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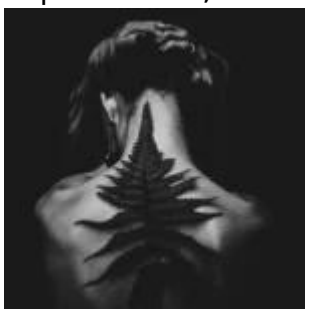

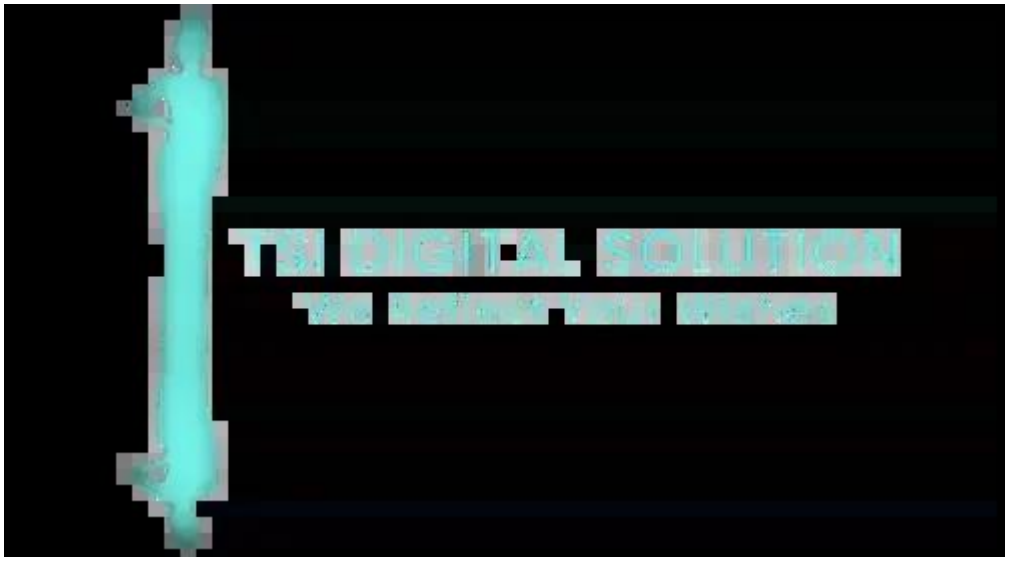

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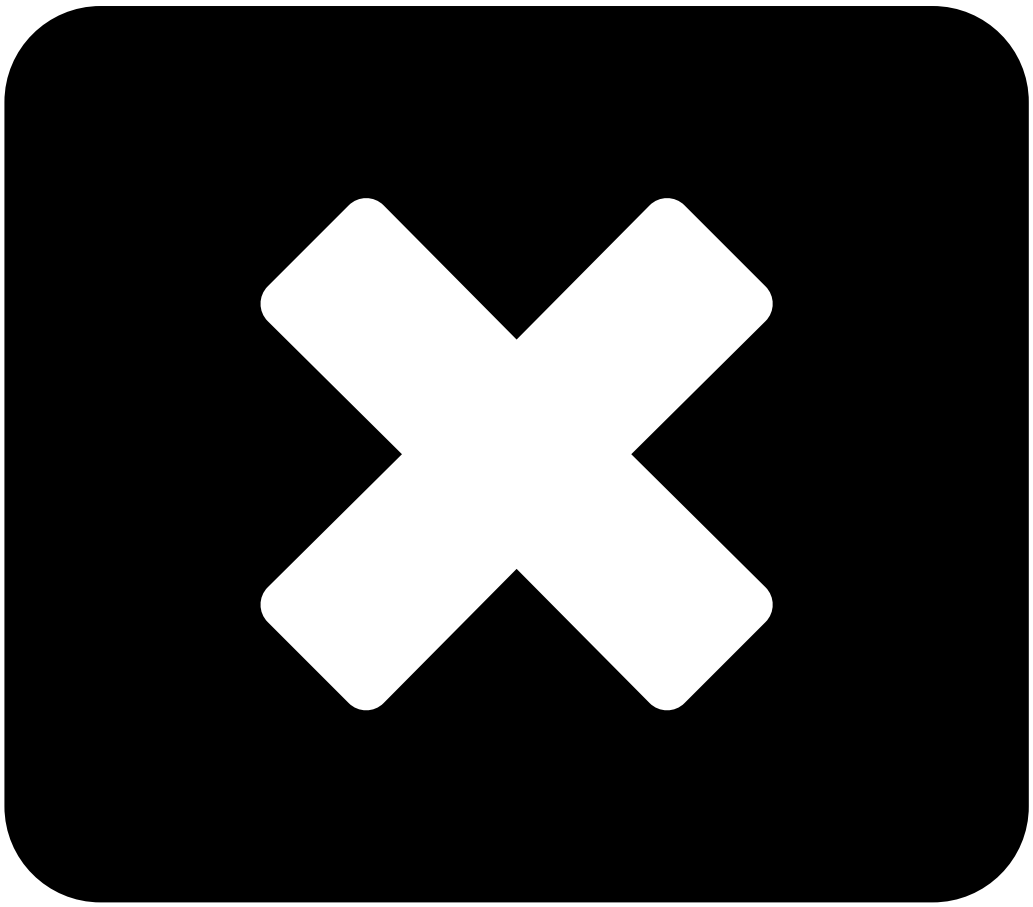

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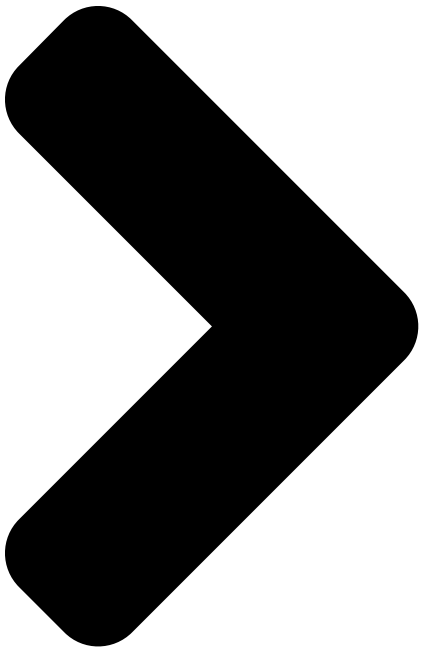

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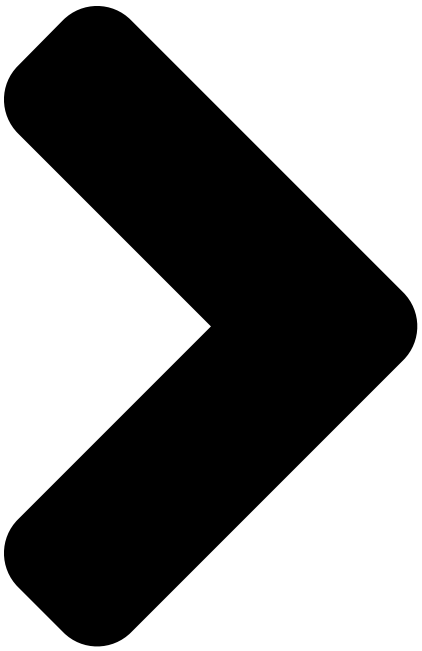

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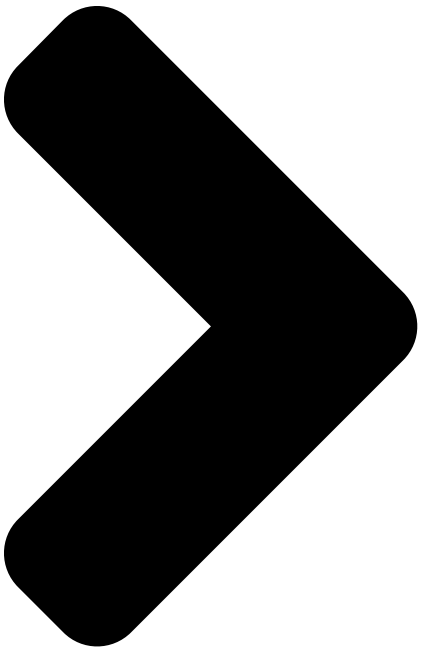

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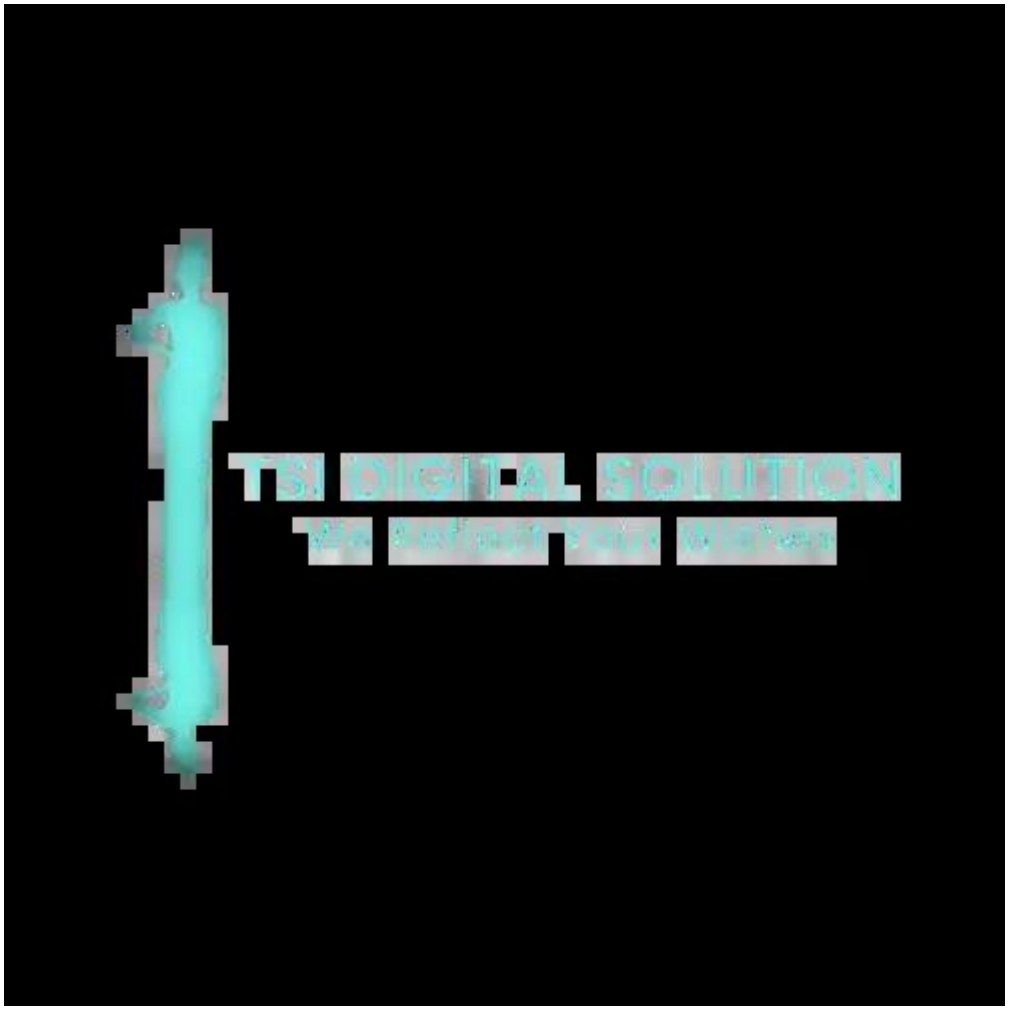
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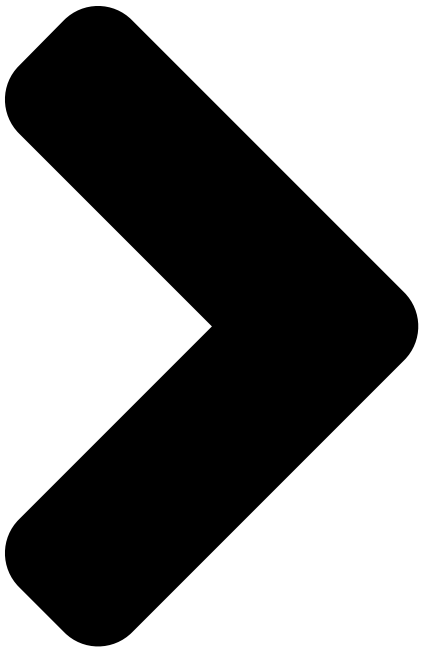

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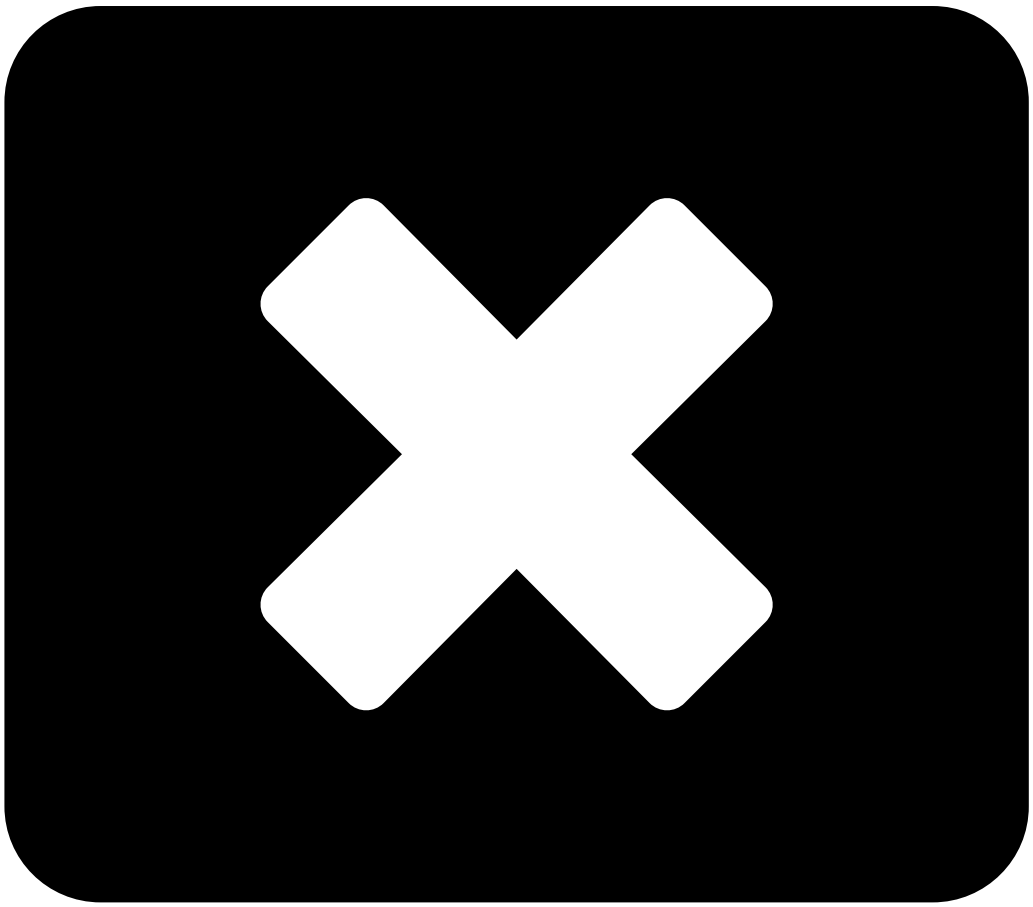

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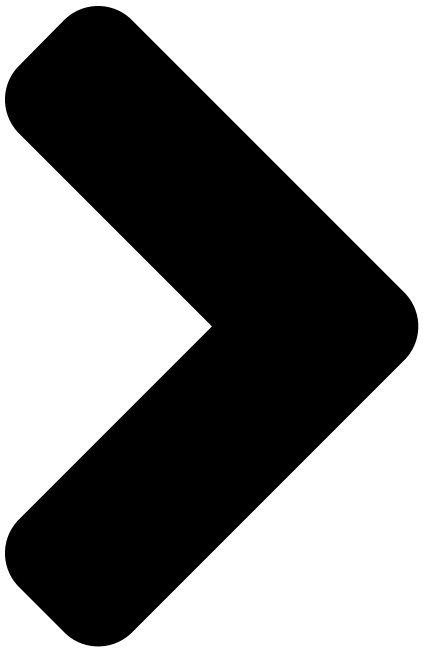

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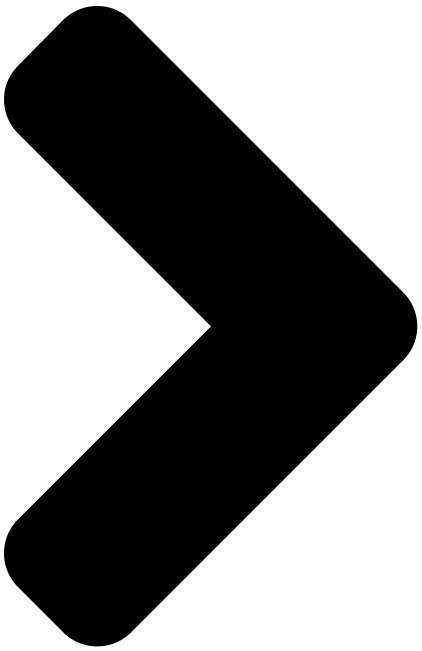

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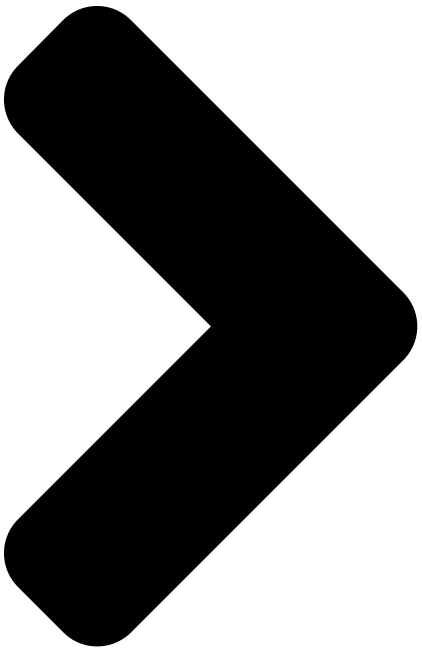

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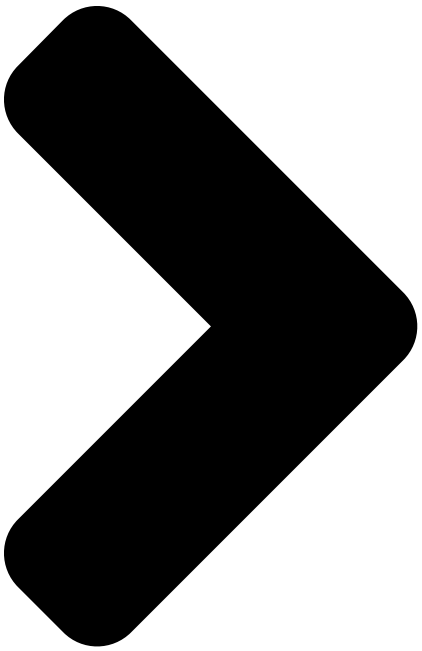

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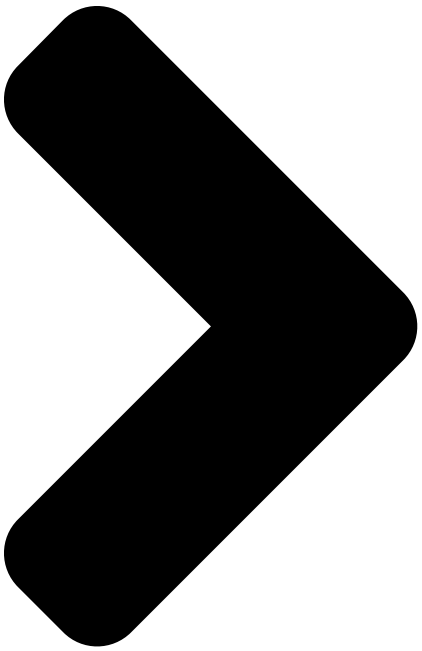

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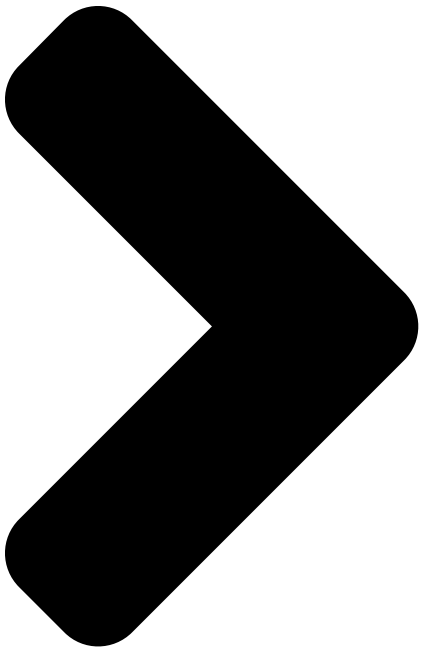

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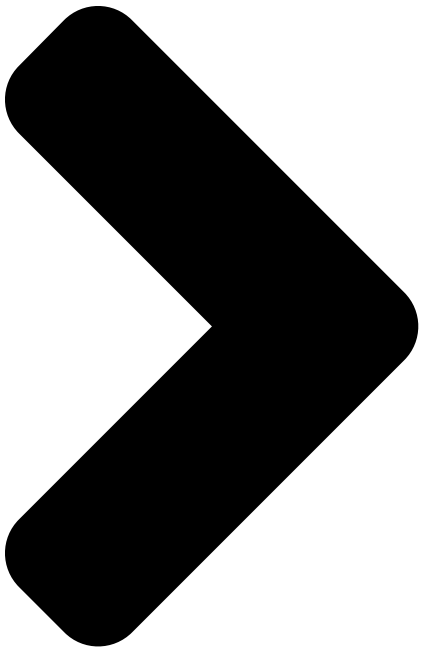

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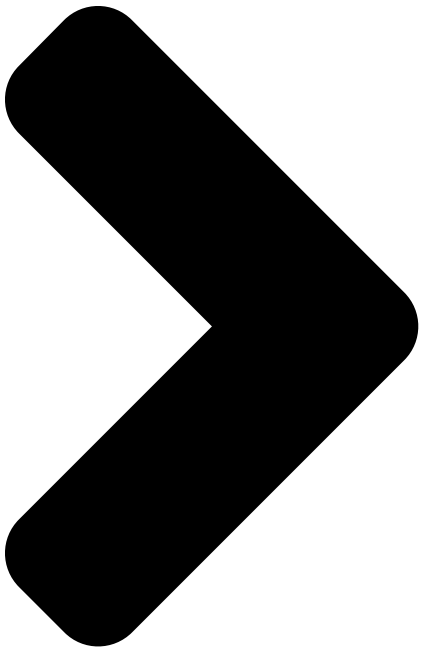

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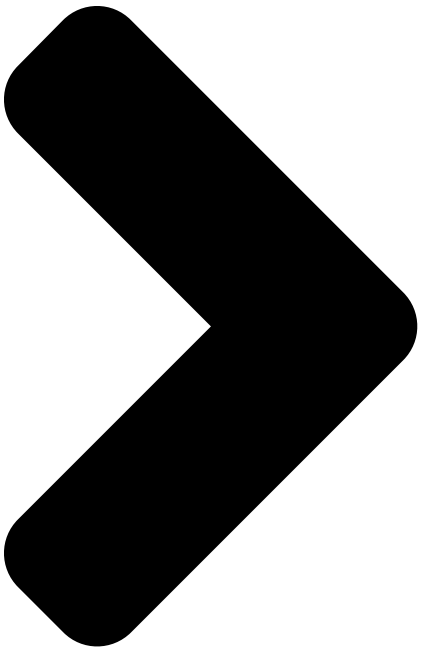

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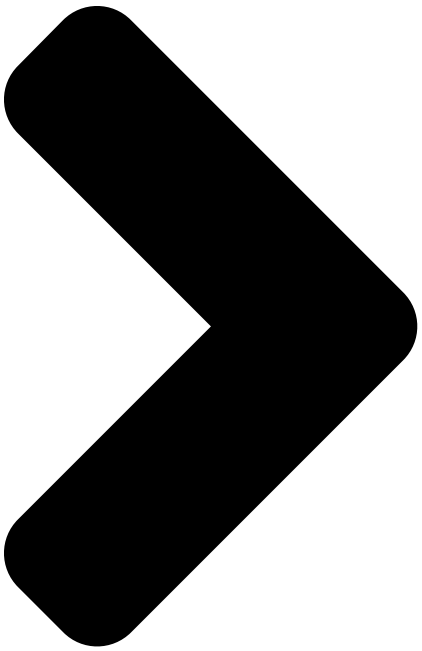

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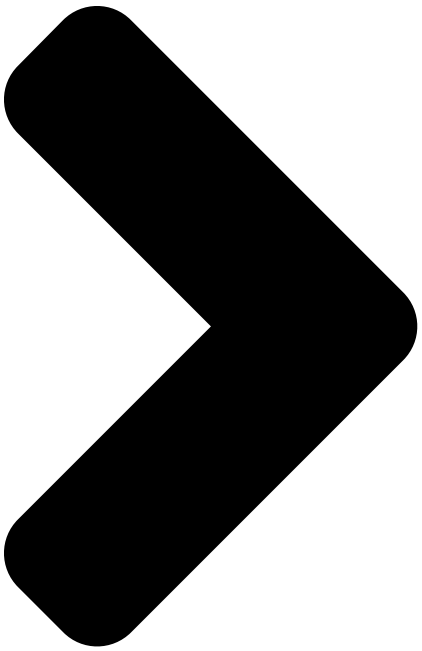

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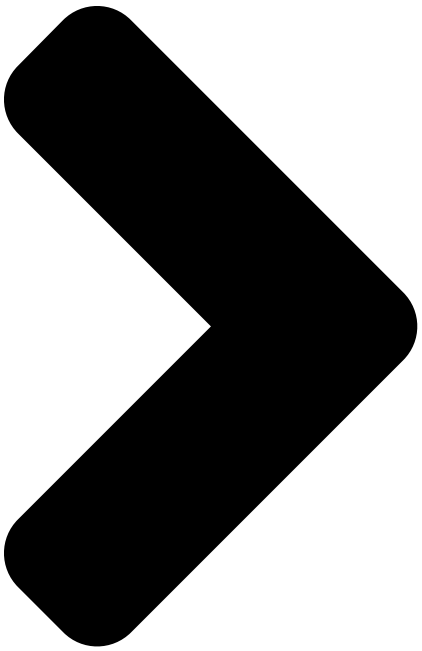

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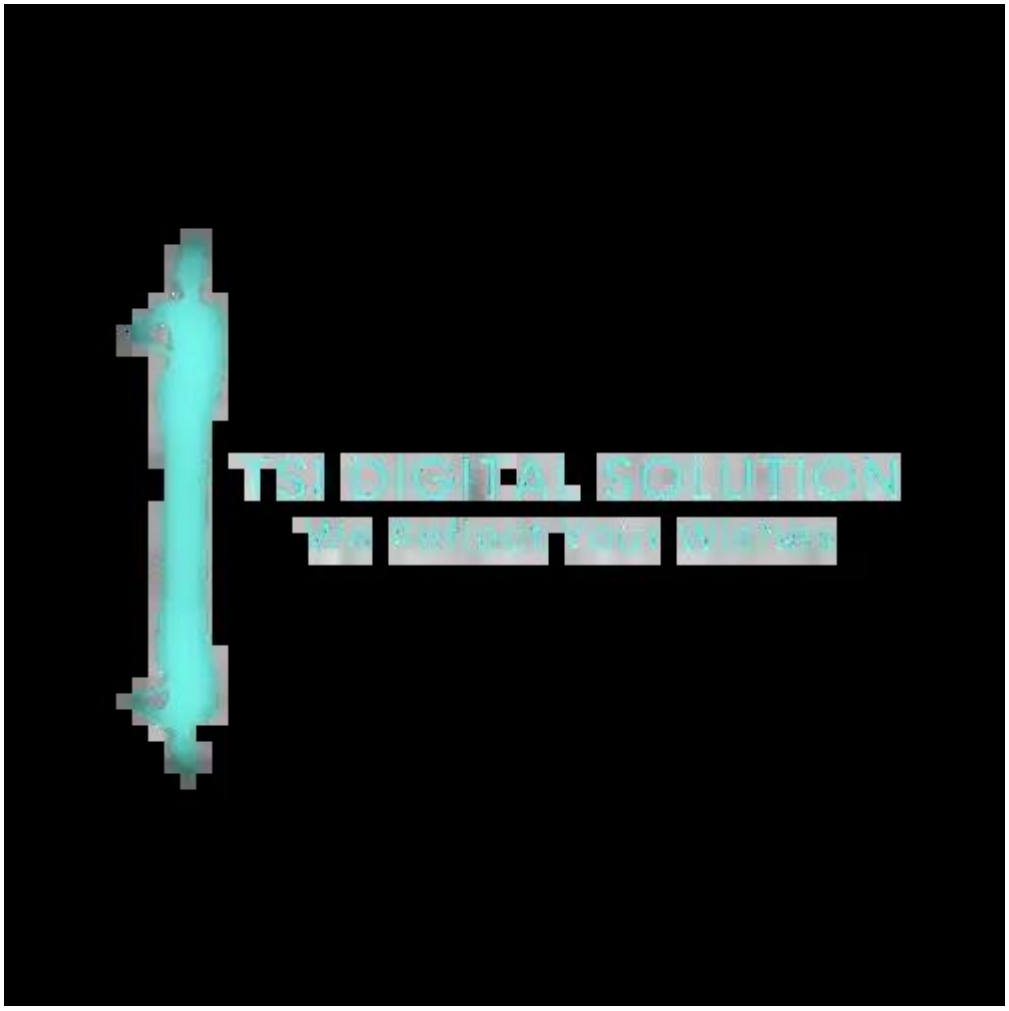
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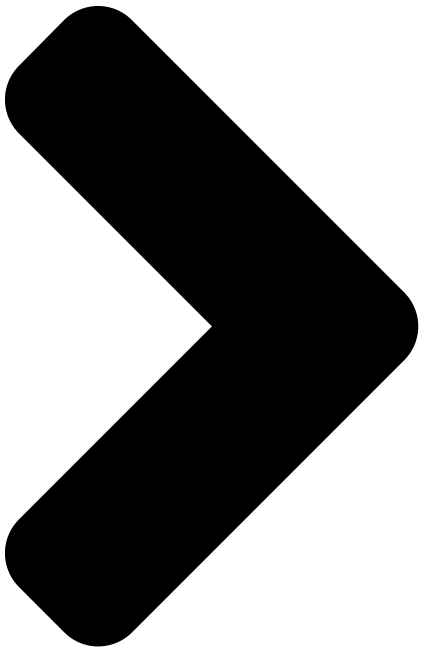

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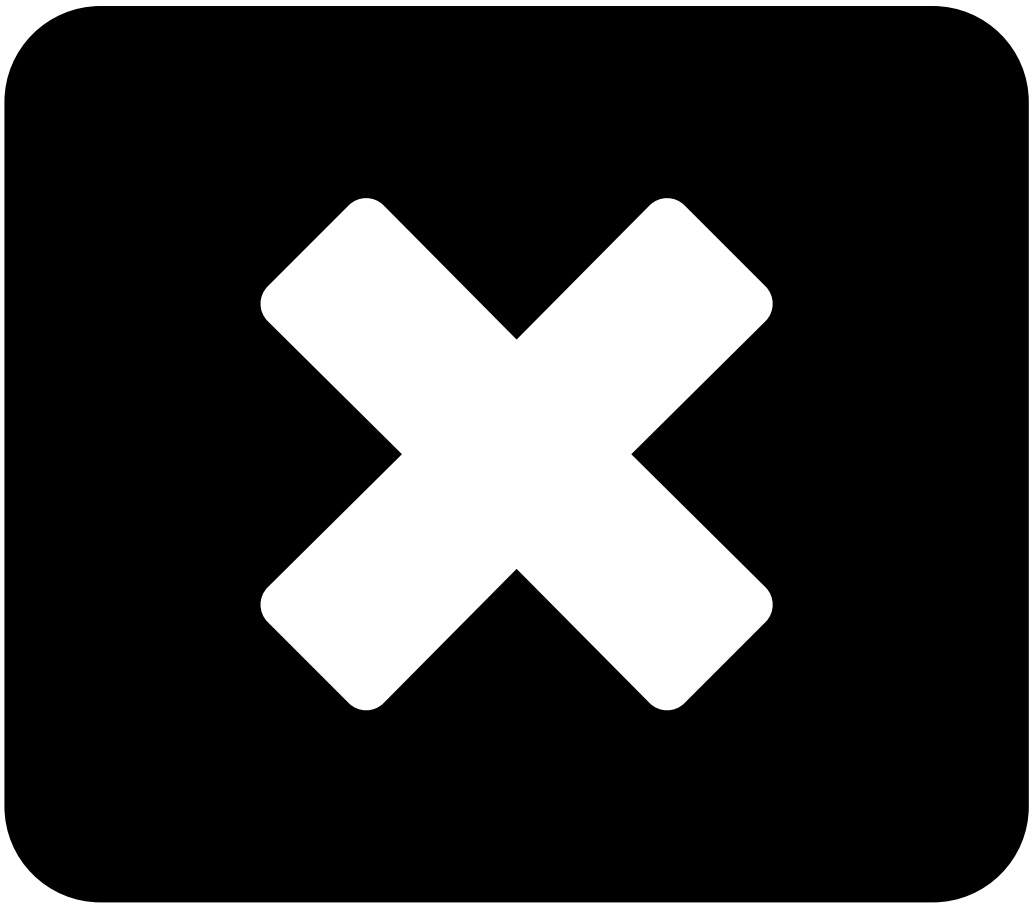

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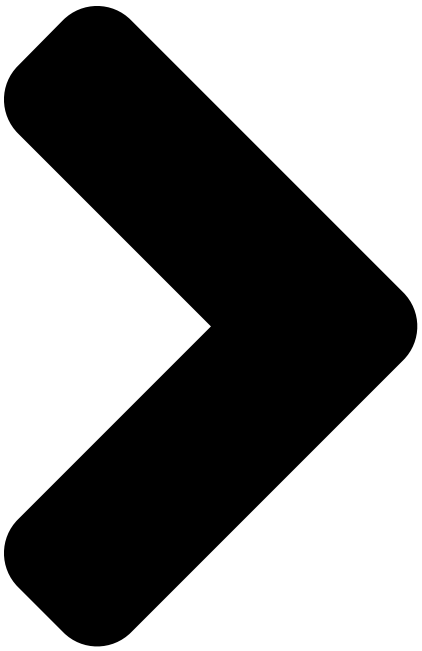

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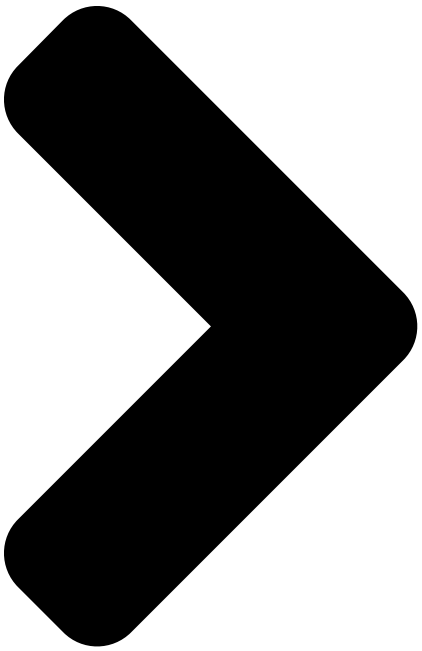

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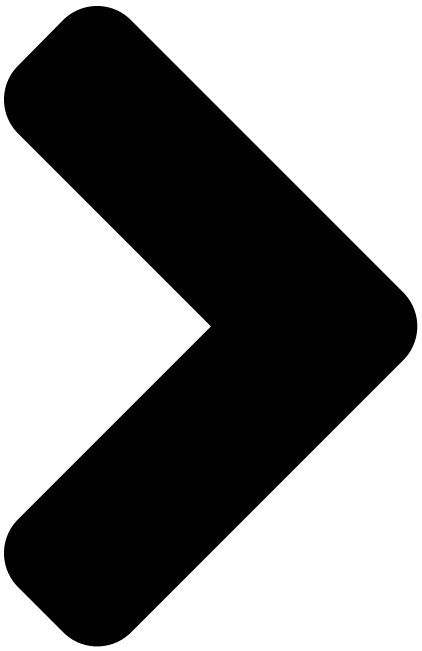

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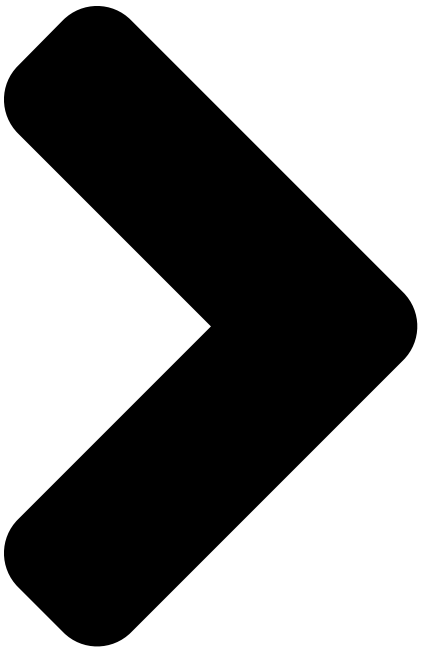

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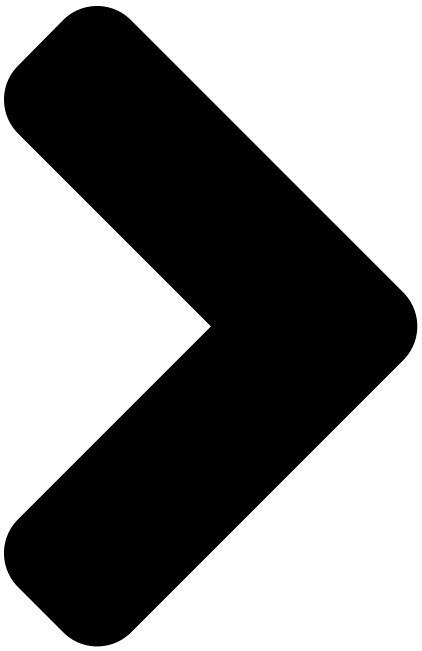

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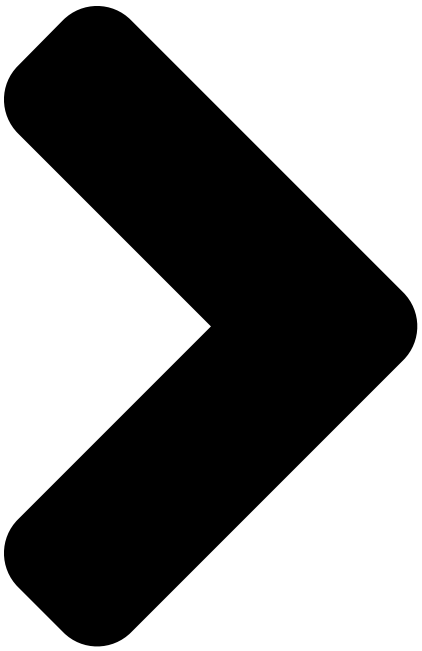

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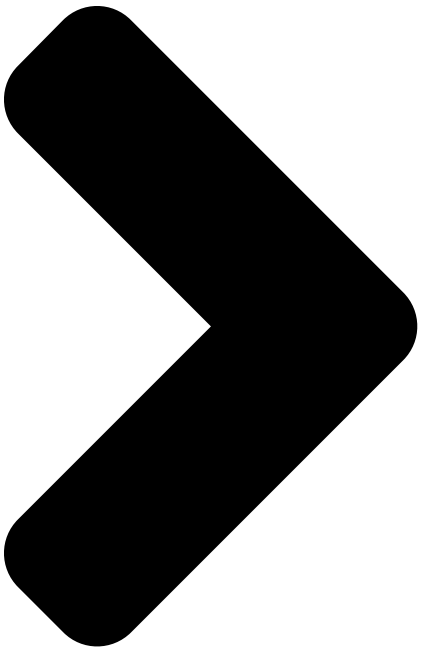

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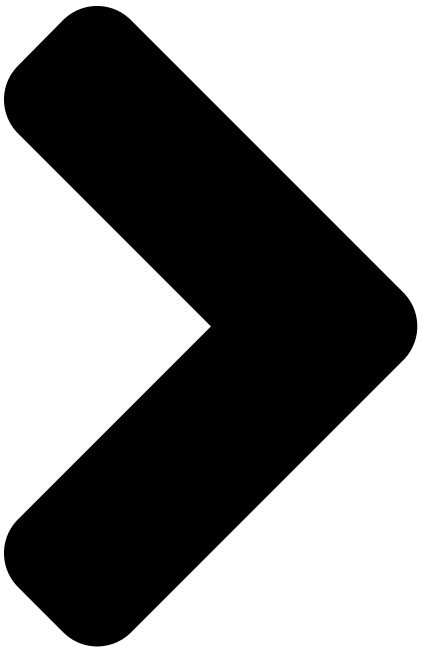

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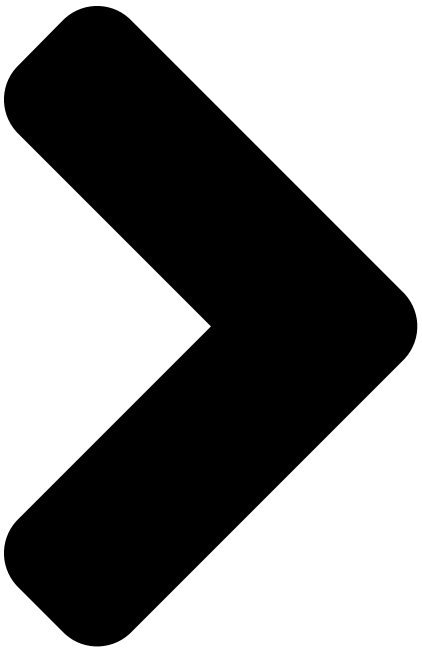

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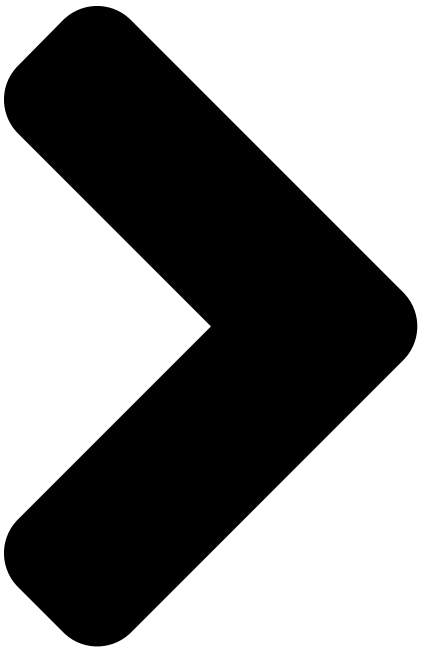

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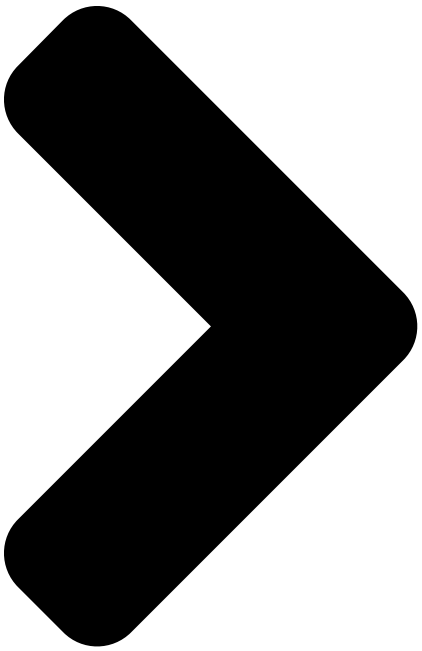

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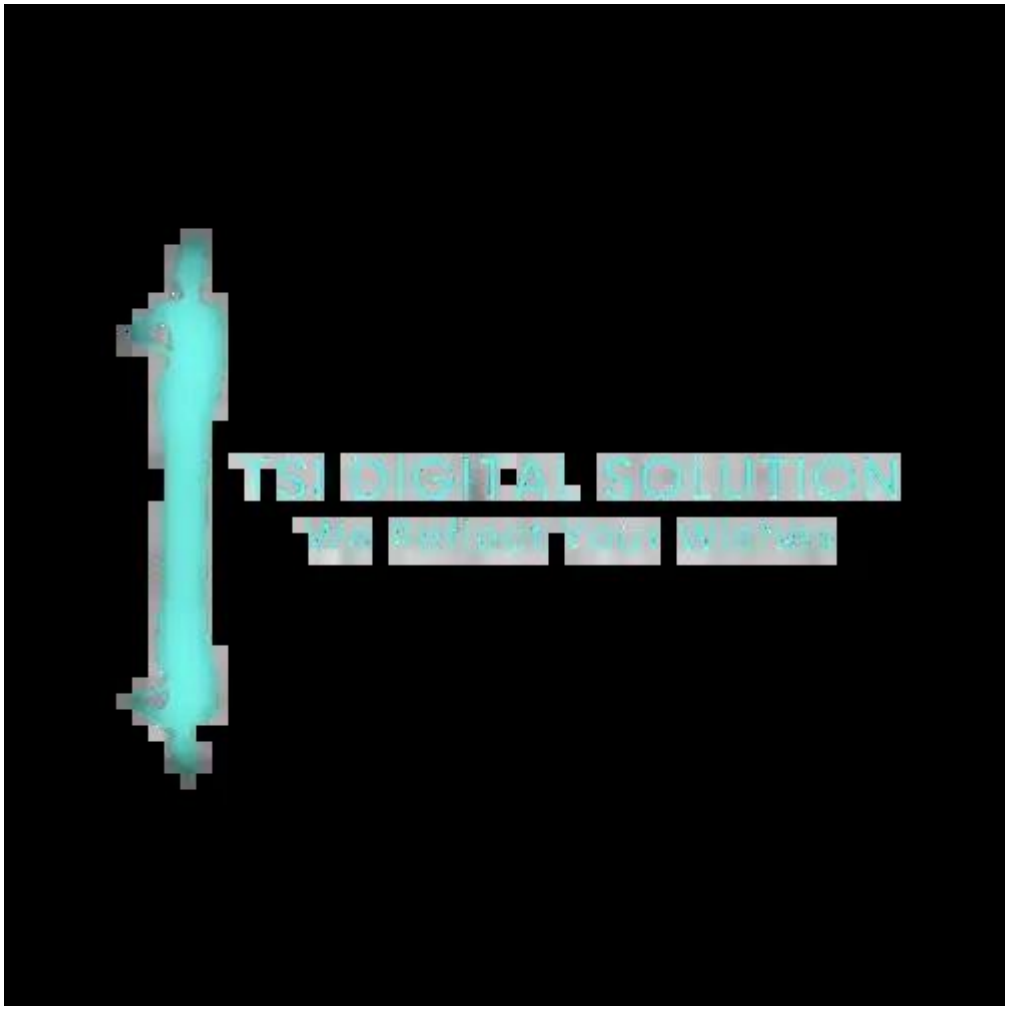
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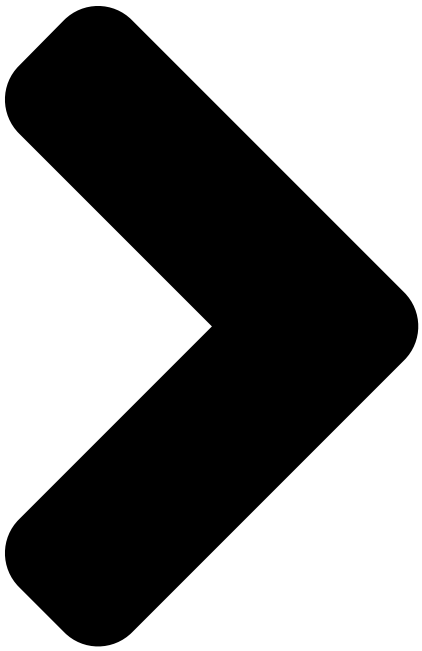

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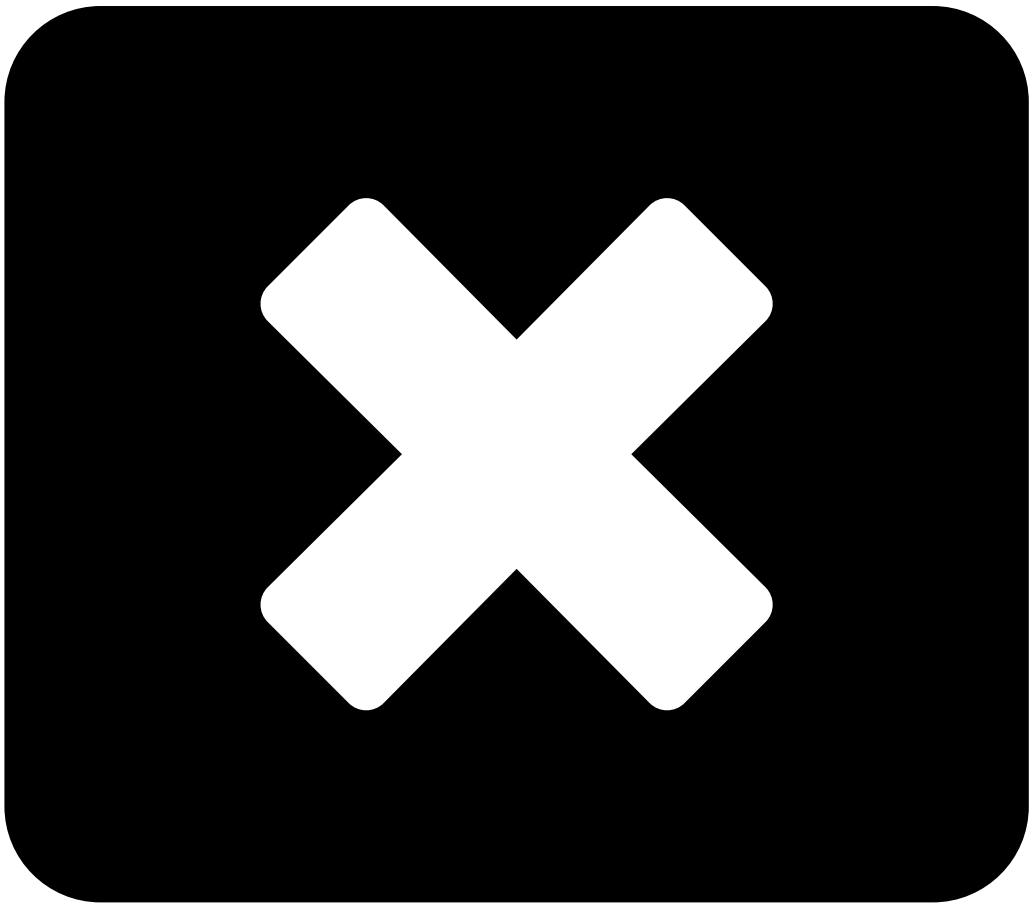

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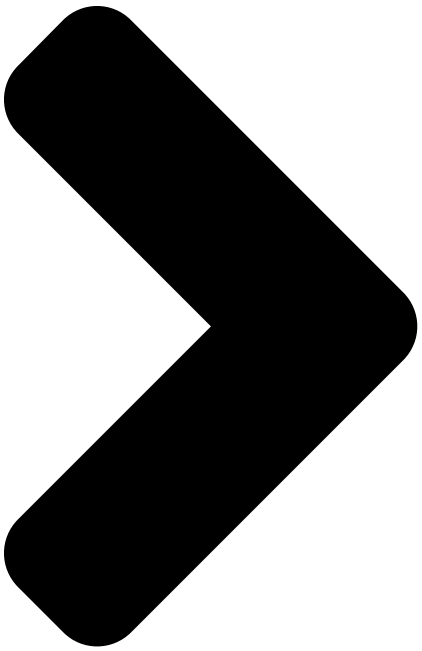

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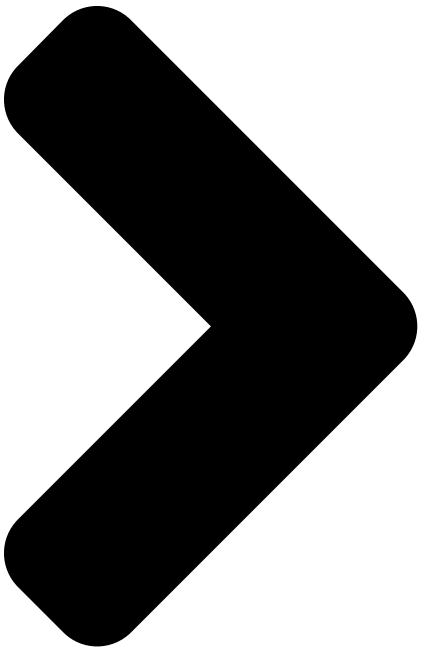

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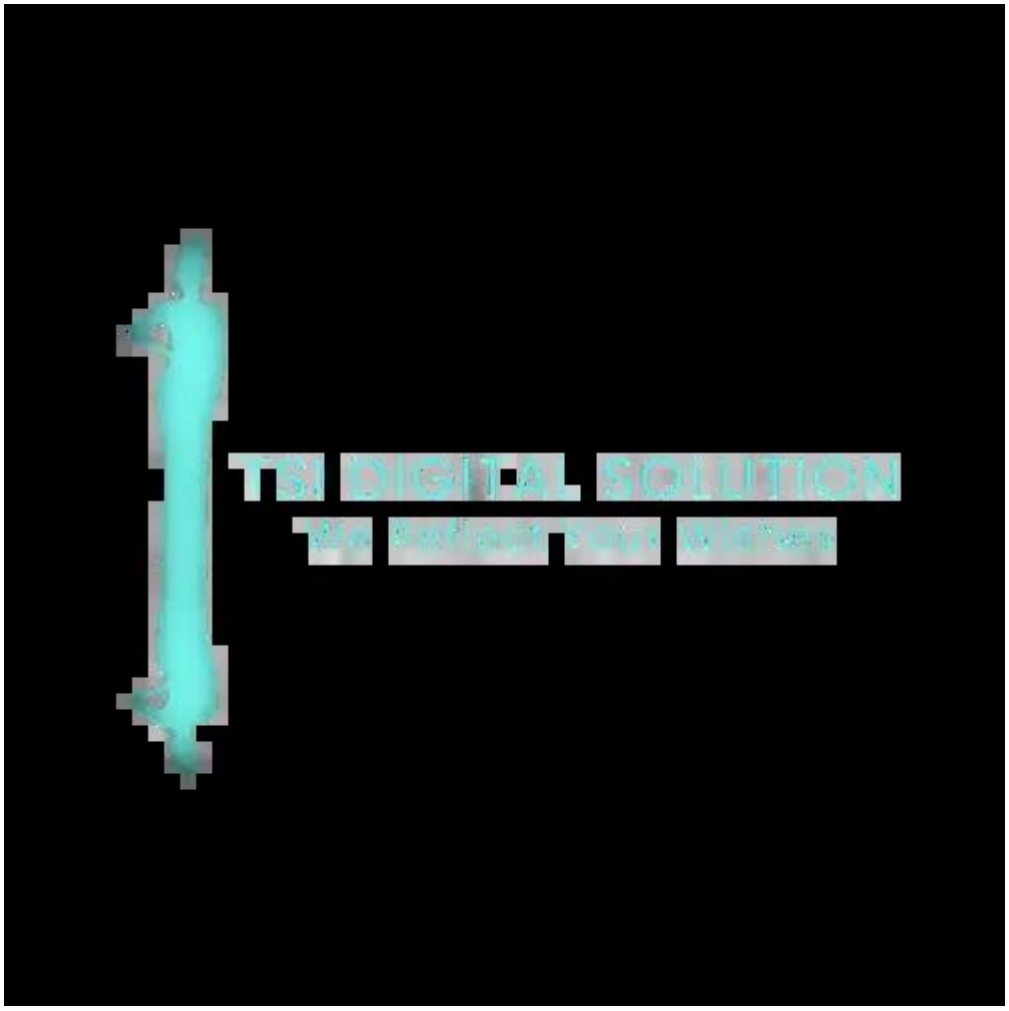
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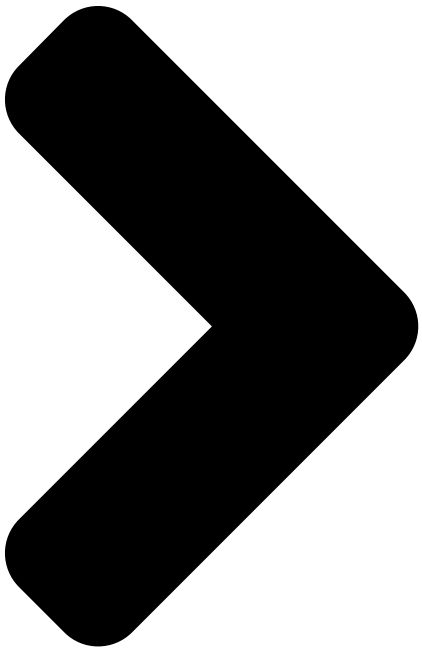

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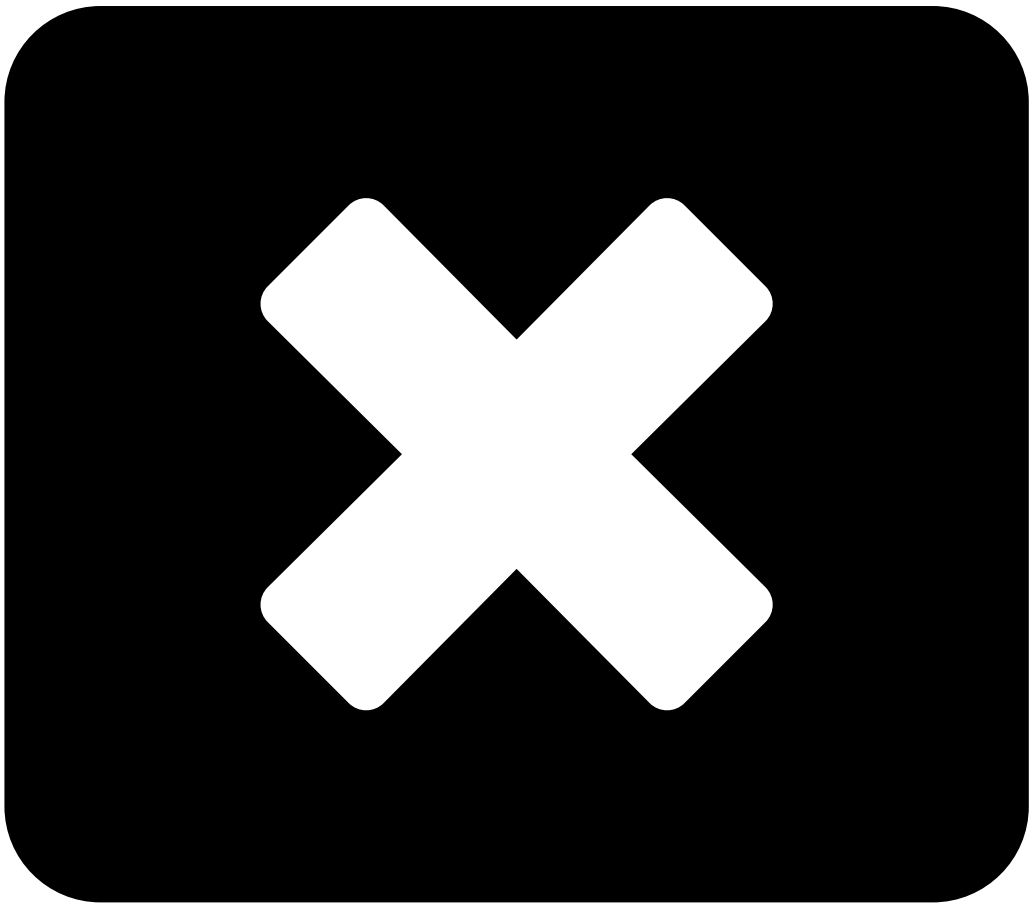

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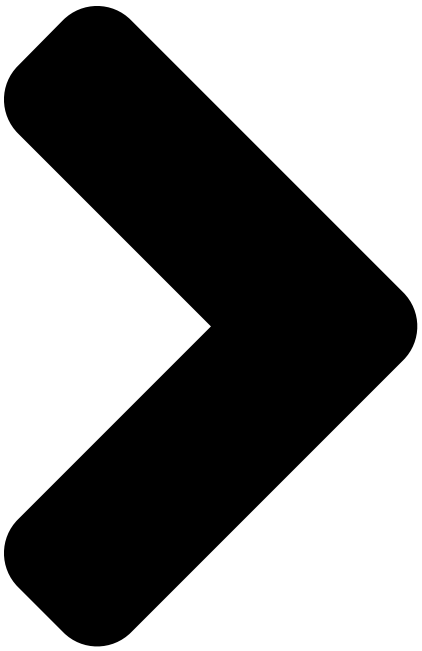

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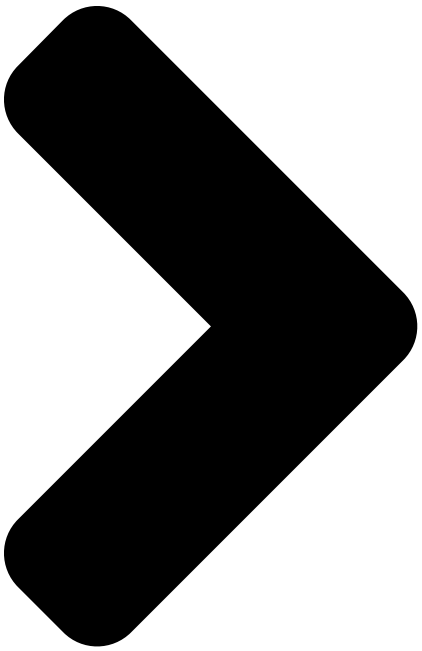

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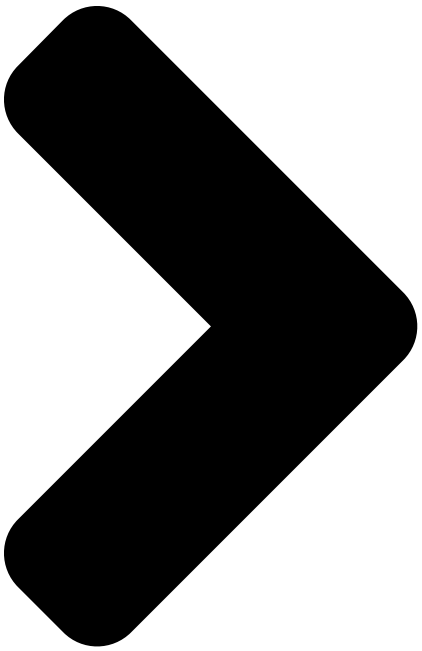

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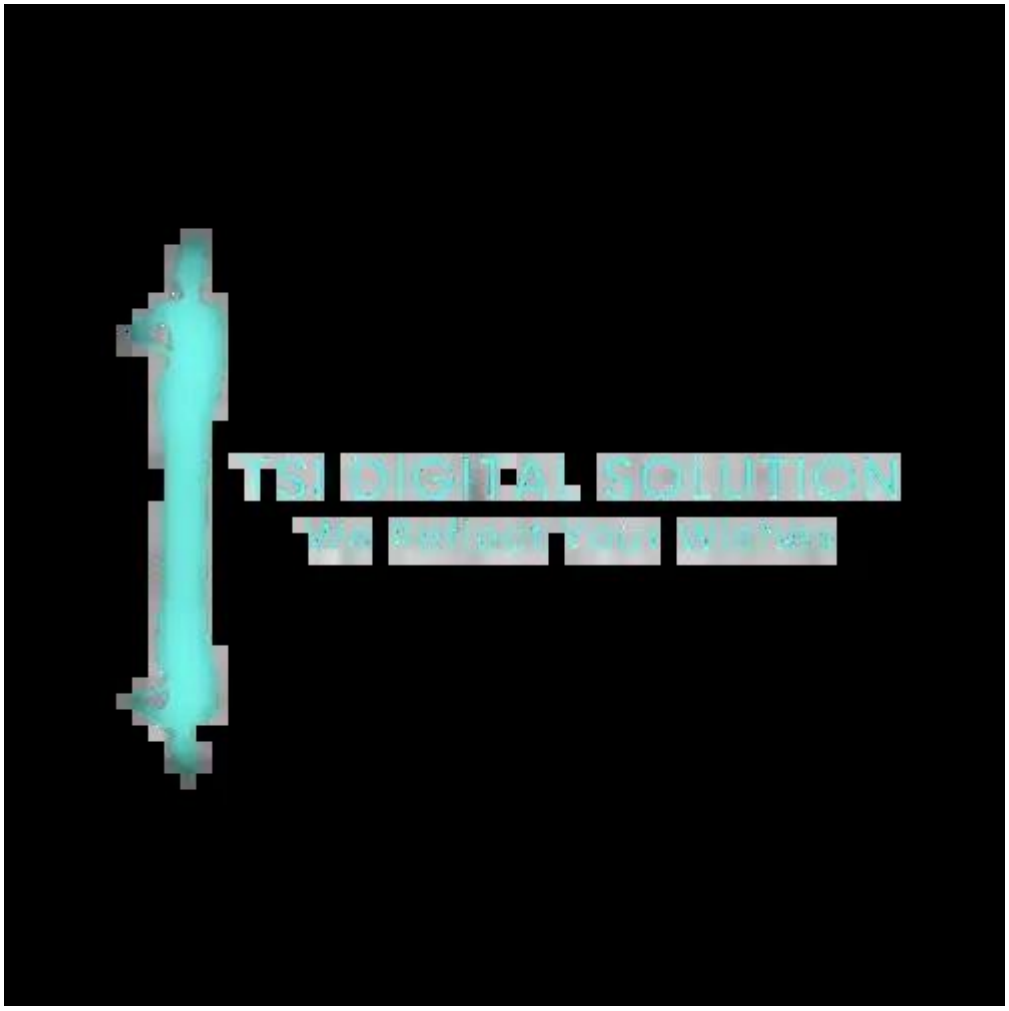
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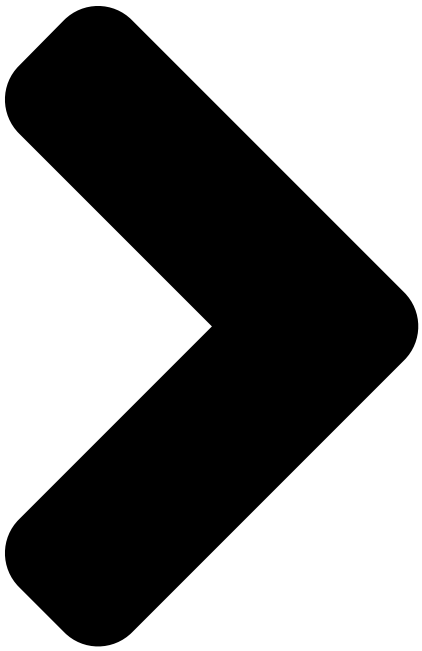

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The Backbone of Successful Digital Marketing

In the world of digital marketing, where algorithms and best practices shift like sand dunes, one thing remains constant: the importance of backlinks. You

may have heard of backlinks in conversations around SEO (Search Engine Optimization), but what exactly are they, and why should you care? Let’s dive into how backlinks work, why they’re important for your website’s visibility, and how they can lead to digital success, especially with a trusted partner like TSI Digital Solution.

What Are Backlinks?

Simply put, backlinks (also known as inbound or incoming links) are links from one website to another. Think of them as digital endorsements; when one website links to yours, it’s signaling to search engines like Google that your content is valuable and trustworthy.

For example, imagine that a popular food blog links to your restaurant’s website in an article about the best places to eat in town. That link is a backlink, and it acts like a vote of confidence in your website’s authority.

But backlinks aren’t just a casual recommendation, they’re a crucial factor in search engine rankings. Google, in particular, uses backlinks as one of its top criteria when determining how high your site should rank on search results pages.

How Do Backlinks Work in SEO?

Search engines use complex algorithms to crawl the web and index websites, and backlinks play a significant role in how those algorithms assess a site’s relevance and authority. When multiple reputable sites link to your website, it signals to Google that you are a trustworthy source of information. In essence, backlinks are votes of confidence from other websites, showing that your content is credible and valuable.

However, not all backlinks are created equal. A link from a high-authority site (like a major news publication) carries much more weight than one from an unknown or spammy site. Quality matters far more than quantity.

Why Are Backlinks So Important?

1. Boost Your Website’s Authority

One of the main benefits is that they help establish your website as an authority in your industry. When reputable websites link to your content, it sends a message that your site is credible and worth referencing. This boosts your domain authority, a score that predicts how likely a website is to rank in search engine results.

2. Higher Search Engine Rankings

Backlinks are one of Google’s top-ranking factors. Websites with a higher number of quality backlinks tend to rank higher on search engine results pages (SERPs). The more high-quality backlinks you acquire, the better your

chances of showing up when your potential customers are searching for relevant keywords.

For example, if you run an online store that sells eco-friendly products and multiple sustainable living blogs link to your site, Google is more likely to rank your site higher for relevant search queries like “eco-friendly products.”

3. Increase Organic Traffic

Higher rankings lead to more organic traffic, which is the best type of traffic you can get. Organic traffic refers to visitors who find your site naturally through search engines (without you having to pay for ads). The more people see your website on the first page of search results, the more likely they are to click through to your site.

This increase in traffic doesn’t just boost your visibility, it can also lead to higher conversion rates. After all, if you’re showing up as a top result, visitors are more likely to trust you and engage with your brand.

4. Enhance Brand Awareness and Credibility

Backlinks don’t just help with SEO, they also help with brand recognition. When people see your website mentioned or linked to on other reputable platforms, it increases your brand’s credibility in their eyes. This positive association can lead to greater trust, higher conversion rates, and more customer loyalty.

Think of backlinks as referrals, if a trusted website links to yours, people will be more likely to view your brand as credible and worth exploring.

5. Networking and Relationships

The process of earning backlinks often involves outreach to other websites and industry influencers. This can be a great way to build relationships with other businesses and websites in your niche. In some cases, you can collaborate on content, share audiences, or engage in mutually beneficial partnerships that can help both parties grow.

How Do Backlinks Work?

To understand how backlinks impact your website’s performance, let’s break down their functionality in the context of SEO.

1. Search Engine Evaluation

Search engines use complex algorithms to evaluate the relevance and authority of websites. Backlinks are a critical component of these algorithms. When your website receives backlinks, search engines assess:

- **The Authority of the Linking Site**: Links from well-established, high-authority sites carry more weight.

- **Relevance of Content**: Links from sites related to your industry or niche are more beneficial.
- **Anchor Text**: The clickable text of the link should be relevant to the content it’s linking to.
- **Link Placement**: Links embedded within the content are more valuable than those in footers or sidebars.
- **Link Diversity**: A natural backlink profile includes links from various domains and sources.

2. Passing Link Equity (Link Juice)

Backlinks transfer link equity (also known as “link juice”) from one site to another. This equity contributes to your site’s authority and can improve your search rankings. However, not all backlinks pass the same amount of equity. Factors influencing link equity include:

- **Site Authority**: High-authority sites pass more link juice.
- **DoFollow vs. NoFollow Links**: DoFollow links pass link equity, while NoFollow links do not. Both types can be valuable, but DoFollow links have a more direct impact on SEO.
- **Number of Links on the Page**: Link equity is divided among all outbound links on a page. Fewer links mean more equity passed to each.

3. User Behavior Signals

Backlinks can influence user behavior metrics such as click-through rates, time spent on site, and bounce rates. Positive user engagement signals indicate to search engines that your site provides valuable content, further improving your SEO performance.

Types of Backlinks

1. Natural Editorial Links

These are the most valuable type of backlinks, earned organically when other websites link to your content because they find it valuable and relevant.

How to Earn Them:

- Create high-quality, original content that others want to reference.
- Conduct industry studies or surveys and publish the results.
- Develop useful tools or resources, such as infographics or calculators.

2. Manual Outreach Links

These backlinks are acquired through deliberate efforts, such as reaching out to website owners or bloggers and requesting them to link to your content.

How to Acquire Them:

- Identify relevant websites and pitch your content.
- Offer to write guest posts for authoritative blogs in your niche.

- Participate in interviews or podcasts.

3. Self-Created Links

These are links you create yourself on forums, blog comments, directories, or social media profiles.

Caution: While they can contribute to your backlink profile, overusing self-created links or acquiring them from low-quality sites can harm your SEO. Always focus on quality and relevance.

Common Myths and Misunderstandings About Backlinks

With all the buzz around backlinks, it’s easy to get confused by myths or outdated advice. Here are a few common misconceptions:

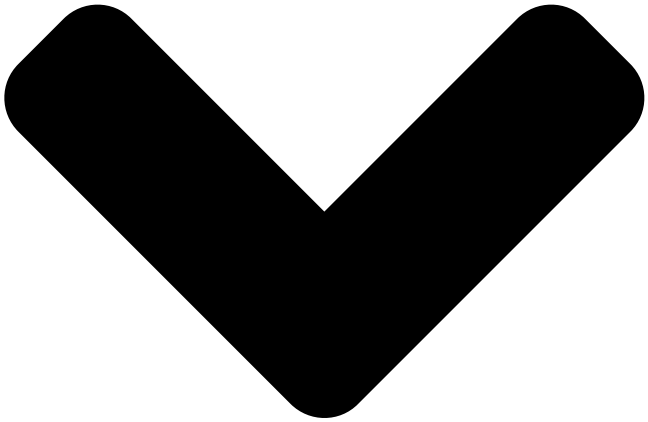
- **Myth 1: All Backlinks Are Good Backlinks**
  Not true. Low-quality or spammy backlinks can actually hurt your site’s SEO, leading to penalties from Google. It’s crucial to focus on earning high-quality, relevant backlinks from authoritative sources.
- **Myth 2: Backlinks Are All You Need for SEO**
  While they are critical, they’re not the only factor in your SEO success. Other factors like website content, user experience, mobile optimization, and site speed also play key roles.
- **Myth 3: You Can Buy Backlinks for Quick Results**
  Buying backlinks from link farms or low-quality sources is not only unethical but can also get your site penalized or de-indexed by Google. Building a natural backlink profile takes time and effort, but the results are far more sustainable in the long run.

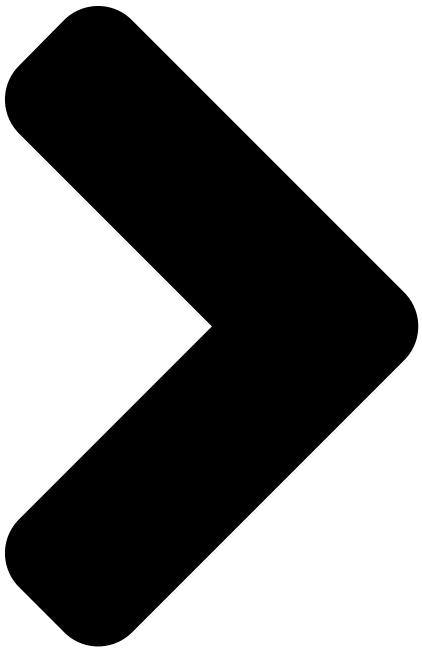
Conclusion

Backlinks are an indispensable component of successful digital marketing. They not only enhance your website’s visibility and credibility but also drive meaningful engagement and conversions. At TSI Digital Solution, we understand the intricacies of effective backlink strategies and are committed to helping you build a strong and sustainable online presence.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What are backlinks in simple terms?





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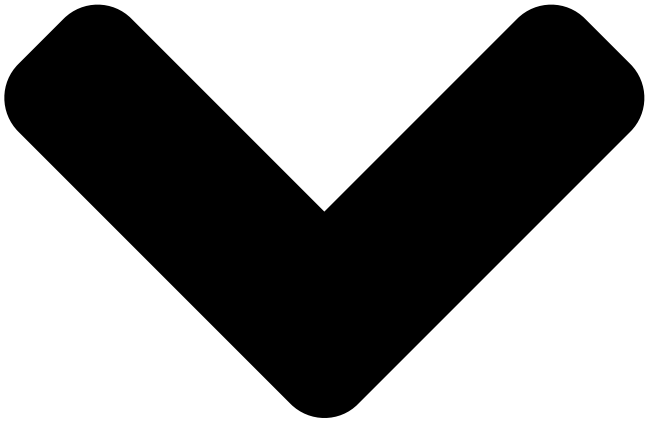

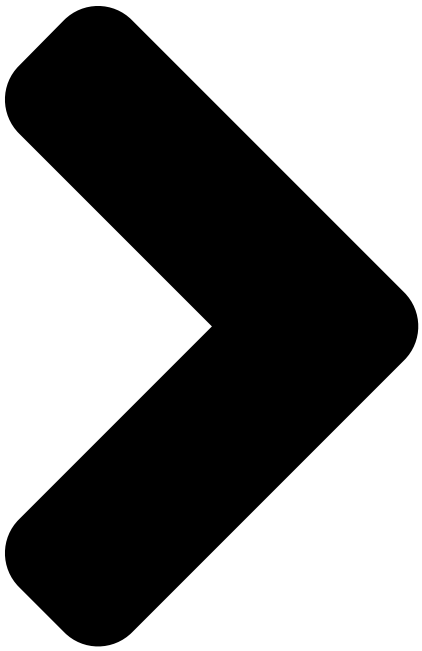

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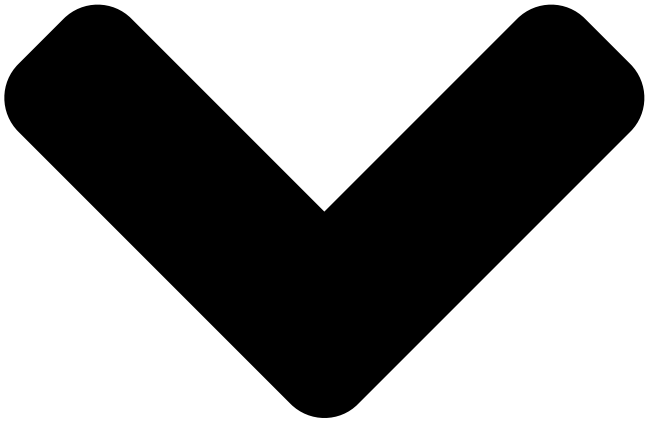

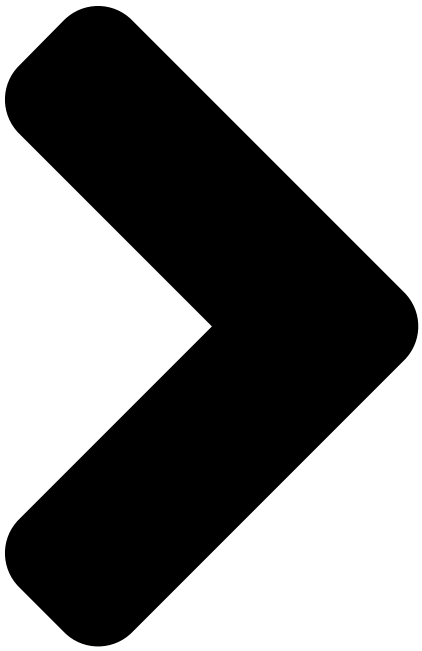

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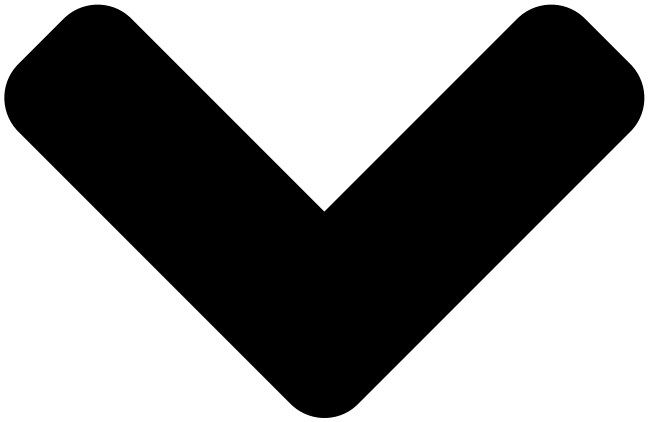

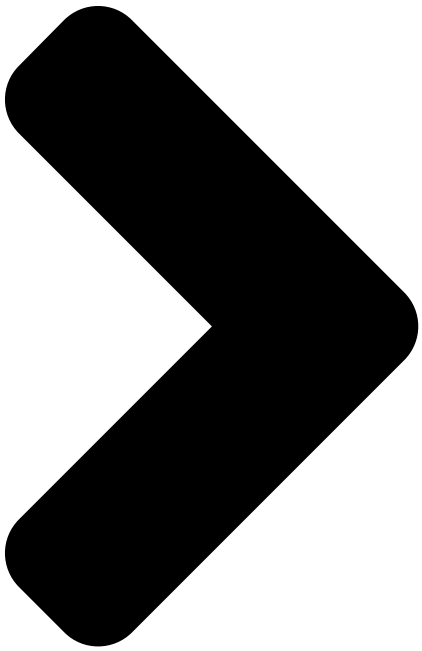

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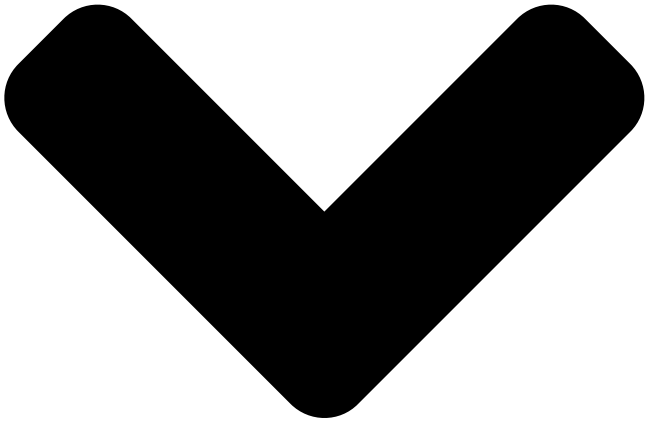

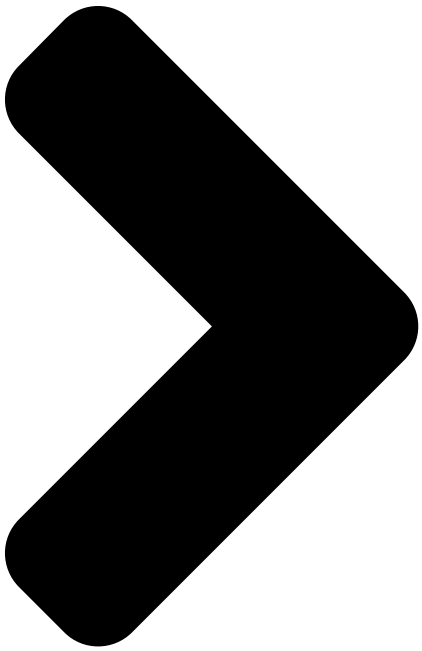

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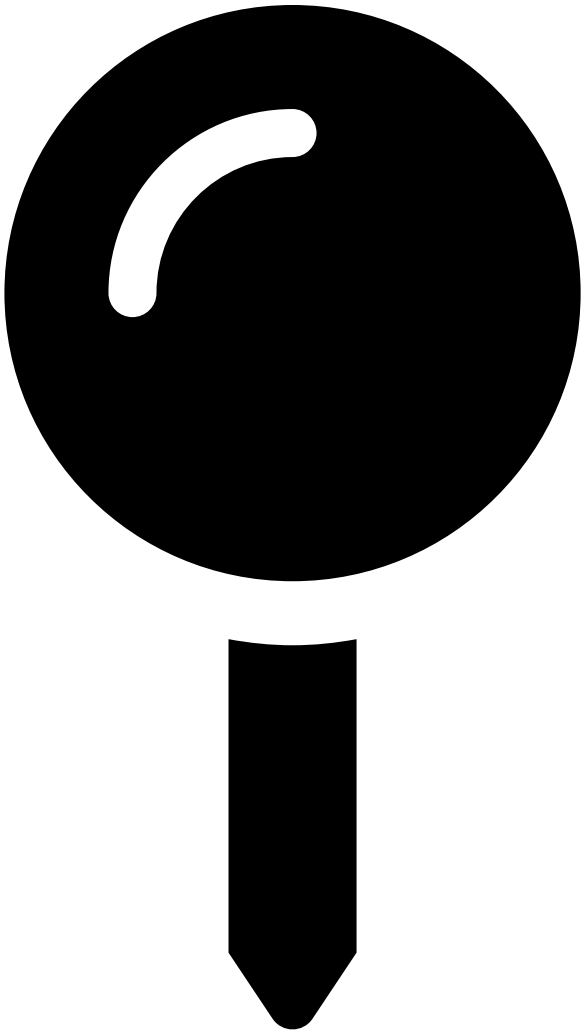

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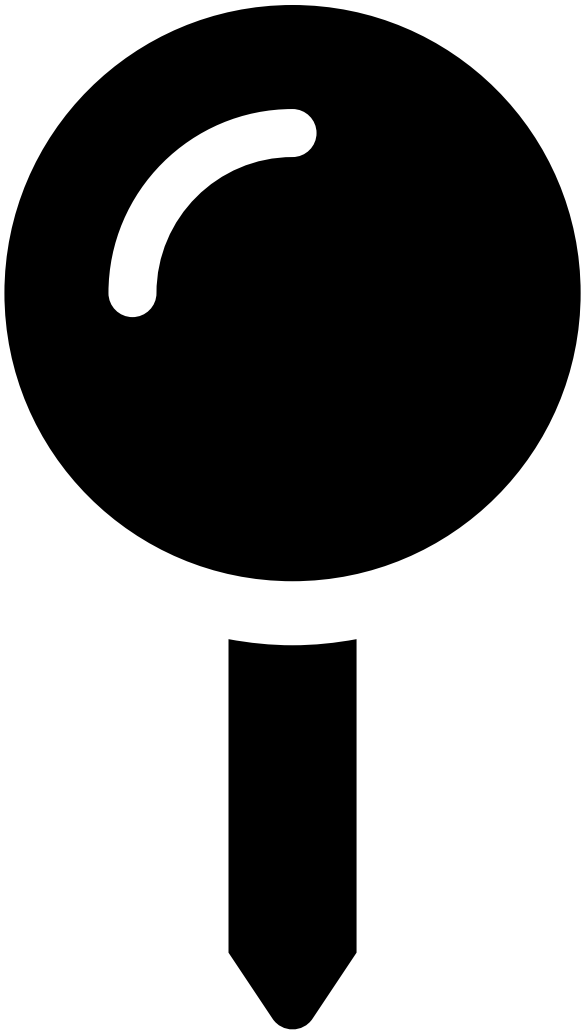

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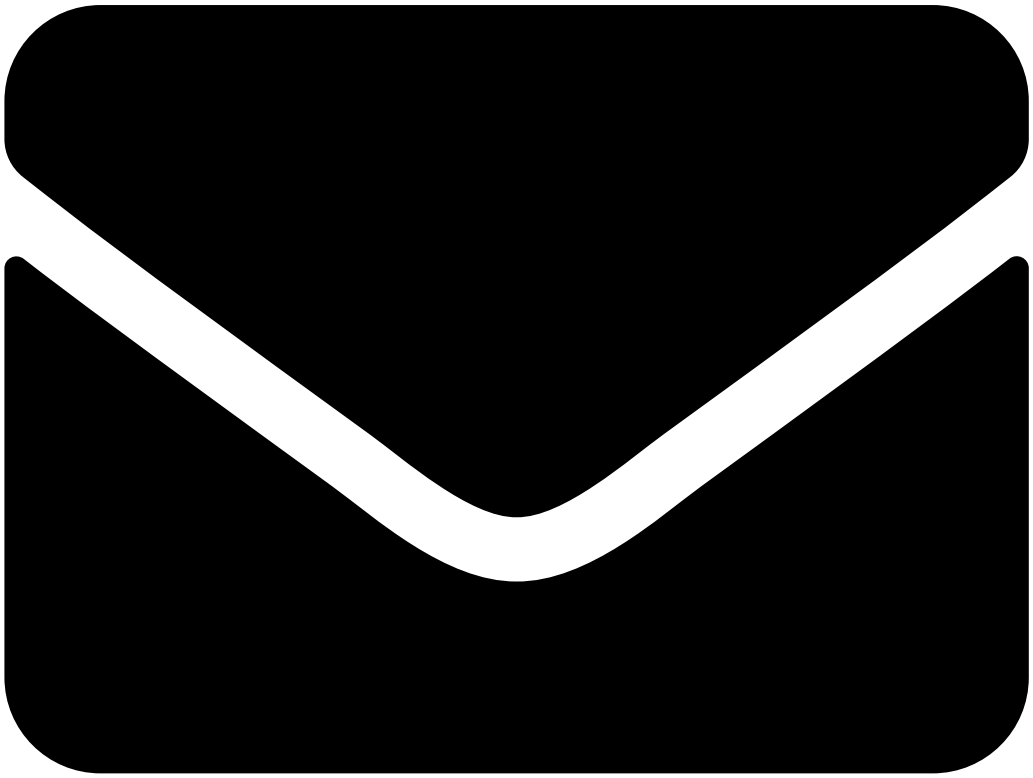

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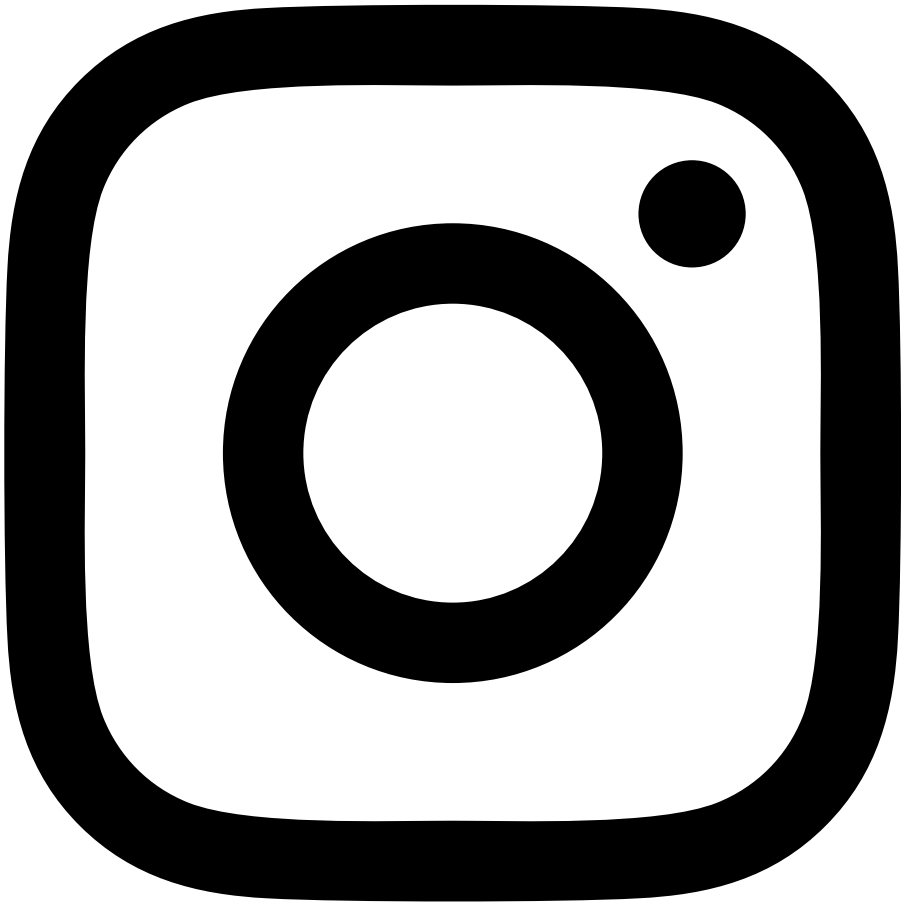

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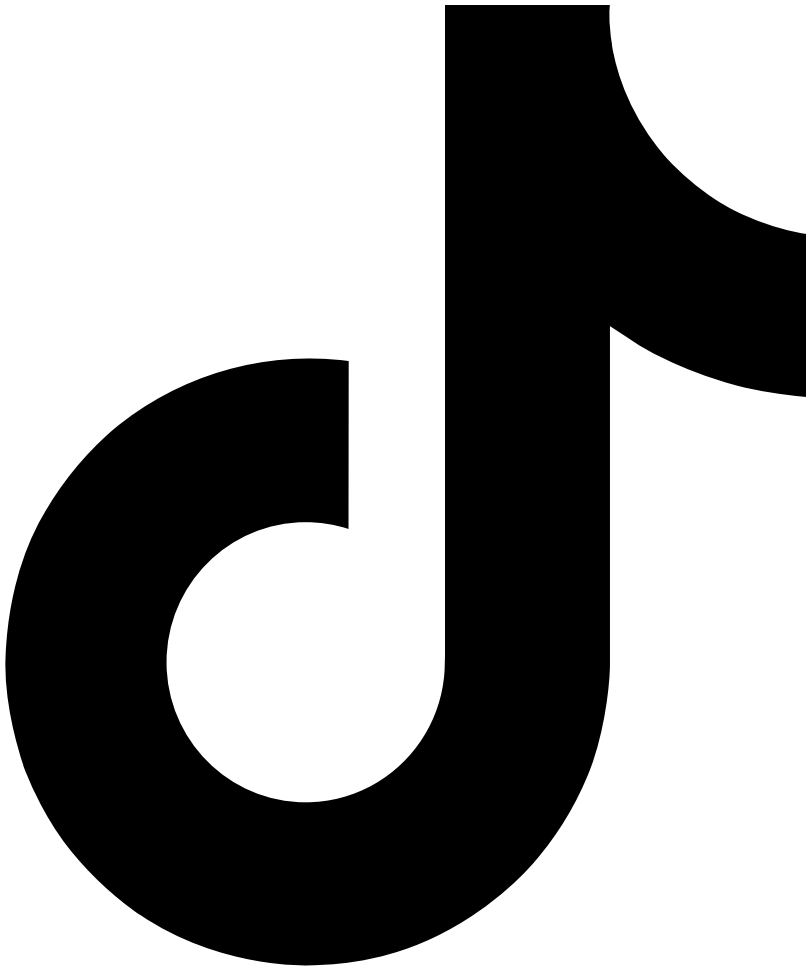

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