

Copyright & Trademarks

FACTSHEET*



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Audio recordings **Compositions** **Photographs** **Industrial designs** **Paintings** *Dances* *Literature* **Drawings** *Television broadcasts* **Software** **Graphic designs** *Radio broadcasts* *Plays* **Movies** *These* **Poems** **Sculptures** *Architecture*

- ▶ protects intellectual and artistic works that serve no practical purpose
- ▶ does **not** protect ideas, only the form and manner in which they are expressed
- ▶ does **not** protect names, claims, logos, titles and such
- ▶ originality excels uniqueness; e.g. 2 similar works can both be original
- ▶ is automatically recognized under the *Berne Convention*, no registration required, international
- ▶ use of “©” and “All Rights Reserved” is optional, but not necessary, although recommended for possible infringement lawsuits to avoid “innocent infringement” defense
- ▶ audio works, musical and sound recordings use “@” instead
- ▶ in case of conflict, evidence of first creation is necessary
- ▶ “sealed envelope” can be used as evidence, but is no substitute for registering with federal Copyright Office
- ▶ transfer of Copyright is possible (designer/artist to client/employer) via written forms from the Copyright Office
- ▶ duration: creator’s lifespan + 70 years; after that public domain

LINKS

- ▶ U.S. Copyright Office www.copyright.gov
- ▶ U.K. Copyright Office www.ipo.gov.uk/copy.htm
- ▶ Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works www.wipo.int/treaties/en/ip/berne/index.html

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- ▶ in the **EU** registered with the OHIM (Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market) (only for EU)
- ▶ additionally to the EU right, the **UK** has 2 federal systems: *unregistered* design right exists automatically and lasts 15 years; *registered* design right lasts 25 years with the U.K. Intellectual Property Office (only for UK)
- ▶ additionally to the EU right, **Germany** has the *Geschmacksmuster* (aesthetic model) law, which protects registered designs for 20 years (only for DE) and can be filed at the DPMA (Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt)
- ▶ in **CA**, no protection without registration with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (only for CA)

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- ▶ U.S. Patent and Trademark Office www.uspto.gov
- ▶ EU Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market oami.europa.eu
- ▶ U.K. Intellectual Property Office www.ipo.gov.uk
- ▶ Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt www.dpma.de
- ▶ Canadian Intellectual Property Office www.cipo.ic.gc.ca

- ▶ ICSID International Council of Societies of Industrial Design www.icsid.org
- ▶ IDSA Industrial Designers Society of America www.idsa.org
- ▶ UK Design Council www.designcouncil.org.uk

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- ▶ registration of non-conventional trademarks differs for each country; different rules apply

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- ▶ INTA International Trademark Association (NFP) www.inta.org
- ▶ Webster’s Directory of Trade Names www.websters-online-dictionary.org/browse/tradenames