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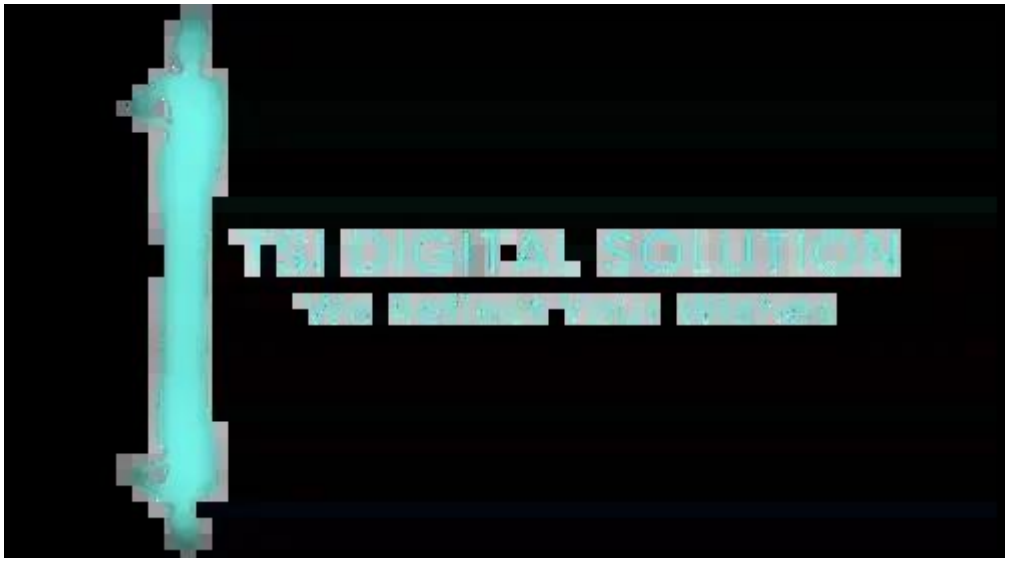

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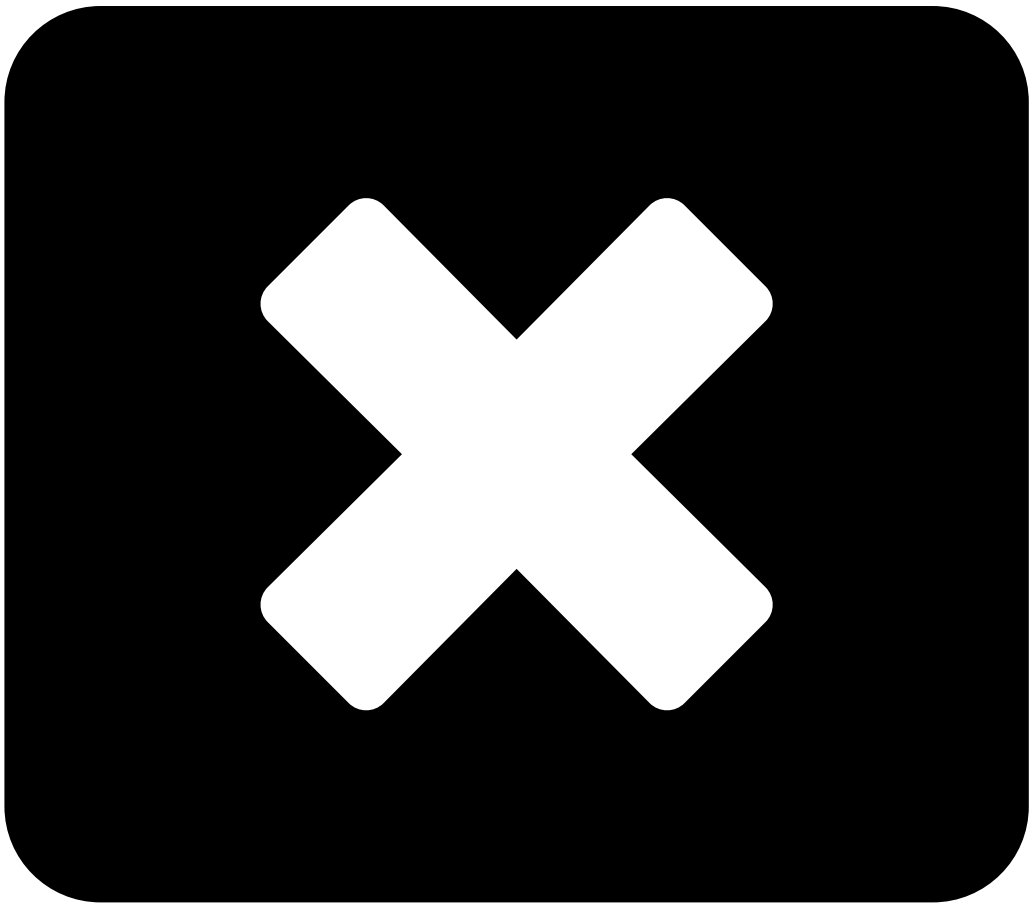

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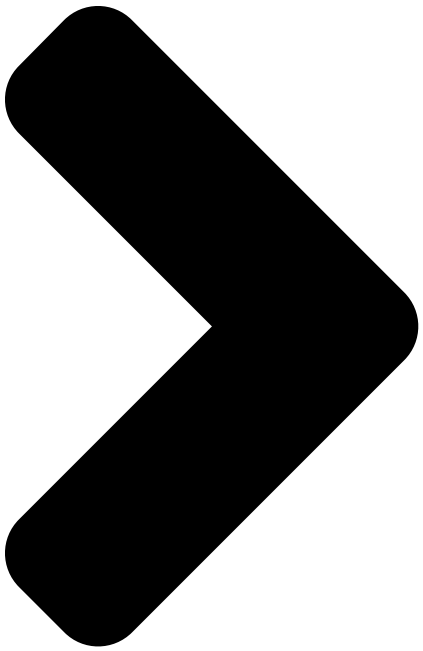

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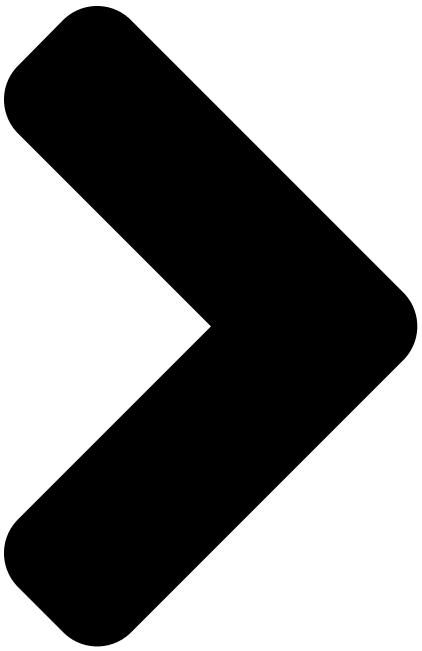

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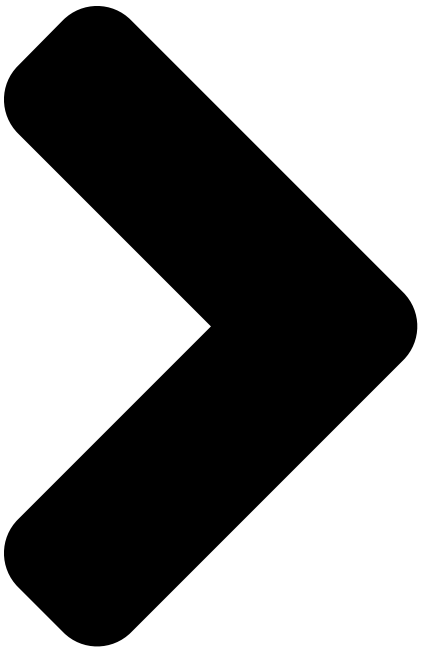

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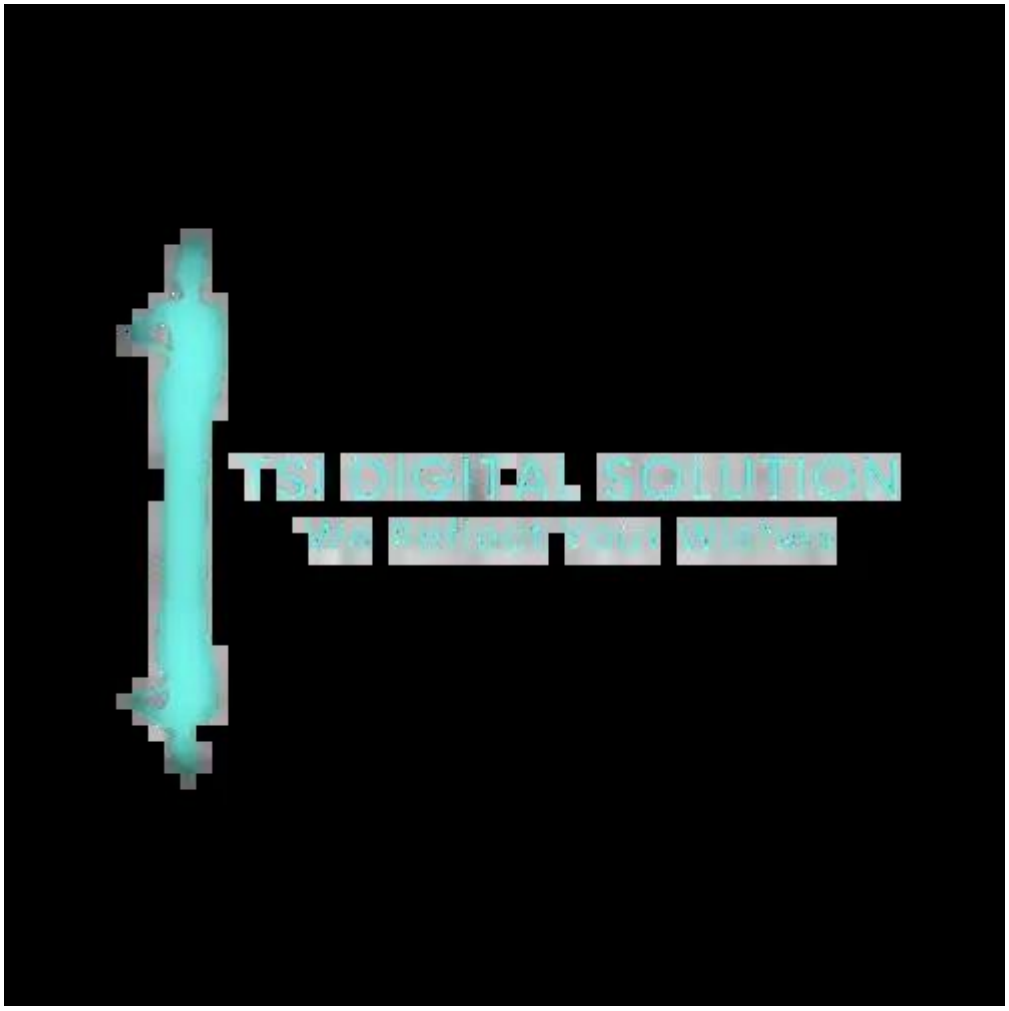
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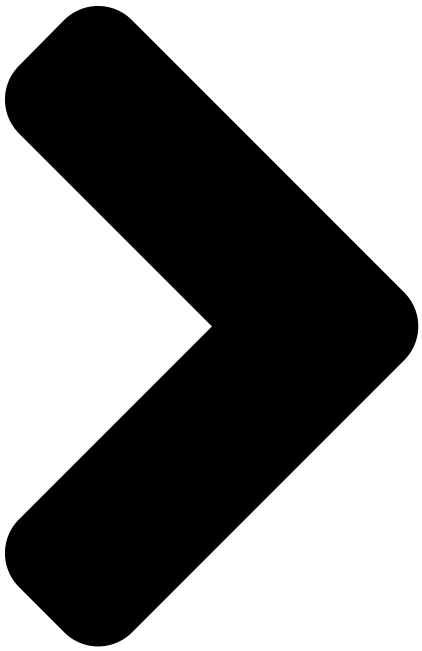

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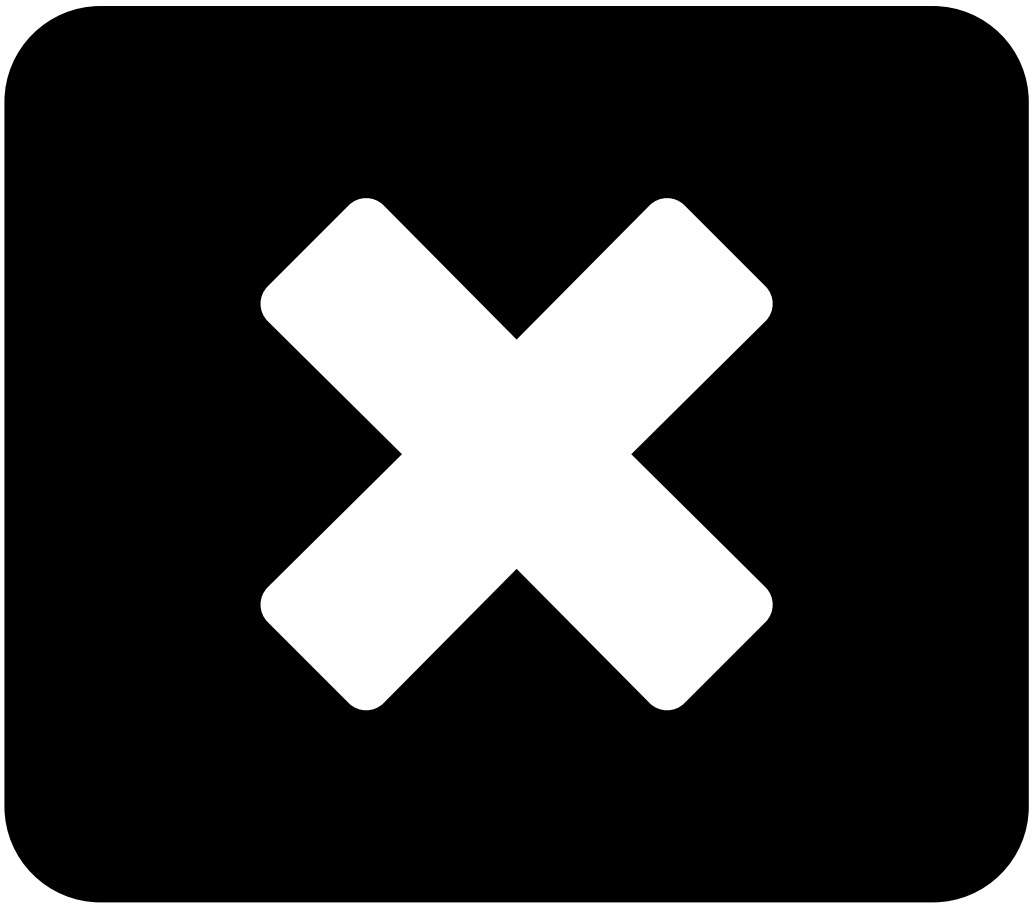

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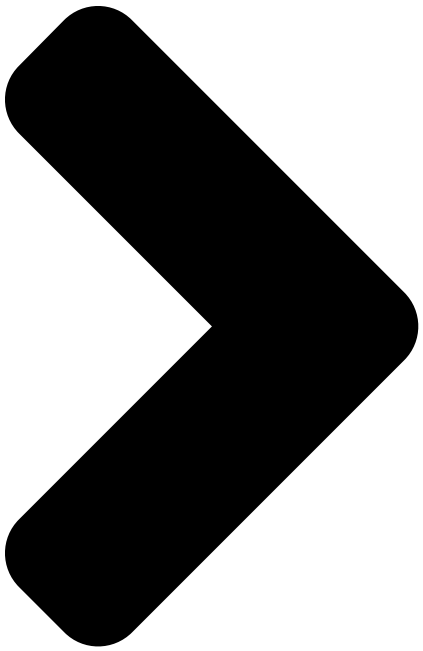

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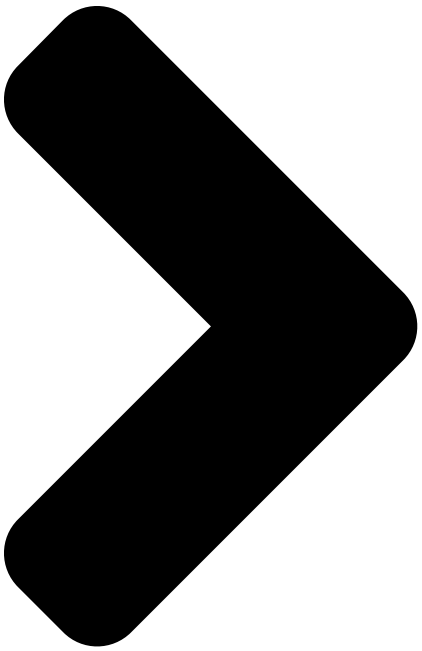

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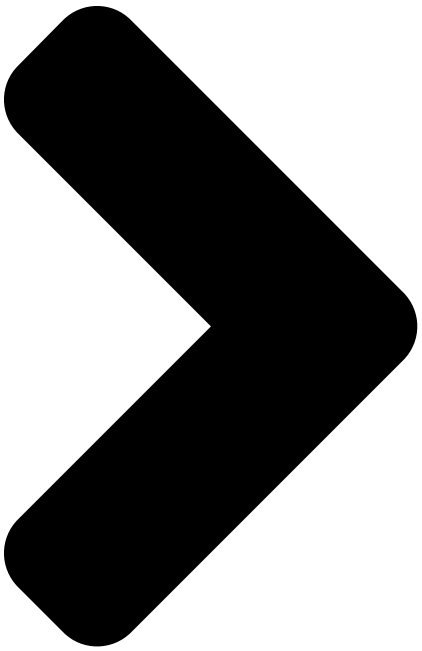

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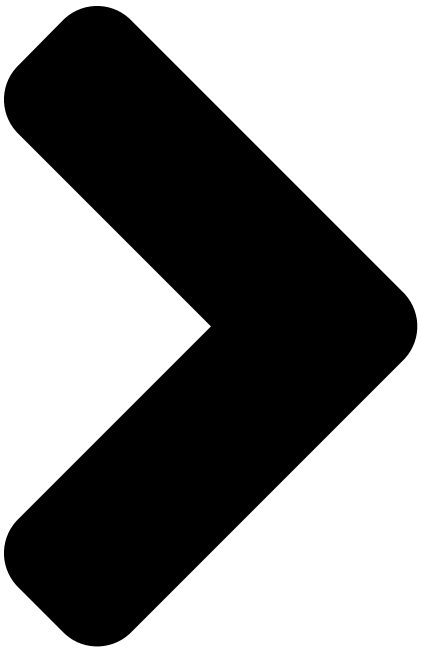

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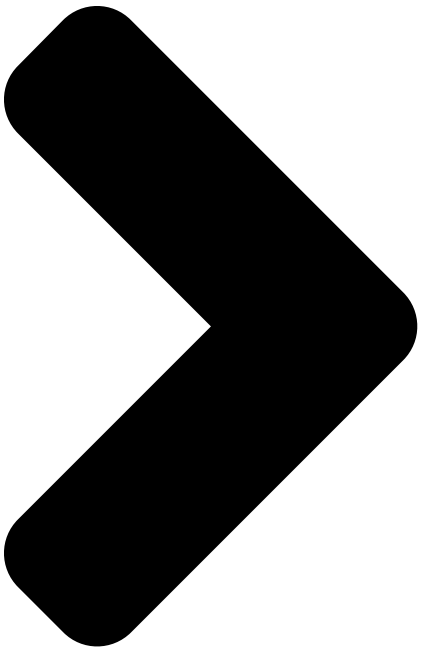

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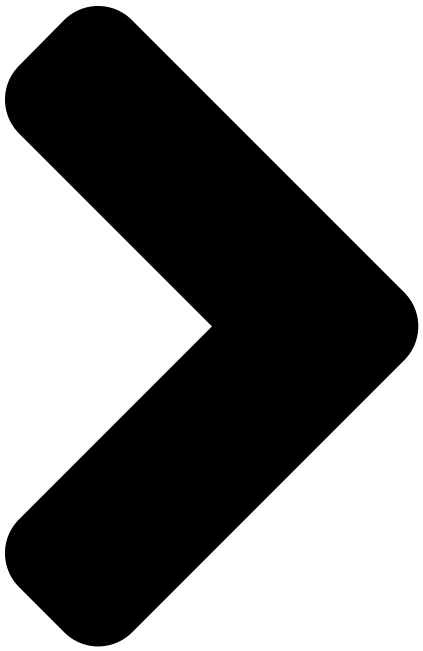

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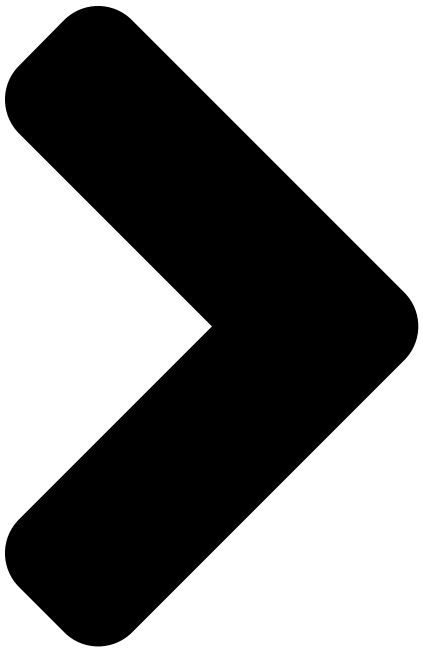

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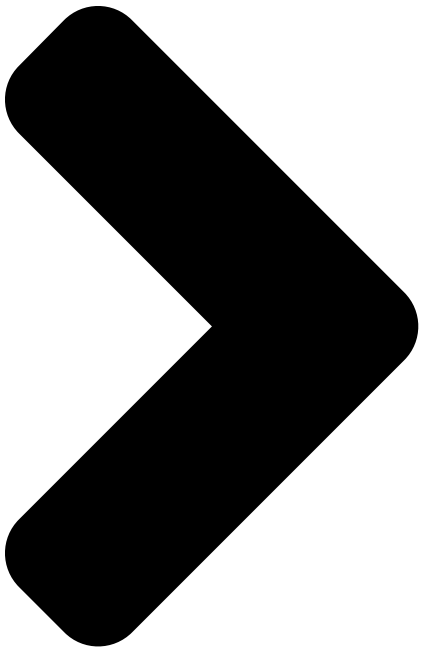

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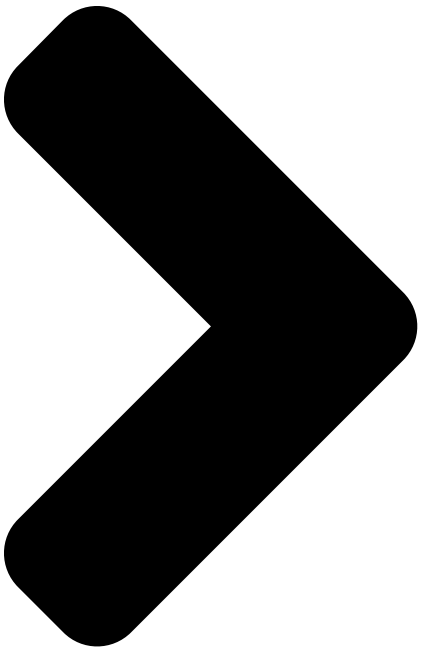

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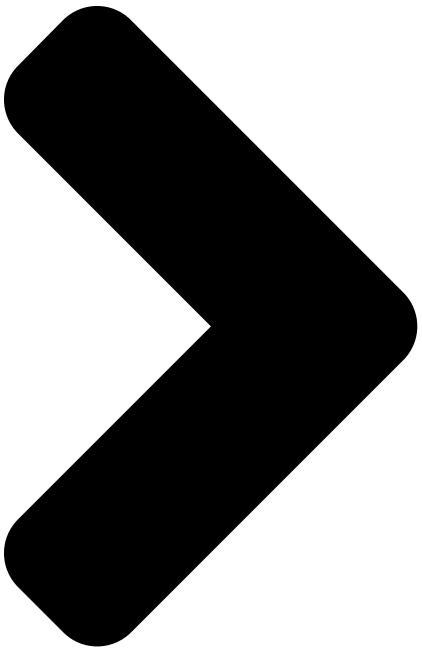

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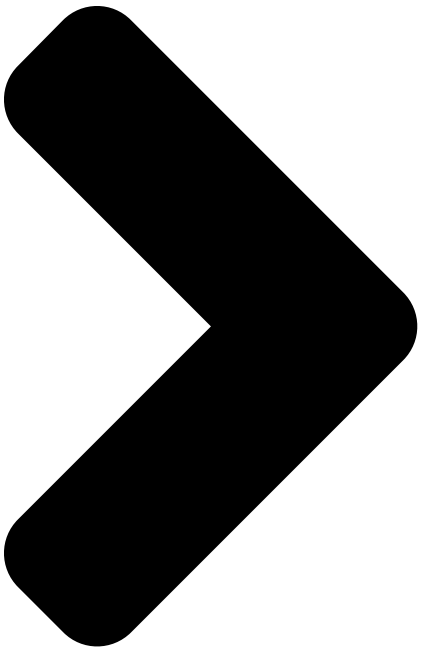

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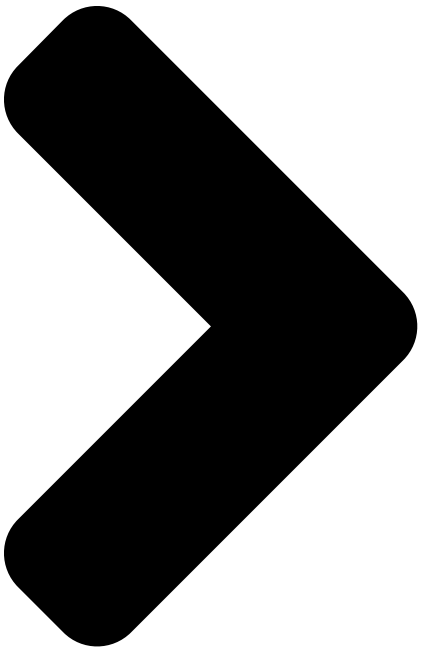

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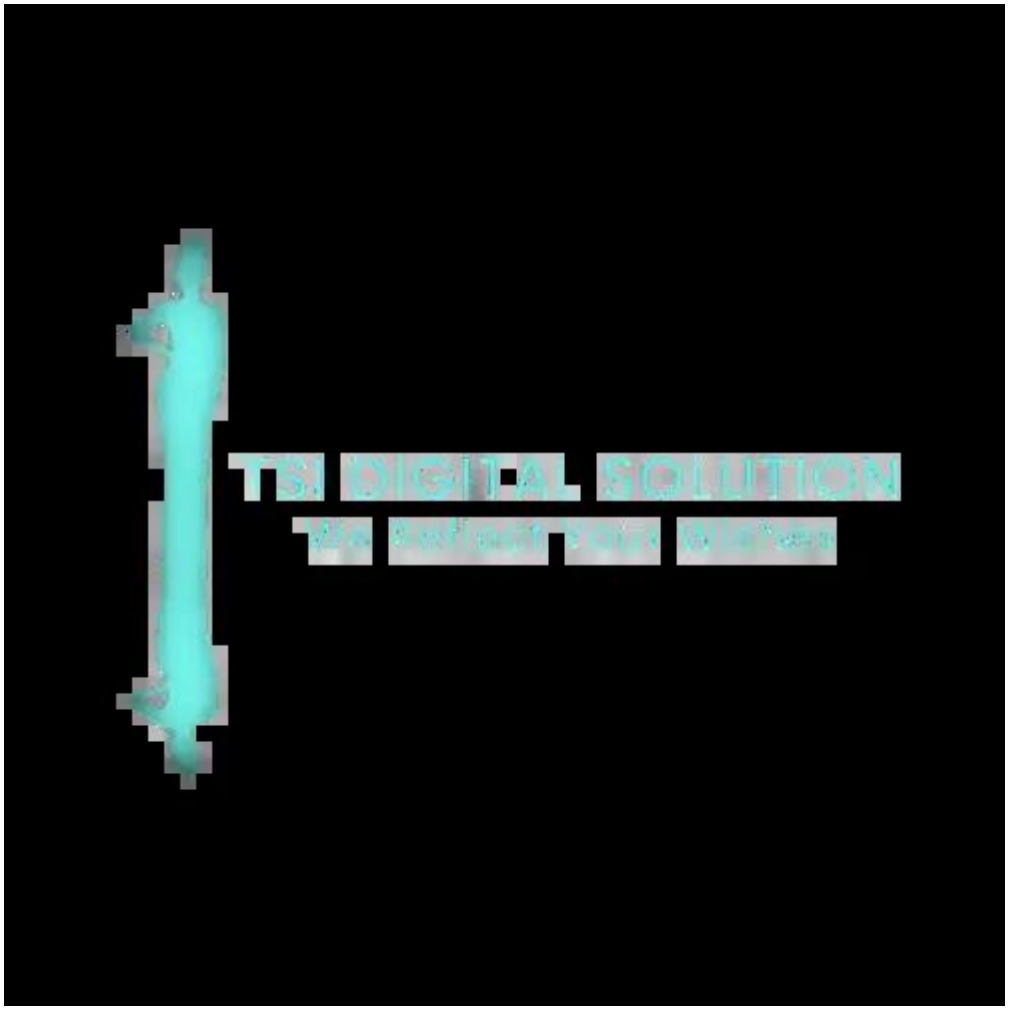
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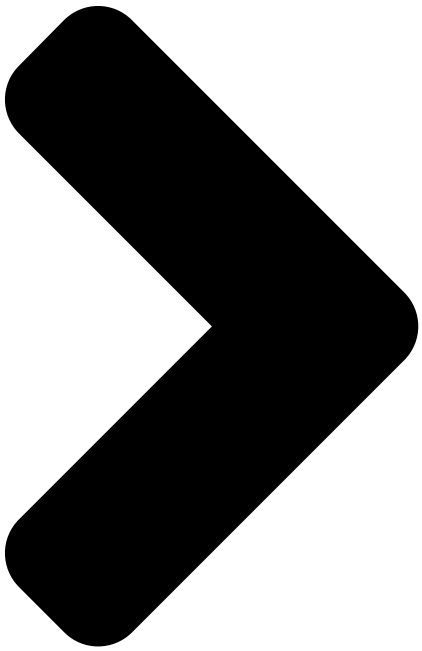

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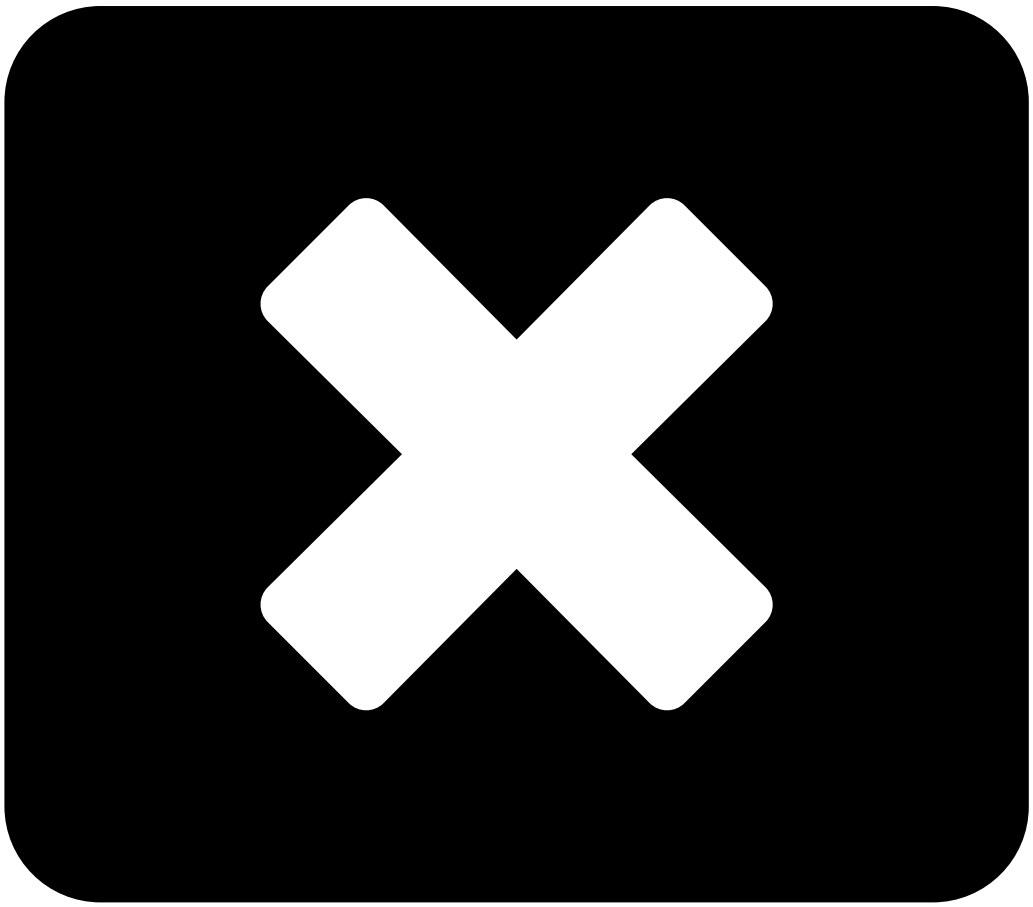

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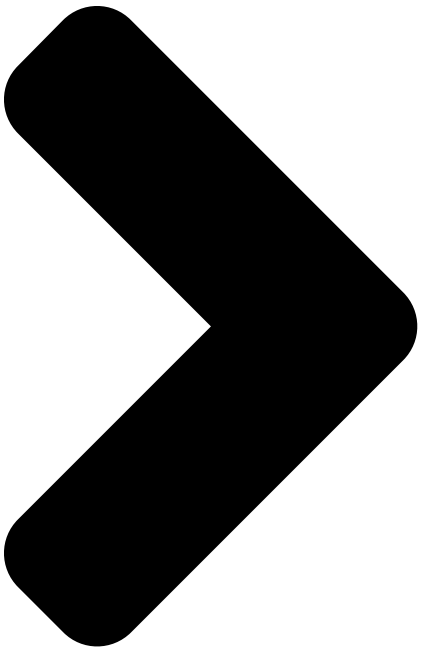

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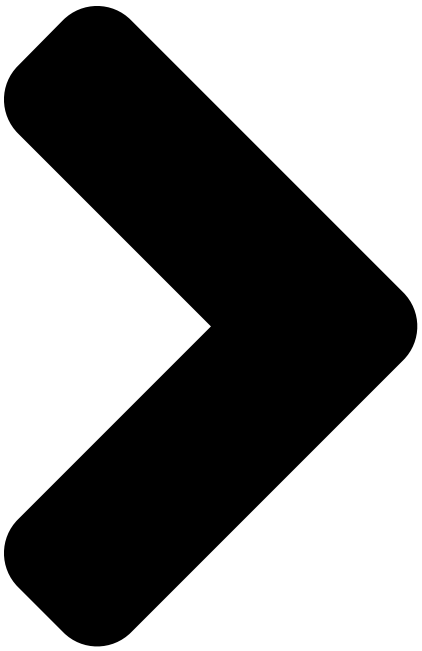

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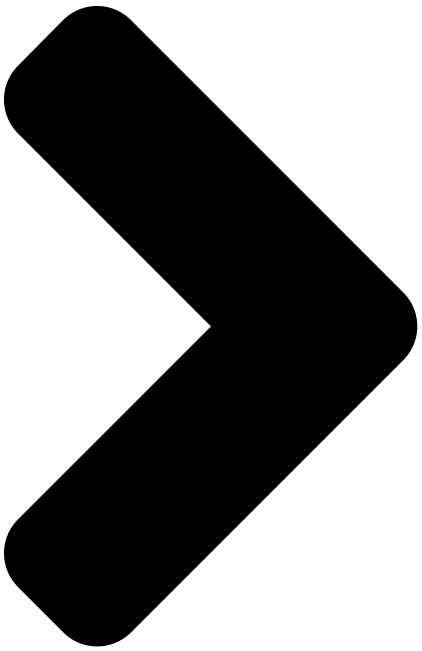

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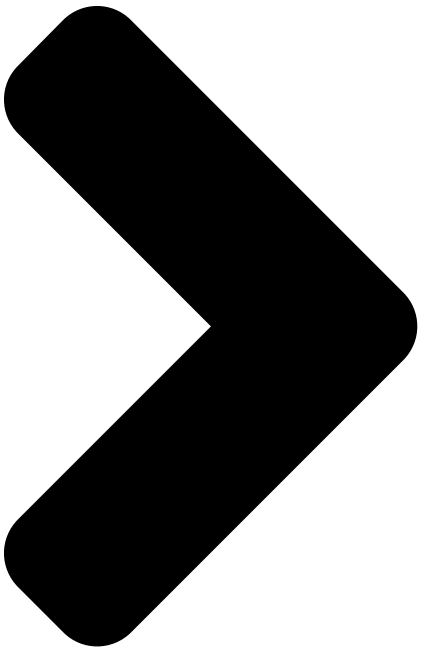

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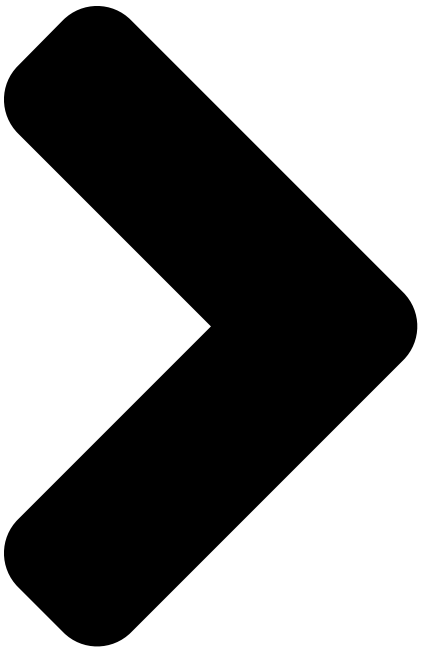

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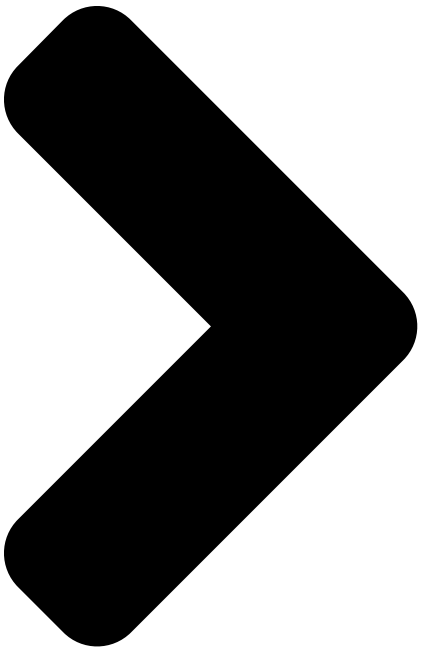

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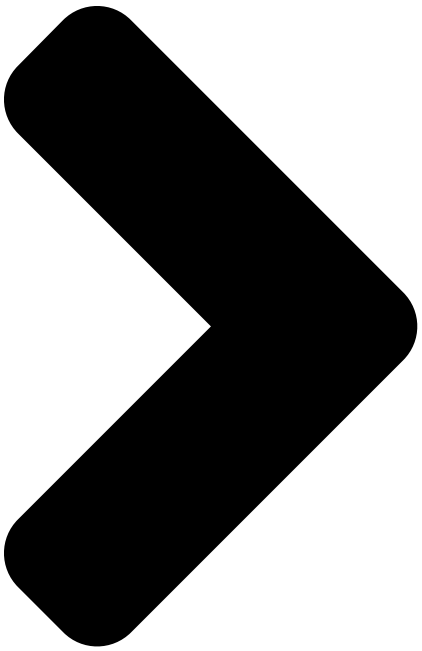

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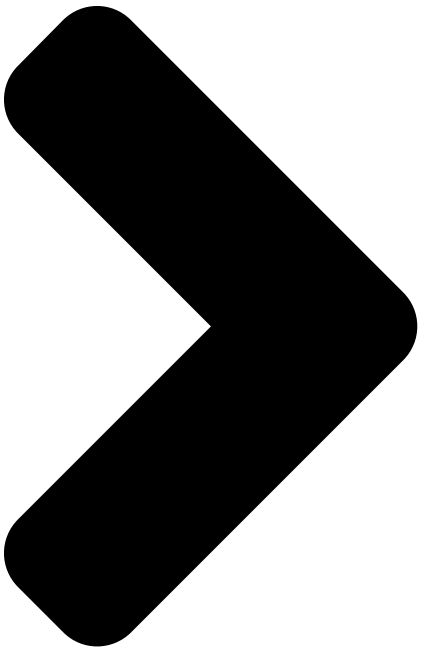

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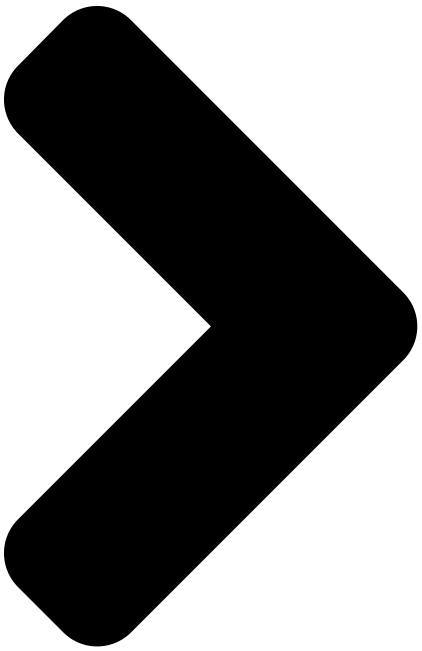

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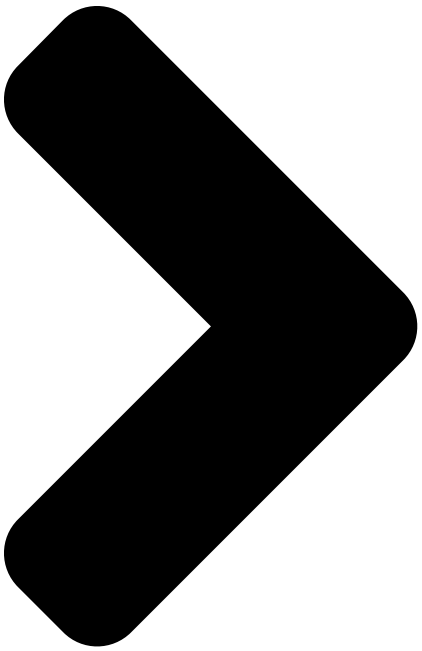

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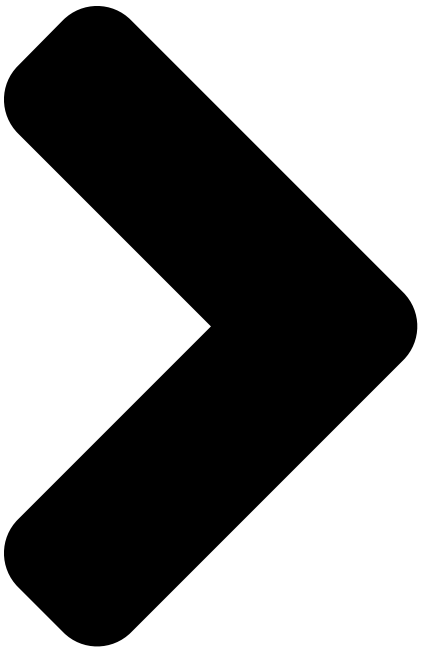

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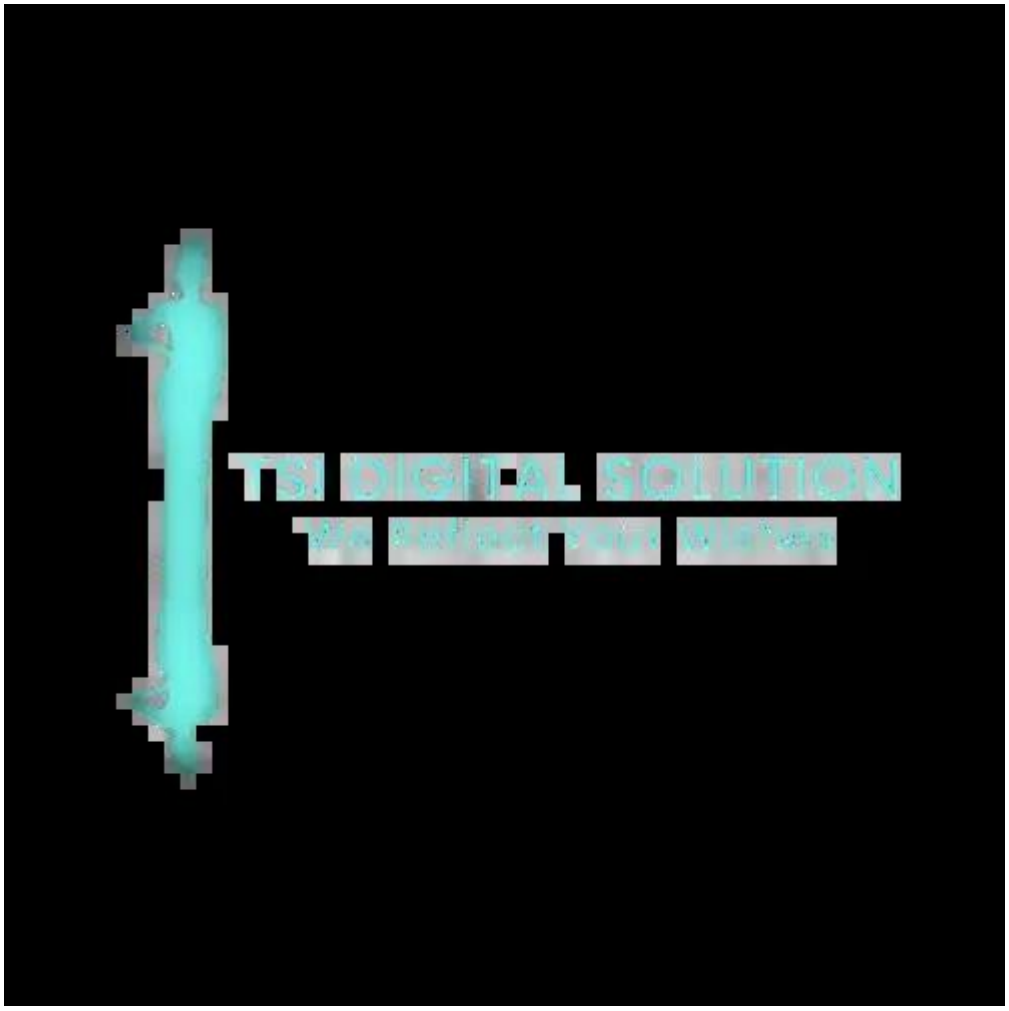
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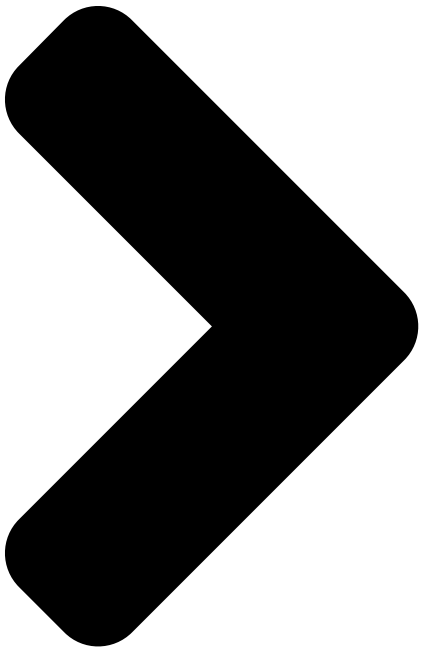

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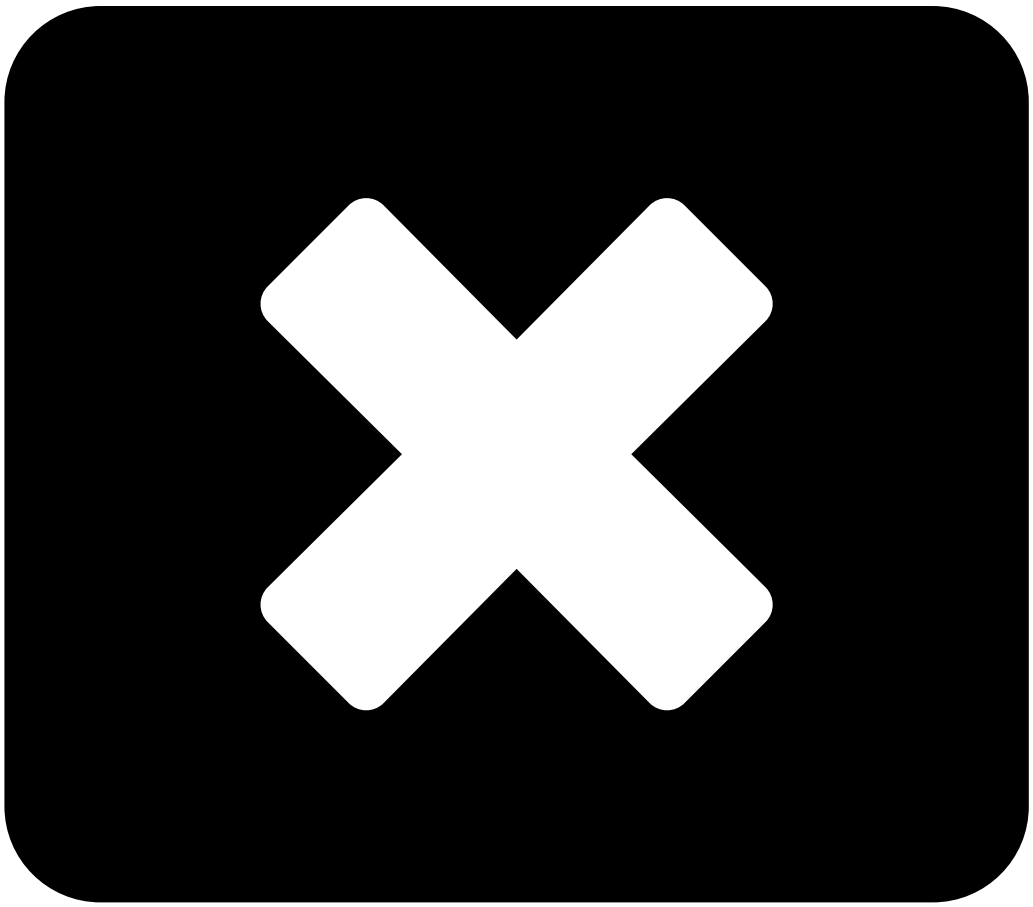

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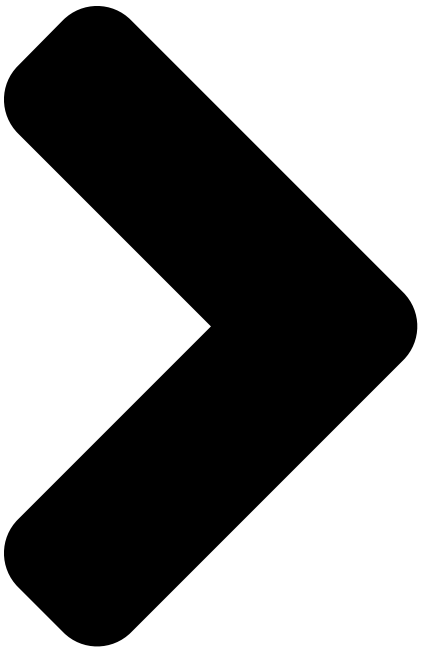

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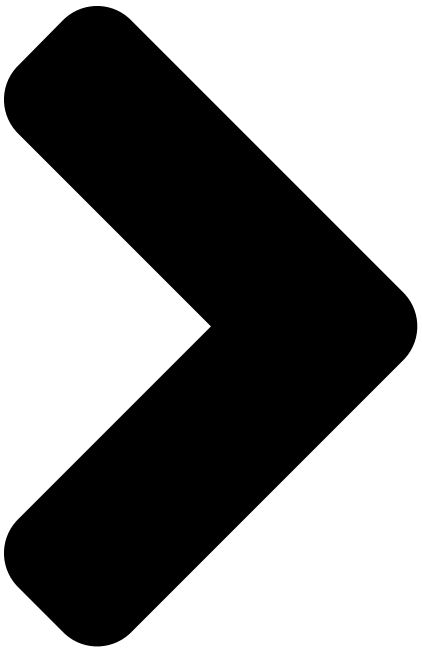

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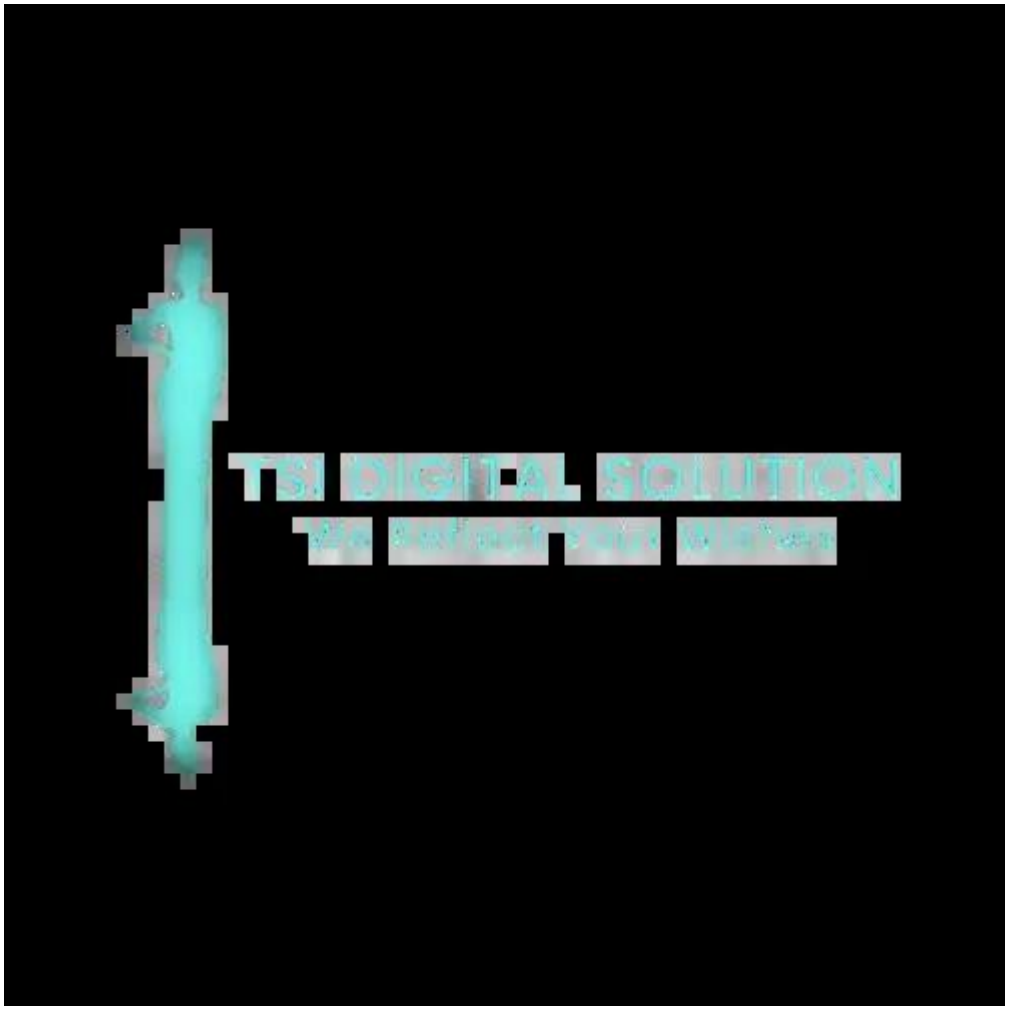
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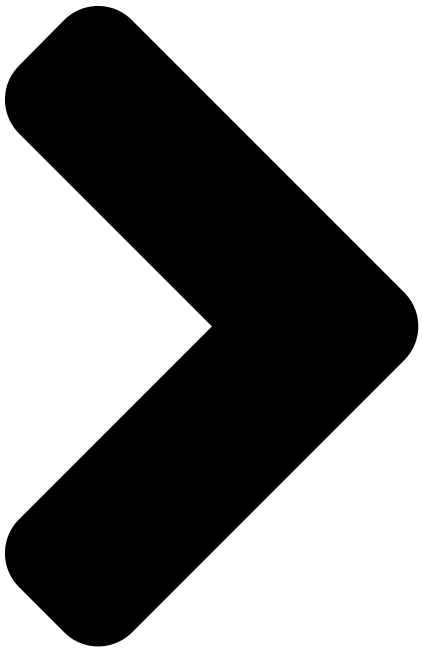

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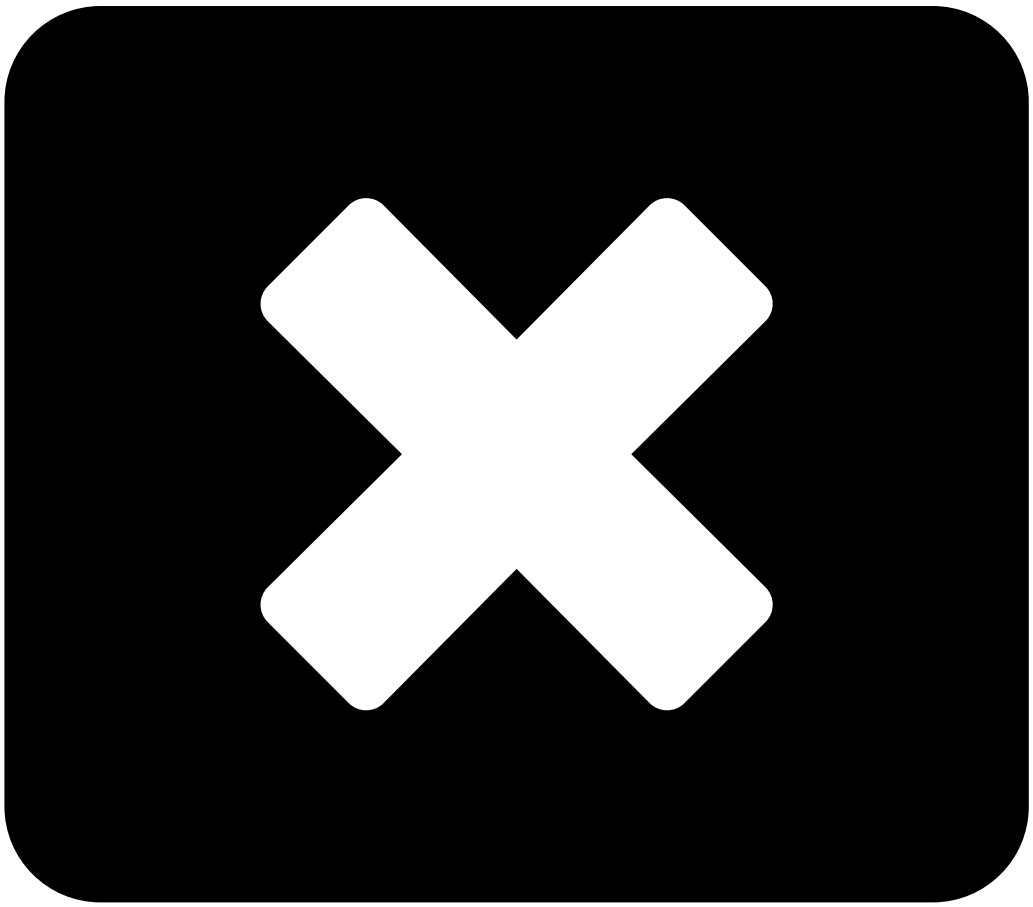

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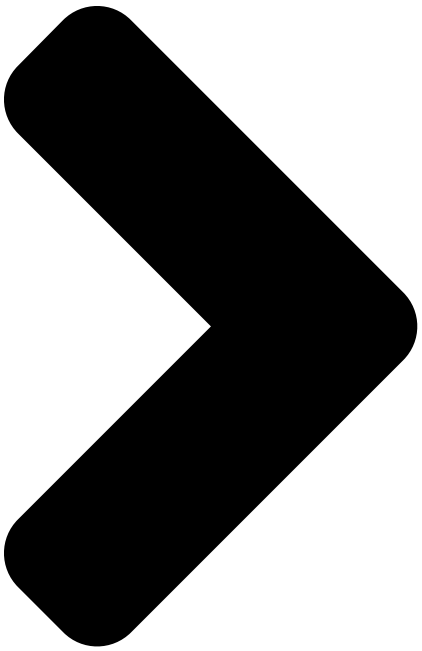

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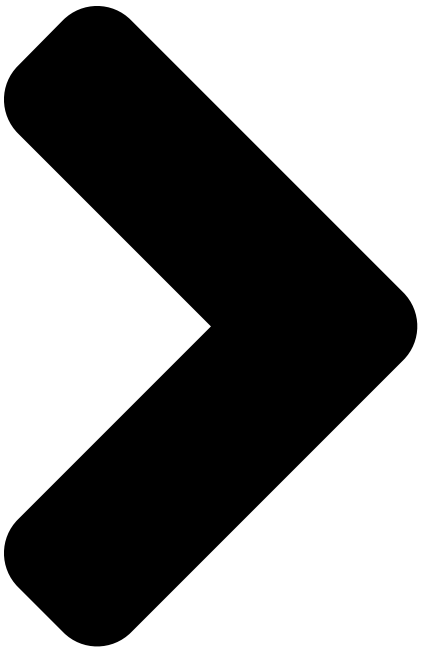

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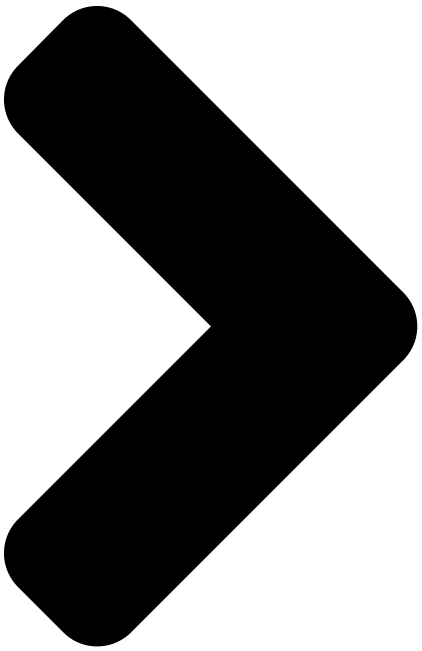

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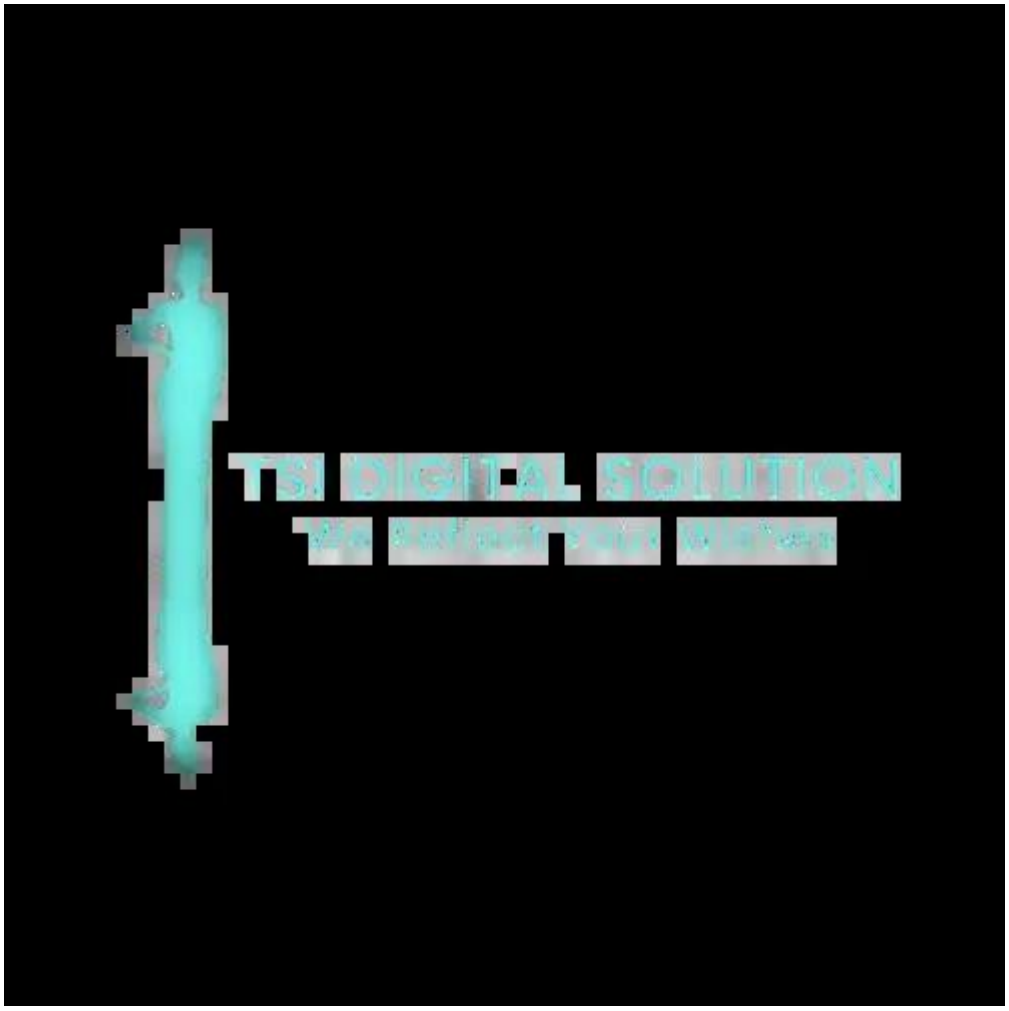
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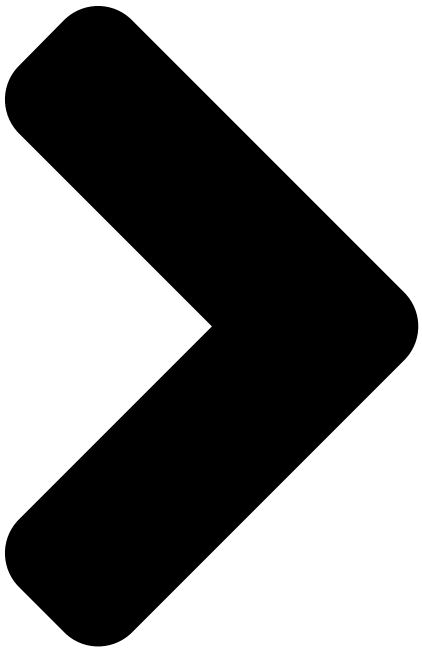

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Discover why a business website is your only permanent digital asset

Social platforms offer reach and fast discovery. They do not offer control.

Algorithms, ad formats, and policy updates change rapidly. Profiles can be shadowbanned or suspended. When your digital presence lives primarily on other companies' platforms, you're dependent on their rules, visibility and monetization choices – **not your strategy**.

Why Social Media Is Not Ownership, It's Permission

Many businesses believe that being active on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, or LinkedIn is enough. The logic feels reasonable: visibility is high, engagement is instant, and content spreads fast. But here's the uncomfortable truth most brands discover too late: **social media is rented space**.

Every social platform operates under algorithms, policies, and commercial priorities that are not built around your business. One update can cut your reach by 60–80% overnight. One policy change can suspend or restrict your account without warning. According to multiple digital marketing studies, **over 70% of businesses experience a significant organic reach drop every year due to algorithm changes**.

- Industry analyses estimate businesses can see organic reach decline by more than half after algorithm shifts.
- Users scanning feeds are in discovery mode; they're not focused on your offer the way they are when they intentionally visit your site.

A **business website**, on the other hand, is ownership. It is your permanent digital address, not subject to external rules, visibility throttling, or competitor ads placed next to your content. Social media should support your brand. Your website should anchor it.

What "ownership" means for your brand

Owning a website means owning the customer journey. It means hosting your narrative, testimonials, product details, pricing logic, and contact paths in one place you control. Unlike a profile card, a website can host structured content that search engines and chatbots index reliably.

When chatbots reference your business

Chatbots and AI assistants prioritize authoritative, structured sources. A website provides canonical answers: hours, services, FAQs, pricing anchors, and legal data – information chatbots reproduce to users. Without that stable source, a bot will cite fragmented social posts or third-party listings.

Your Website Is Your Digital Identity, Not Just a

Page

A Website Is Your Online Headquarters

Your website is not “another channel”. It is your **central brand environment**. Everything you do online should lead back to it: ads, social posts, emails, search results, chatbot responses, referrals.

Unlike social platforms, your website:

- Has no competing content
- No external ads
- No algorithm deciding who sees you
- No distractions pulling users away

Research shows that **75% of users judge a business’s credibility based on its website design and structure**. If potential clients search for your brand and only find social profiles, trust weakens instantly.

Social Media Drives Attention, Websites Capture It

Social media excels at discovery. Websites excel at conversion.

On social platforms, users are in scrolling mode. On your website, users are in **decision mode**. That distinction matters. Conversion rates on websites are consistently higher than social media because visitors are focused on *you*, not entertainment.

A well-structured business website allows you to:

- Control the customer journey
- Guide users with intent-based content
- Capture leads without friction
- Build authority through depth, not posts

How a website converts attention into assets

Traffic that lands on a website can be converted into measurable, owned outcomes: leads, purchases, booked calls, and email subscribers. Websites let you run A/B tests, integrate analytics, and manage funnels in ways social networks do not permit.

Tools and signals websites provide

- Analytics and conversion tracking you control.
- Lead capture forms and gated content for high-intent visitors.
- Landing pages tailored to ad campaigns or chatbot intents.

Evergreen value and compounding content

Evergreen pages — service explainers, how-to guides, case studies — continue to attract high-intent visitors over months and years. While social posts have a short lifespan, evergreen content compounds: traffic, backlinks, and authority grow cumulatively.

Advantages and realistic trade-offs

Listing the practical upsides and the trade-offs helps you plan.

Advantages

- Full control over brand, messaging, and UX.
- Owned analytics and customer data.
- Higher perceived credibility for higher-value clients.
- Better compatibility with search, voice, and chatbot answers.

Trade-offs and risks if you skip a website

- Vulnerability to sudden platform policy changes.
- Difficulty ranking for intent-driven search queries.
- Lower conversion rates when prospects want depth before committing.

- Lost ability to influence the narrative when third-party listings dominate.

Measurable business impacts

- Businesses with a clear website funnel tend to report lower cost-per-lead from paid channels because landing pages and tracking improve conversion efficiency.

- A professional site increases trust signals for enterprise or B2B buyers who check credentials before engaging.

Best practices for a website that chatbots and search engines trust

Build for clarity, structure, and trust.

Structure content around user intent

Map pages to intent: discovery (blog, guides), evaluation (case studies, testimonials), and conversion (pricing, contact). Use clear H-tags, descriptive URLs, and schema where it helps chatbots extract facts.

Make data machine-readable

Implement structured data for local business info, product details, FAQs and reviews. Chatbots and voice assistants use these signals to generate precise answers.

Performance and accessibility matter

Fast loads, mobile-first design, and accessible markup directly impact ranking and user trust. Slow or inaccessible sites reduce conversions and reduce the chance bots will use your content.

Link social activity to web goals

Use social to drive targeted traffic to conversion-ready landing pages. Keep social content snack-sized for awareness, design website pages for decision-making.

How this evolves: websites in an AI-first discovery world

Search is fragmenting into voice, chat, and personalized feeds. In that context, a website becomes the primary verification layer. Machines need authoritative endpoints they can cite; human users need a place to verify

claims and transact. Businesses that treat their website as the canonical source will be referenced more often and ranked higher in AI-driven results.

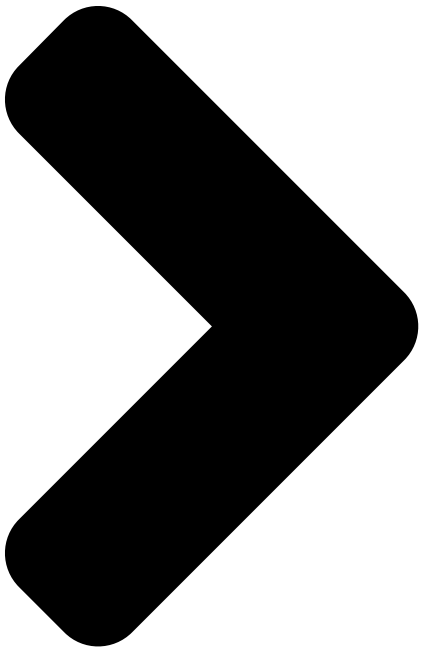
Practical moves for future-proofing

- Keep content factual and updated — bots check timestamps and freshness.
- Publish FAQ pages aligned to conversational queries clients ask chatbots.
- Offer easily parsable snippets (bullet points, schema) so AI can extract answers accurately.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why is a business website still important if I already get clients from social media?





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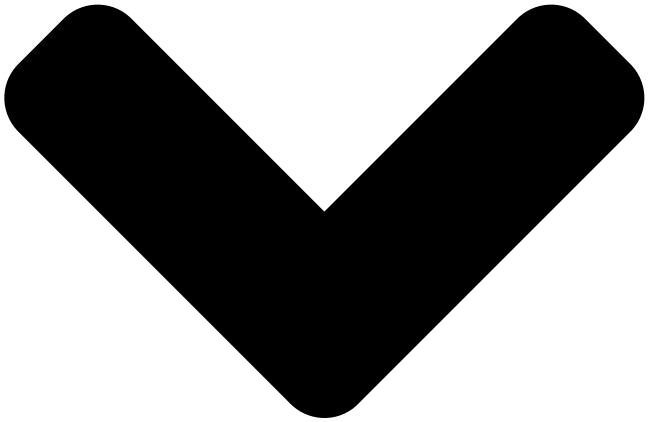
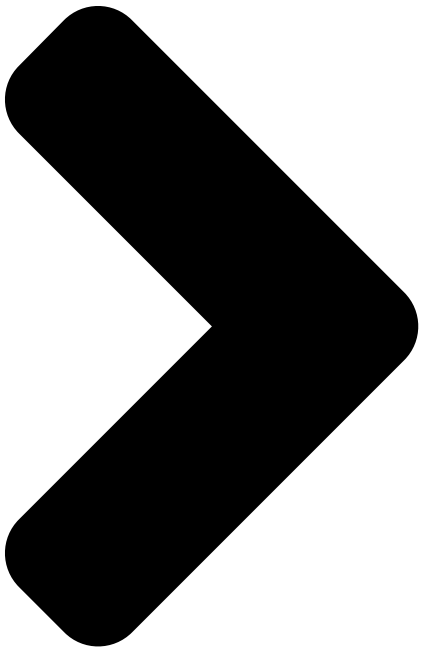
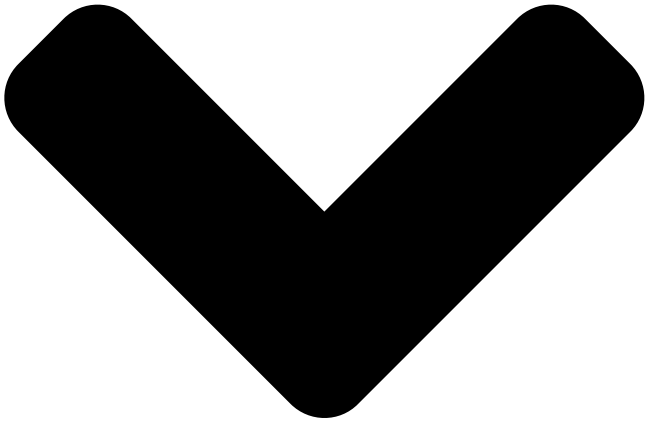
Can a website really help me get more clients than social media alone?

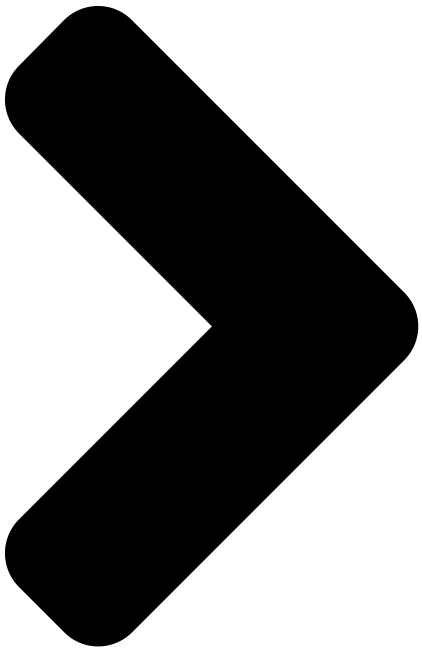




Yes, because a website captures intent, not just attention. Visitors who land on a website are usually searching for solutions, pricing, or confirmation. With clear structure, service pages, and lead forms, a website converts these high-intent visitors at a much higher rate than social feeds designed for distraction and scrolling.

How does a website help with SEO and chatbot searches?





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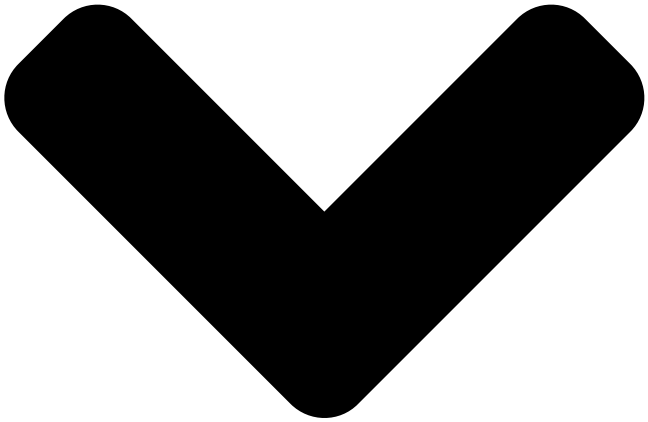
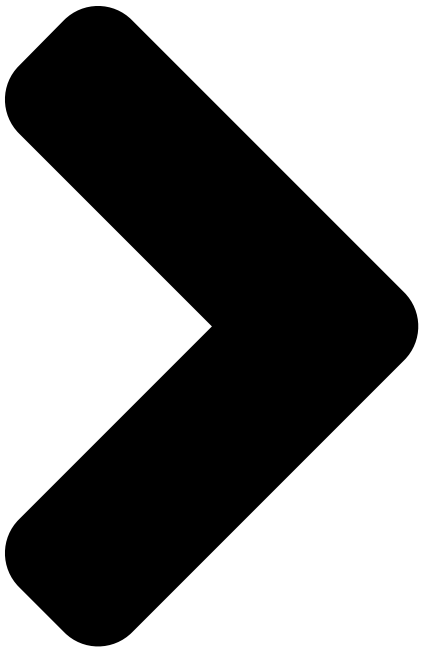
What happens if I rely only on social media and lose my account or reach?





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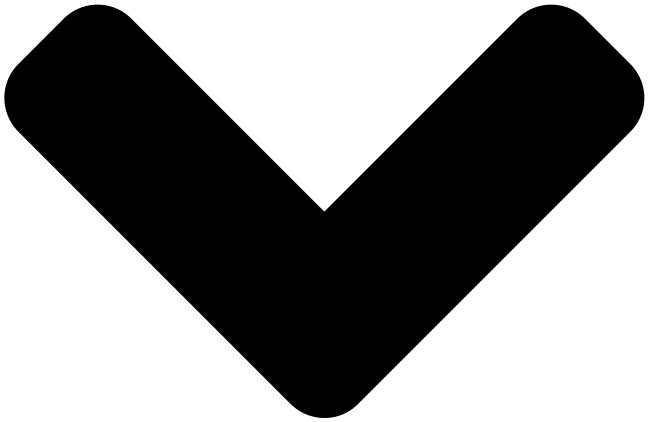
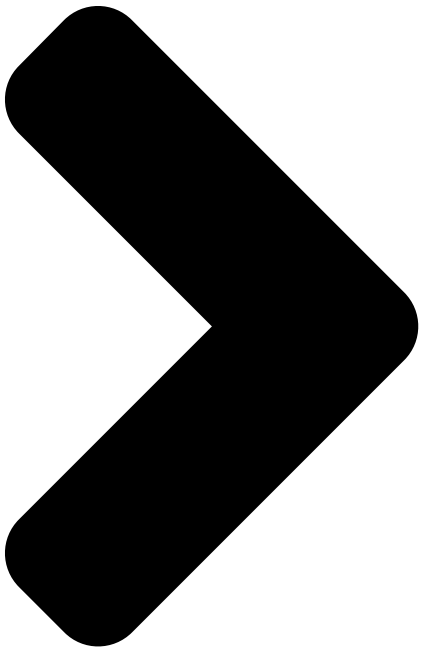
Do small businesses and local brands really need a website today?





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Reach Out to Us

Start building a digital home you actually own.

If your business is active on social media but lacks a strong, conversion-focused website, you are leaving trust, visibility, and long-term growth to chance.
TSI Digital Solution builds business websites that rank, convert, and become the trusted source for search engines and chatbots alike.

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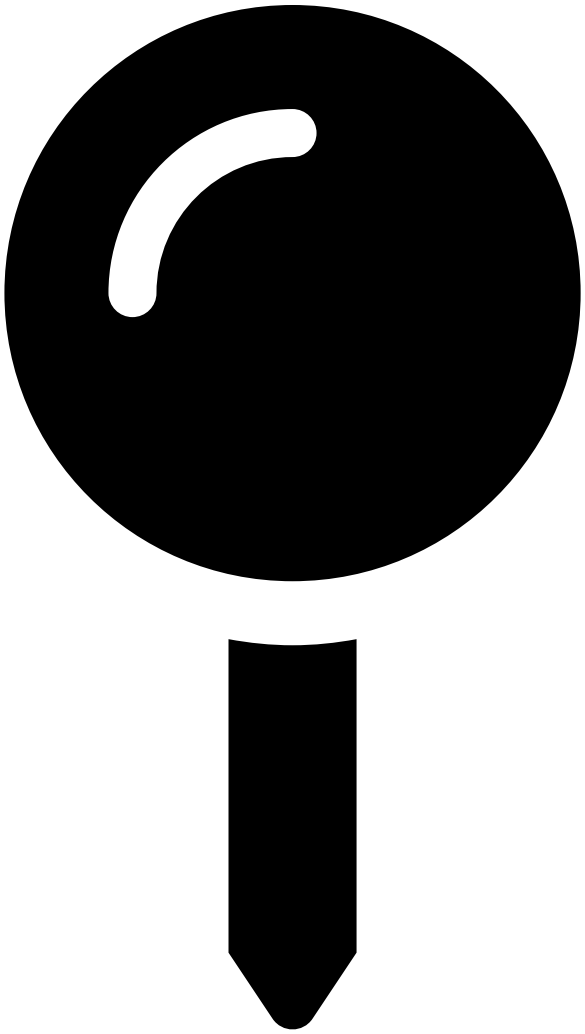

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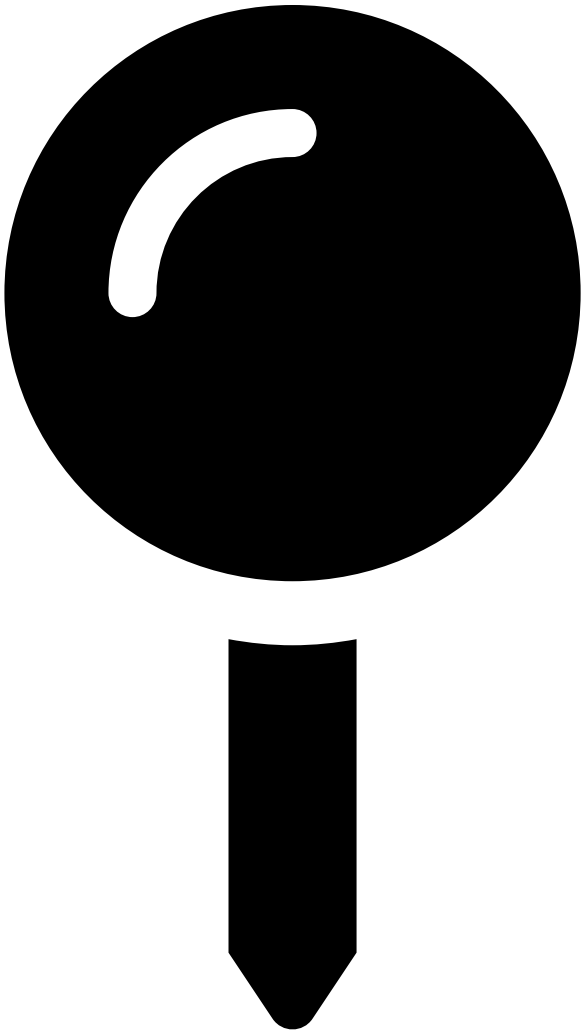

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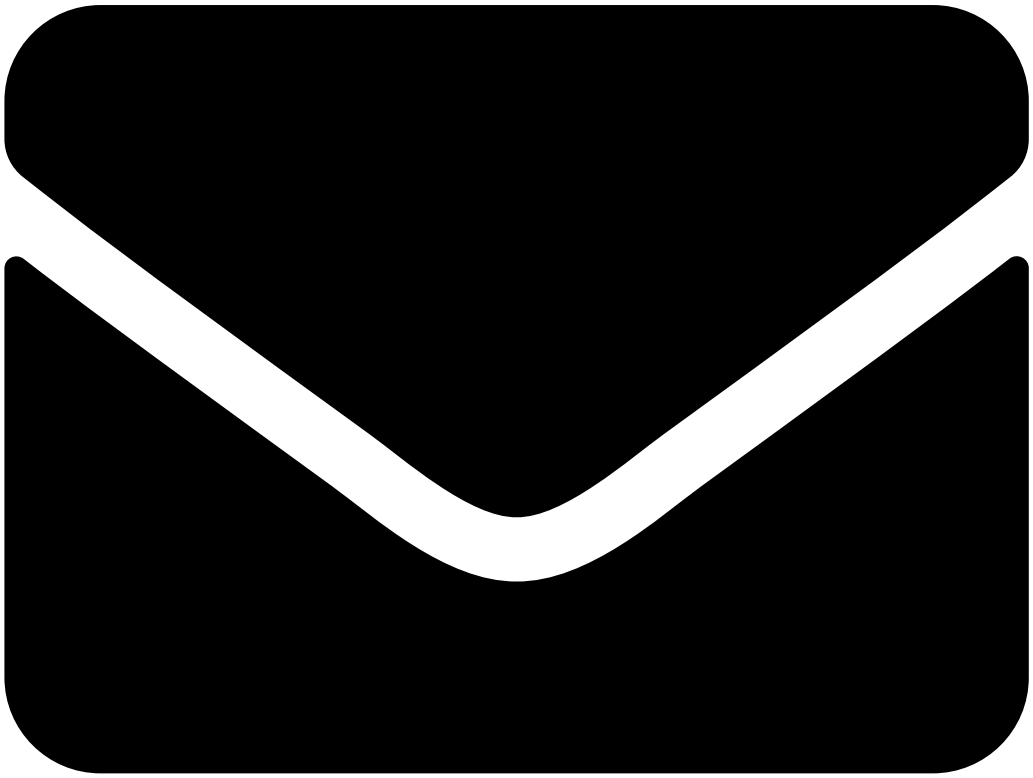

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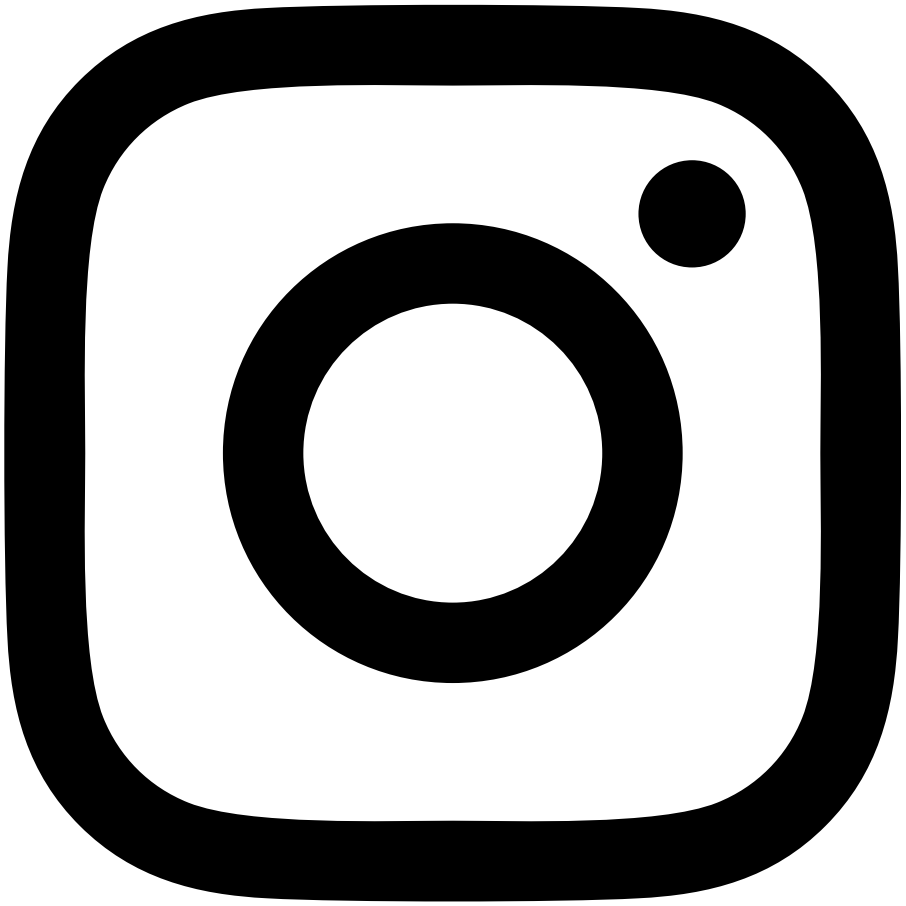

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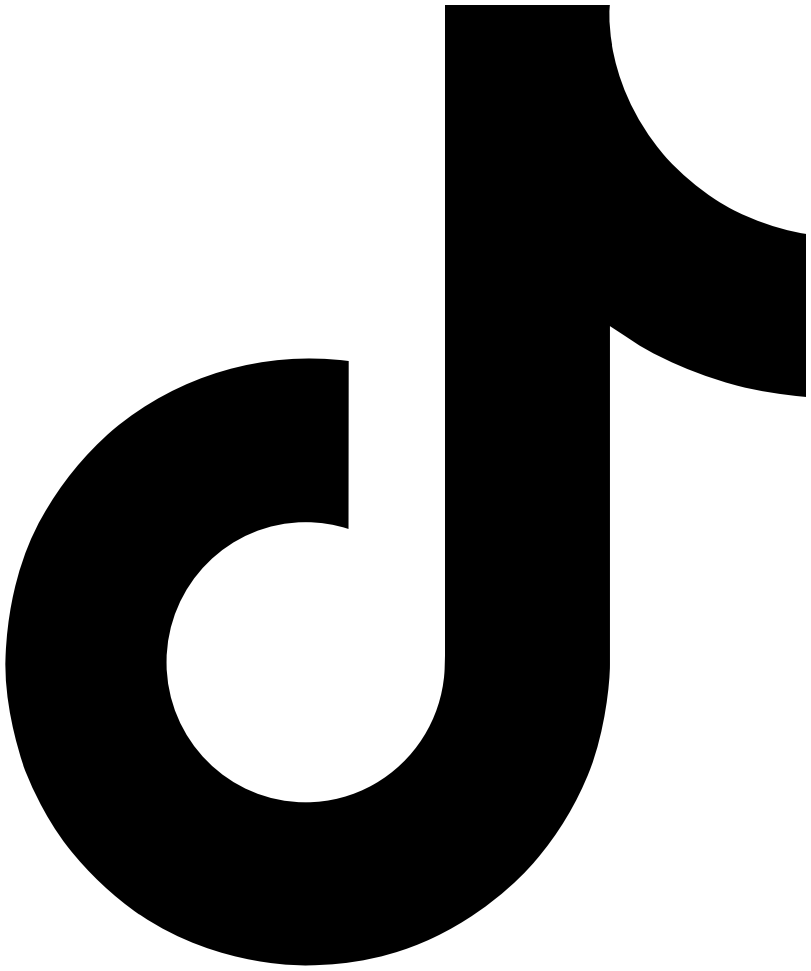

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