IDSA Brand Guidelines

The importance of a consistent brand

The Industrial Designers Society of America has been in existence since 1965. Our roots stretch beyond that to the beginning of the profession. Some of our members are, and have been, some of the most celebrated industrial designers of all time. IDSA’s presence helps strengthen the industrial design profession as a whole and contributes to the boundless impact of design within business, culture and society.

Maintaining a clear and recognizable brand is vital for our organization in order to uphold our legacy while adapting to emerging needs of the future. Consistent branding is important not only because it makes a memorable impression, but because it signals to our community what to expect from IDSA as an organization. It is vital for us, as a leading design organization, to maintain a consistent and well-presented brand image across all of our communications and media outlets.

This document illustrates and explains the proper usage of our basic identity elements (such as logo and color) and provides some general rules for applying these elements across a variety of media types.
IDSA Logo

Our primary mark

The primary logo mark of the Industrial Designers Society of America is composed of the four letters in our abbreviated name. The ‘i’ is shown in lowercase with a red dot, while the ‘D’, ‘S’, ‘A’ are all shown in uppercase. The entire composition is turned vertically, so that the ‘i’ is at the top.

This iteration of the IDSA logo was originally designed by Paula Scher for IDSA and first used in 1992. It features a customized Bodoni serif script and was originally oriented horizontally. The logo type has been modified slightly through the years since it was introduced, but has retained its overall composition and form as originally presented. Around 2015 it was rotated 90° clockwise to its current, vertical orientation to provide further visual differentiation.

The vertical logo shown here is the only correct orientation of the IDSA logo.

The IDSA logo is a registered trademark, thus it should be shown with the ® designation. The ® may be removed only if the logo is scaled below .5” height.

The IDSA logo uses two colors:

- **Red**
  - PANTONE 485C
  - C:5 M:98 Y:100 K:1
  - R:226 G:35 B:26
  - #e2231a

- **Black**
Approved color variations

- **Primary Black/Red**
  - Black Only
  - Black Over Image
  - Note: Logo must remain easily legible

- **Primary White/Red**
  - White Only
  - White Over Image
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Spacing around the logo

Use the 'D' as a spacing measurement reference

Minimum spacing around the logo should be observed at all times

Centering the logo in a space

Use centerline of letters
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Incorrect usage examples

Do not rotate the logo

Do not adjust lettering or logo lockup

Do not change the logo font / typeface

Do not use alternate color variations

Do not crop or truncate the logo

Do not stretch or skew the logo
IDSA Professional Chapter Logos

A unique mark for your community

By leveraging our vast network of volunteers and local leaders, IDSA oversees an extensive network of professional chapters in cities (and regions) throughout the United States and abroad. These groups enable local communities to flourish and allow IDSA to have a wide-ranging footprint.

To help chapters maintain a unique yet connected visual identity, the following guidelines have been created to outline the proper usage of IDSA professional chapter identity elements.

The IDSA professional chapter logo mark is composed of the primary IDSA logo mark and a colored box with the abbreviated letters of the chapter. The vertical IDSA logo is always at the top with the box / letter lockup below it.

The complete vertical logo lockup (shown here) is the only correct orientation of the IDSA professional chapter logo. The Atlanta chapter is shown here as example.
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District colors and chapter location abbreviations

Central
PANTONE 143C
C:20 M:30 Y:100 K:0
R: 246 G:180 B:23
#f6b417

Midwest
PANTONE 285 C
C:88 M:52 Y:3 K:0
R: 6 G:133 B:180
#0685b4

Northeast
PANTONE 2587 C
C:51 M:74 Y:0 K:0
R: 139 G:93 B:165
#8b5da5

West
PANTONE 376C
C:51 M:4 Y:100 K:0
R: 140 G:190 B:63
#8cbe3f

South
PANTONE 1505 C
C:2 M:70 Y:100 K:0
R: 237 G:112 B:36
#ed7024

International
PANTONE 422 C
C:0 M:0 Y:0 K:30
R: 188 G:190 B:192
#bcbec0

Arizona
Atlanta, GA
Austin, TX
Boston, MA
Carolina

Central New York
Chicago, IL
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Detroit, MI
Florida
Indiana
Jinhua, China
Kansas City, MO

Los Angeles, CA
Louisville, KY
Mid-Atlantic
New York City, NY
Northern Lakes

Northwest
Oregon
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Portland, ME

Providence, RI
Rocky Mountain
San Francisco, CA
San Jose, CA
St. Louis, MO
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Social media icon logo example

Round logo icon for Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, or similar

Square logo icon for LinkedIn or similar
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Applied social media logo icons
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Example chapter event graphic

Phoenix Design Talk Night
April 8, 2020, 7pm
100 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Use the ‘Chapter Box’ as a spacing measurement reference