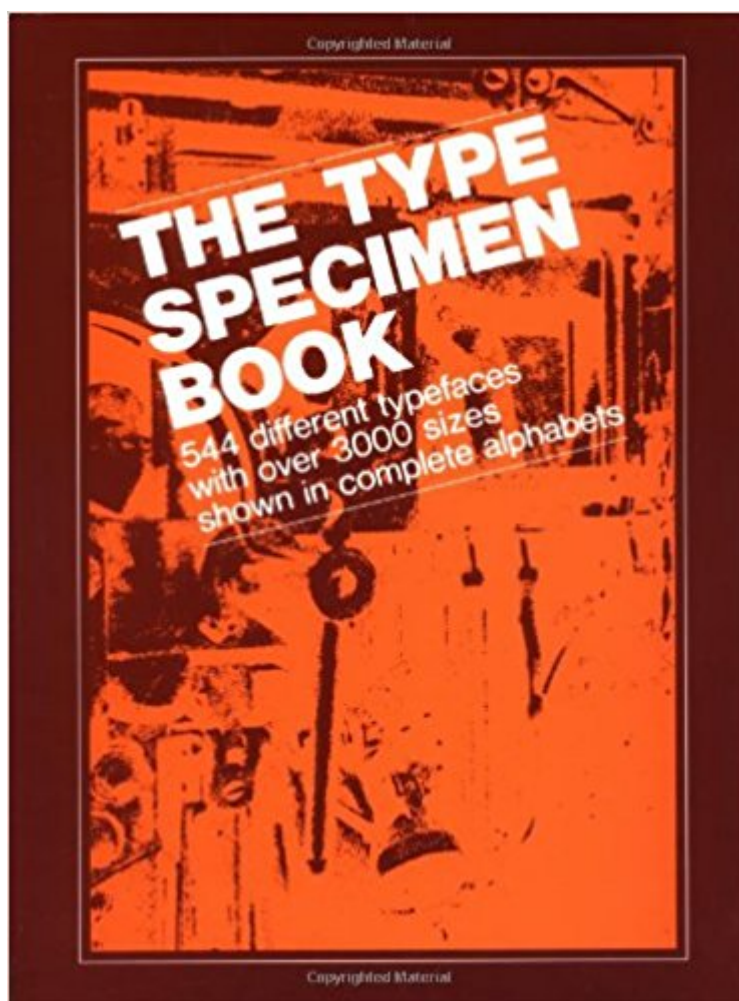


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I had this great book years ago when I was in art school. It's a treasure trove of various pre-digital fonts useful for designers and artists. Basically, it's an alphabetical listing of classic typefaces, in full alphabets and various sizes, with a selection of wingdings and bordermarks in back. I was happy to see it still available, albeit in a digitally printed form. My only disappointment is the paper weight is much lighter than in the original editions.

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I really find this book useful for hand lettering fonts. It has complete sets of serif and sans serif fonts and most have a large size option that is nice for tracing cleanly. I find the ability to randomly trace letters without having to jump back to the computer really helps keeps the creative juice flowing. It is especially good when I need lettering for posters.

In great shape! Love it!

Accurately described. Prompt shipping.

No no unless someone else has a brilliant argument for a yes....

(Note: this review applies equally to all 3 listings of this title in the catalogue) Be aware that this book is a reprint of the 1974 type specimen book of one particular type supplier (V & M Typographical Inc.). It cannot therefore be satisfactorily used as a comprehensive reference tool by graphic designers as it doesn't include typefaces produced by any other type suppliers. For example, Gill Sans (one of the most important 20th century typefaces) is not included, nor are hundreds of other more exotic faces. The only comprehensive type reference work is Jaspert's [et al.] "Encyclopaedia of Type Faces" of which the latest edition (1990) is listed as being out of print by , but appears to be available from UK suppliers. Jaspert also includes interesting historical notes.

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