



Our Brand

Rationale & Guidelines / October 2015

Identity

OUR DESIGN FOUNDATION

Our brand is more than our logo. It is a design scheme made up of a number of core elements and guiding principles that combine to create a distinctive look and feel that is immediately recognisable as Brooks Stevens, Inc.

This guide will help to familiarize you with the core brand elements to assist in the design and production of dynamic and powerful communications with a degree of flexibility.

Identity

In Monarch's assessment of our brand in 2008, they likened our brand presence to the archetypal Sage. While aspects of that archetype apply to Brooks Stevens, Inc., the Sage archetype is a rather static image. It conjures images of an Old Man, or of a Thinker and not a "Do'er"— one who is paralysed by age or overthinking that leads to inaction.



Motto: The truth will set you free

Core desire: to find the truth.

Goal: to use intelligence and analysis to understand the world.

Strategy: seeking out information and knowledge; self-reflection and understanding thought processes.

Weakness: can study details forever and never act.

Talent: wisdom, intelligence.

The Sage is also known as: The expert, scholar, detective, advisor, thinker, philosopher, academic, researcher, thinker, planner, professional, mentor, teacher, contemplative.

Identity

While Brooks Stevens, Inc. will always uphold the practice of using intelligence and understanding in their approach to any design challenge, and values a reputation as mentors, Brooks Stevens needs to take a more active approach and think of ourselves in terms of another powerful archetype: **The Creator**



Motto: If you can imagine it, it can be done

Core desire: to create things of enduring

value

Goal: to realize a vision

Strategy: develop artistic control and skill

Task: to create culture, express own vision

Talent: creativity and imagination

Weakness: perfectionism, bad solutions

The Creator is also known as: The artist, inventor, innovator, musician, writer or dreamer.

HEPHAESTUS

Hephaestus is the Greek god of blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metals, metallurgy, fire and volcanoes. In Greek mythology, Hephaestus was the son of Zeus and Hera, the king and queen of the gods.

As a smithing god, Hephaestus made all the weapons of the gods in Olympus. He served as the blacksmith of the gods, and was worshipped in the manufacturing and industrial centers of Greece, particularly Athens.

The image of Hephaestus harnassing the divine spark of inspiration, his powerful arm raised with the hammer about to "strike the iron when it is hot" speaks to the business opportunities we want to help create for our clients.



identity/ logo

Using the revised flywheel graphic, and updated color we will continue the use of the horizontal logo as the primary signature but may also use a vertically stacked, left justified version to be used in cases where the primary logo will not fit at a legible size or to accomodate a stylistic choice for event collateral and instances where we want to define our services departmentally.

Primary



Brooks Stevens





LOGO SPACING

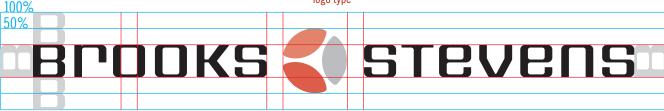
To ensure that our signature versions are clearly visible in all applications, surround them with sufficient clear space —free of type, graphics, and other elements that might cause visual clutter — to maximize the recognition and impact ofour identity.

To ensure the integrity and legibility of the logo, the area directly surrounding it should be protected by 100% of the character height.

MINIMUM LOGO SIZE

There are no predetermined sizes for the Brooks Stevens logo. Scale and proportion should be determined by the available space, aesthetics, function and visibility. There is no preset maximum size for the logo. In print the minimum size is 2" wide. For digital uses the minimum size for the standard logo is 200 pixels wide.

The height of the characters will serve measurement for the area of isolation around the logo The height of the Brooks Stevens flywheel is 200% of the character height and is centered vertically with the logo type



Using the negative space of the "o" as a unit of measure, the space between the characters and the graphic will be separated by one "o" unit







LOGO COLOR VARIATIONS

The preferred colors for our logo are used in the primary version. In some cases, a full color logo may not be practical or possible due to limitations in printing.

For these instances we may use a gray version (made as a 75% tint of black) or a one-color black or white logo.



Brooks Stevens_75% Black



Brooks Stevens_black



Brooks Stevens reversed

To maintain the integrity of the Brooks Stevens logo, and to

Brooks Stevens logo, and to promote the consistency of the brand, it is important to use the logo as described in these guidelines.

The examples shown here illustrate possible misuses of the logo that should be avoided.



DON'T rearrange the logo elements.



DON'T change the proportions between the symbol and logotype



DON'T rotate the logo



DON'T distort or stretch the logo



DON'T mix colors from the palette



DON'T use non-approved colors



DON'T outline the logo



DON'T add a drop shadow to the logo



DON'T create a gradient logo



DON'T add reflections or any other graphic filters to the logo

FILE FORMATS

Our signatures come in a variety of formats for use in a range of applications. On this page, each file is categorized using the naming key listed below.

Use the PNG logos for all screen-based applications, such as PowerPoint and the web. For print applications, use the Illustrator artwork with the EPS extension.

PRIMARY LOGO



FOR PRINT

Folder location: Brooks Stevens_logos_

Print > 2C (Black, PMS 180)

Print > RGB Print > CMYK Print > 1C Print > Rev Print > Gray

Filename example:

Brooks Stevens_Primary_2C.eps (all print versions are 300dpi)

FOR SCREEN

Folder location: Brooks Stevens_logos_

specs Screen > 2C Screen > 1C

Screen > 1C Screen > Rev Screen > Gray

Filename example:

Brooks Stevens_Primary_2C.png (all screen versions are RGB and 72dpi)

FILE NAMING KEY

Brooks Stevens Brooks Stevens, Inc.

Primary Main logo Stacked Stacked logo

RGB RGB color CMYK CMYK color 2C 2 color logo Gray Gray logo

1C One color logo (black) Rev Reversed logo (white)

STACKED LOGO



FOR PRINT

Folder location: Brooks Stevens_logos_

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FOR SCREEN

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Screen > Gray

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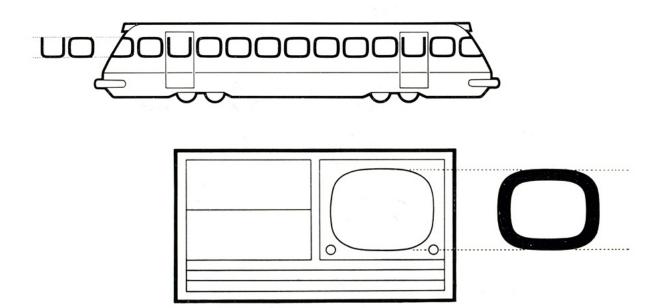
identity typography

Eurostile -

the typeface of tomorrow

Eurostile is a popular display font, particularly suitable for headings and signs. Its linear nature suggests modern architecture, with an appeal both technical and functional. The squarish shapes with their rounded corners evoke the appearance of television screens and other industrial designs of the 1950s and 1960s. Like Brooks Stevens this font anticipates "tomorrow" — it is commonly used in science fiction artwork and media set or produced in the future.

Typography is an important aspect of our brand identity. Our typographic style contributes to our distinctive aesthetic. The typography usage examples on the following pages should be followed to ensure all of our communications appear consistent.



Modern Futuristic Technical Dynamic Functional



OUR TYPEFACE:

USF IN PRINT

EUROSTILE DEMI is used for all headlines and titles.

EUROSTILE DEMI ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*

EUROSTILE MEDIUM is used for sub-heads and pull quotes

EUROSTILE MEDIUM ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*

PERPETUA (OTF) body copy and captions

PERPETUA REGULAR
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USE FOR WEB

Since Eurostile is currently available as a webfont, Demi and Medium weights will be used for headlines and pull-quotes.

The web version of Perpetua will be used for body copy and captions.

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PERPETUA (OTF)
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SECONDARY TYPEFACE:

USE FOR POWERPOINT

In cases where a standard system font is required—such as sales presentation Powerpoint documents—Arial Regular and Bold should be used.

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&*

TYPESETTING GUIDES:

Typography is always ranged left. This provides the eye with a constant starting point for each line, making text easier to read.

When typesetting headlines, the leading should be 25% larger than the type size. To calculate, multiply the type size by .25 and add the result to the typesize. When setting body copy, the leading should be 50% larger than the type size. To calculate this, multiply the type size by .5 and add result to the typesize. Body column width should ideally be between 7-9 words long.

Header Content (Eurostile Bold 12/15)

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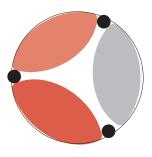
Header content (Eurostile Medium 20/25)

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identity graphic elements

Graphic Elements / Flywheel

The central motif of our logo resembles a flywheel, suggesting forward momentum. The almond shape of the lobes suggest the shape of the human eye and describes our vision from Business, Engineering and Design perspectives. The color shift from orange to gray demonstrates the development or "evolution" of an idea while the overall circular shape conveys the forward momentum of our thinking and willingness to revolve and turn ideas on their head and "revolutionize" outdated modes of functioning.



Old version of the wheel does not form a perfect circle and the widths of the "spokes" are not equal



New version of the wheel created from a perfect circle and the "spokes" share the same width



New wheel artwork rotated 10 degrees with rounded edges



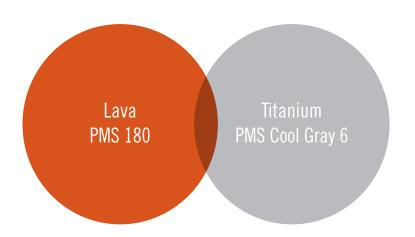
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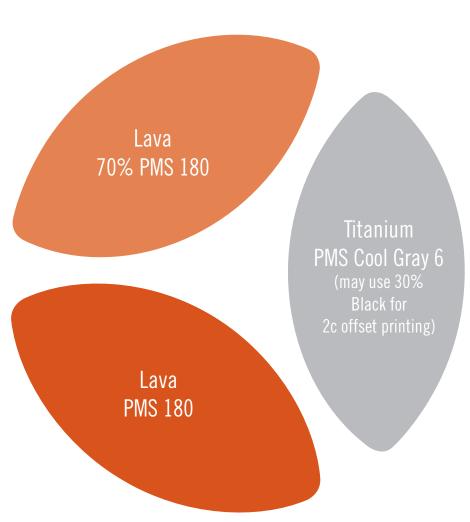
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a heavy revolving wheel
in a machine that is used
to increase the machine's
momentum and thereby
provide greater stability or
a reserve of available power
during interruptions in the
delivery of power to the
machine.

Graphic Elements / Color

Taking our cue from Hephaesteus, whose dominion was volcanoes and the forge, our primary colors are PMS 180 or Brooks Stevens Lava and PMS Cool Gray 6 referred to as Brooks Stevens Titanium





Graphic Elements / Color

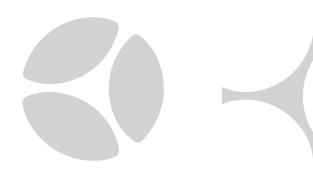






Graphic Elements / Flywheel





The flywheel can be used as a motif in both positive and negative and can be scaled, rotated, and cropped in different ways to create dynamic layout or can be used individually as bullets. Some simple examples are shown here.

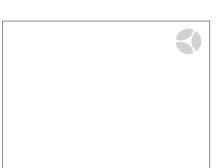
















Graphic Elements / Color

Some general rules when using color:

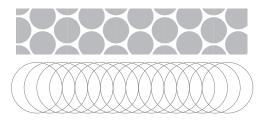
To maintain the clean lines of Brooks Stevens identity and to make the most of negative space please keep the layout uncluttered and predominently white. When using our color palette, stick to using one or two core colors + white.

If in doubt, keep it simple.

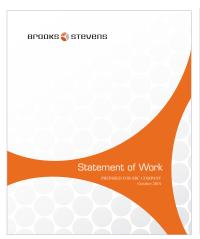


Graphic Elements / Brand Patterns

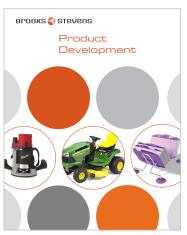


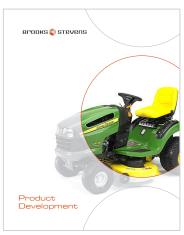


The flywheel can be visually reduced to a circle which lends itself to a dot pattern used on grilles for speakers, ventilation and filtration on the products we design. The circle can also be used to create interesting image vignettes, overlays and coil patterns. Here are some ways these elements can be used independently and with the flywheel graphic.















Graphic Elements / Photography

USING PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography can either be placed within the flywheel lobes, used full bleed with the "spokes", as a watermark on top of the image or placed within graphic circles.

When placing images within the, please be mindful of composition. Do not crop out important parts of the image.

Some hypothetical examples are shown on this page.









Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY USAGE

Our photography should make you feel like you are right there in the room. It's about telling stories through interactions, and experiences — it feels real, honest and straightforward.

OUR APPROACH TO PHOTOGRAPHY

- Our product shots should be taken against a white background for maximum flexilbilty. If taken in situ, the image should show the product in use or in motion
- If including people, the shot should not appear to be fake or staged
- If using stock photography, stay away from visual cliches or metaphors







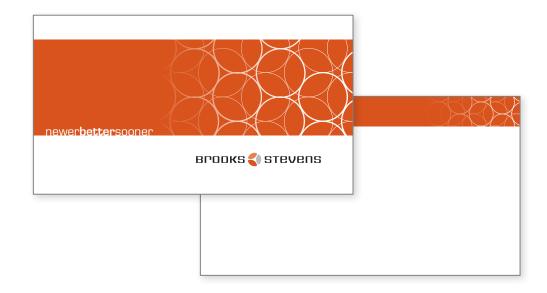




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Presentation Templates





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