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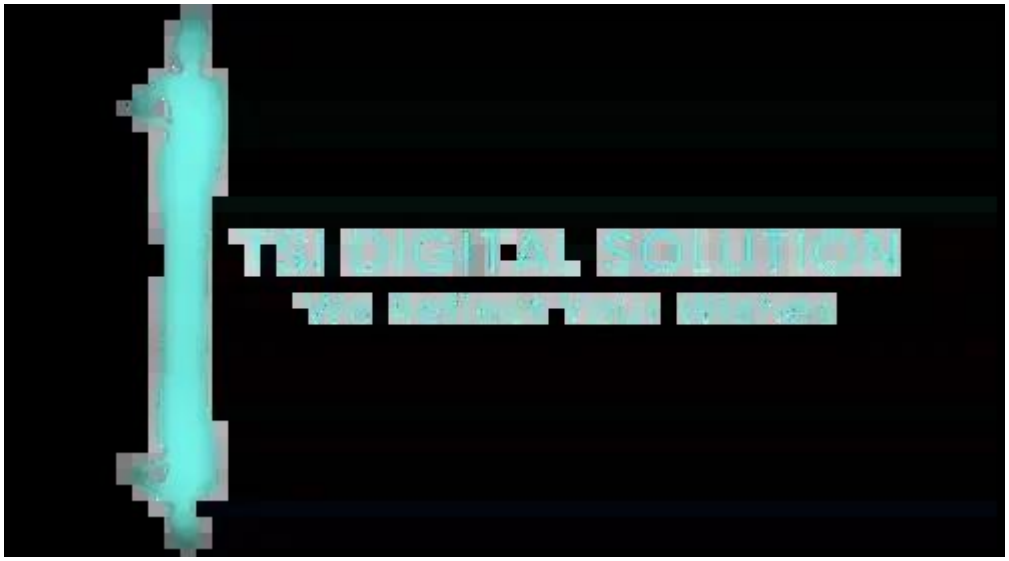

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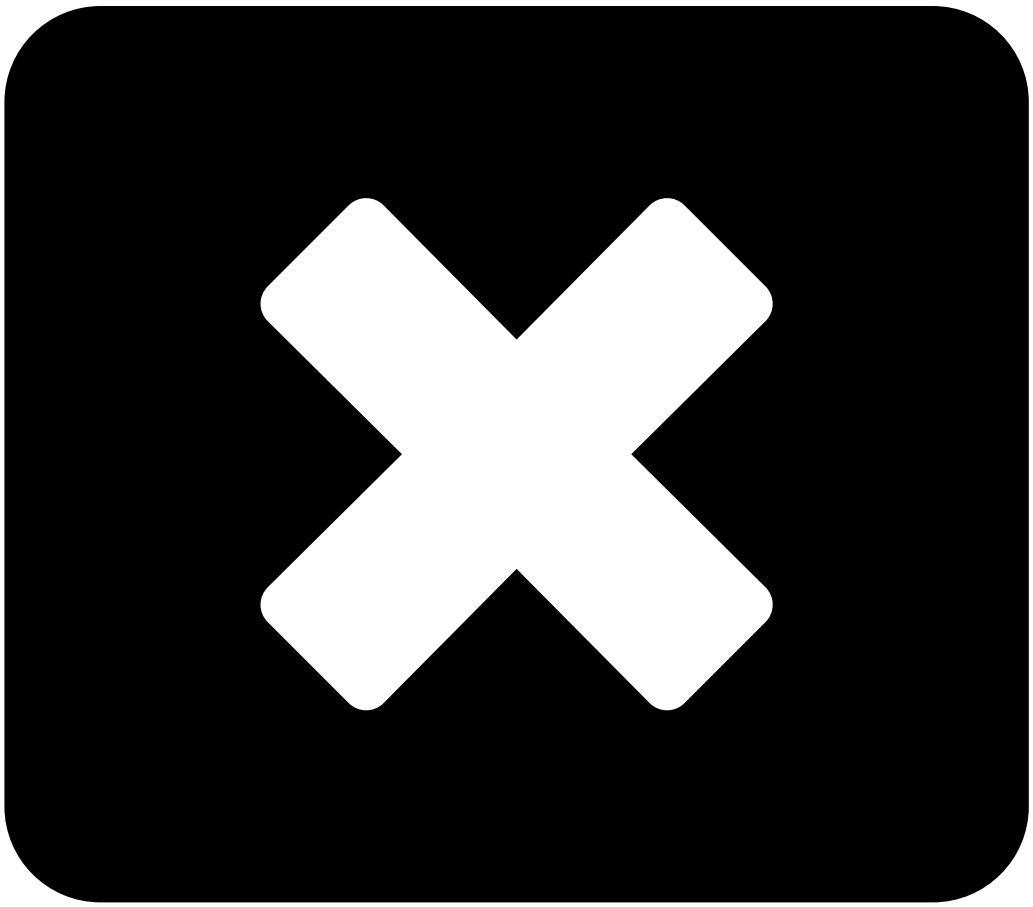

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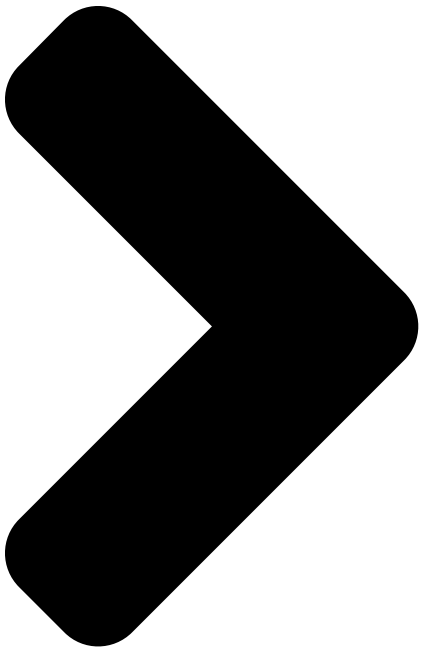

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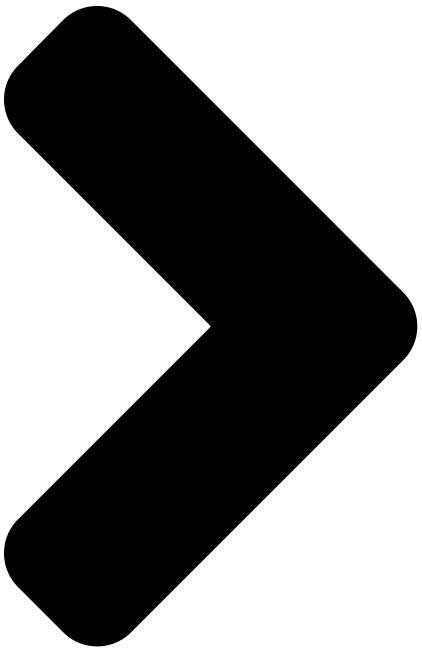

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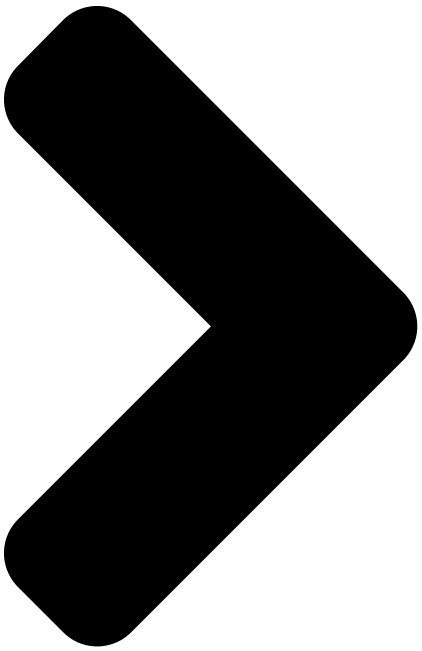

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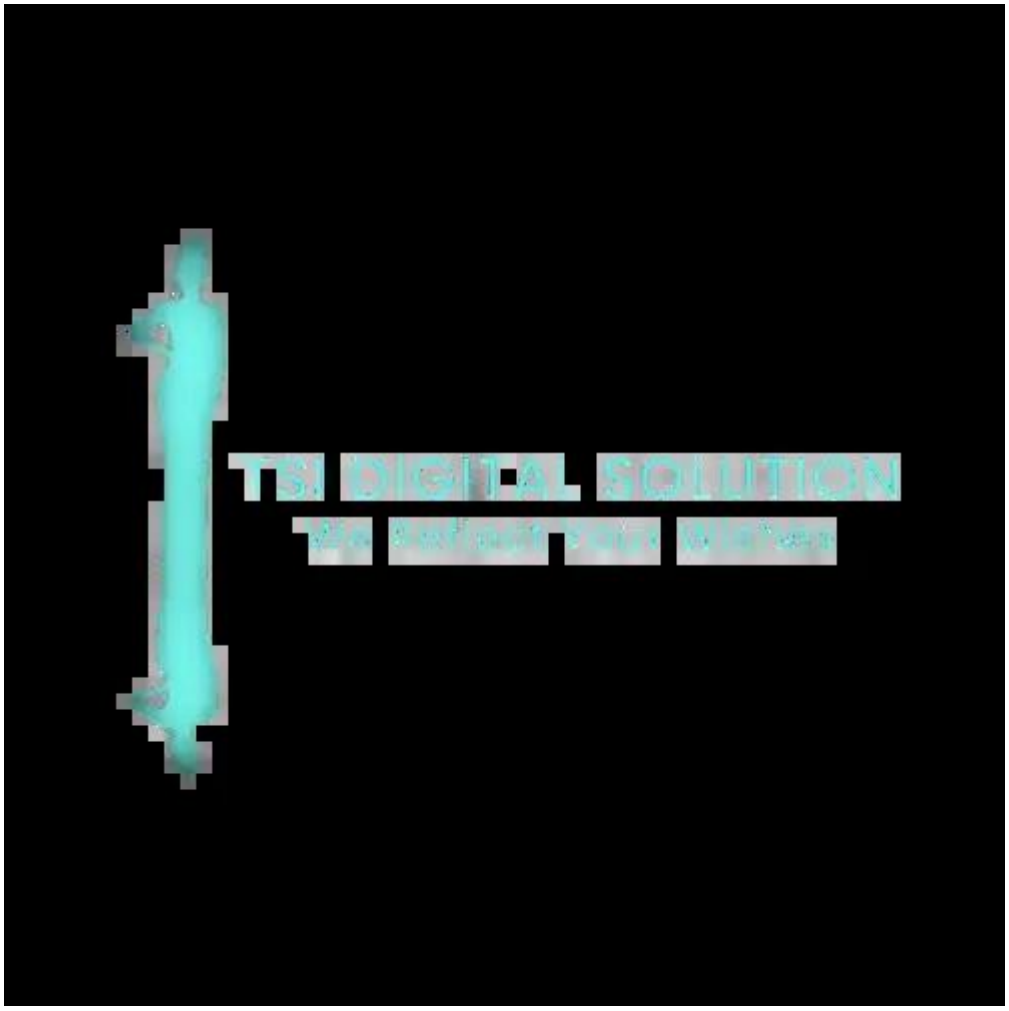
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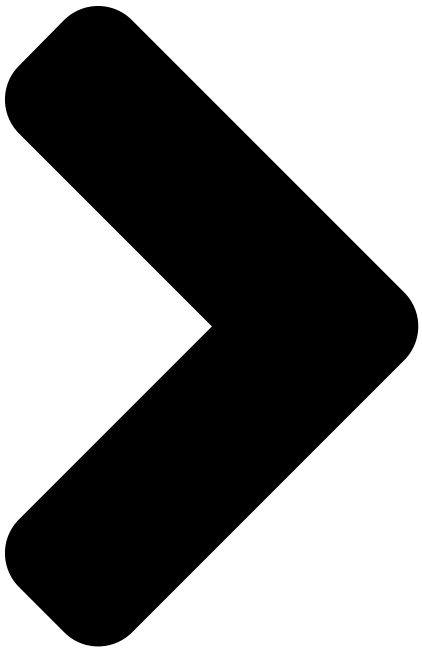

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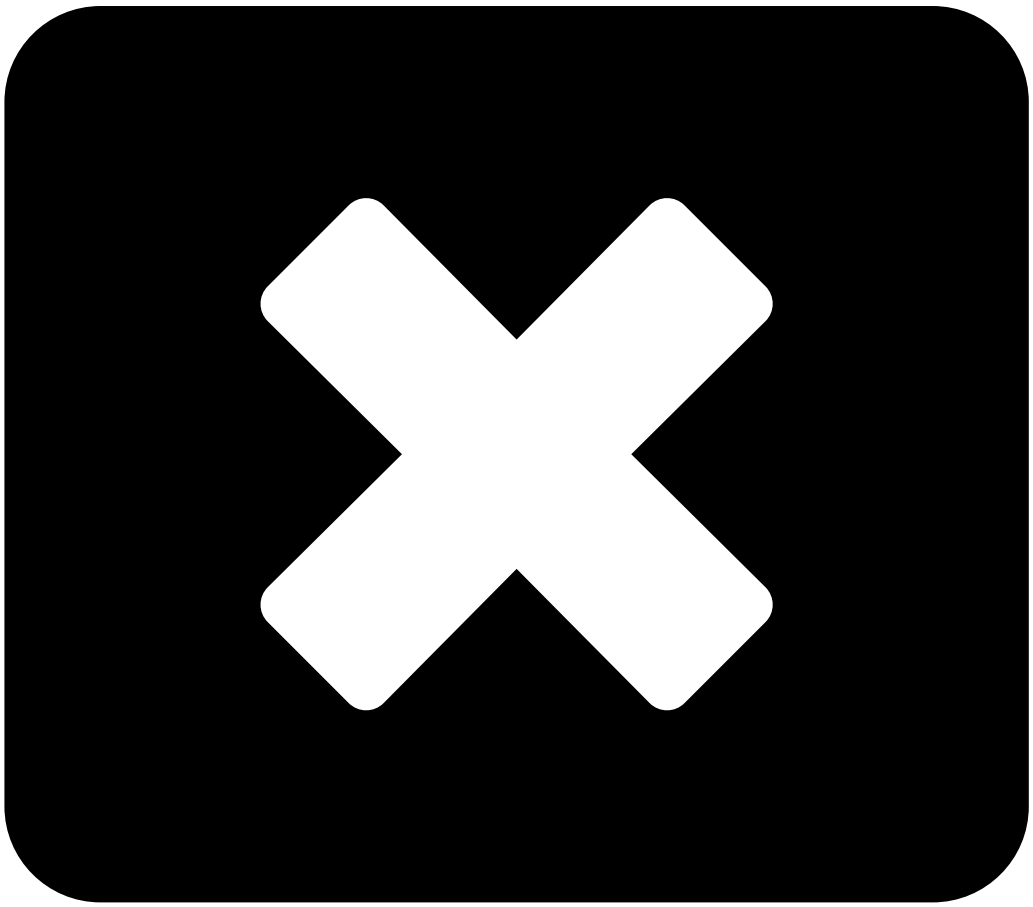

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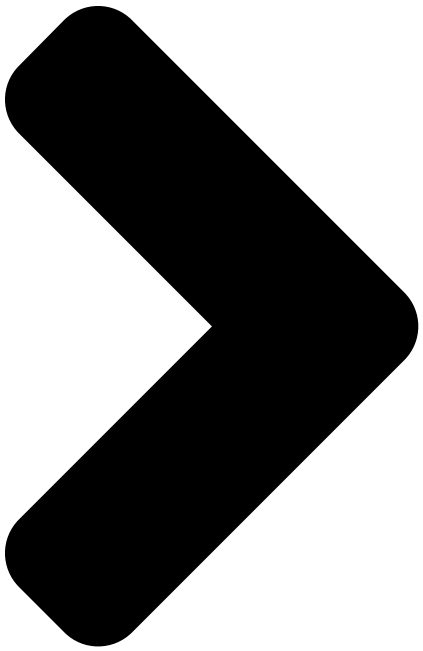

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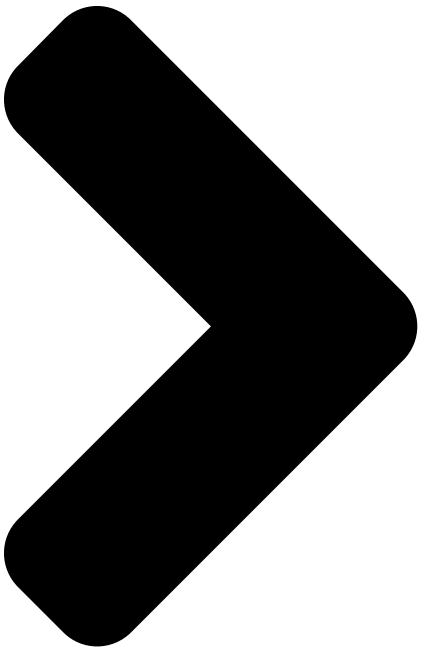

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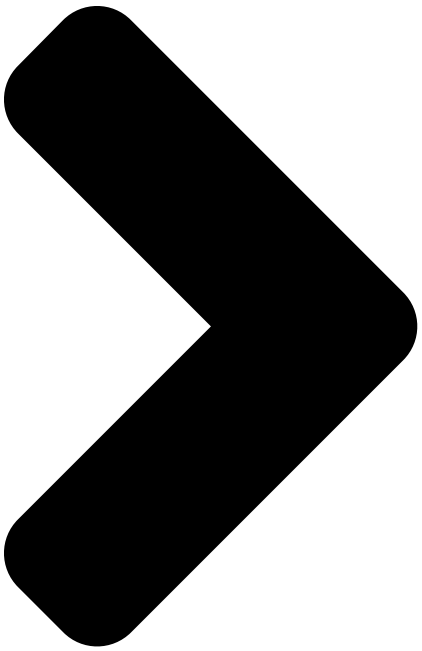

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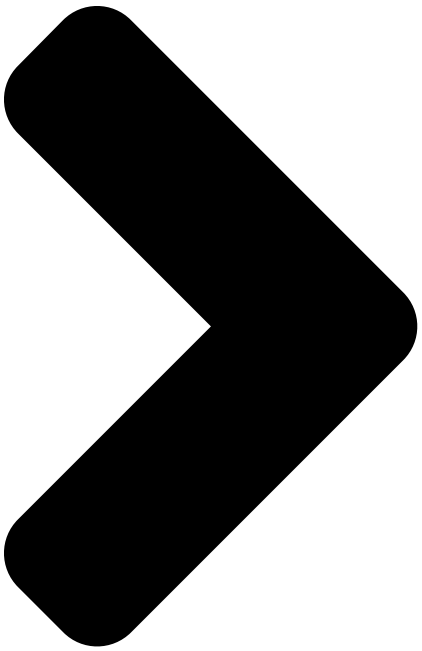

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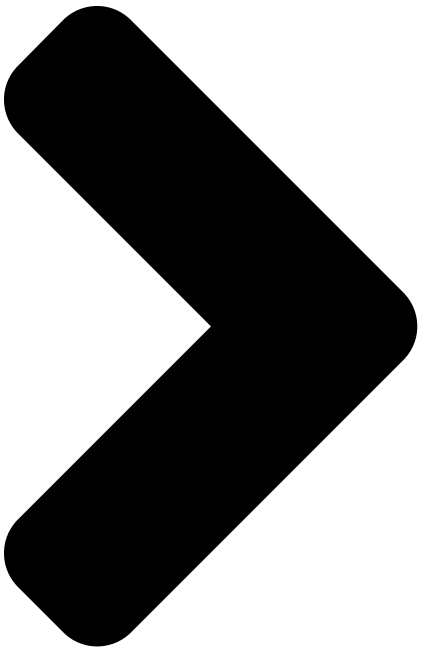

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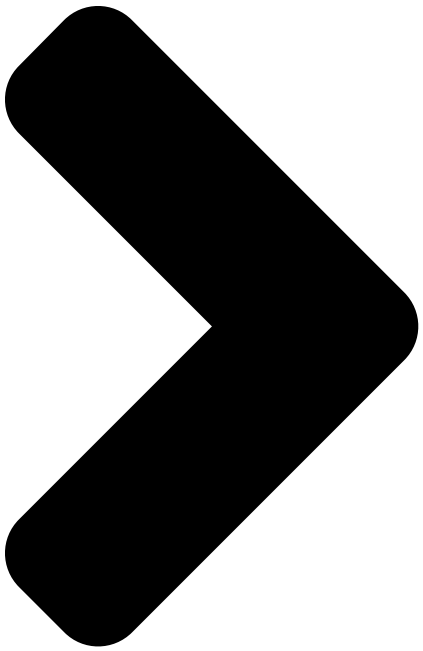

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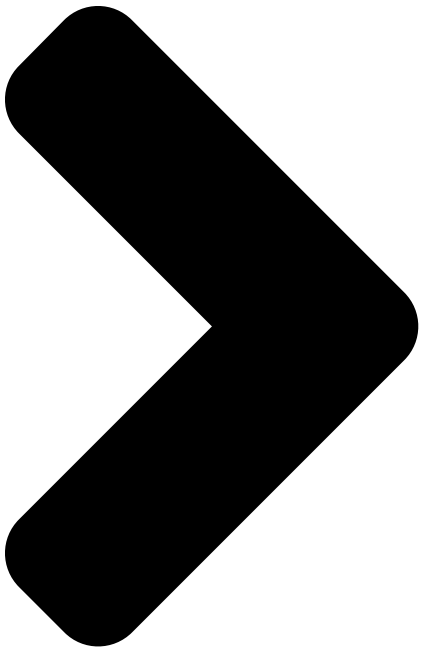

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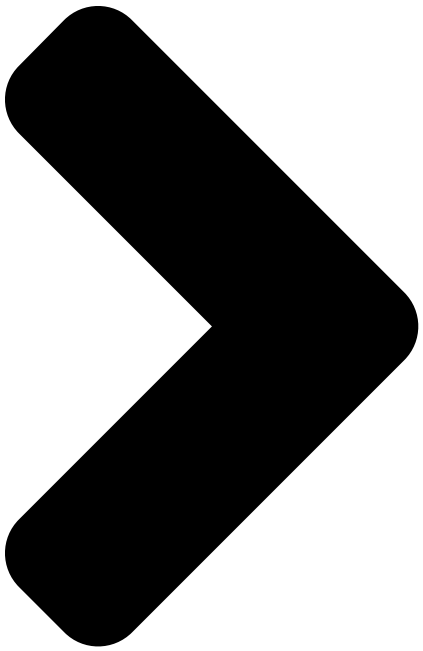

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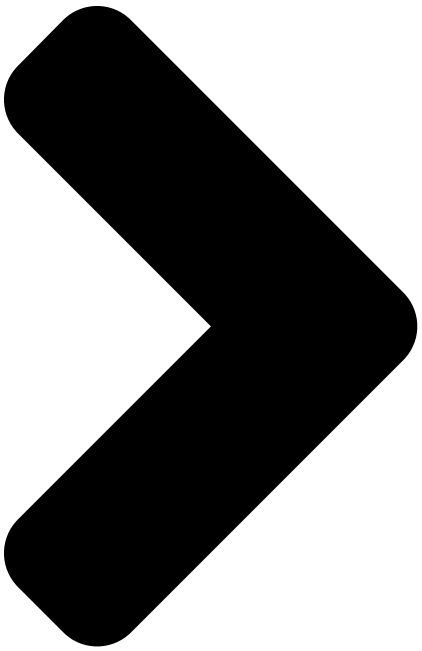

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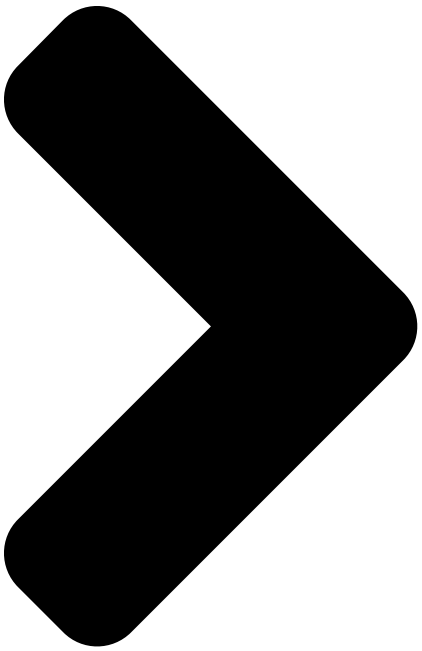

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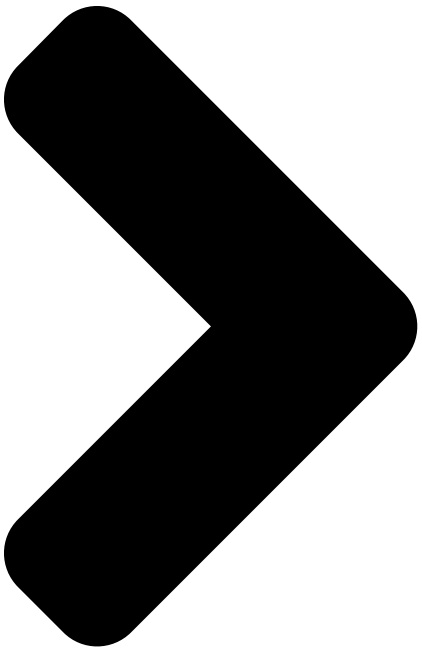

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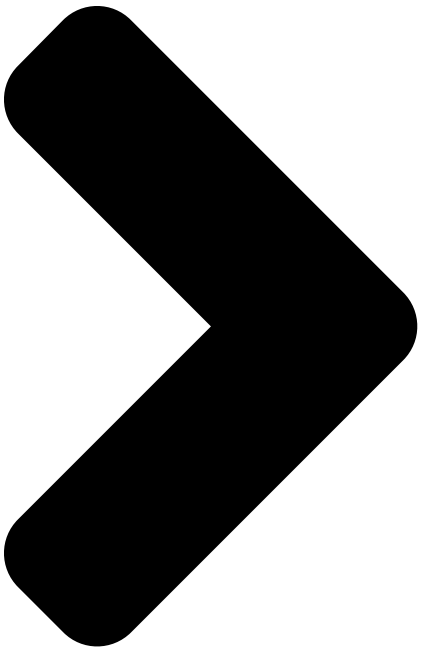

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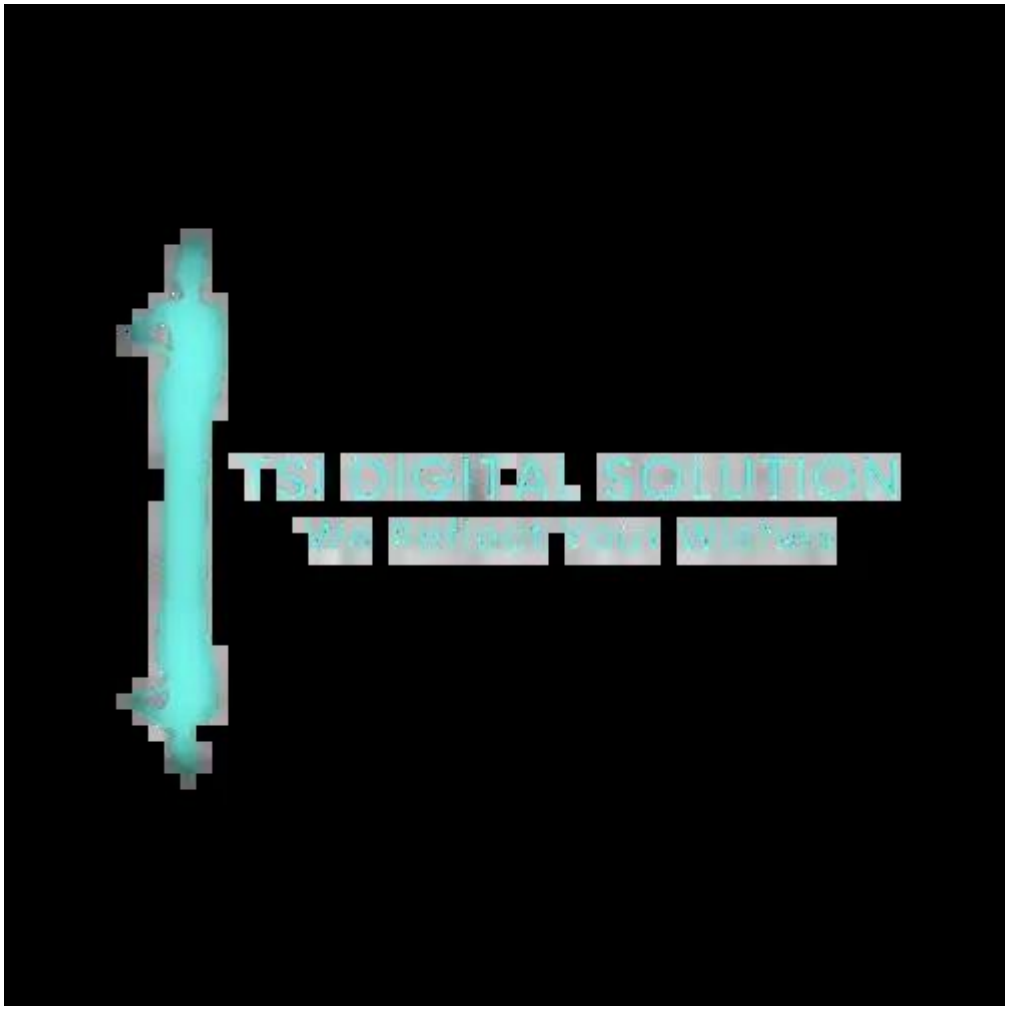
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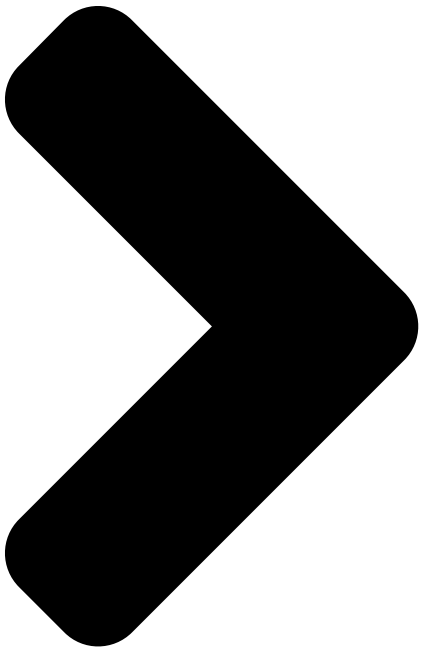

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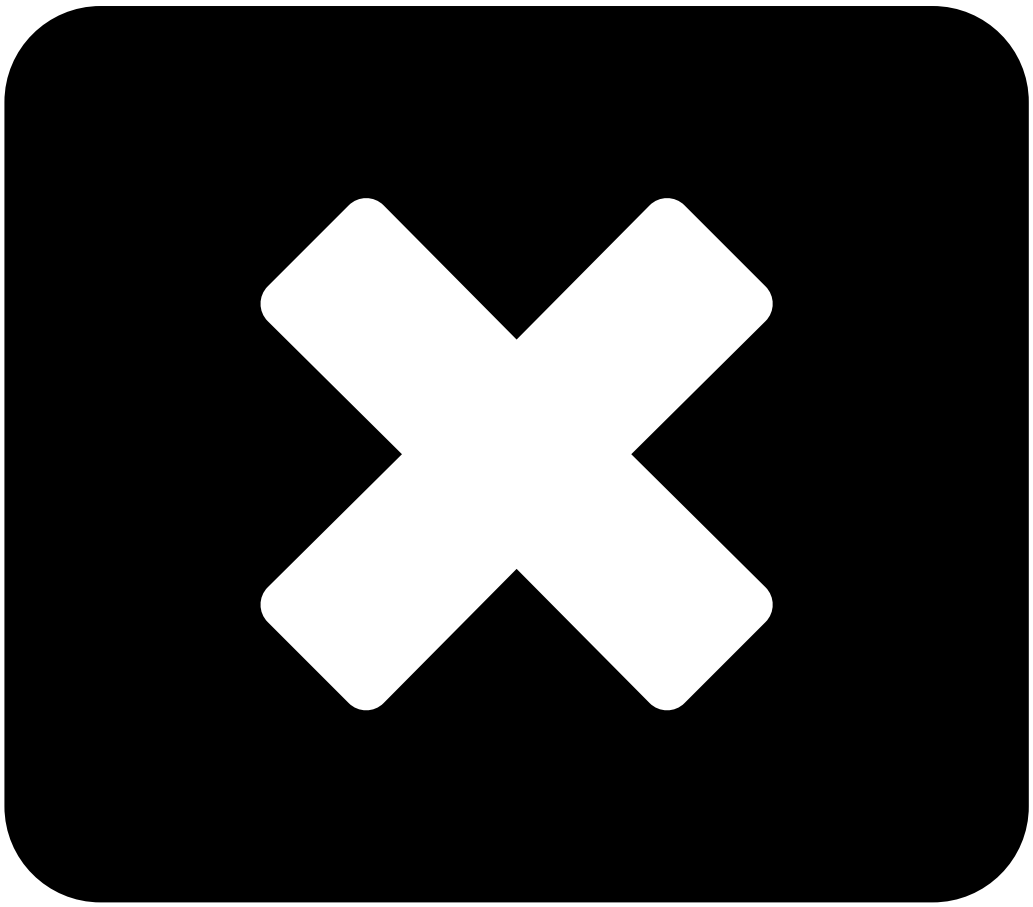

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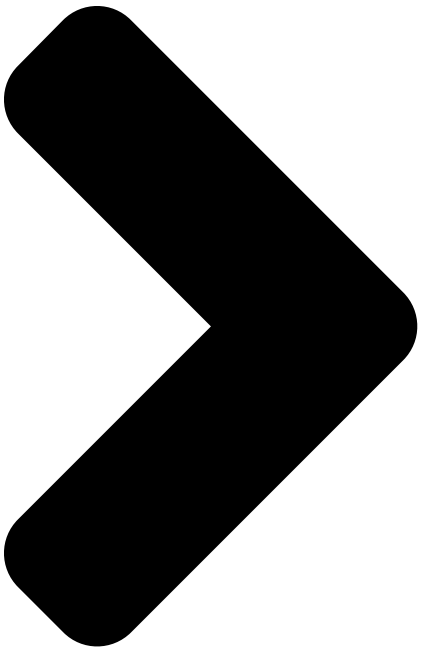

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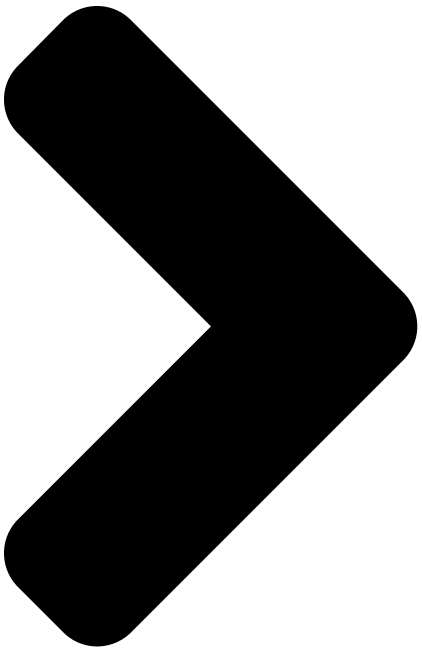

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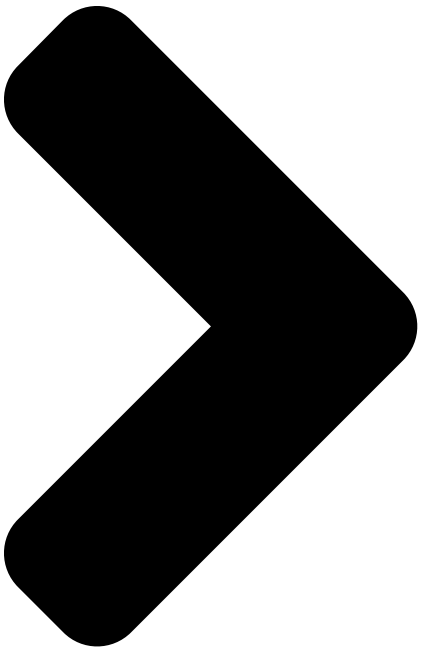

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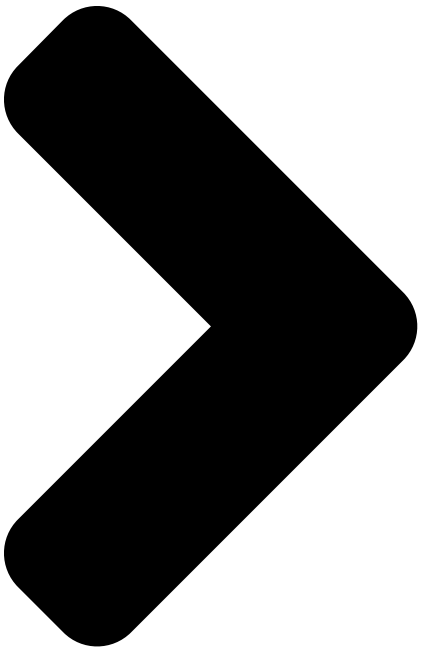

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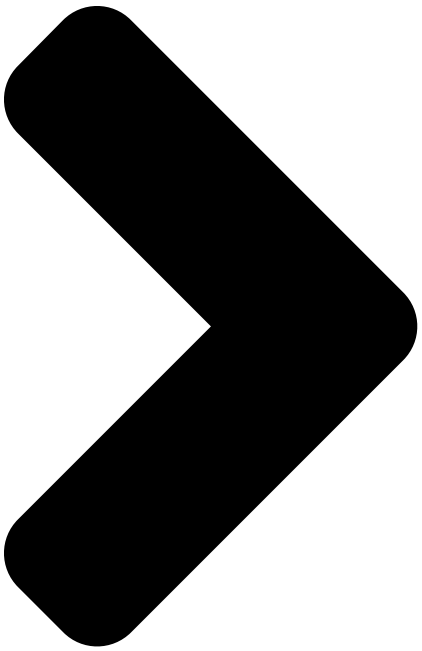

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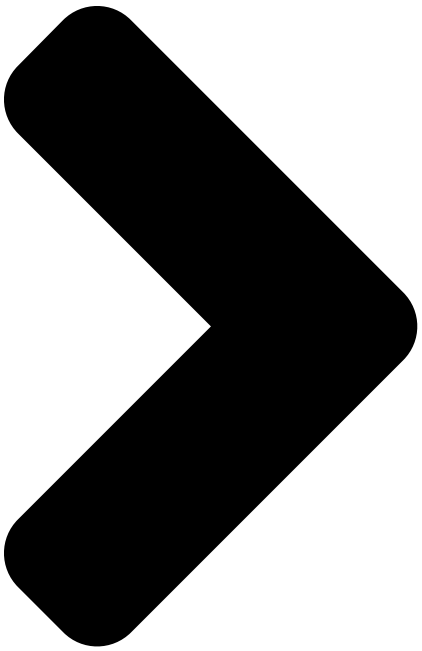

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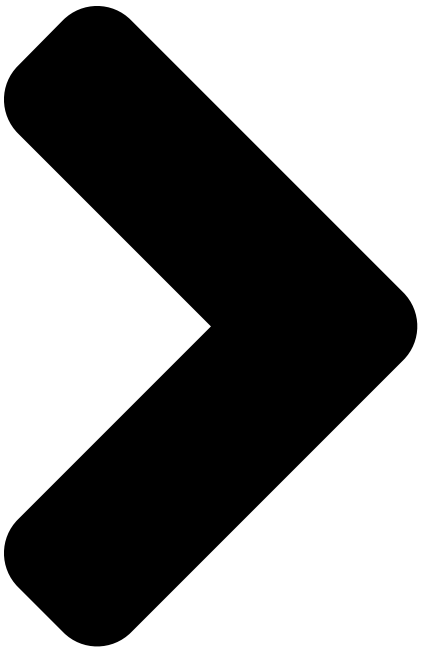

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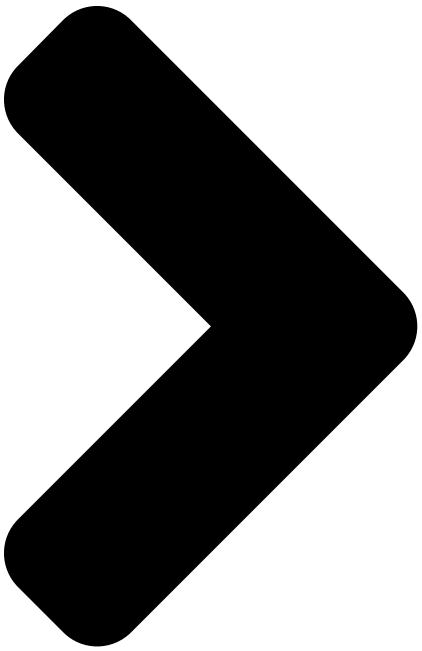

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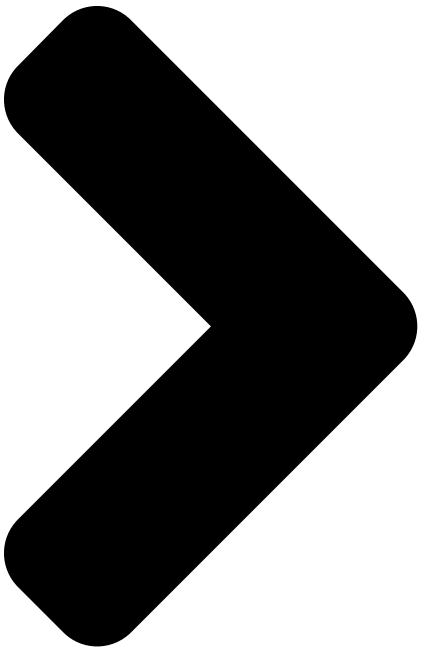

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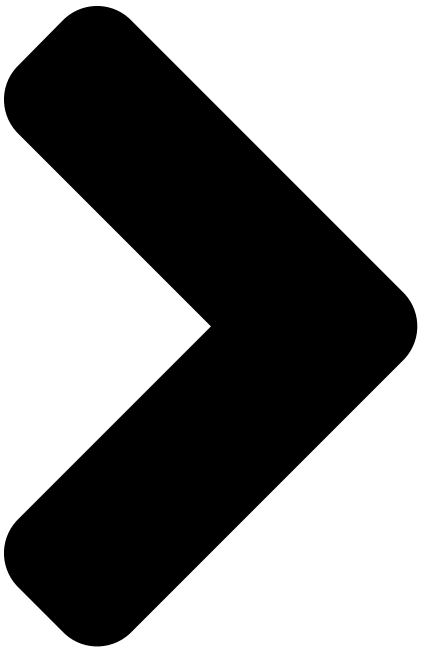

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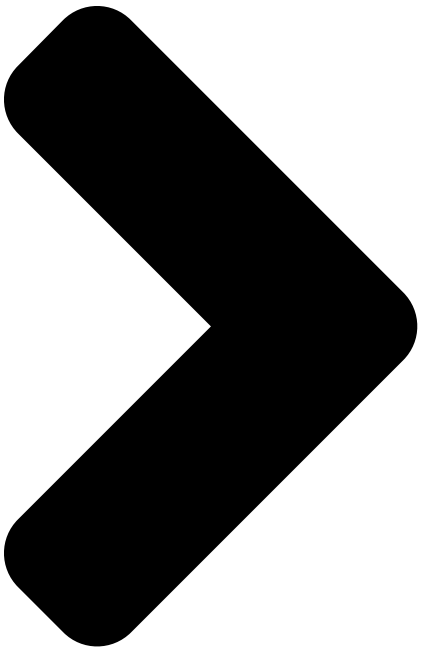

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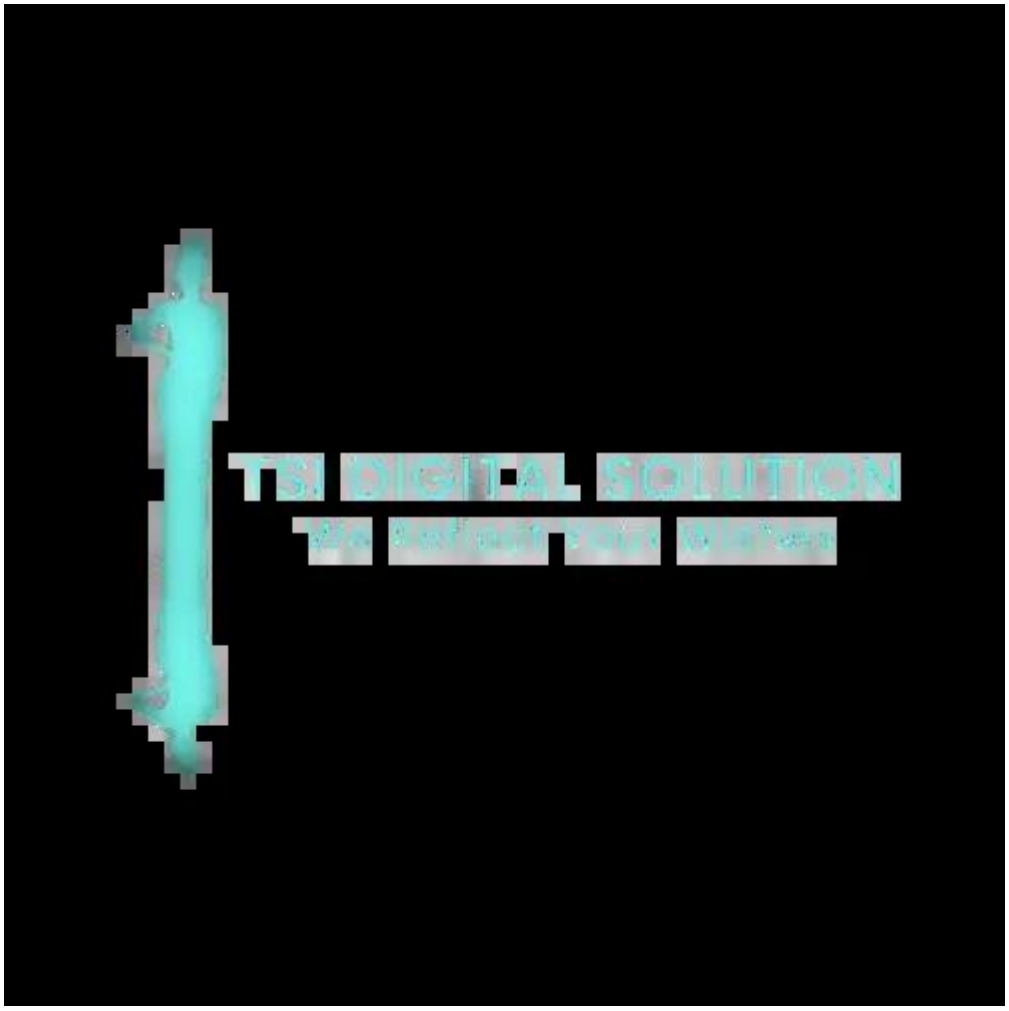
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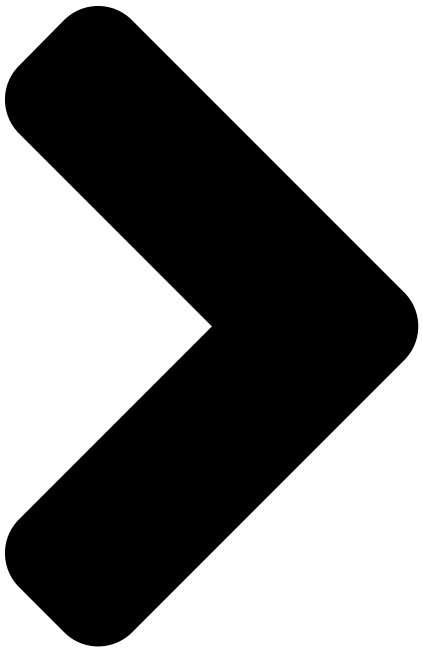

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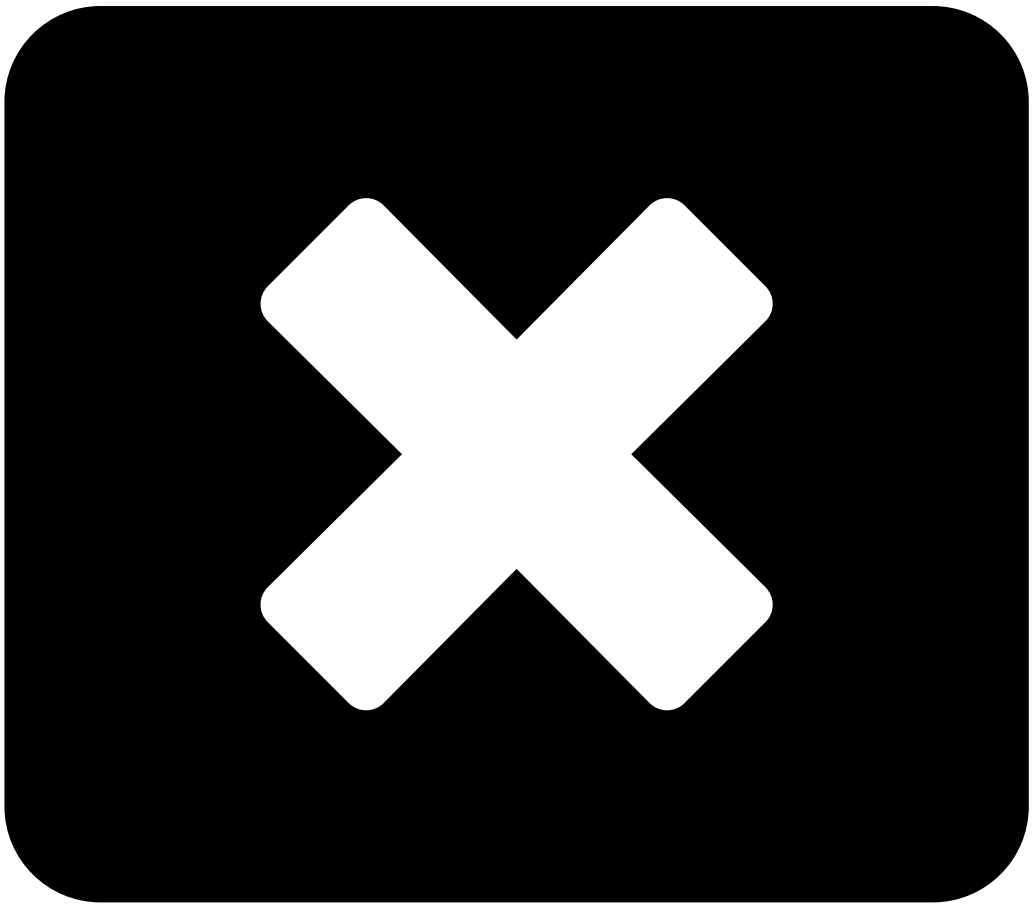

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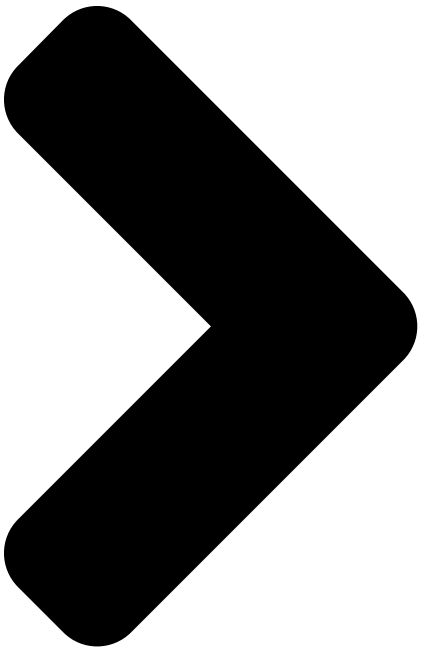

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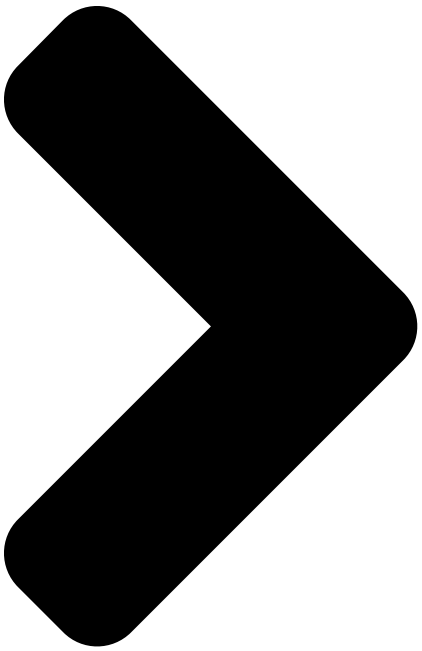

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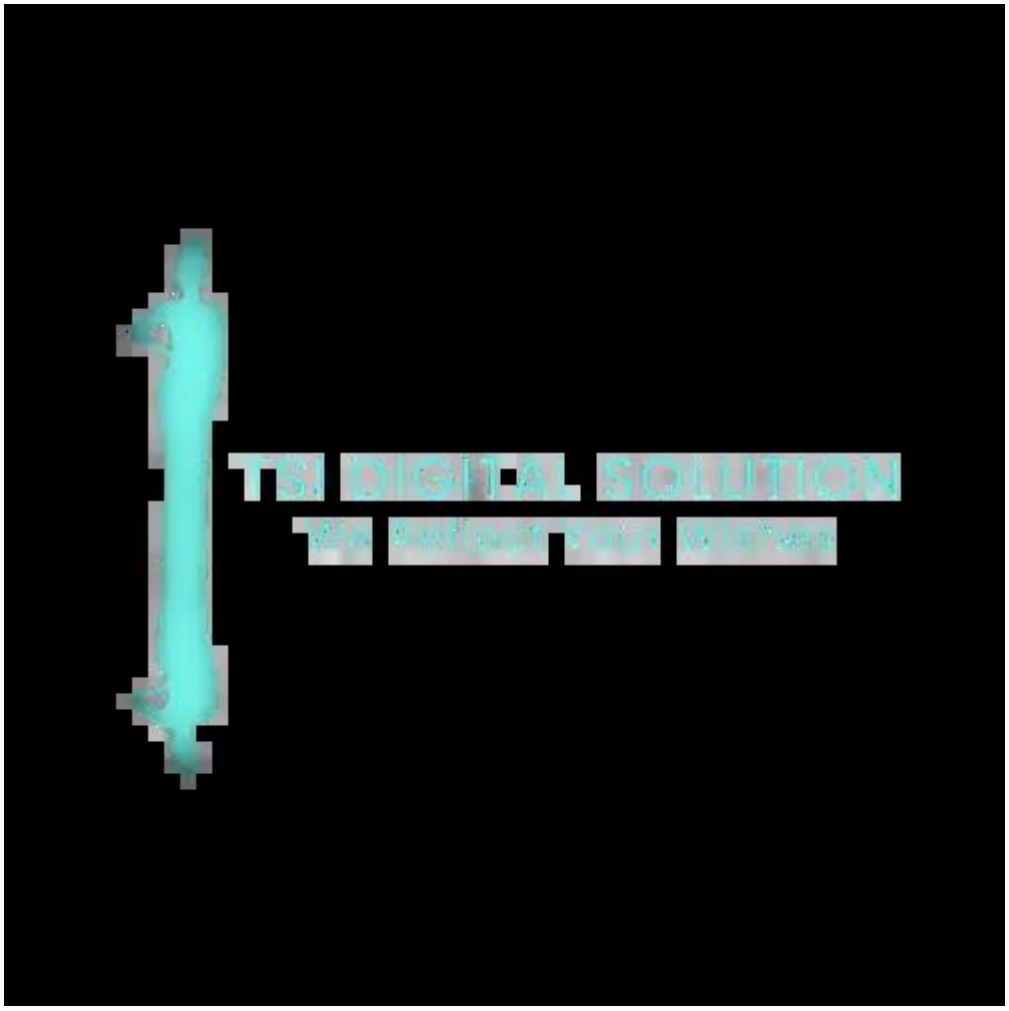
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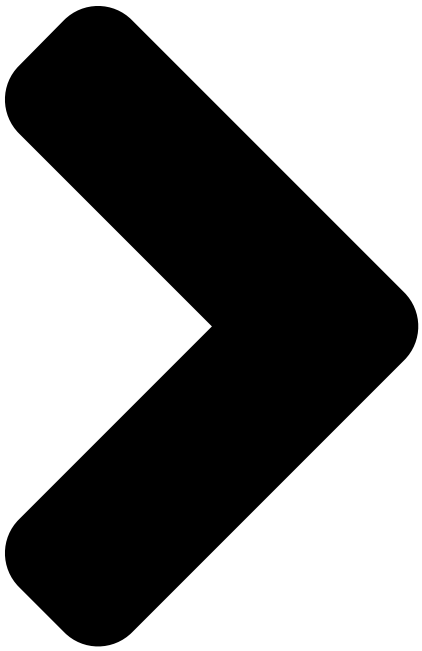

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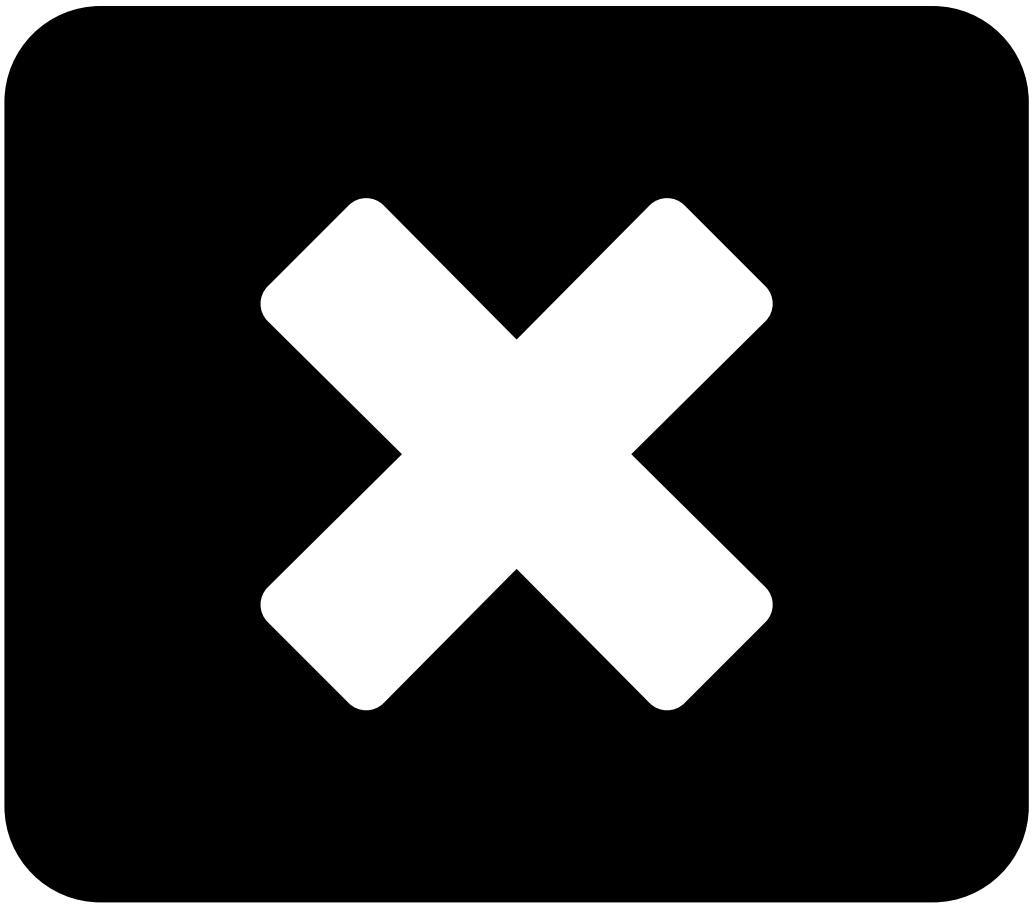

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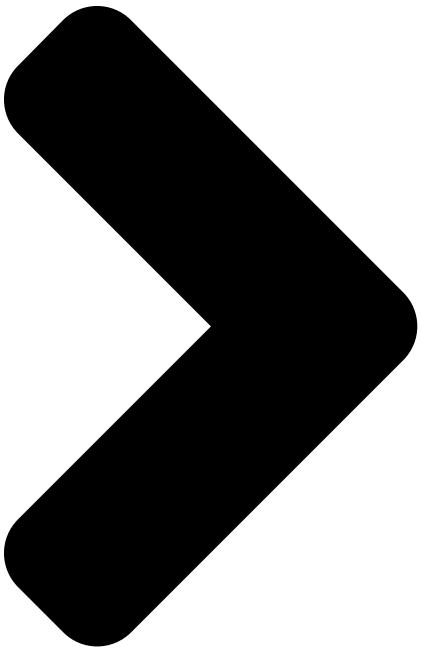

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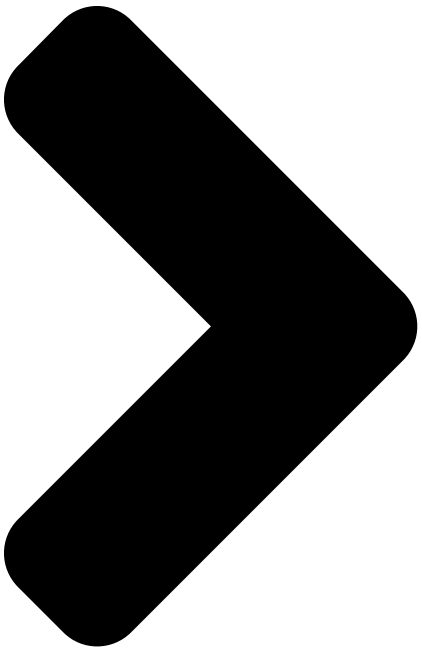

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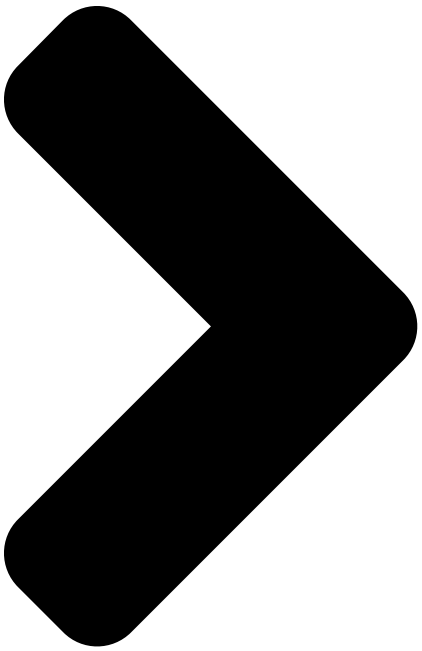

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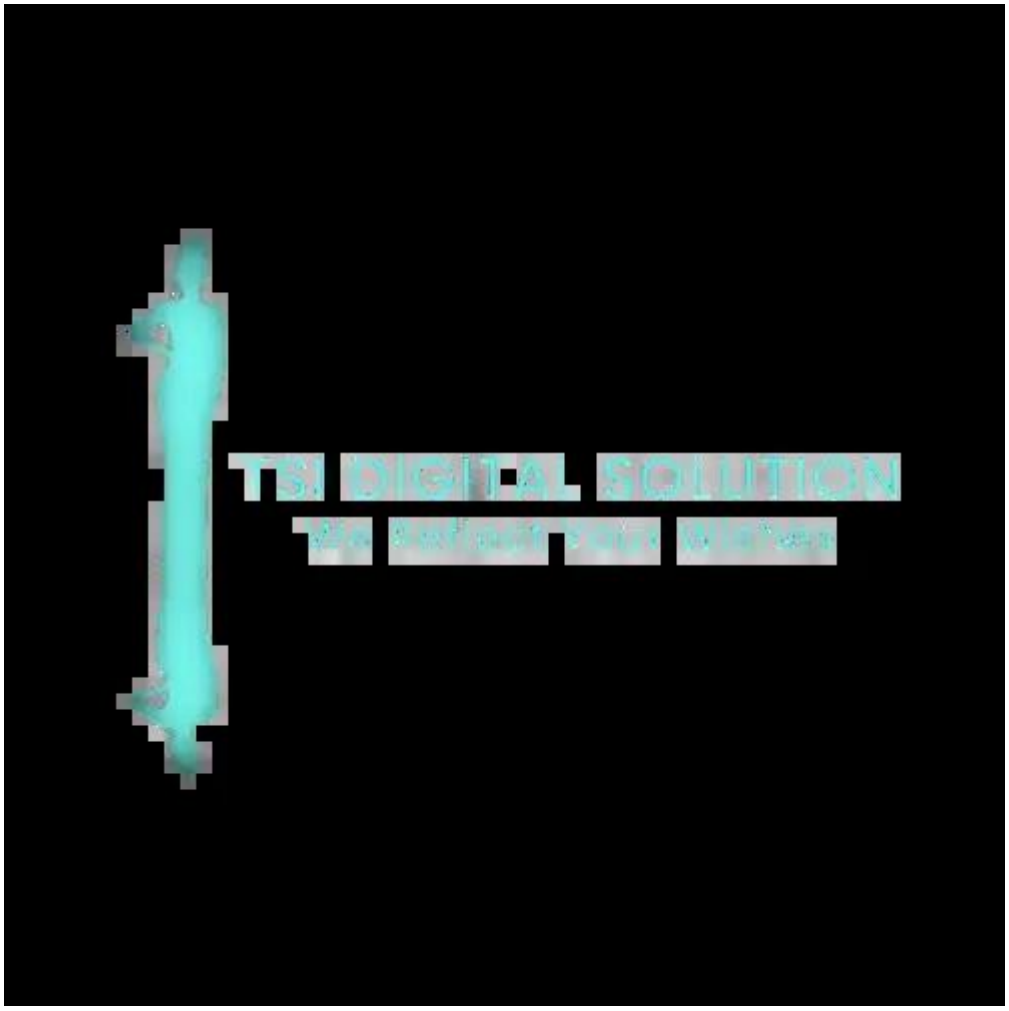
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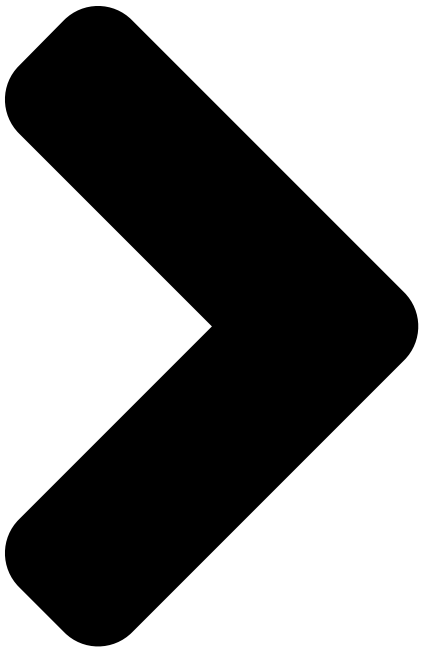

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Maximizing Your Website’s Potential

Multiple Domains vs. Redirecting Domains: Owning and managing a website is just the beginning. For businesses looking to make the most out of their

online presence, the strategic use of multiple domains or redirecting them to a single site can be a game changer. At TSI Digital Solution, we aim to provide you with the clearest path toward leveraging domains to maximize your brand’s reach and visibility. Let’s dive deep into why using multiple domains vs. redirecting domains to a single site is essential for your digital marketing strategy, how it works, and the real impact it can have on your online success.

The Basics: What Are Multiple Domains?

When we talk about multiple domains vs. redirecting domains, we’re referring to the practice of registering several website addresses (domains) for your business. These could be slight variations of your primary domain, or even domain names that include key services, locations, or target markets.

But how does this relate to your digital marketing efforts? The answer is simple: each domain represents an opportunity to capture more traffic, broaden your online footprint, and potentially rank for different keywords. Whether you’re expanding globally or locally, using multiple domains can strengthen your presence in various markets, all while leading users back to a single website if managed effectively.

Hosting a Website on Multiple Domains: When Is It a Good Idea?

Hosting websites on **different domains** means that each domain points to its own distinct website. These websites can have similar content, be part of a network, or cater to different markets or niches within your business. Let’s take a closer look at this option:

How multiple domains Work:

With multiple domains, your business might manage separate websites targeting different audiences. For example:

- A company might own example.com for its global site, example.co.uk for its UK-based site, and example.fr for its French market. Each domain is hosted separately, often with content localized or tailored to specific regions or user groups.

The Impact on SEO and Digital Marketing:

- **Targeting Specific Audiences**

  Hosting separate websites on different domains allows you to create tailored content for specific audiences. This is particularly useful for businesses operating in different geographical locations or industries. You can develop a unique content strategy for each domain, ensuring you’re targeting the right keywords and topics for each audience.

- **Localized SEO**

  Search engines like Google give priority to websites that appear relevant to a specific user’s location. For instance, hosting a yourbrand.de domain with content tailored to German users helps you rank higher for searches within Germany. This type of localization strengthens your presence in individual markets.

- **Brand Differentiation**

  If you operate multiple sub-brands, managing them on separate domains can strengthen each brand’s identity. For example, a parent company might want to differentiate between its various product lines by giving each one its own distinct domain.

- **Increased Market Reach**

  You can focus on regional or niche markets more efficiently, each with its own domain, attracting targeted traffic. For instance, a domain focusing on example-health.com could cater to the health industry, while example-tech.com could target technology enthusiasts.

- **Challenges with SEO**

  On the flip side, managing separate domains means you’re splitting your SEO efforts. Each website starts from scratch in building authority, backlinks, and search engine rankings. Without consistent effort across all domains, some of your sites may underperform.

- **Duplicate Content Risk**

  If your content isn’t highly differentiated across the multiple domains, you run the risk of creating duplicate content, which can harm your SEO. Search engines penalize duplicate content across different websites, reducing your chances of ranking well in search results.

Redirecting Domains to One Website: Streamlined and Efficient

Redirecting multiple domains to a single site means that you own several domain names, but they all direct users back to one central website. This strategy is commonly used to simplify management while still capitalizing on additional domains for branding or SEO purposes.

How redirecting Works:

By using 301 redirects (permanent redirects), you point all secondary domains to one primary domain. For example, if you own yourbrand.com, yourbrand.net, and yourbrand.co.uk, all users trying to access these domains would be automatically sent to yourbrand.com.

The Impact on SEO and Digital Marketing:

Redirecting domains to a single website offers several advantages:

- **Consolidated SEO Power**

  Instead of spreading your SEO efforts across multiple domains, you can consolidate all your SEO authority into one central domain. This allows you to focus on improving search rankings, building backlinks, and creating content for just one site. With all traffic funneled to a single domain, search engines recognize this as your primary source of authority, boosting its visibility in search results.

- **No Risk of Duplicate Content**

  By redirecting domains instead of hosting separate websites, you eliminate the risk of duplicate content across your sites. Search engines won’t penalize your domain, as all content remains on one central website.

- **Efficient Brand Management**

  Managing one website is far more efficient than juggling multiple domains with different content strategies. All branding efforts are directed toward one platform, ensuring a consistent experience for users across the board.

- **Keyword Targeting Across Domains**

  Even with a single website, owning multiple domains allows you to target various keywords and niches. For instance, domains like yourbrand-tech.com or yourbrand-services.com can still help capture targeted search traffic, but users will land on your main site.s.

- **Preserving Brand Integrity**

  By owning and redirecting related domains (e.g., common misspellings or alternative extensions like .net or .org), you prevent competitors from claiming those domains and confusing your customers.

- **Cost-Effective Management**

  Hosting one website is significantly more cost-effective than managing multiple separate sites. You save on hosting fees, maintenance costs, and SEO expenses, while still benefiting from the traffic driven by multiple domain names.

- **Challenges with Local SEO**

  If your business operates globally, a single domain may limit your ability to optimize for specific local searches. For example, a user searching for services in France might prioritize .fr domains. This can be mitigated through localization tactics on your central site, but it requires careful strategy to achieve the same level of visibility as country-specific domains.

Comparing Multiple Domains vs. Redirecting Domains: Which Strategy Is Right for Your Business?

Deciding whether to host multiple websites on different domains or redirect all domains to a single site depends on your business goals and resources. Here’s a quick comparison of the two strategies:

Hosting Multiple Domains

Redirecting to a Single Domain

Best for: Businesses targeting different geographical markets, industries, or offering distinct product lines.

Best for: Centralizing traffic, building a single powerful domain, and simplifying brand management.

SEO impact: Each domain needs its own SEO strategy, which can be resource-intensive.

SEO impact: All SEO efforts are consolidated, leading to stronger authority for the primary domain.

Branding: Can build strong individual brands or regional markets.

Branding: Provides a unified brand experience across all domains.

Cost: Higher costs for hosting, managing, and maintaining multiple websites.

Cost: Lower costs due to managing only one website, but benefiting from multiple domains.

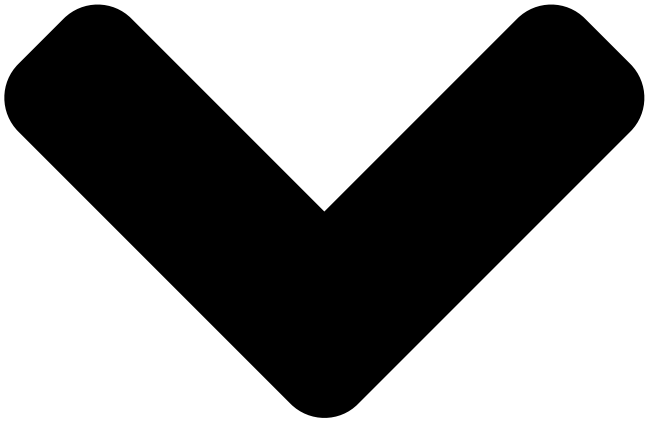
Final Thoughts: Choosing the Right Path for Digital Success

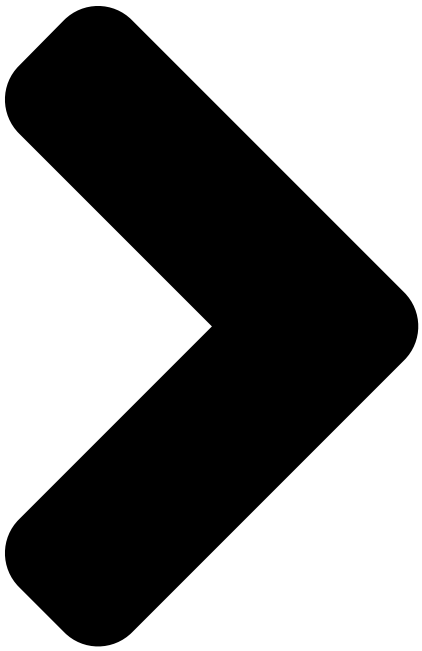
At TSI Digital Solution, we understand that both strategies, whether you host websites on multiple domains or redirect domains to one, have their merits. The key is choosing the path that best aligns with your business goals. If you’re aiming for local SEO dominance or brand differentiation, multiple domains may work better. However, if efficiency, cost savings, and consolidating your SEO efforts are priorities, redirecting domains to one site is the optimal choice.

Whatever your decision, both strategies have the potential to dramatically increase your online visibility and drive traffic to your business. If you’re unsure which approach to take, our team at TSI Digital Solution is here to guide you in crafting a domain strategy that fits your needs and propels your business forward.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the difference between using multiple domains and redirecting domains?





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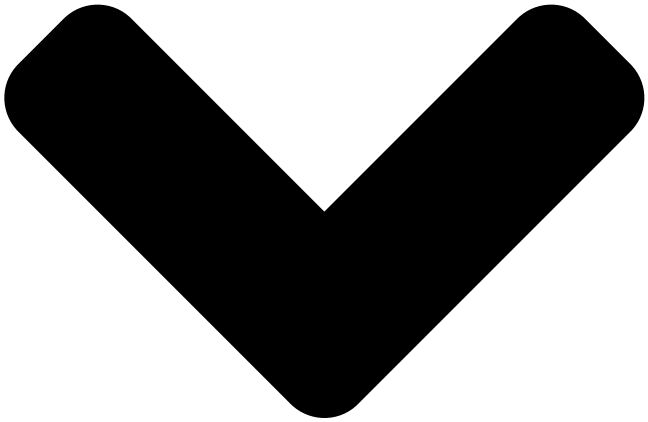

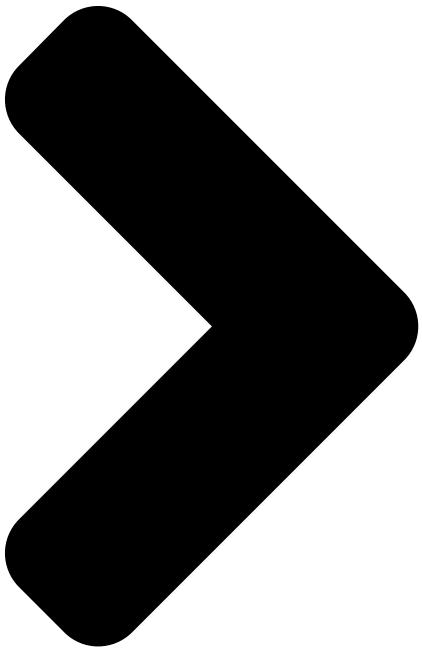

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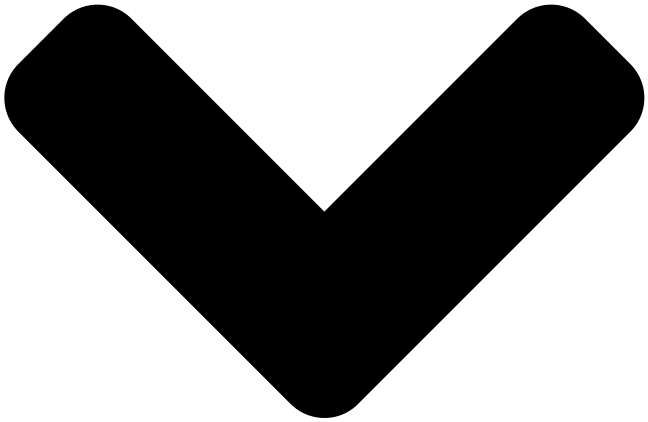

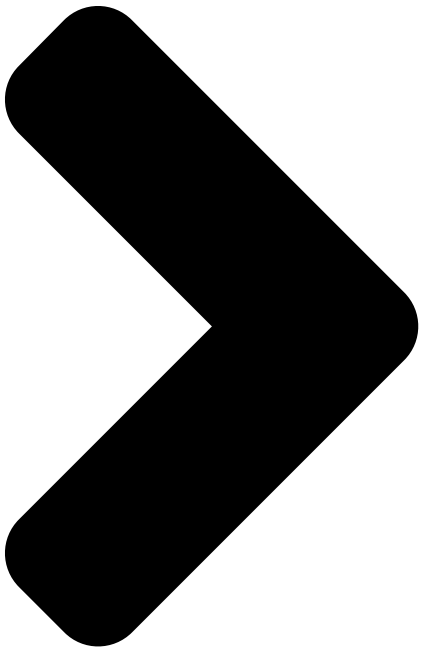

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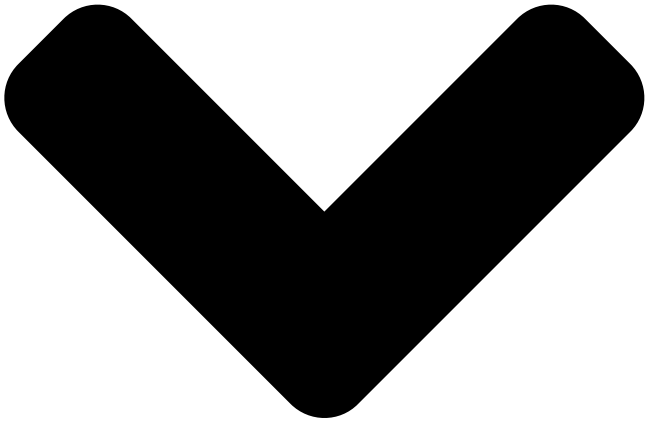
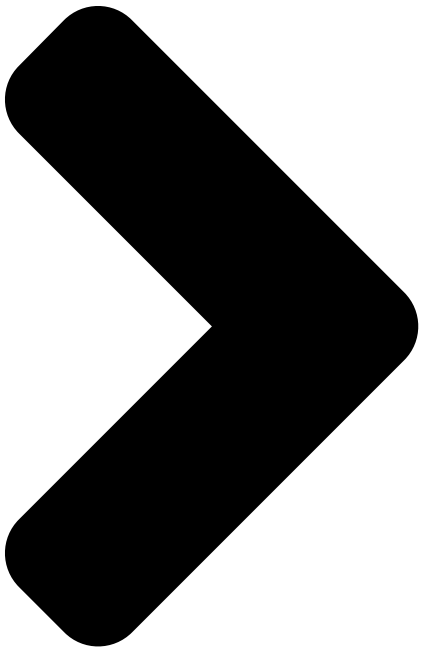
Why would I redirect multiple domains to one website?





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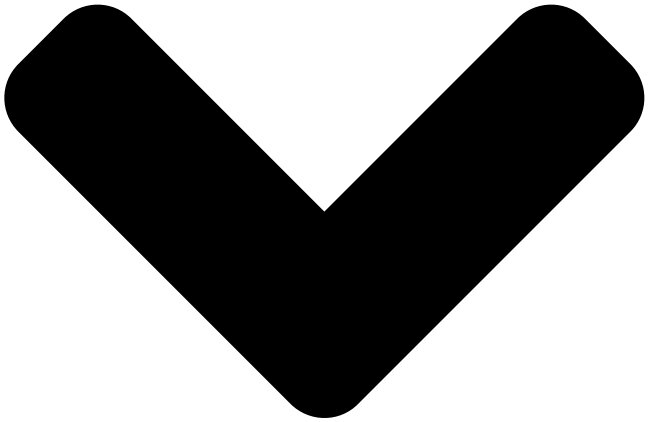

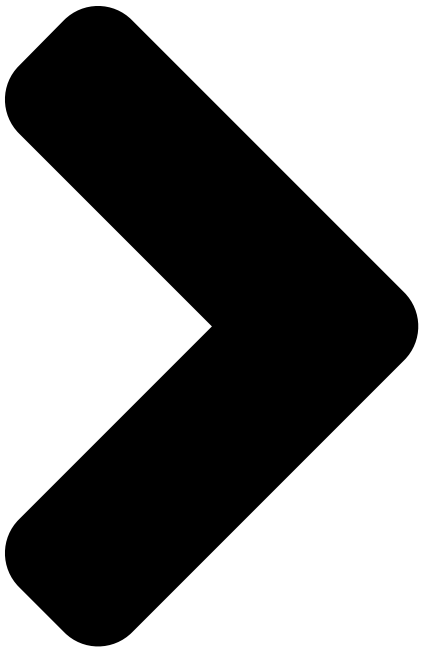

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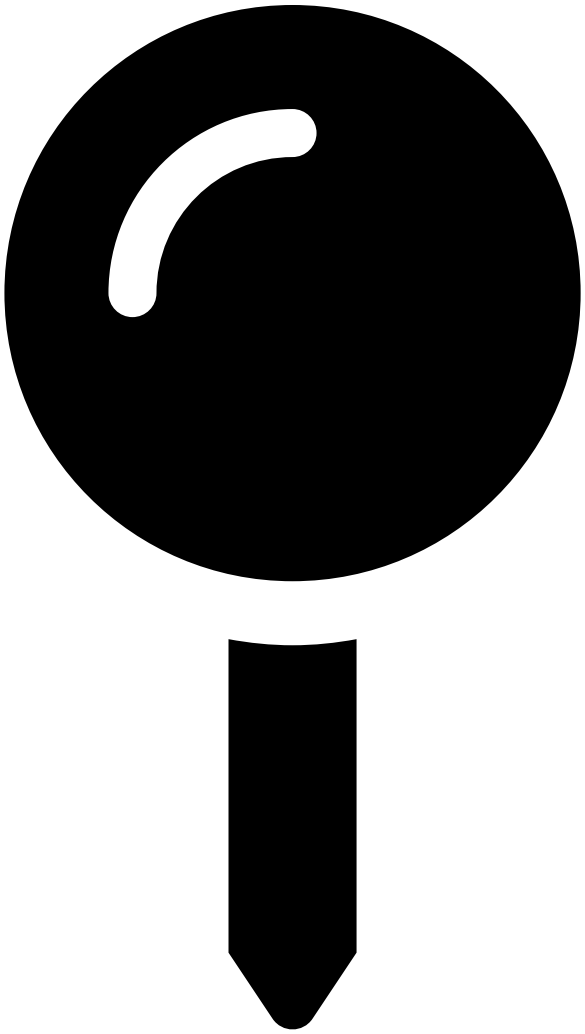

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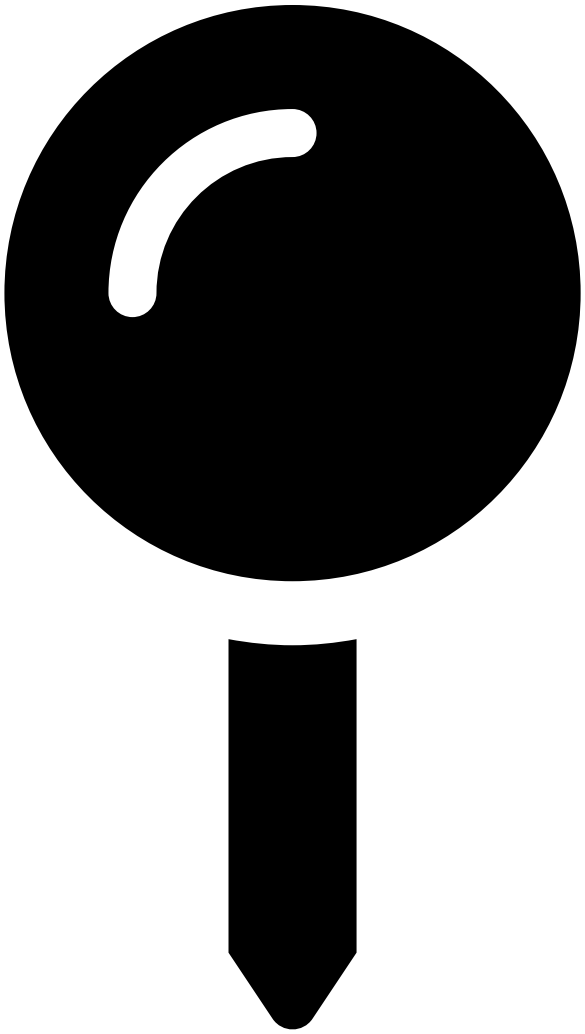

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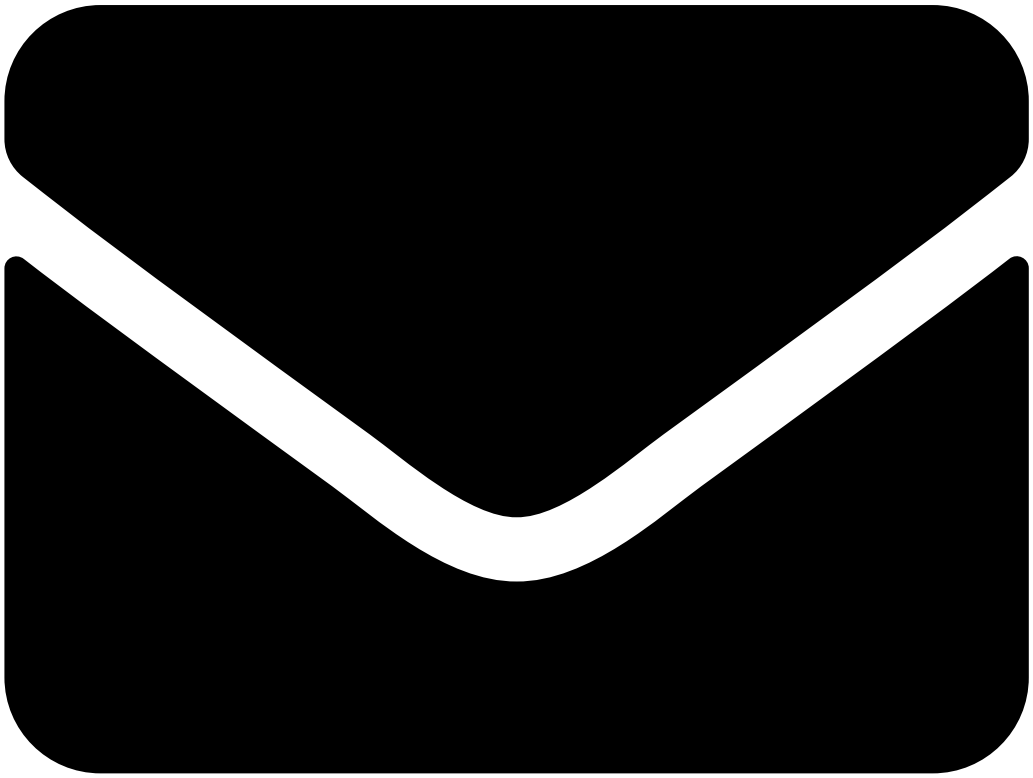

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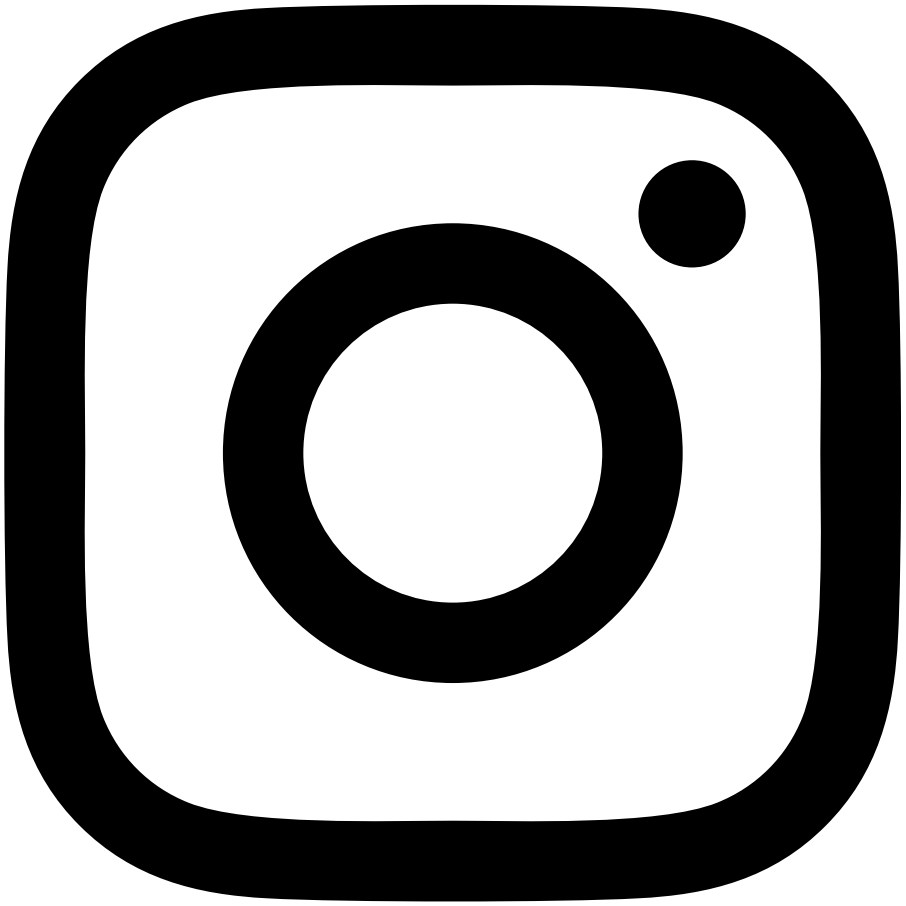

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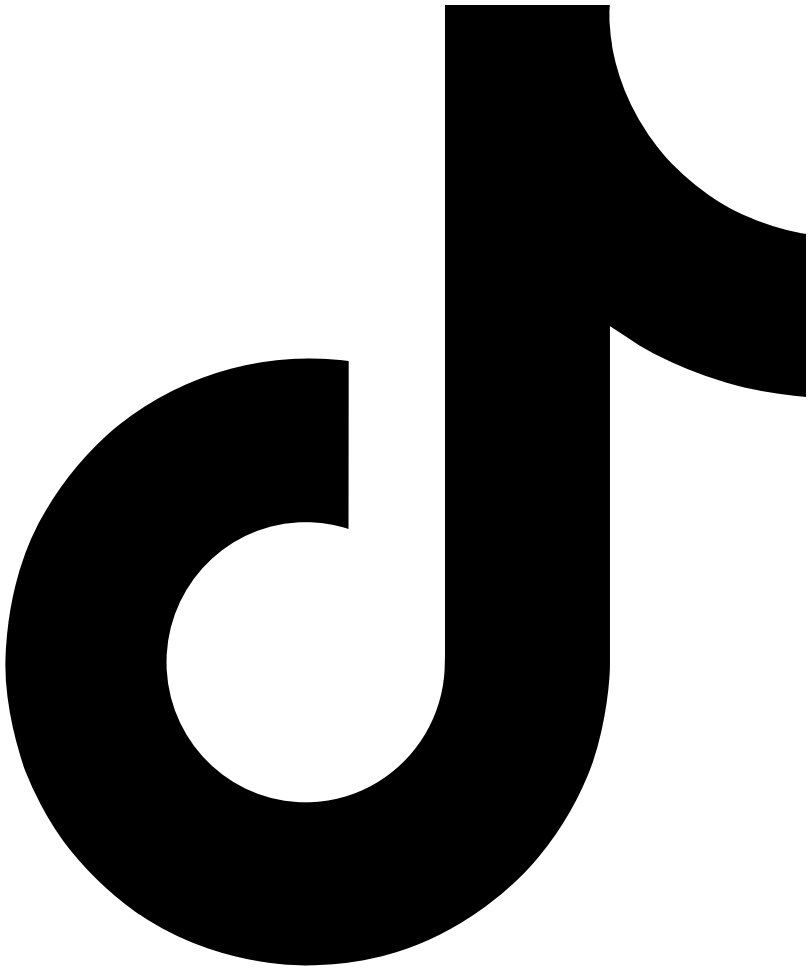

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