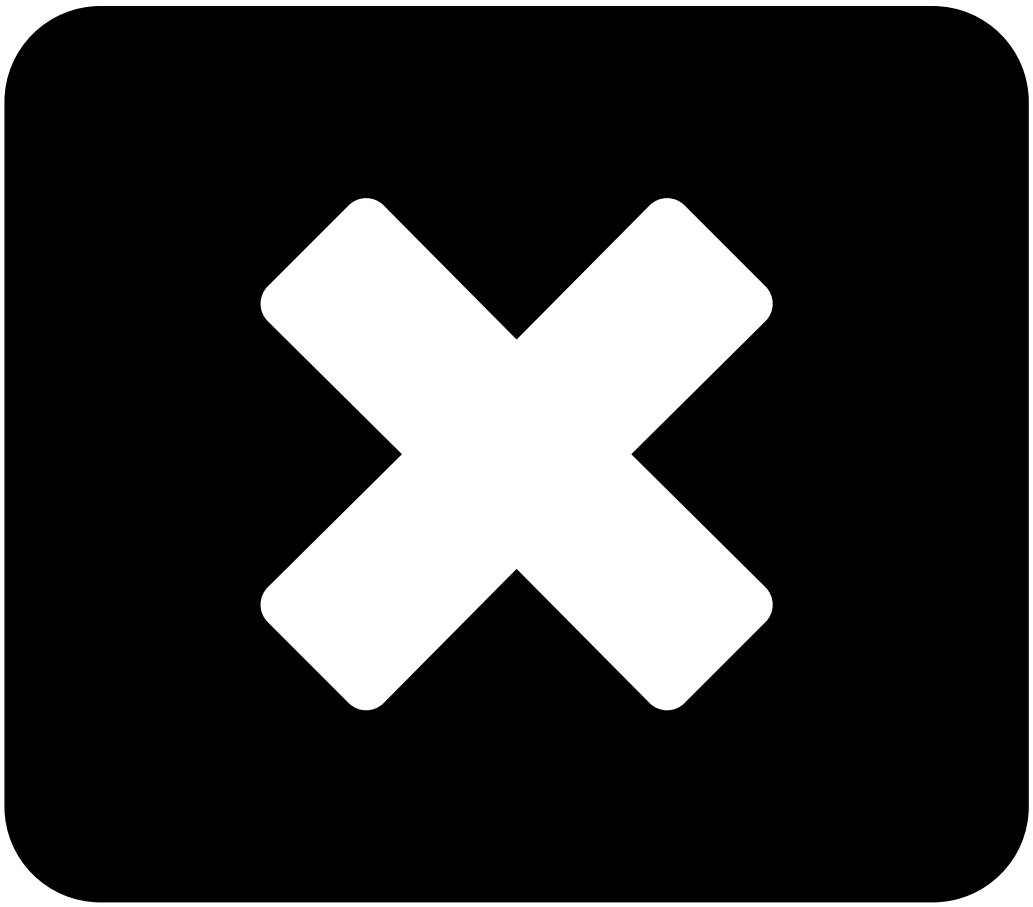

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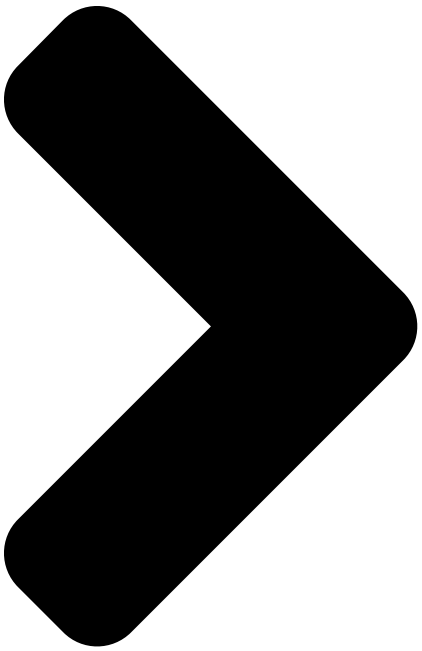

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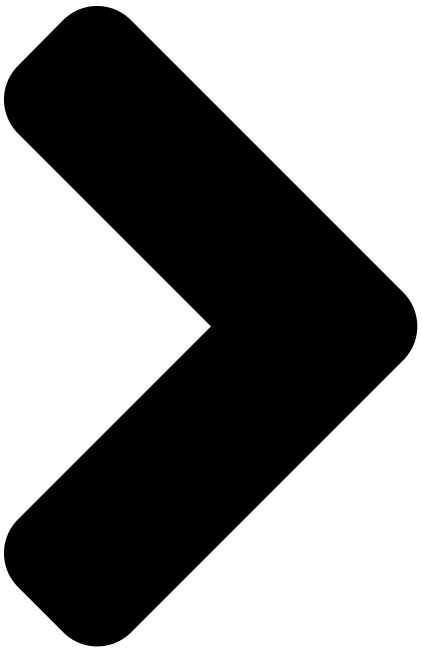

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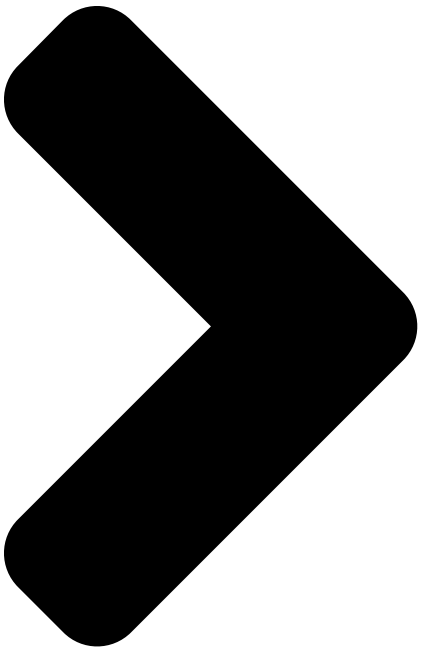

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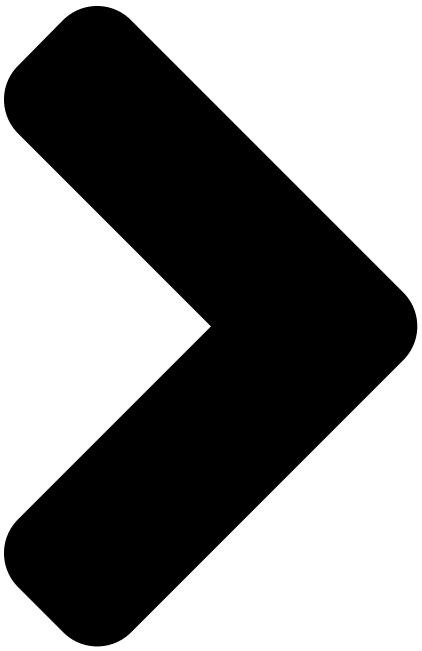

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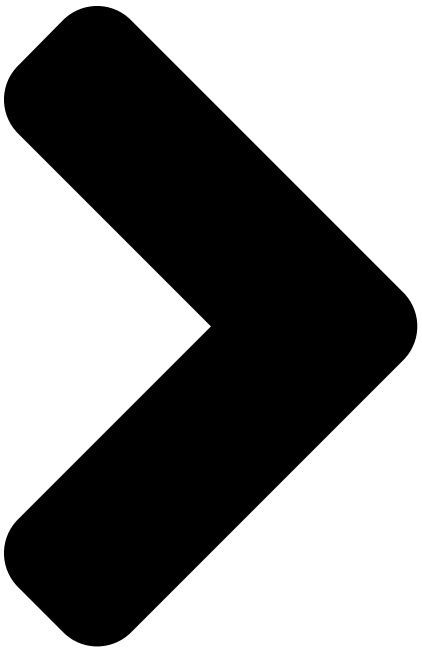

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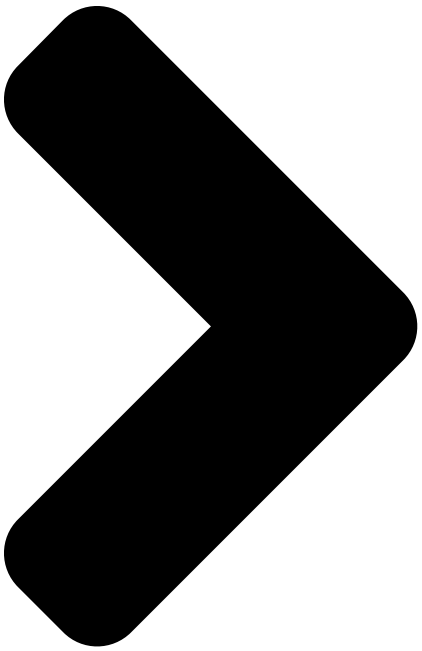

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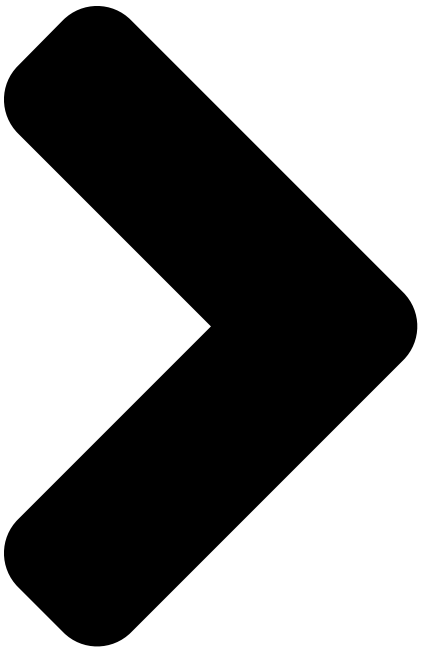

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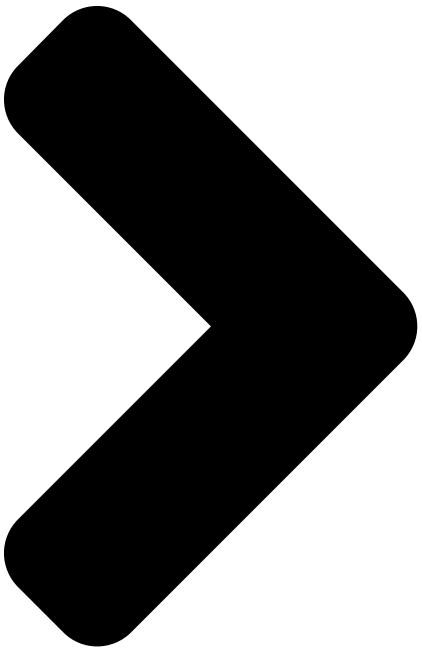

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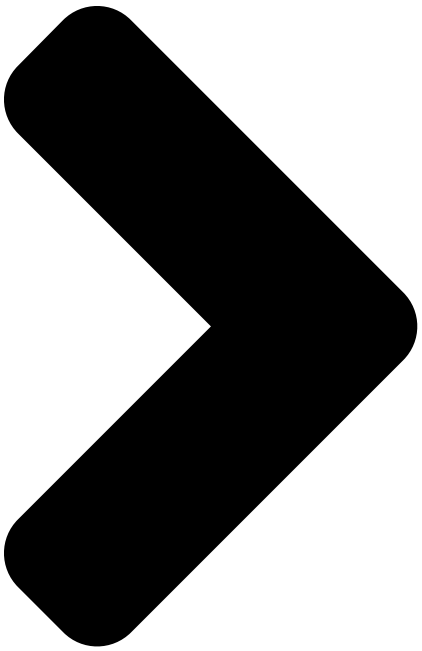

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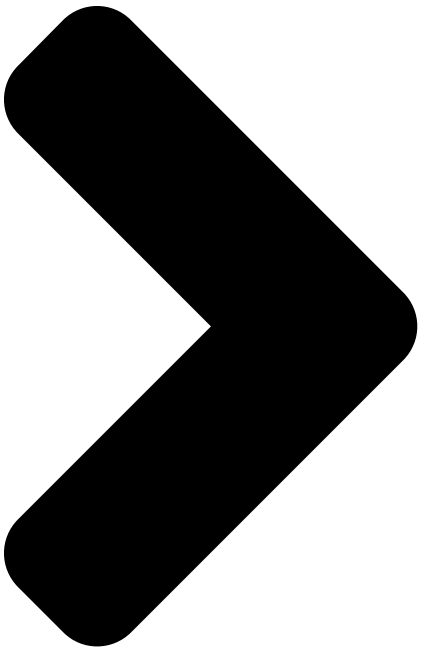

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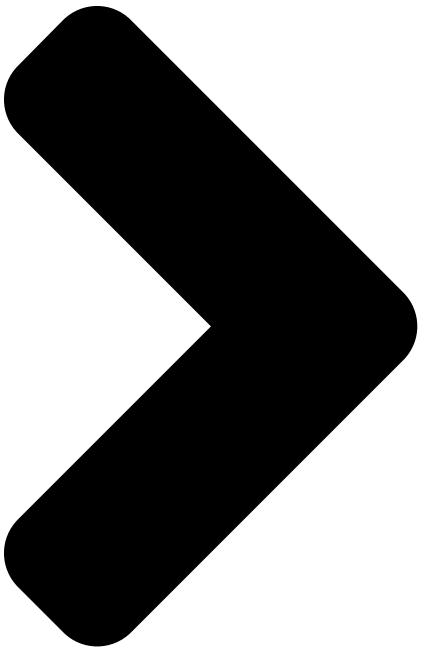

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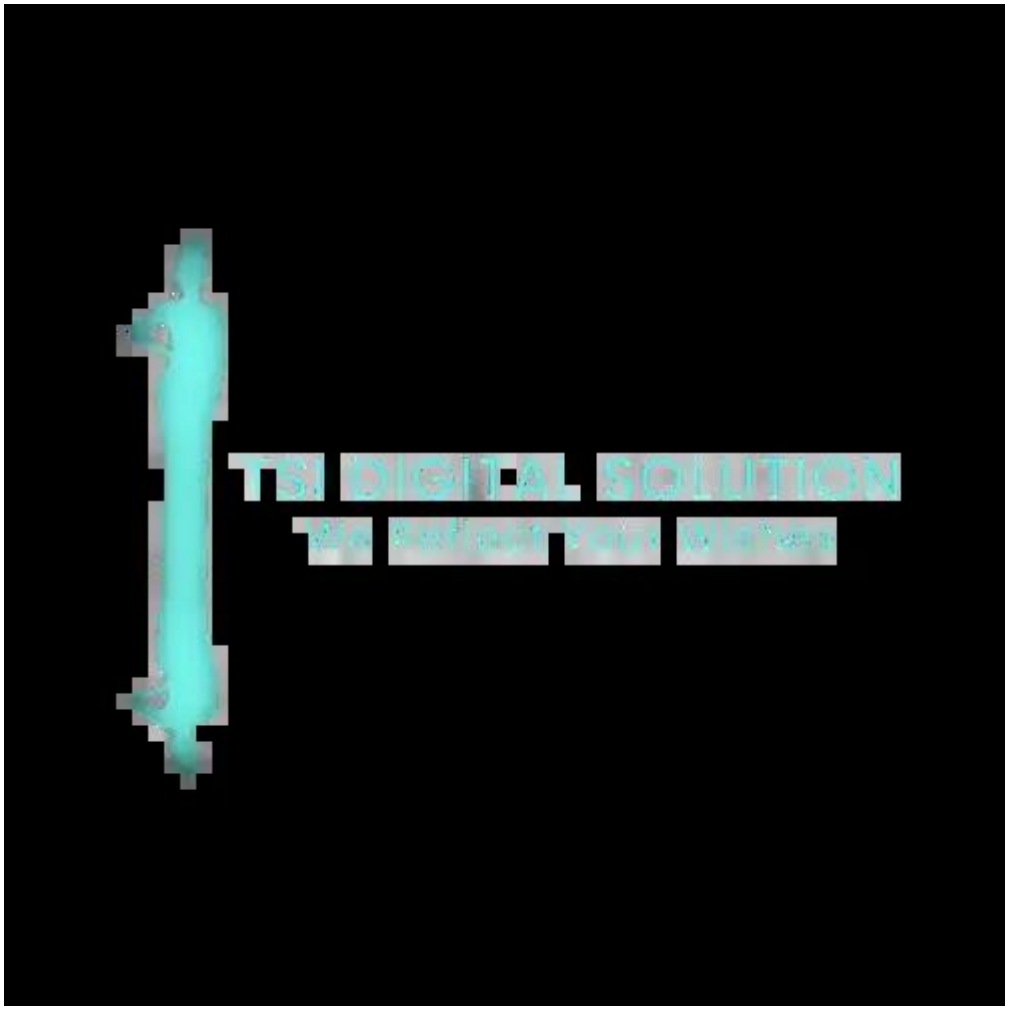
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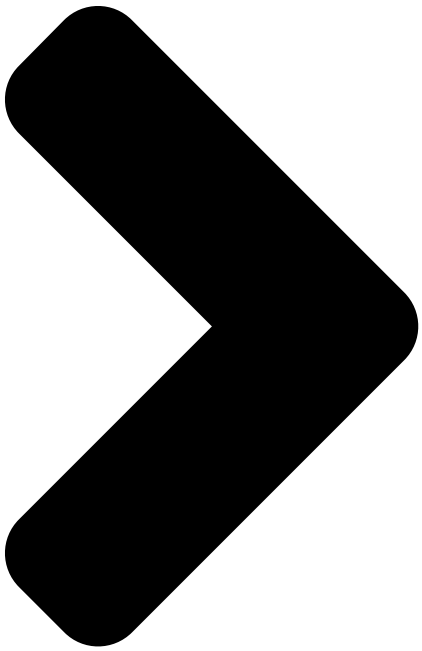

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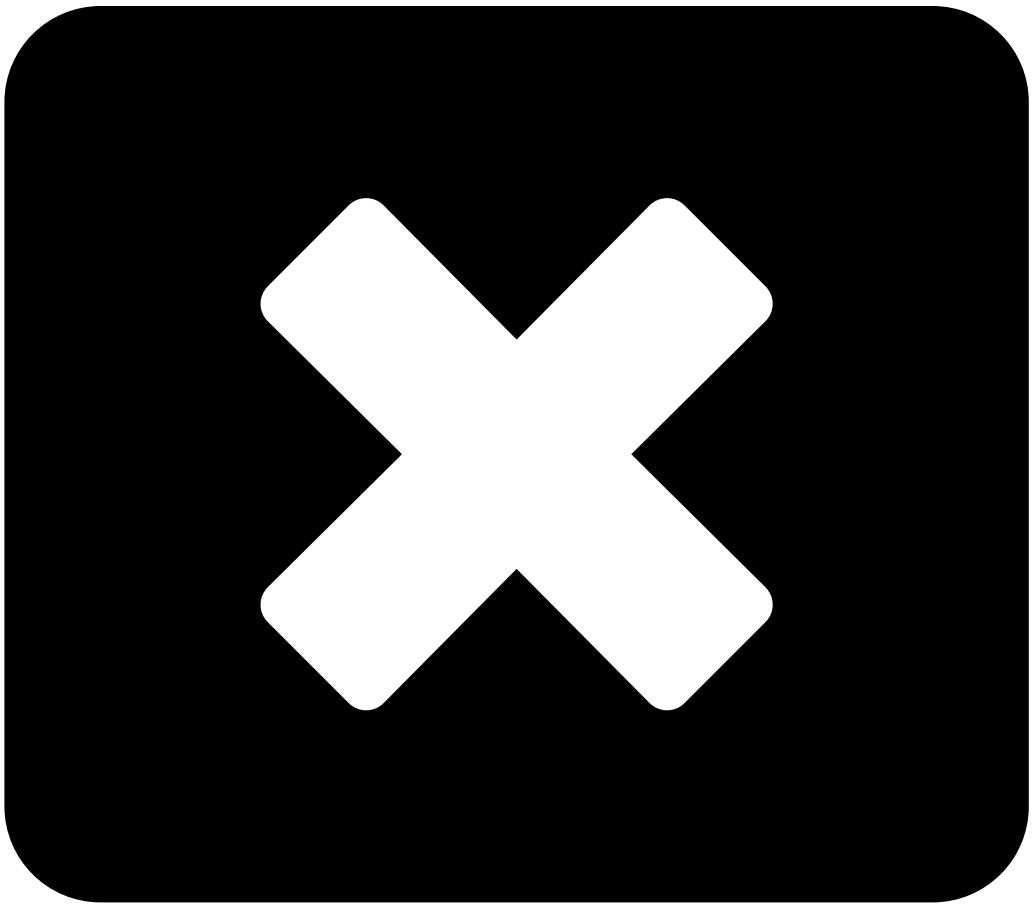

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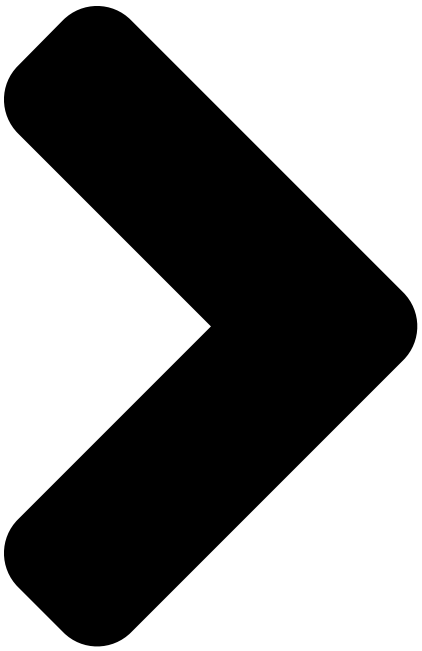

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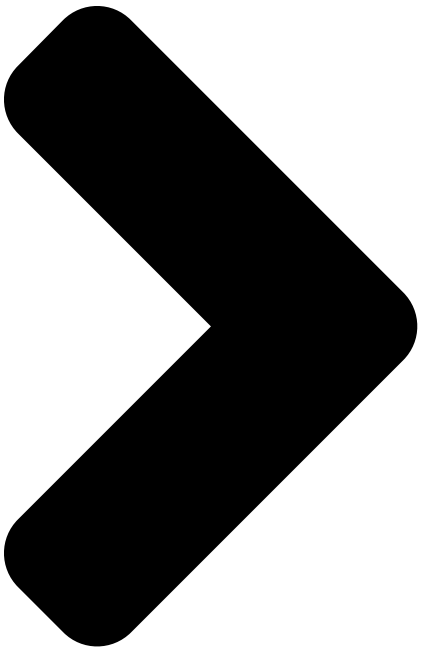

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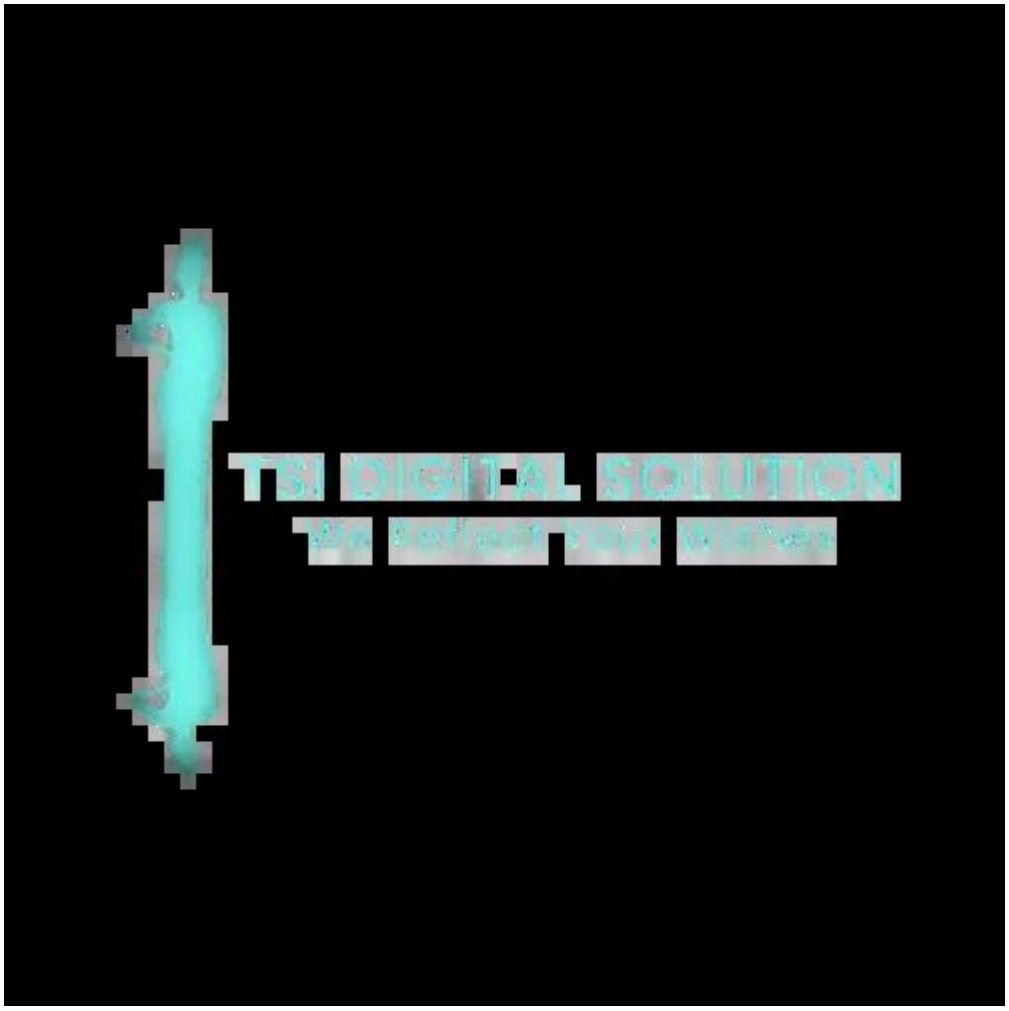
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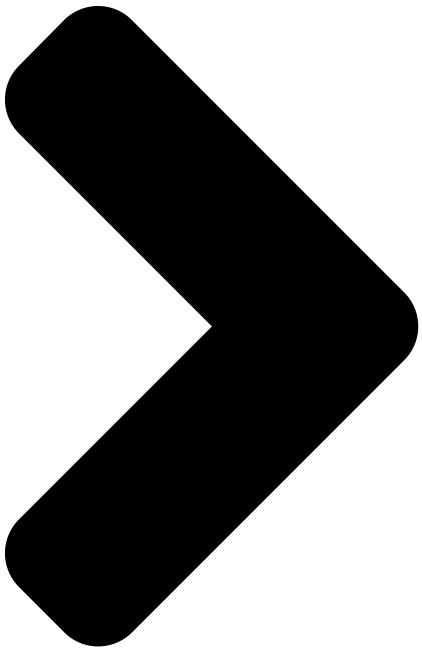

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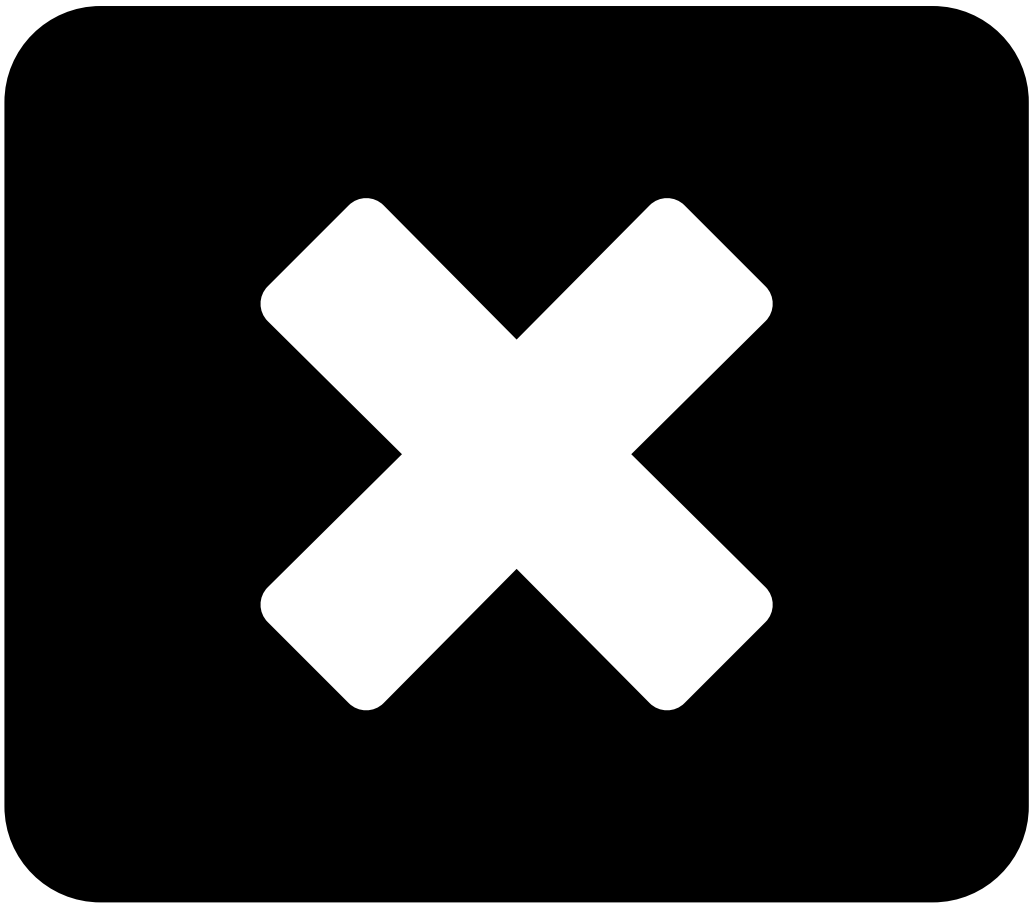

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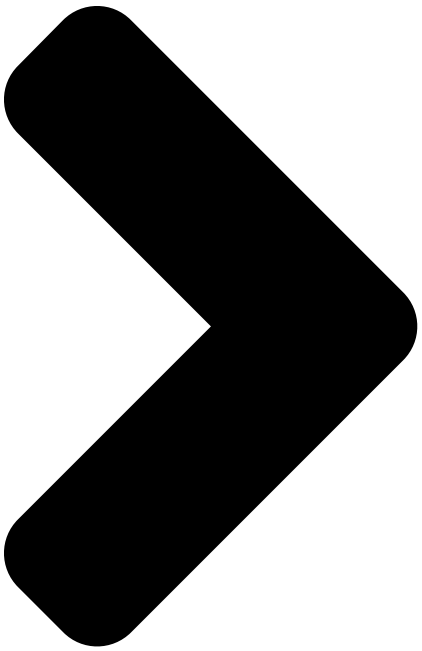

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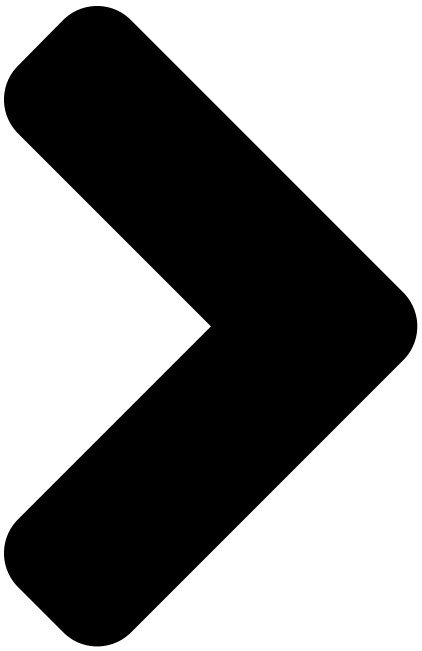

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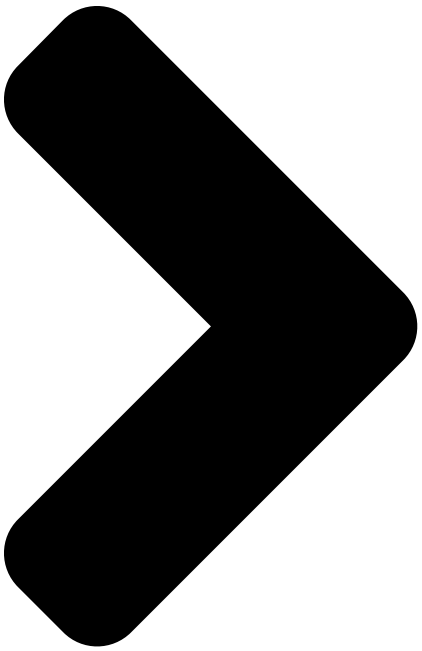

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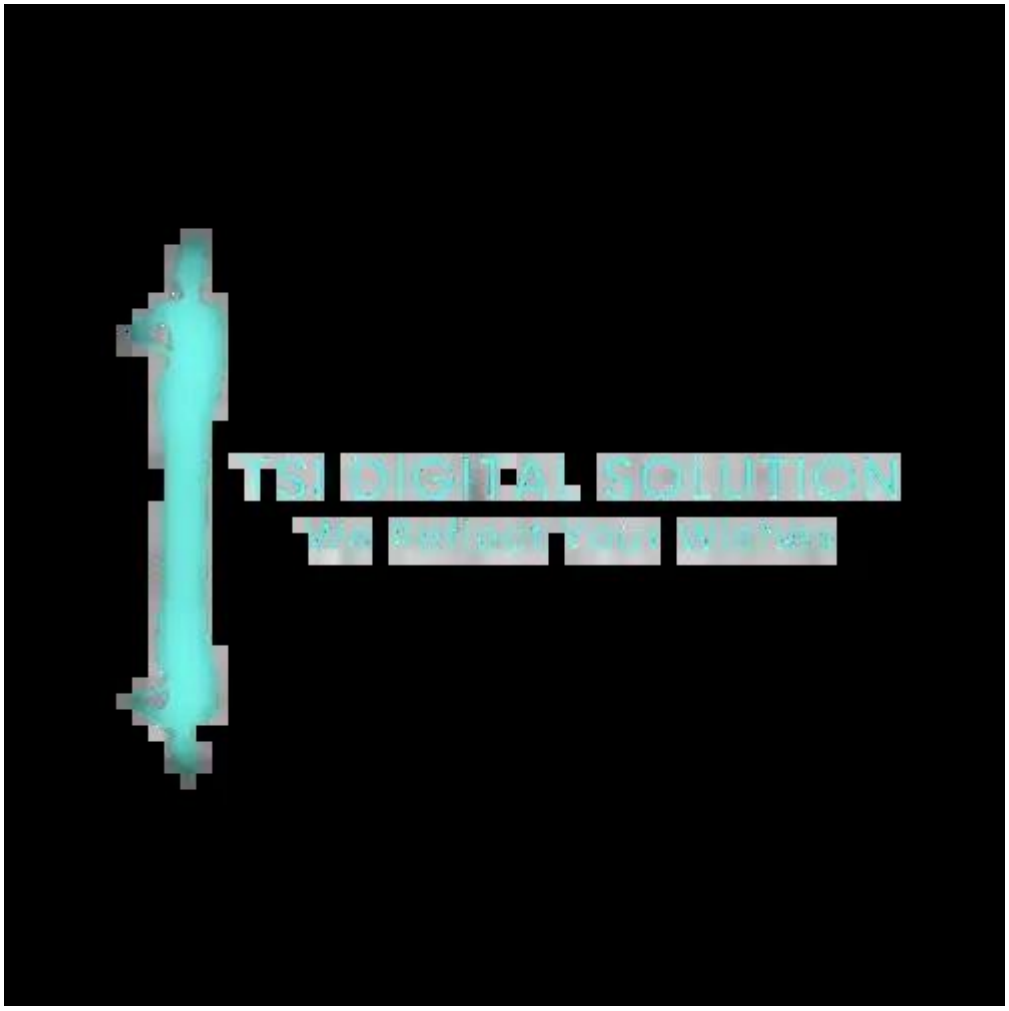
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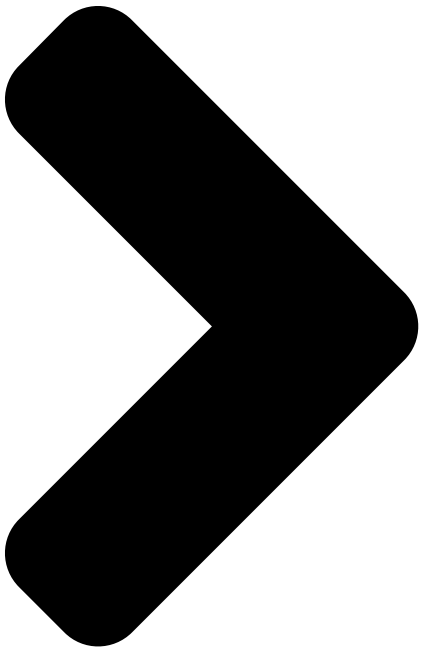

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how to migrate safely without losing visibility

Relocating your website to a new host is like moving your company headquarters. You expect a better location, faster service, and stronger

foundations. But if the move is handled poorly, it can lead to lost customers, damaged reputation, and visibility issues that are hard to repair.

For any business that depends on online presence, changing host is not just a technical choice but a strategic decision with direct consequences for SEO. Search rankings, user trust, and conversion rates all hinge on the quality of hosting and how smoothly you manage the migration.

Why Hosting Quality Directly Affects SEO

Your hosting provider quietly controls how users and search engines experience your website. A poor-quality host creates invisible barriers that prevent your site from ranking well.

- **Site Speed:**
  Speed is one of Google's confirmed ranking factors. According to Google research, the probability of a visitor bouncing **increases by 32%** as page load time goes from 1 second to 3 seconds. Hosting directly influences this. If your provider uses outdated servers or lacks caching support, every page on your site suffers.
- **Uptime and Reliability:**
  Even 99% uptime sounds strong, but it still equals **over 7 hours of downtime per month**. During these hours, both search engines and customers may encounter errors. Search bots crawling your site repeatedly during downtime may reduce crawl frequency, hurting your indexation.
- **Server Location and Latency:**
  Proximity matters. Hosting on a server far from your target market adds latency that slows user experience. A website targeting Asia but hosted in North America **can load half a second slower** for users and that delay can reduce conversions by double digits.
- **Security and SSL:**
  Not all hosting providers offer the same level of security. If your new host is vulnerable and your site experiences downtime from attacks, **search engines treat this as instability**. Google also prioritizes HTTPS sites, making SSL certificates from your host essential.

The Risks of Changing Host Without a Plan

Switching hosting providers without preparation can undo years of SEO effort!

Temporary Ranking Drops

It's common to see fluctuations in rankings after migration. Google needs time to adjust to DNS changes, and any errors in redirects can result in sudden ranking dips.

Data and Migration Errors

Files, databases, and content don't always move cleanly. If redirects are

forgotten or broken, some pages become inaccessible. Missing content can create 404 errors that frustrate users and signal neglect to search engines.

IP Reputation

Many hosting providers put multiple websites on the same IP address. If one of those sites is flagged for spam, the reputation can affect all domains sharing that IP. Without vetting the IP quality of your new host, you risk inheriting problems you didn’t create.

Lost Backlinks or Redirects

Backlinks are the backbone of SEO authority. If the migration breaks existing URLs or ignores 301 redirects, valuable links may point to dead pages, weakening your domain authority instantly.

How to Protect Your SEO During a Host Change

1. Prepare a Staging Environment

Before going live, test your website on the new host. This ensures speed, security, and functionality are intact. By doing so, customers and search bots never see a half-functioning website.

2. Implement 301 Redirects Properly

301 redirects tell search engines that your old content is now permanently located at a new address. Without them, Google may treat your migrated content as duplicate, diluting your rankings.

3. Monitor Logs and Crawl Reports

After switching, check server logs and crawl reports in Google Search Console. This reveals whether search bots are properly reaching and indexing your content.

4. Track Performance Metrics

Measure performance before and after migration. Compare page speed, crawl stats, and traffic levels. A proactive approach allows you to correct issues before they impact revenue.

Common Mistakes to Avoid When Changing Host

Switching During Peak Traffic Seasons

Migrating during your busiest months risks lost sales and frustrated customers. Schedule migrations during low-traffic periods to minimize damage.

Ignoring Backups

Even with the best host, things can go wrong. Without a recent full backup, you may lose critical content permanently.

Rushing DNS Propagation

DNS changes can take 24-72 hours. Cutting corners here risks downtime. Proper planning avoids search engine confusion and ranking drops.

Choosing Hosts Based Only on Price

Cheap hosting often sacrifices speed, uptime, and support, all of which are SEO essentials. A low-cost host may save money short-term but cost far more in lost rankings.

Conclusion

Changing host is more than a technical adjustment, it’s a decision that shapes the visibility, trust, and growth of your website. A reliable hosting provider improves speed, uptime, and user experience, which are all critical signals for search engines. But without a careful migration strategy, you risk losing rankings, backlinks, and customer trust.

The good news is that with preparation, the right redirects, and proper monitoring, changing host can actually *strengthen* your SEO instead of harming it. Treat the process as an opportunity to upgrade your foundation and set your business up for long-term digital success.

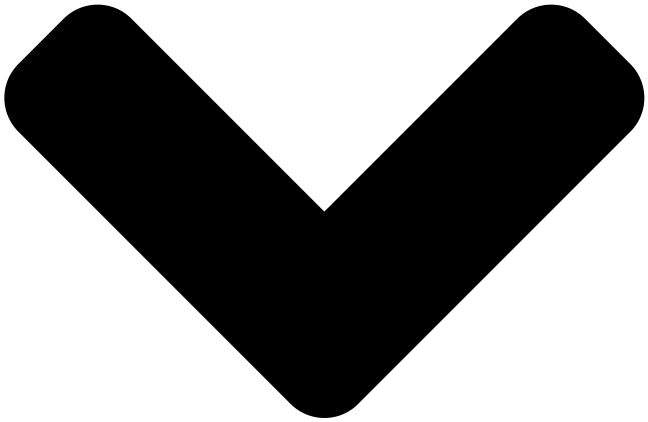
If you’re considering a host change, make sure it’s a move toward better performance, not just a different server. Done right, the transition becomes a turning point for growth.

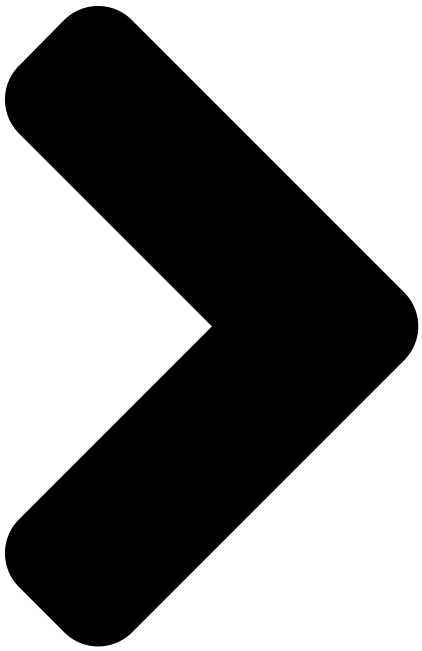
Websites Without Losing SEO

At TSI Digital Solution, we help businesses migrate their websites without losing SEO traction. From strategy and staging to monitoring after launch, we ensure your site keeps growing instead of risking hard-earned rankings.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Will changing host always affect SEO?





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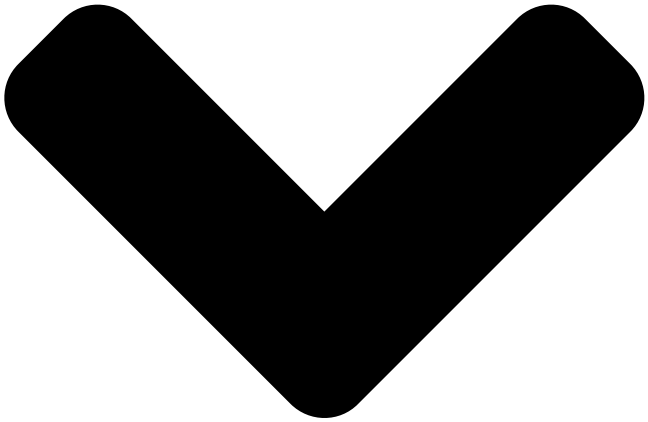

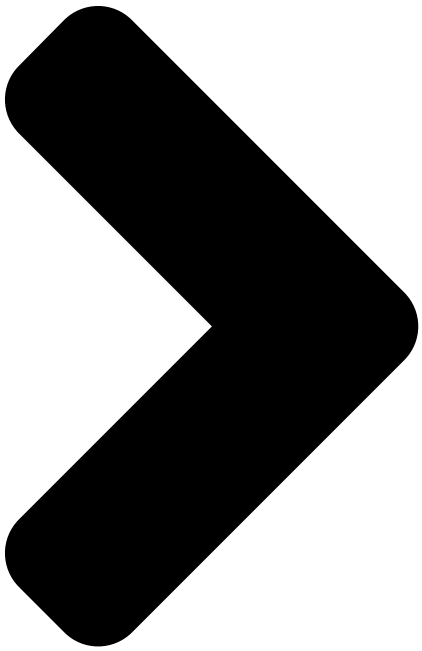

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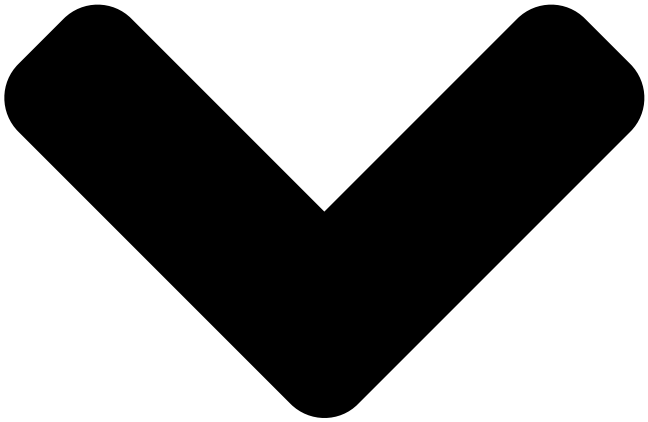

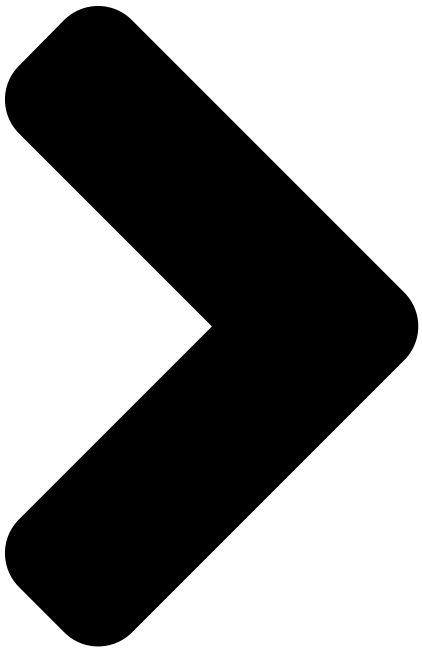

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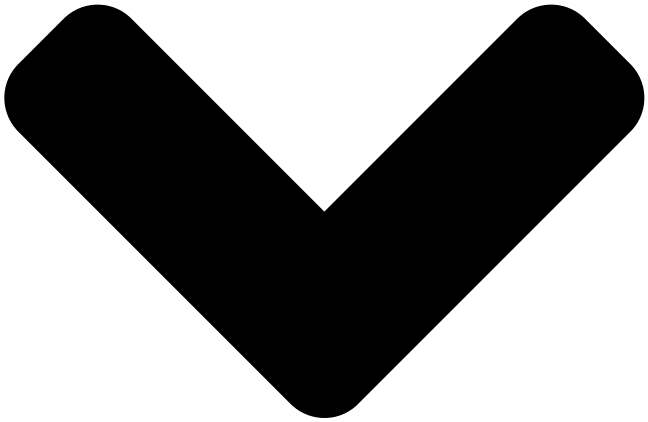

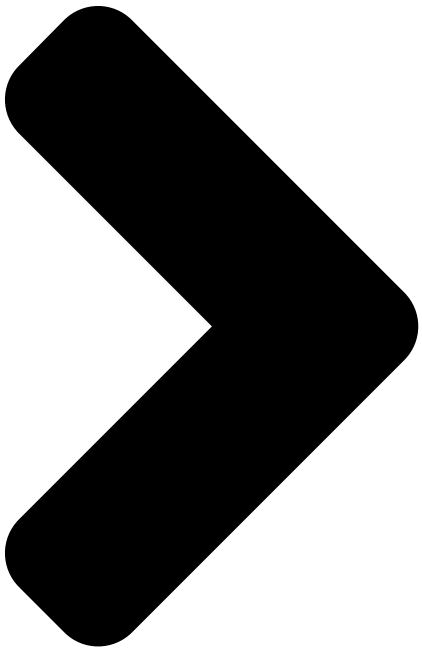

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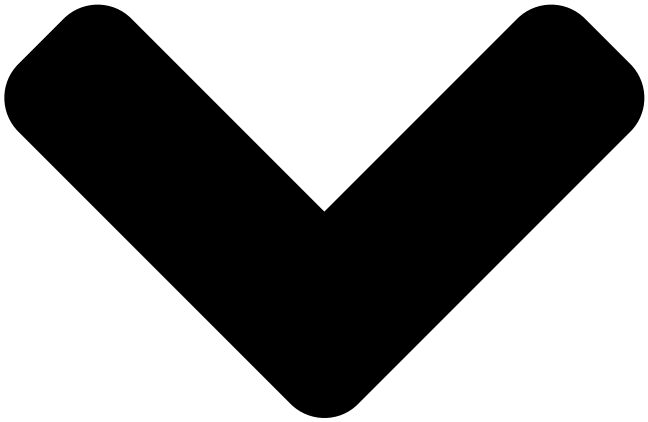

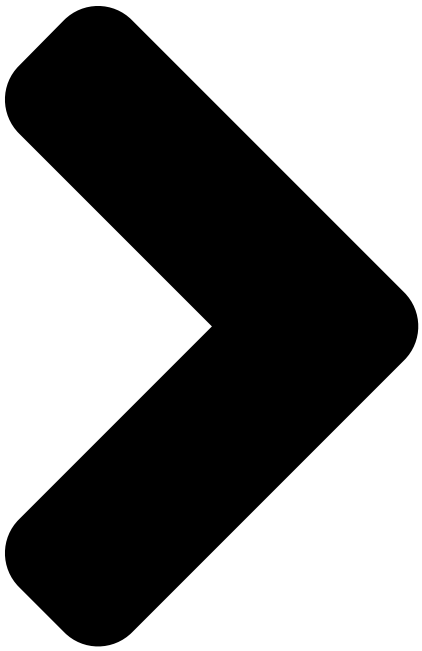

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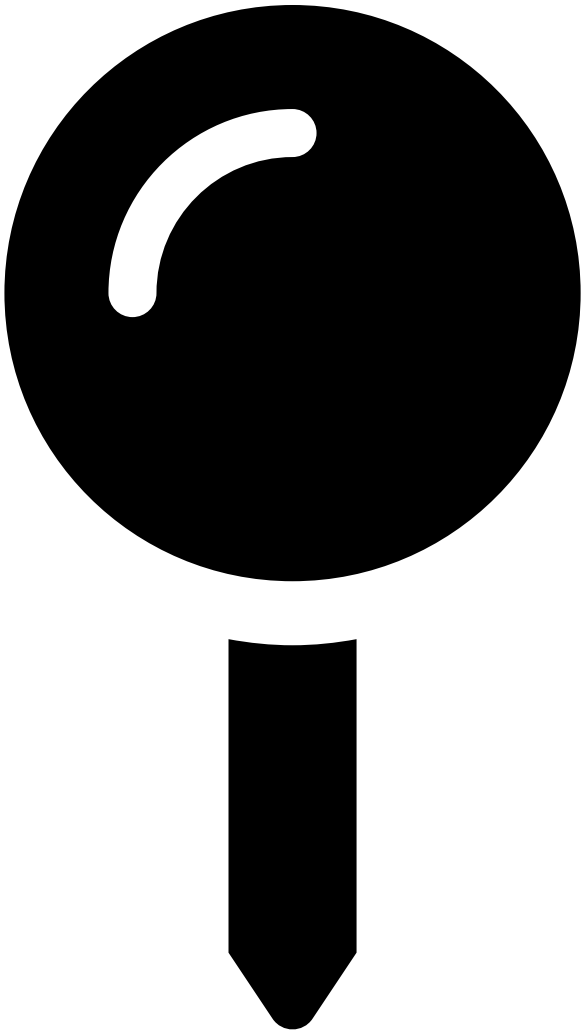

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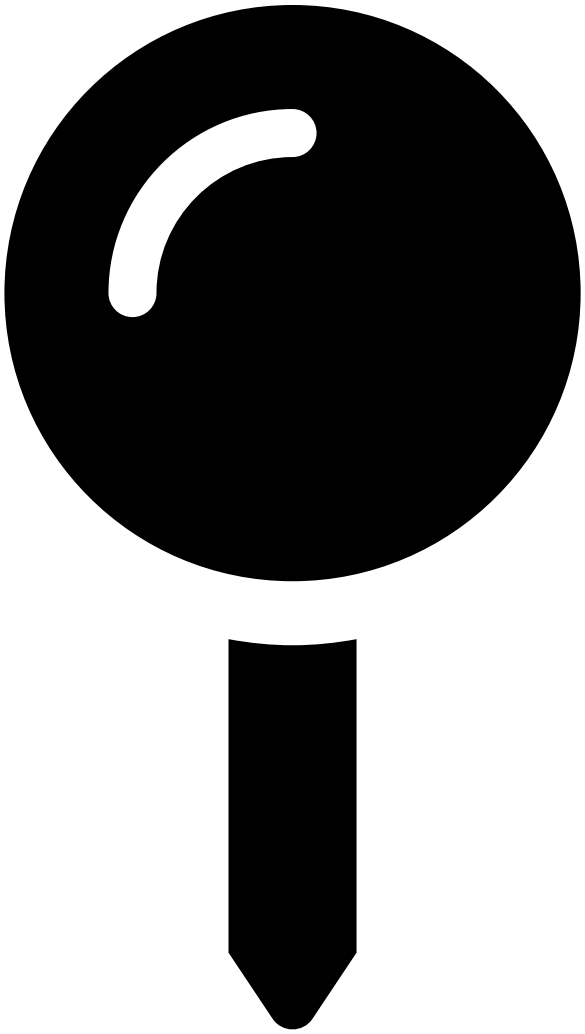

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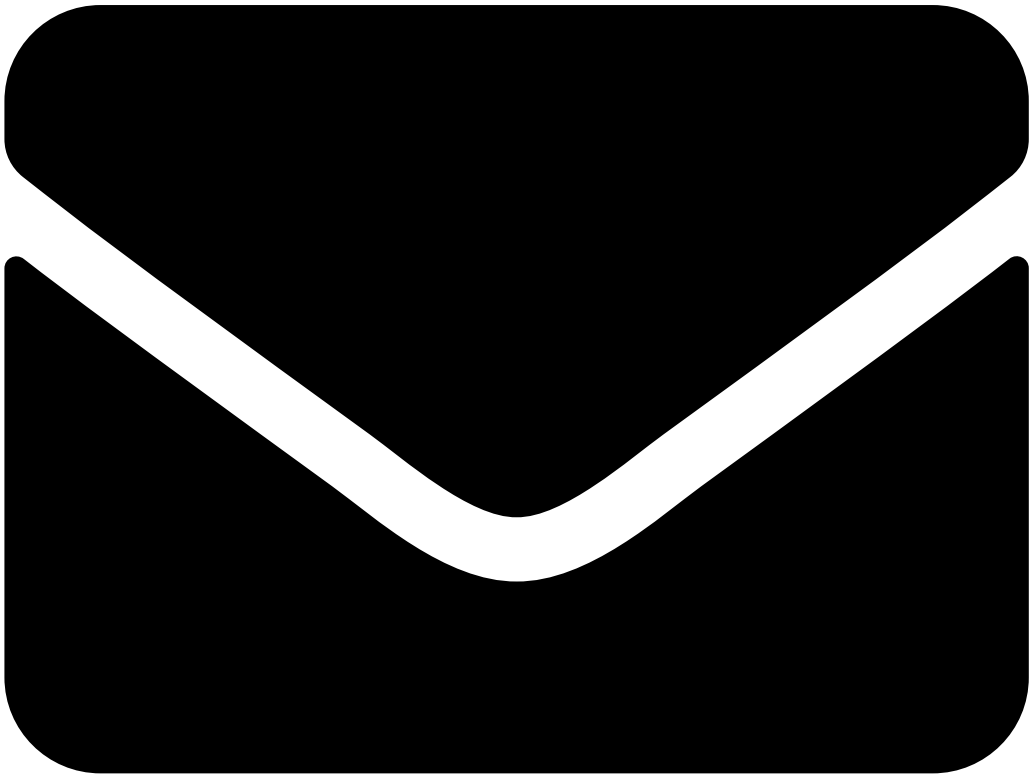

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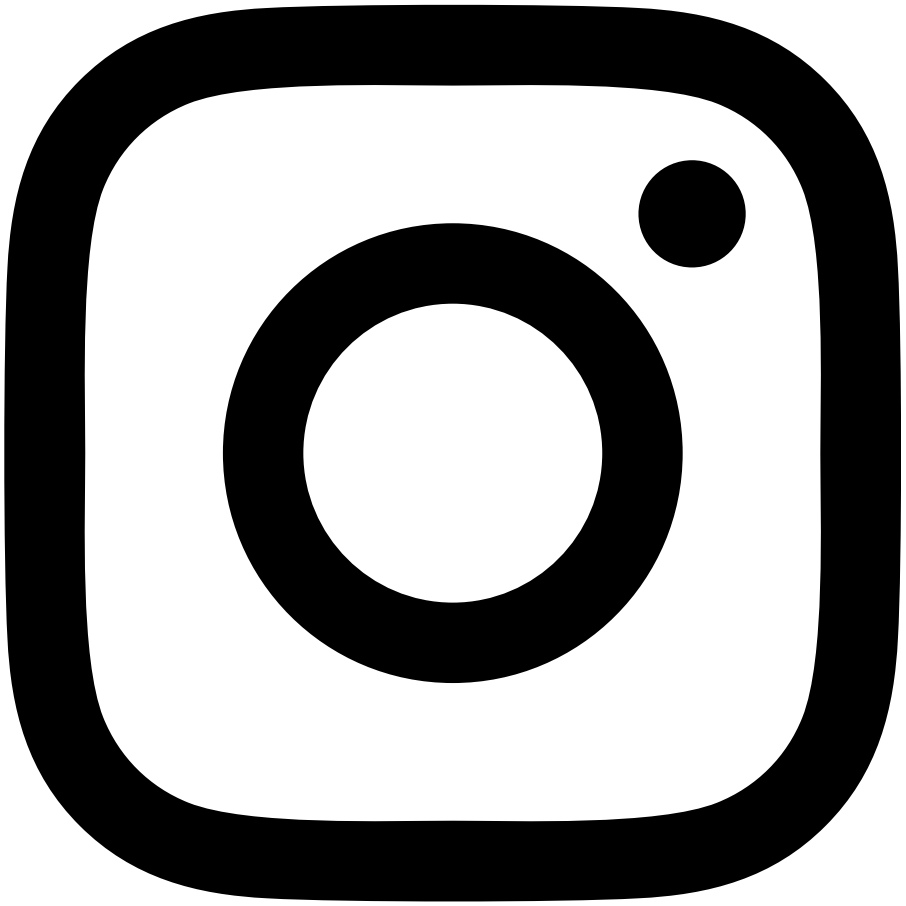

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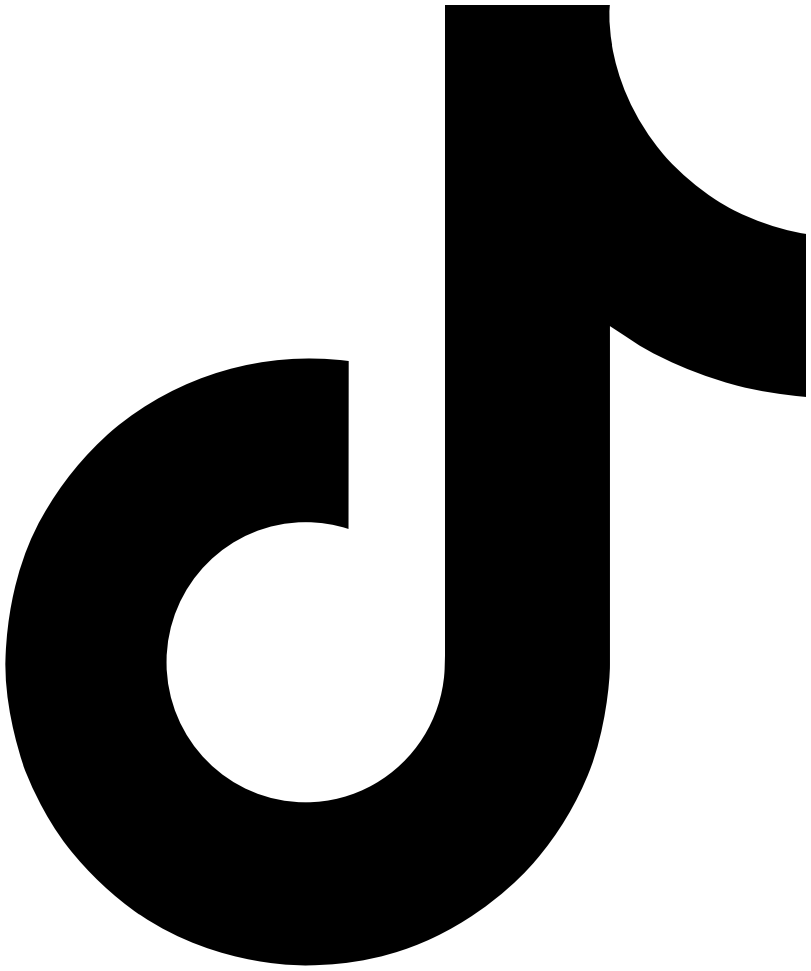

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