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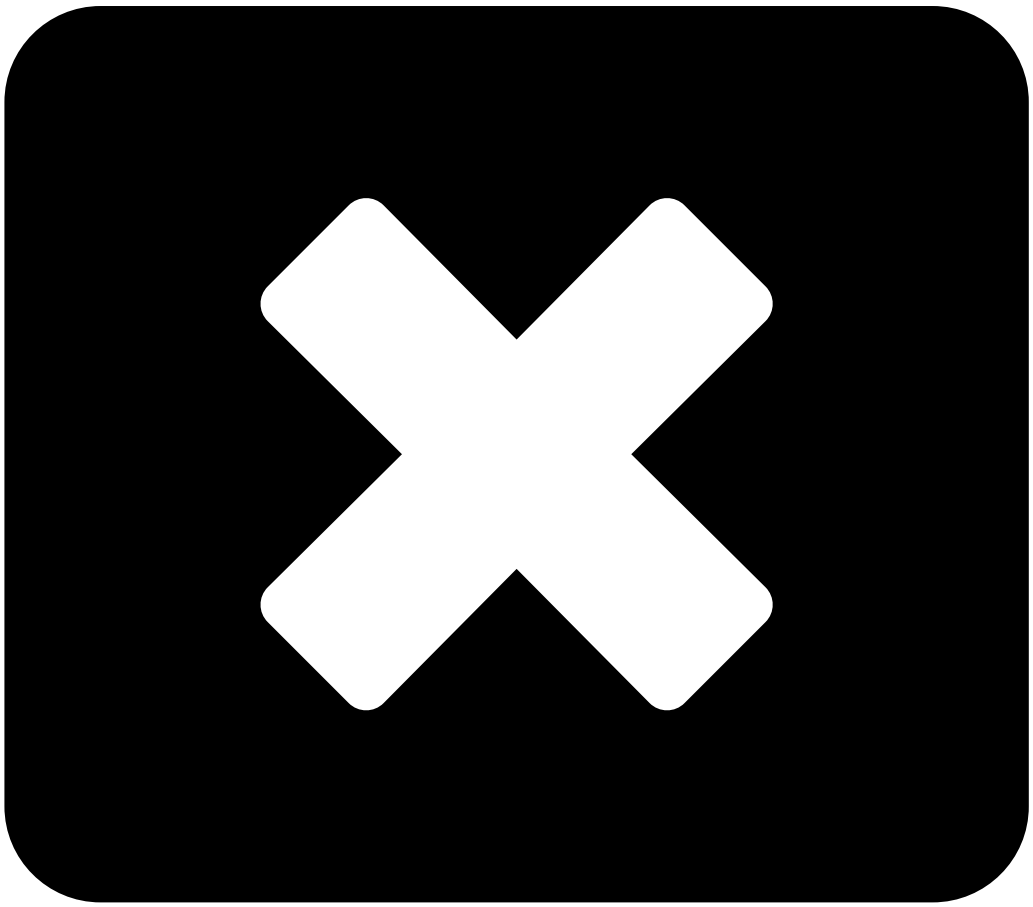


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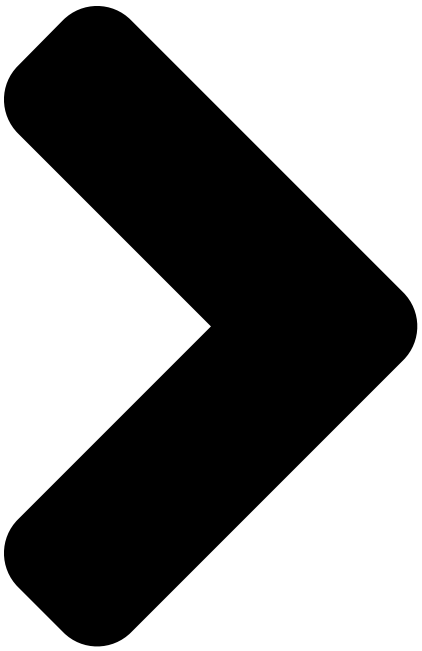
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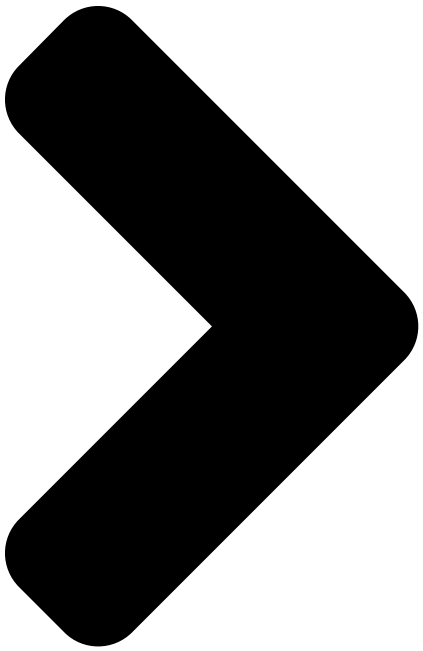


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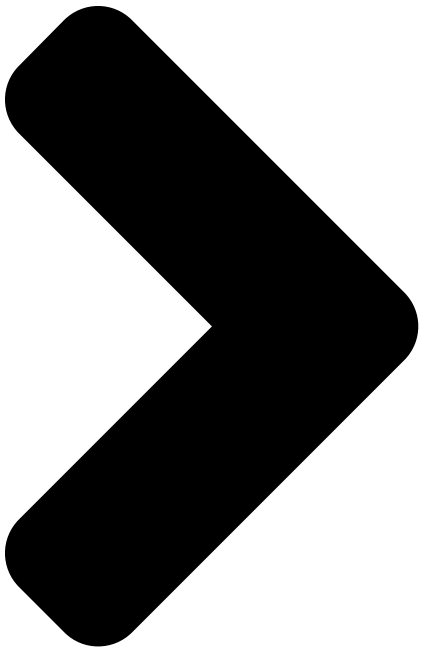
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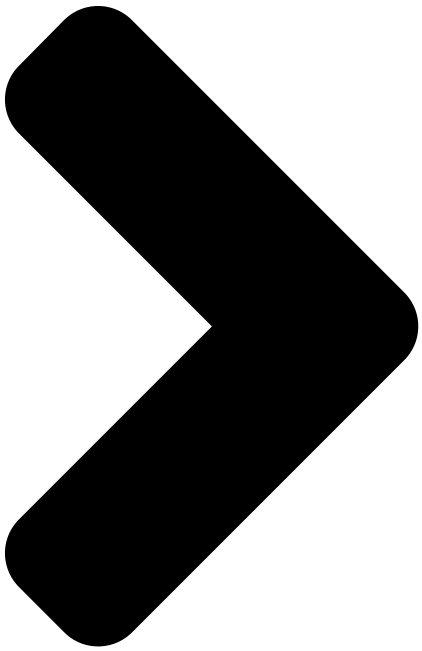


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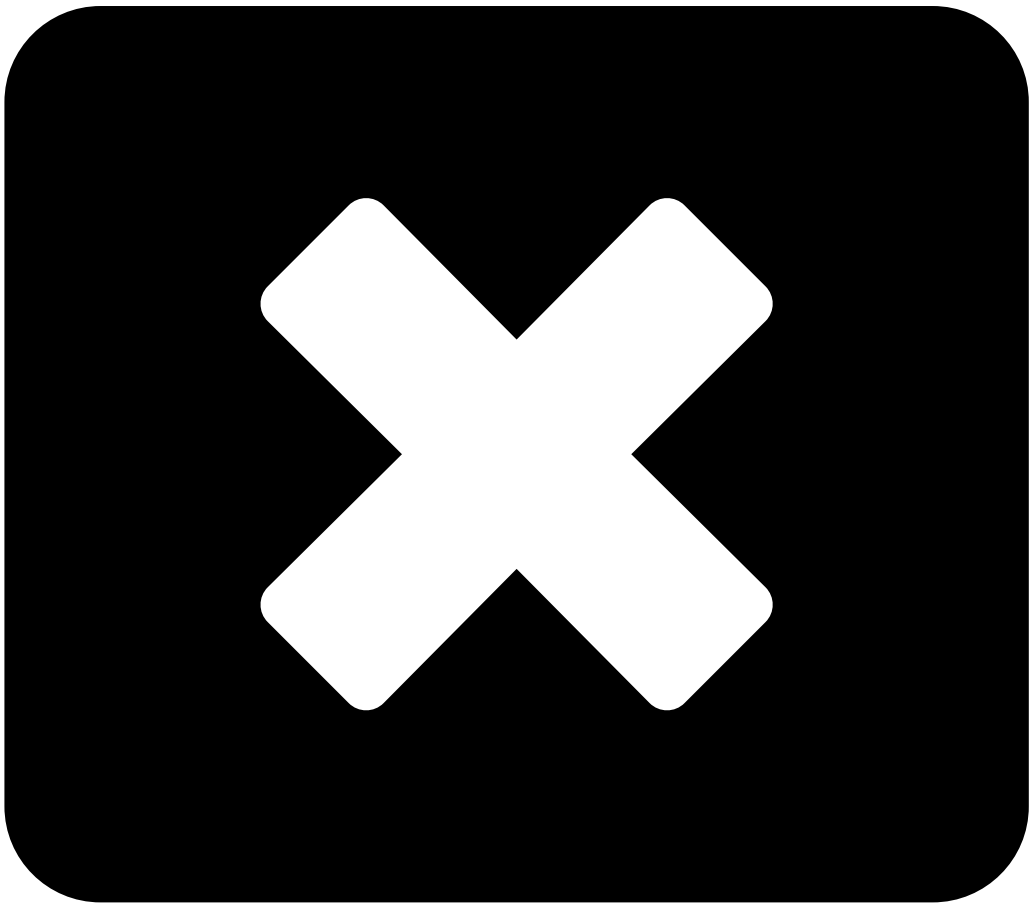
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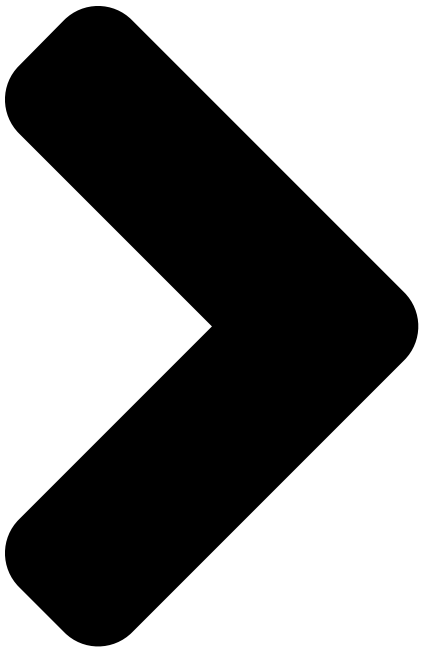


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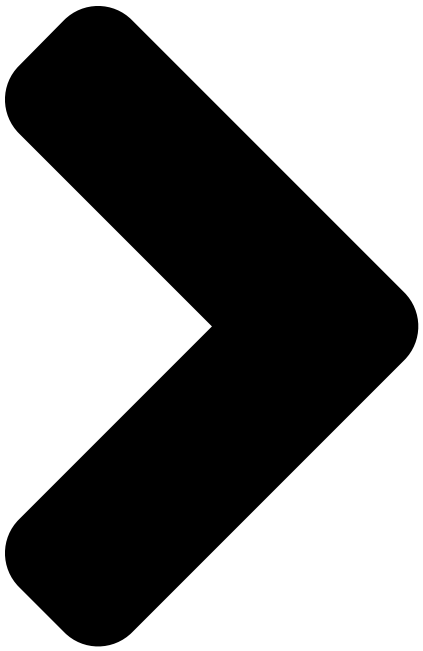


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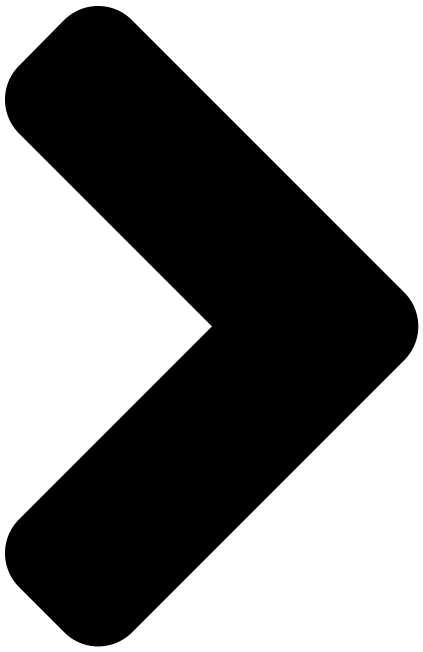


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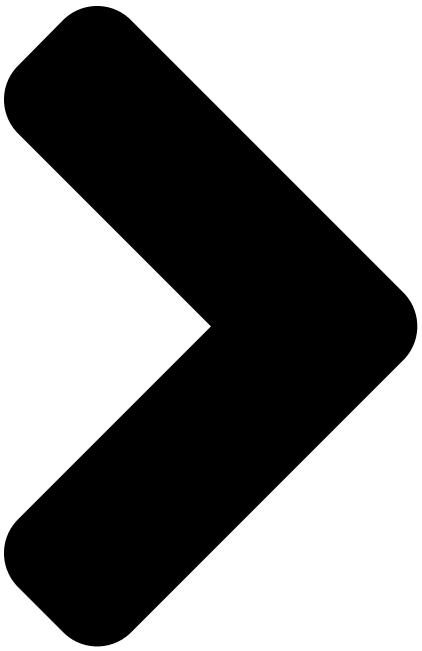
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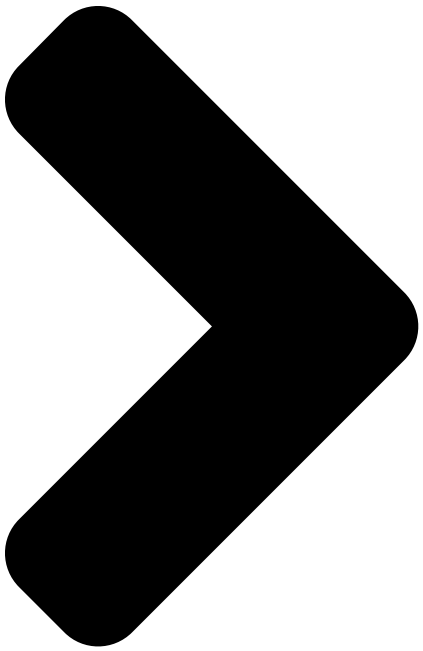


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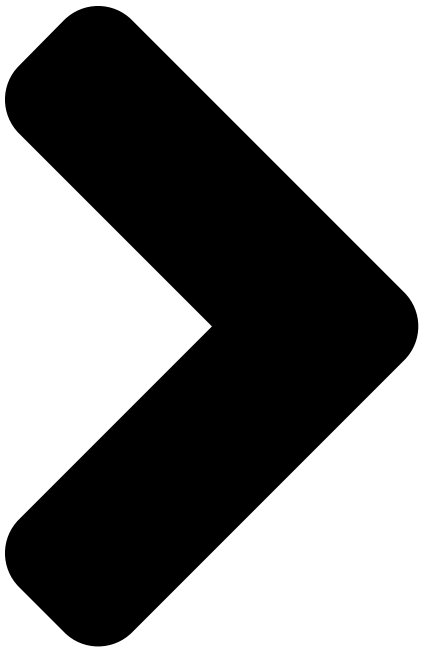


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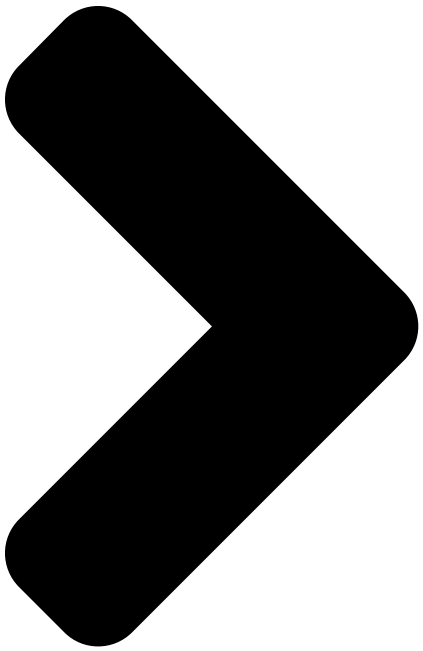
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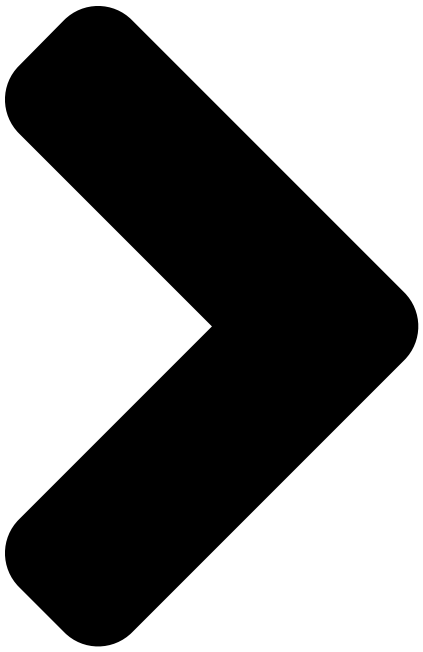
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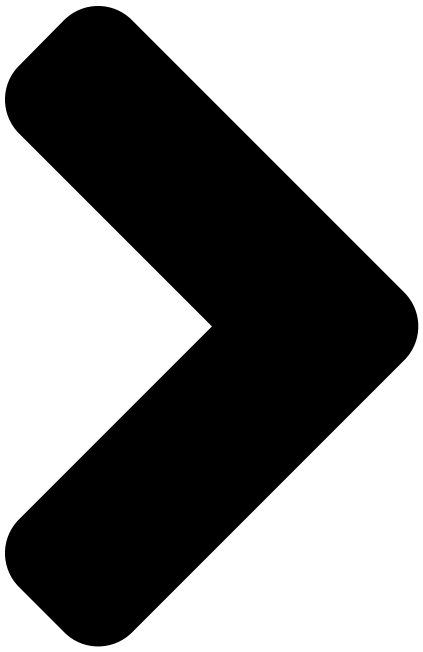
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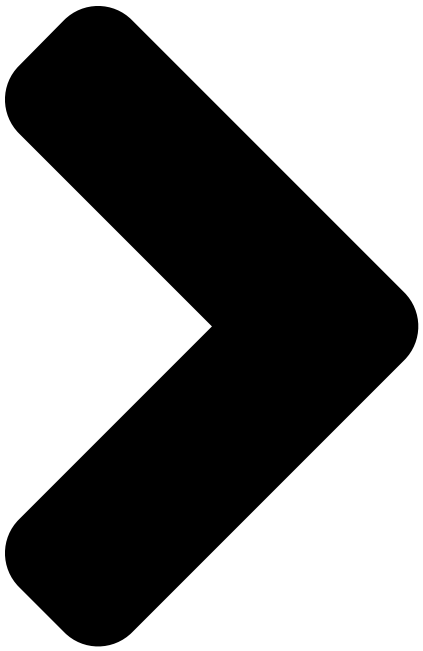
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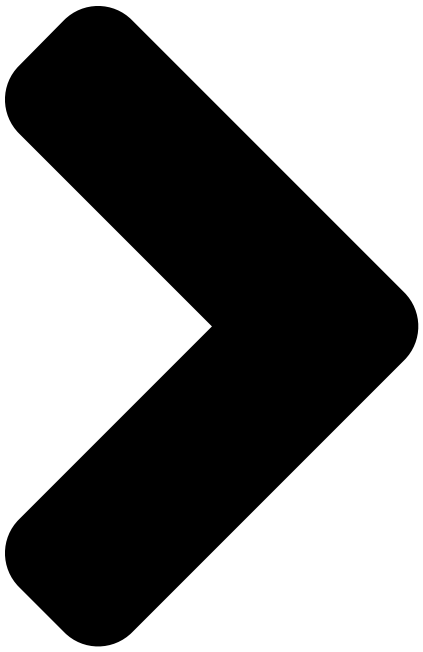
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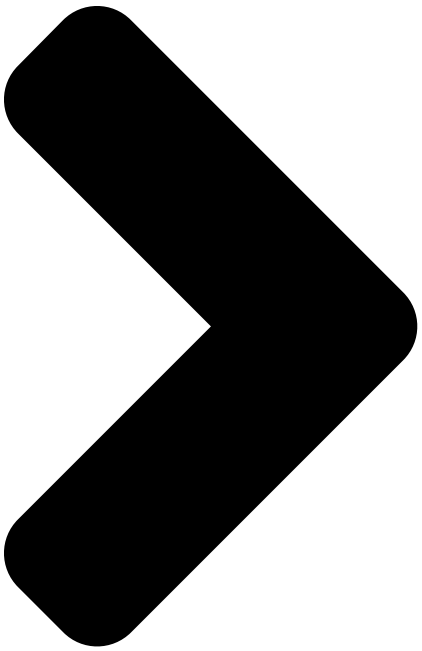


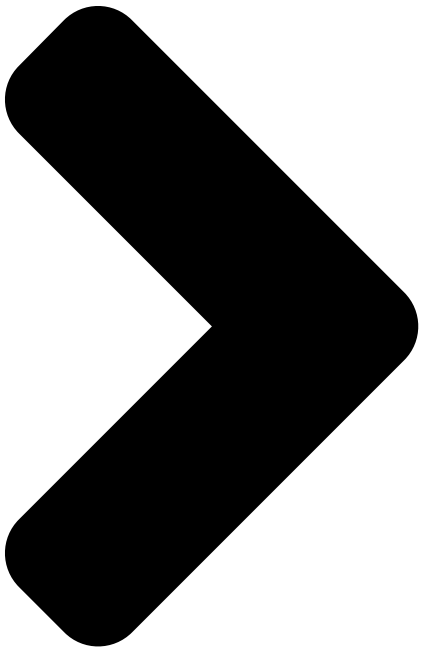
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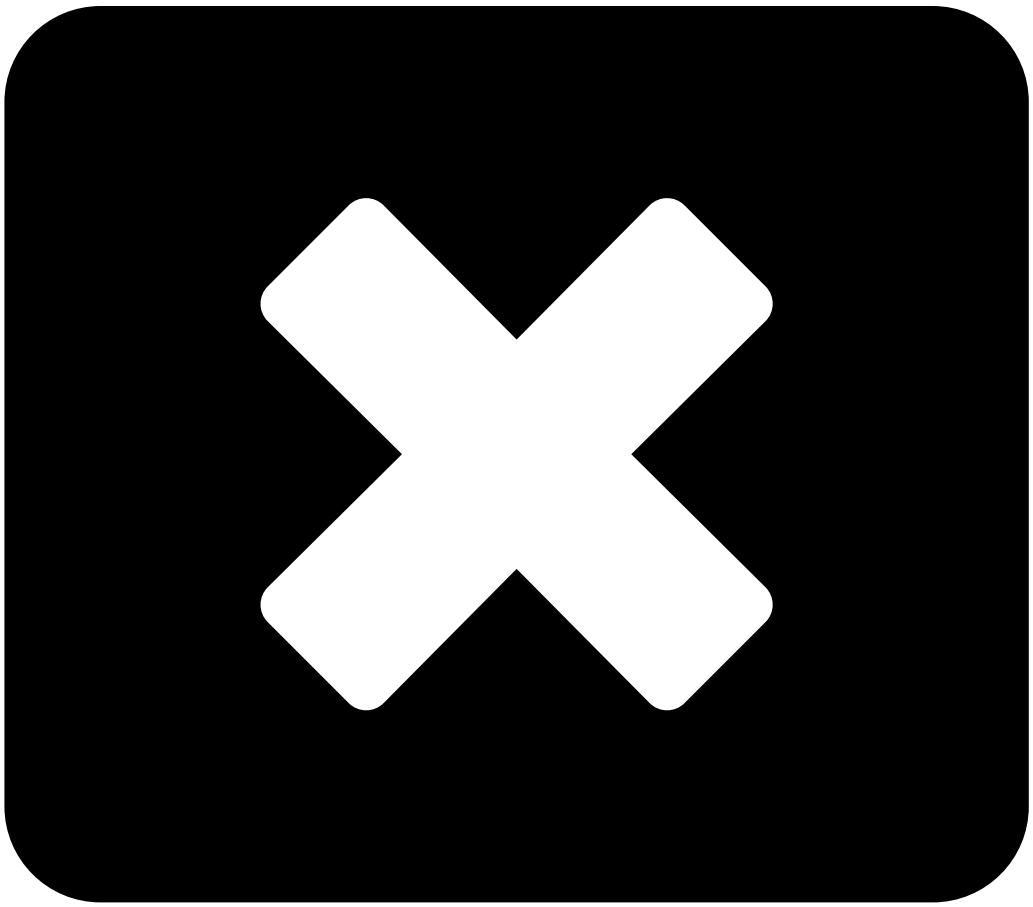
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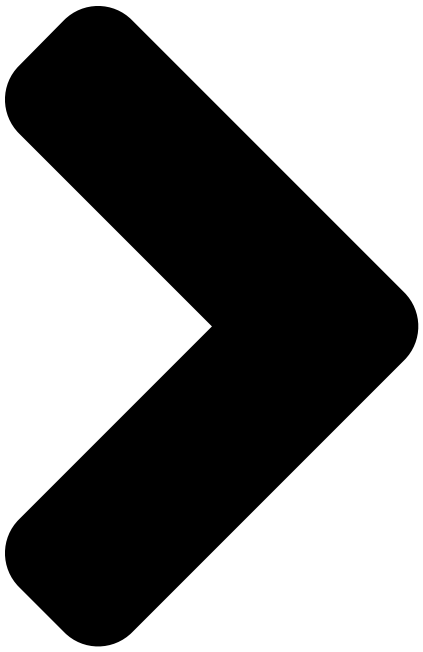


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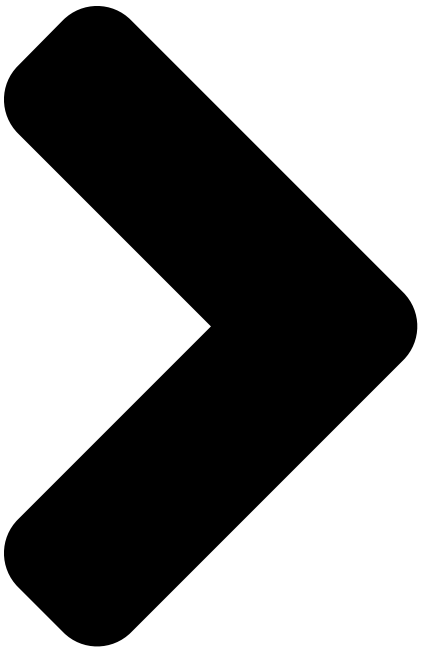


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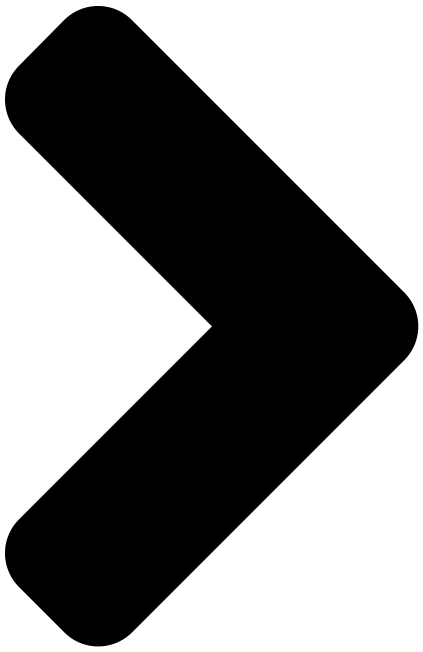
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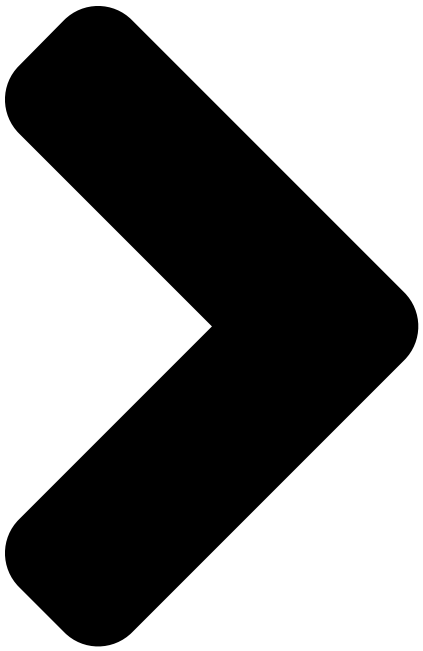
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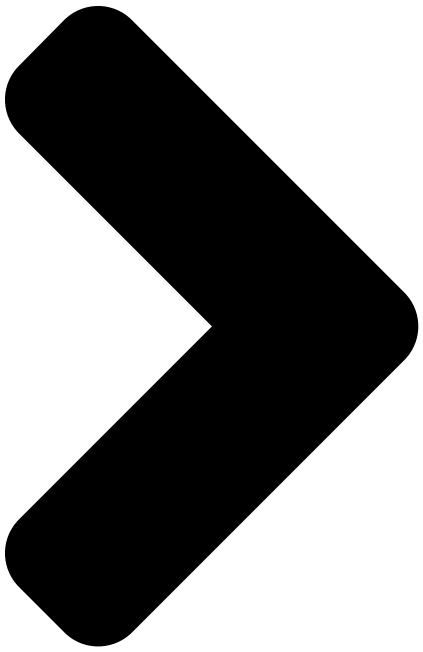
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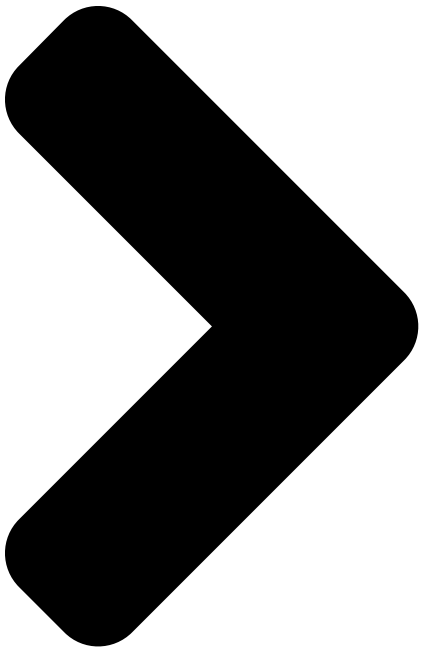
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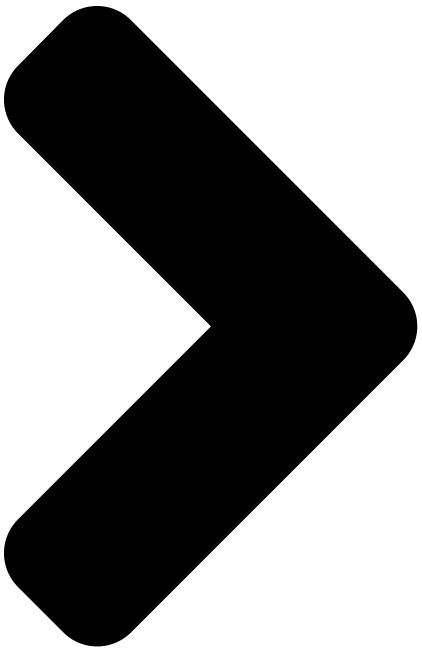
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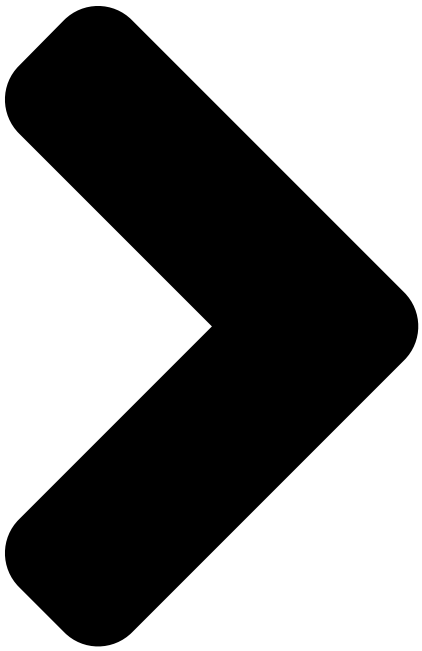
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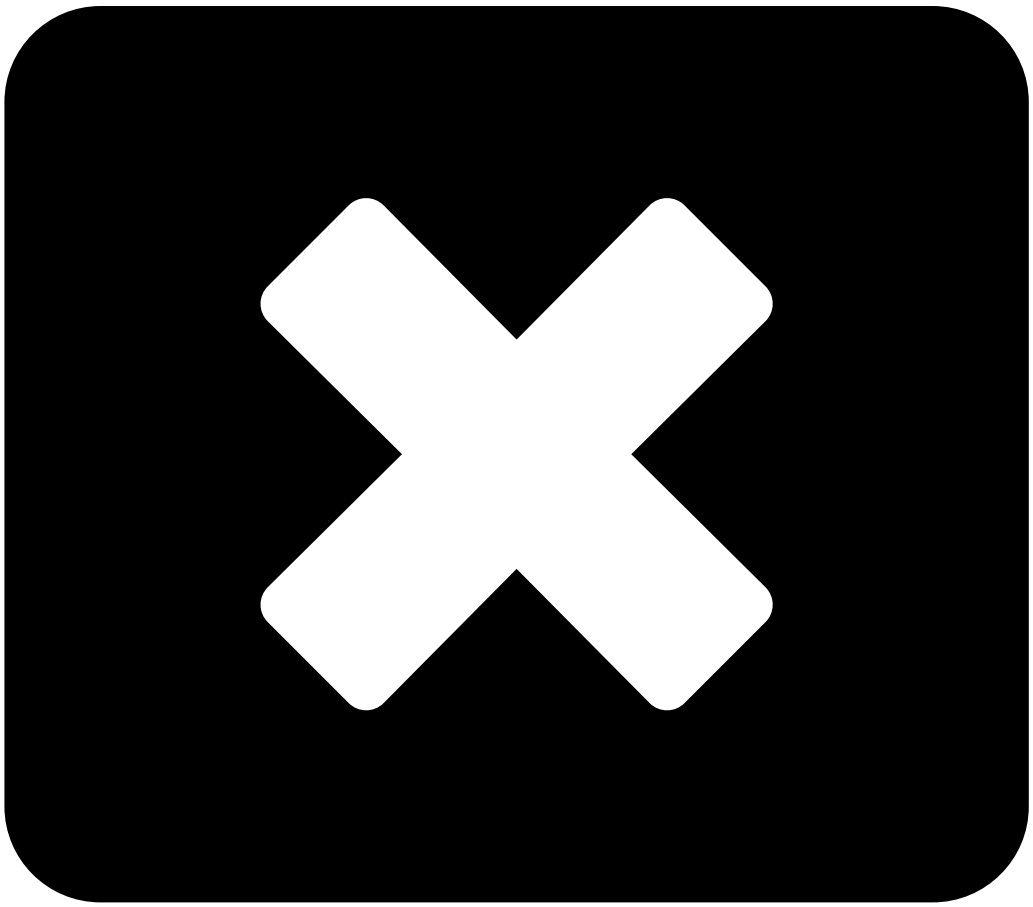
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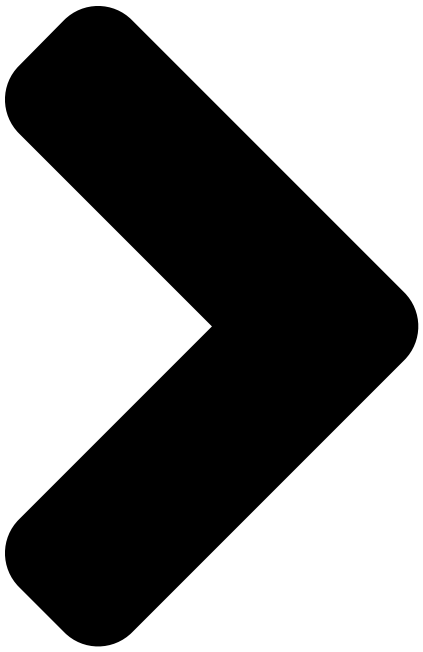


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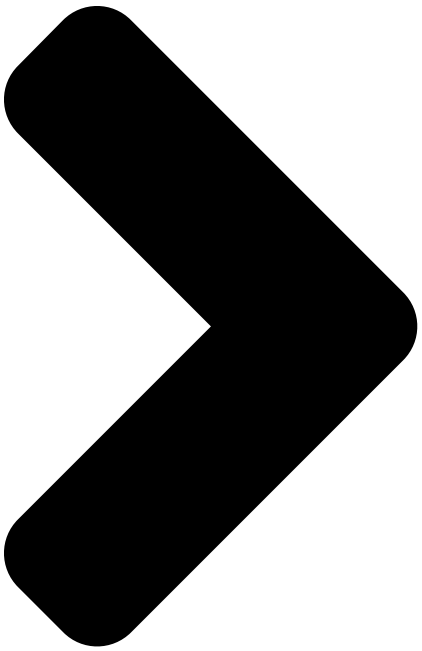


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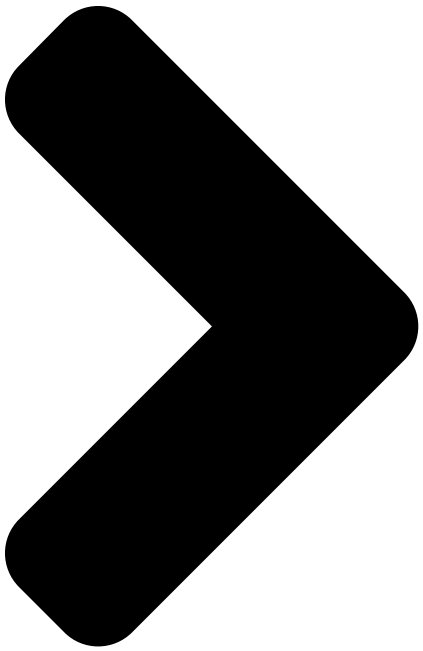
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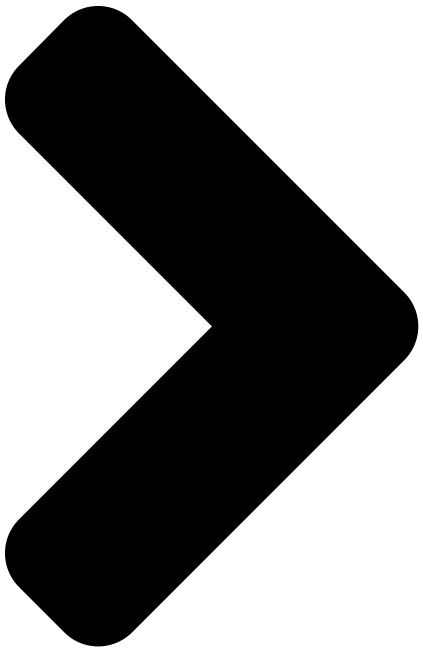
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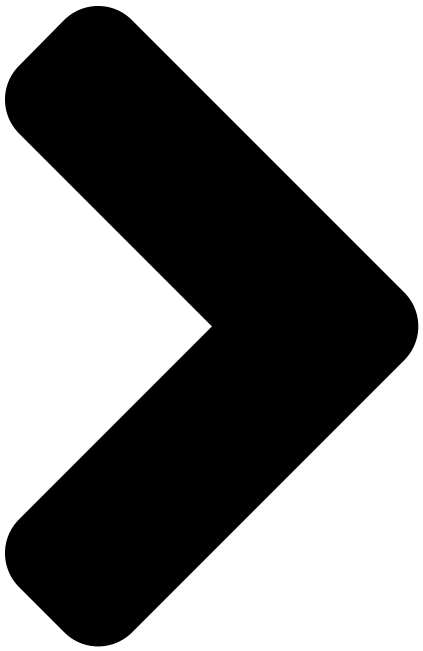
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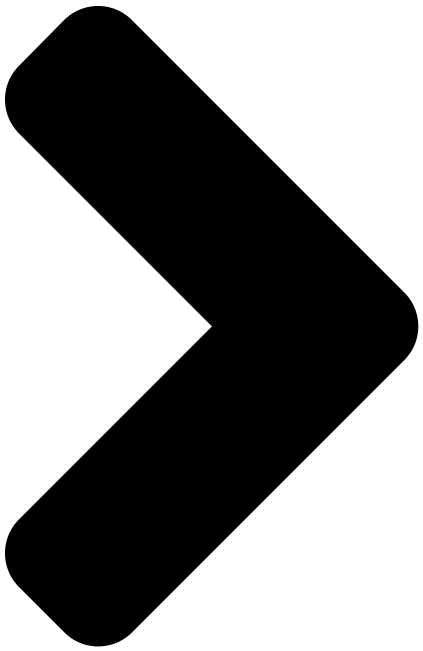
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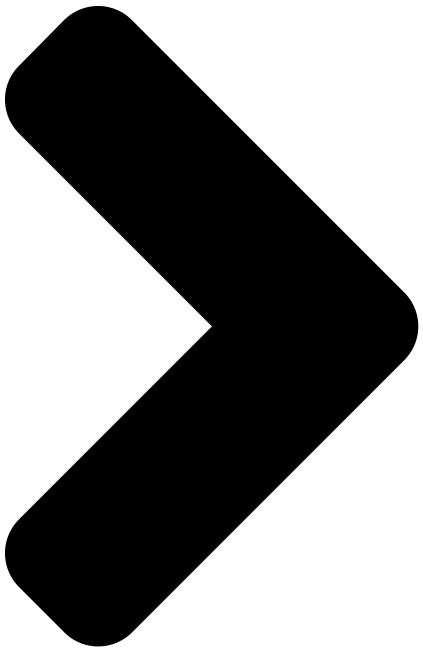
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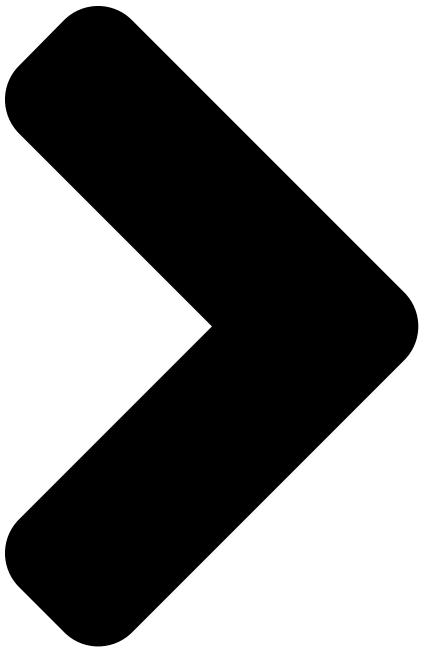
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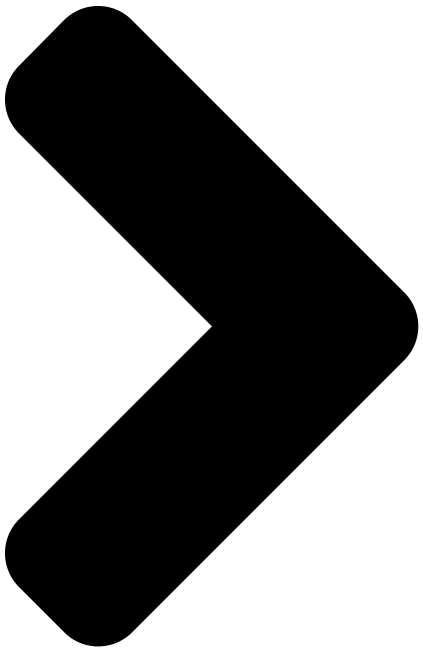
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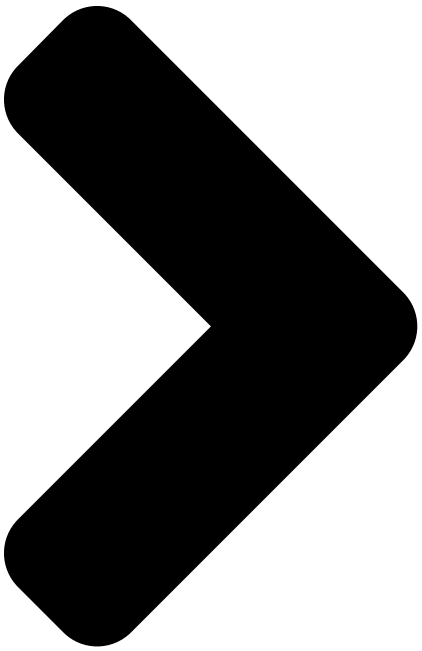
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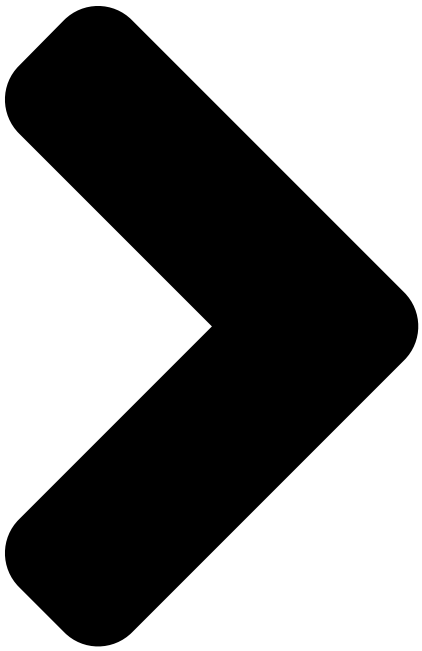


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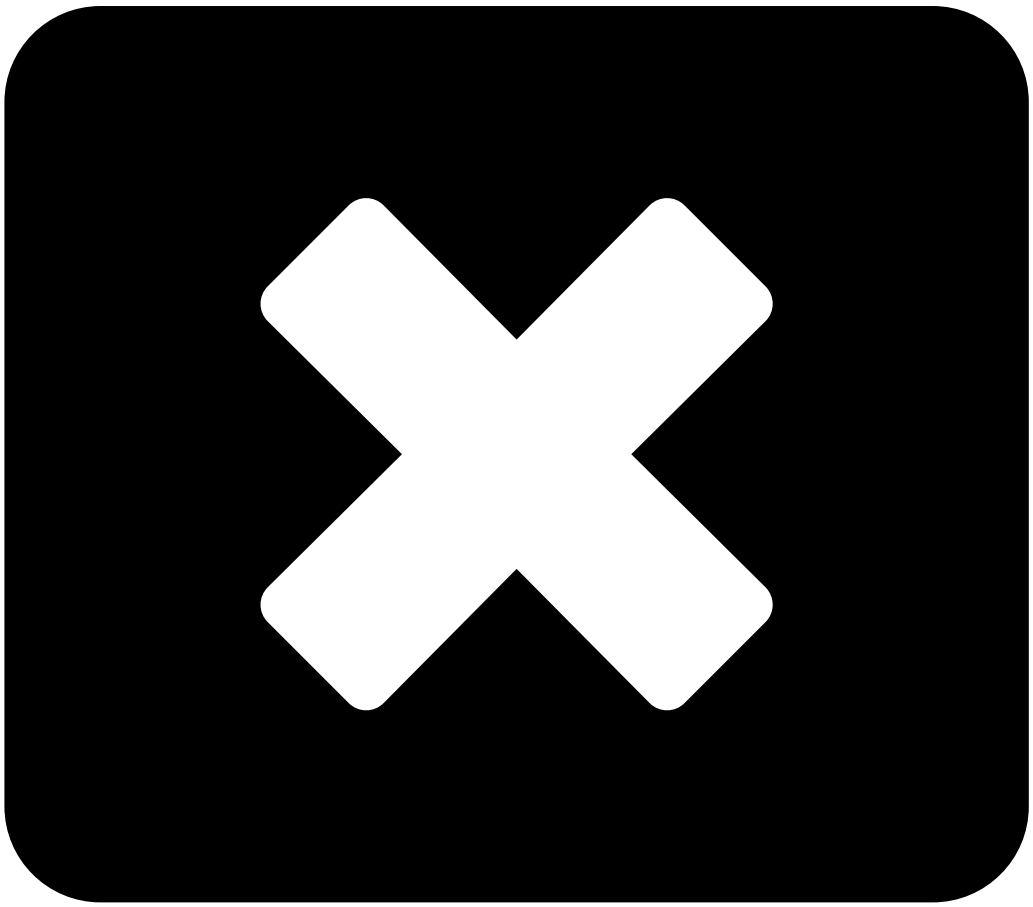
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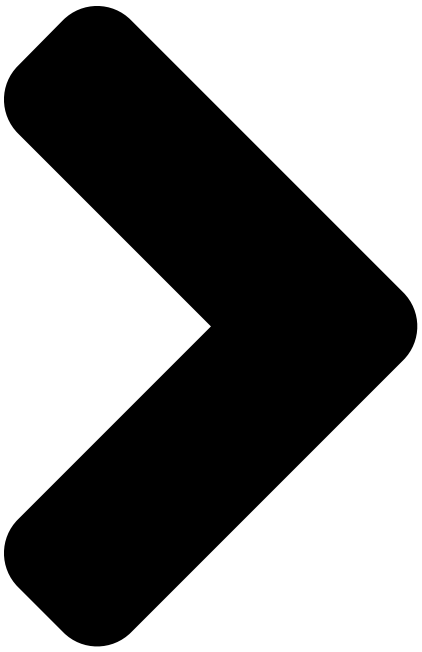


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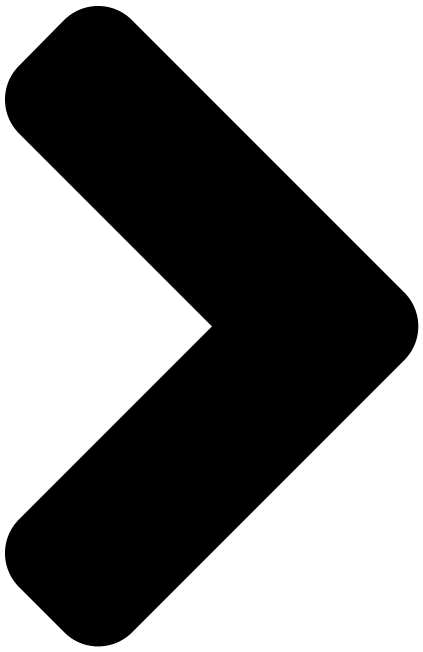


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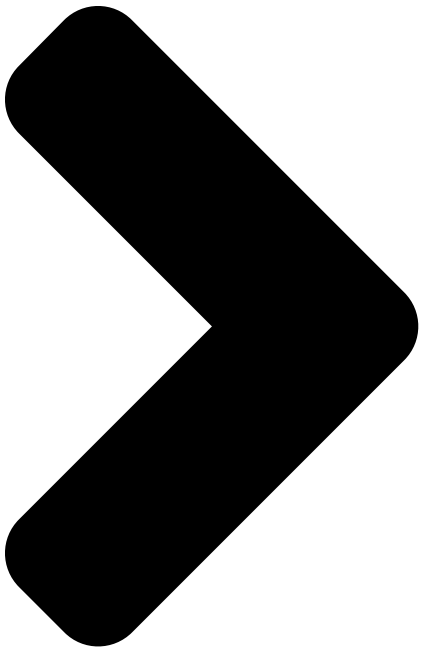
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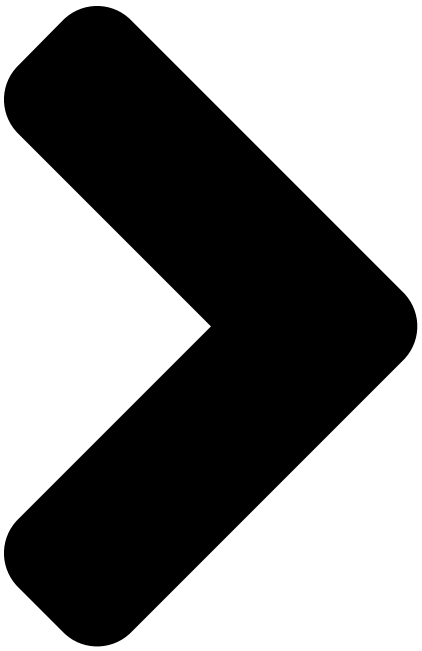
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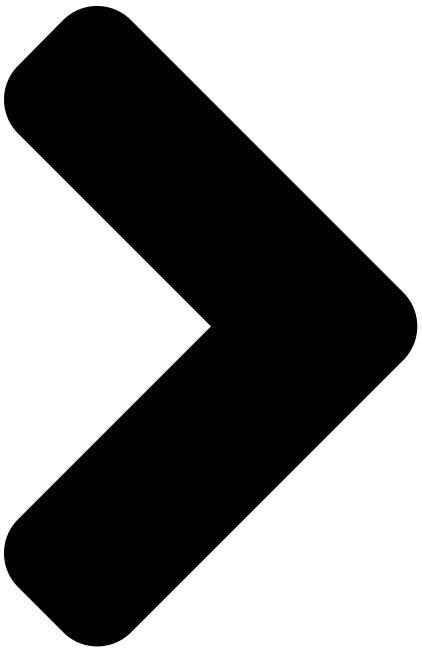
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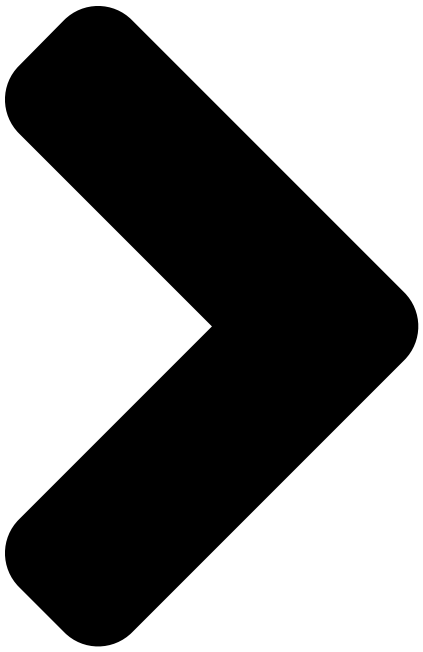
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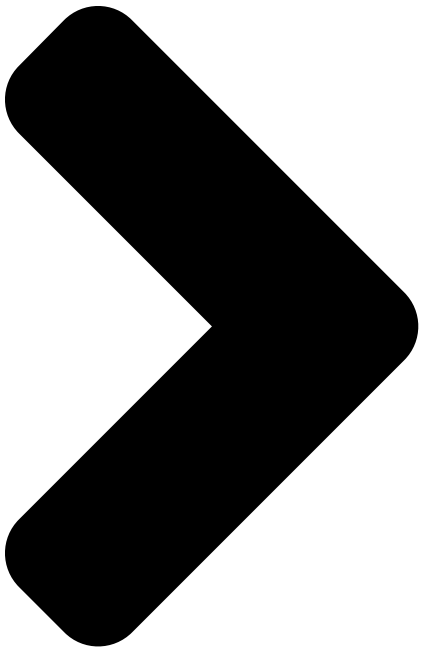
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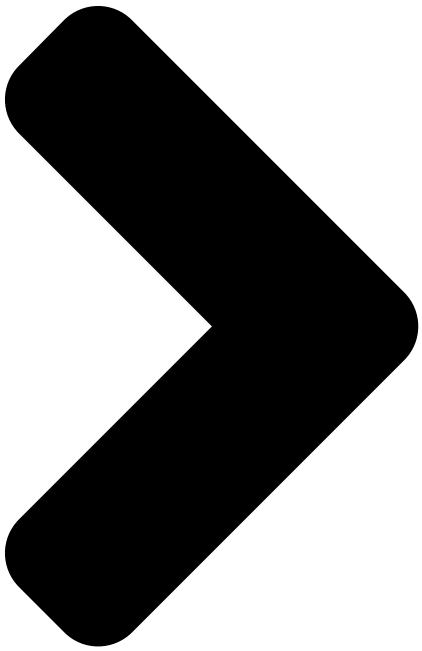


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The Underrated Goldmine for Local Success

Google My Business (GMB) isn’t just a digital business card, it’s a powerful marketing tool that can make or break your local visibility. Many business

owners think of GMB as a set-it-and-forget-it listing. That’s a mistake. GMB is a dynamic, ever-evolving digital asset that can help businesses dominate local search, outshine competitors, and attract more paying customers.

If you’ve been treating GMB as an afterthought, it’s time for a wake-up call. Let’s dive into **why** it matters, **how** to optimize it, **where** the risks lie, and **what’s next** for this powerful platform.

Why Google My Business (GMB) Is Not Just a Business Listing

Many business owners think of Google My Business (GMB) as a simple directory listing—just a place where their business appears on Google Maps. That assumption alone is costing them leads, conversions, and long-term customers. GMB is not just a listing; it’s a **powerful marketing and SEO tool** that determines how visible your business is in local searches, how trustworthy you appear to potential customers, and even how much foot traffic you get.

This is where most businesses go wrong: they either neglect their GMB profile after setting it up or they don’t optimize it properly, thinking it has little impact. But **statistics tell a different story**:

- **76% of people who search for something nearby visit a business within a day.** (Source: Think With Google)
- **Businesses with complete GMB profiles get 70% more direct visits and 50% more conversions.** (Source: BrightLocal)
- **Local searches with “near me” have grown by over 500% in recent years.**

The reality is simple: GMB is a digital storefront. The better it looks, the more customers walk through your doors. If you haven’t fully optimized your profile, you’re leaving money on the table.

How GMB Works: The Google Algorithm Behind Local Rankings

Understanding how Google ranks local businesses is the key to dominating your industry. When someone searches for a service or product, Google doesn’t just display businesses randomly—it follows a **specific ranking system** based on:

1. **Proximity** – How close your business is to the person searching.
2. **Relevance** – How well your business matches the search query.
3. **Prominence** – How well-known and credible your business is online.

While proximity is something you can’t control, **relevance and prominence** are completely within your hands. Businesses that strategically optimize their GMB for **maximum relevance and credibility** consistently **outrank competitors—even if those competitors are closer** to the searcher.

What Google Favors in GMB Listings

- **Complete & accurate business details** – Every field should be filled out, including business hours, services, and FAQs.
- **High-quality photos & videos** – Listings with professional visuals get 42% more requests for directions.
- **Frequent updates & engagement** – Google favors businesses that actively use GMB Posts, respond to reviews, and interact with Q&A.
- **Strong review signals** – The **quality, quantity, and recency** of reviews impact rankings significantly.
- **Local backlinks & citations** – Businesses mentioned on other local directories and news websites rank higher.

Ignoring these factors means your competitors, who are optimizing their GMB, will consistently appear before you in search results.

The Right Way to Set Up & Optimize GMB for Success

The foundation of a powerful GMB profile starts **with the correct setup**. Mistakes made at this stage, like inconsistent details or choosing the wrong category,can **damage rankings for years**.

Key Areas to Focus On During Setup

Use Your Exact Business Name

- Do **not** stuff keywords into your business name. Google penalizes this, and your listing might be suspended.
- Example: If your business is “Smith’s Auto Repair,” don’t name it “Best Auto Repair Los Angeles – Smith’s.”

Pick the Most Accurate Category

- Don’t choose a broad category just because it has high search volume. **Be specific.**
- If you own a nail salon, “Nail Salon” is better than “Beauty Salon.”

Ensure NAP Consistency (Name, Address, Phone Number)

- Your business details must be **identical across all directories**, including Yelp, Facebook, and your website.
- Google **cross-checks data:** if your phone number is different on Yelp than on GMB, your ranking will drop.

Verify Your Listing ASAP

- Without verification, your business won’t appear in search results.
- Google usually sends a **postcard with a verification code**, which you need to enter to activate your listing.

A correctly set up GMB profile is **the foundation of local SEO success**. Now, let’s take it further with advanced optimization strategies.

GMB Posts: A Marketing Feature Most Businesses Ignore

GMB Posts are like **free ads on Google,** but most businesses either don't use them or use them incorrectly. These posts allow you to showcase **offers, events, updates, and promotions** directly in Google Search and Maps.

How to Create High-Performing GMB Posts

- **Post at least once a week** – Inactive listings get pushed down.
- **Use attention-grabbing headlines** – Example: "Limited-Time Offer: 25% Off All Services!"
- **Include a CTA (Call-To-Action)** – "Book Now," "Call Today," "Visit Us."
- **Upload engaging visuals** – Posts with images get 80% more clicks.

GMB Posts give businesses a competitive edge because **Google loves active profiles**. A business that consistently posts updates will always be favored over one that doesn't.

Google Reviews: The Trust Signal That Boosts SEO & Sales

Customer reviews are one of the **most influential ranking factors** for GMB. Google's algorithm prioritizes businesses that have:

- **A high number of reviews**
- **Frequent new reviews**
- **Detailed, keyword-rich reviews**

How to Get More Google Reviews (Legitimately)

- Ask customers **immediately after a great experience**.
- Use a **shortened Google review link** in follow-up emails or receipts.
- **Reply to all reviews**—even bad ones. Google sees engagement as a positive signal.

Avoid Fake Reviews!
Some businesses pay for fake reviews. Google's AI **detects and penalizes** suspicious patterns. Fake reviews can result in permanent suspension.

Google Q&A: Most Businesses Overlook This – You Shouldn't

Google allows customers to **ask public questions** about your business. If you don't respond, anyone can, sometimes giving incorrect or misleading answers.

How to Manage Google Q&A Like a Pro

- **Monitor it weekly** – Check for new questions and answer them quickly.

- **Pre-load FAQs** – You can ask and answer your own questions.
- **Report incorrect answers** – If someone spreads false information, flag it for removal.

Businesses that take control of their Q&A section **build trust and improve their ranking**.

The Future of Google My Business: What's Coming Next?

Google is investing heavily in **AI and automation**, which means GMB will become even more dynamic.

Upcoming GMB Changes & Trends

- **AI-generated recommendations** – Google will suggest optimizations based on data.
- **Live video features** – Businesses may soon be able to engage with customers via video.
- **Stronger spam detection** – Fake listings, reviews, and keyword stuffing will be cracked down on even harder.

Smart businesses that stay ahead of these changes will dominate local search rankings.

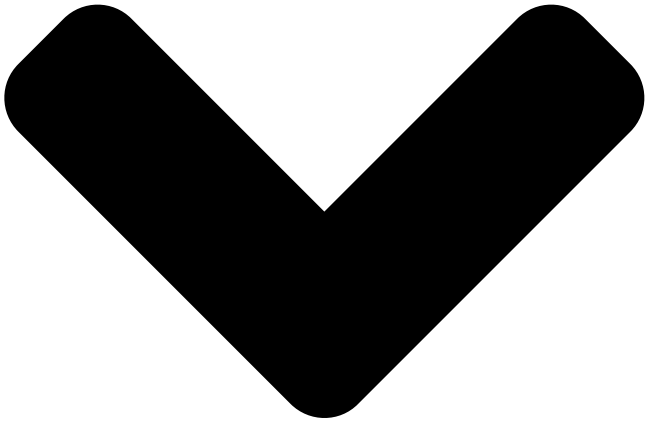
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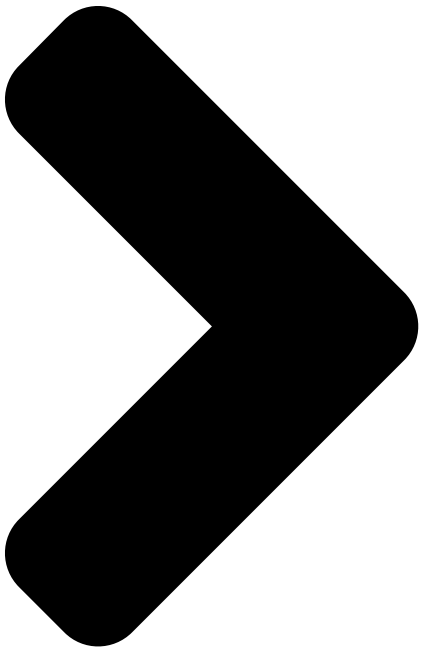
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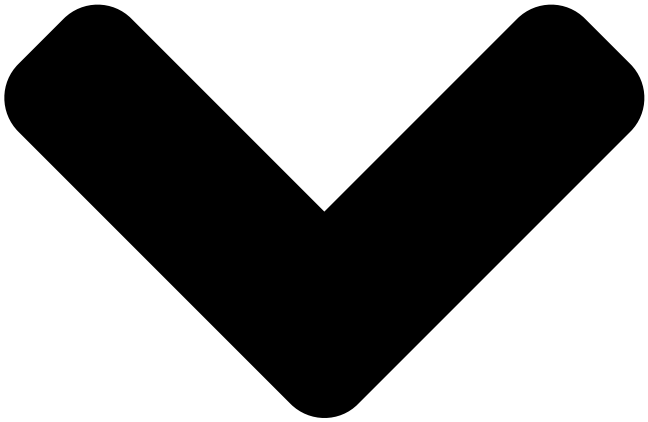
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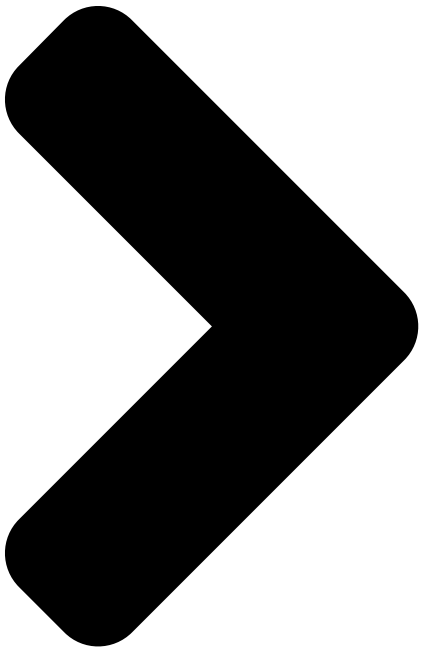




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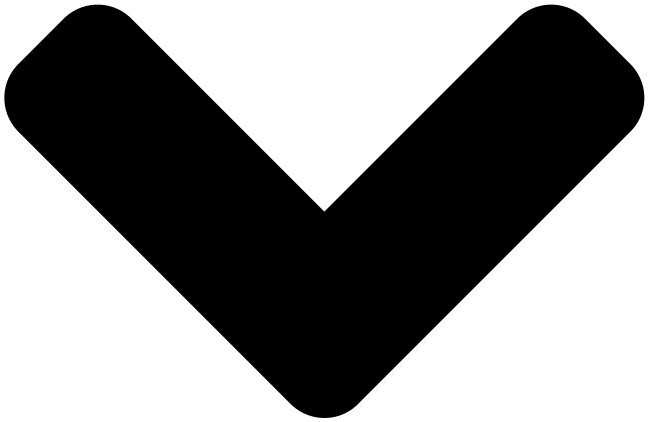
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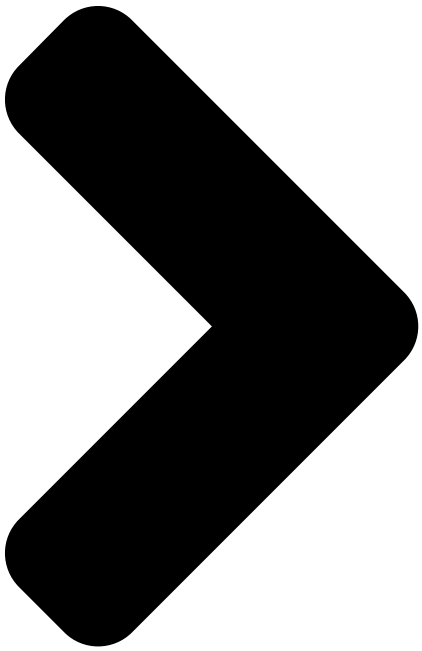




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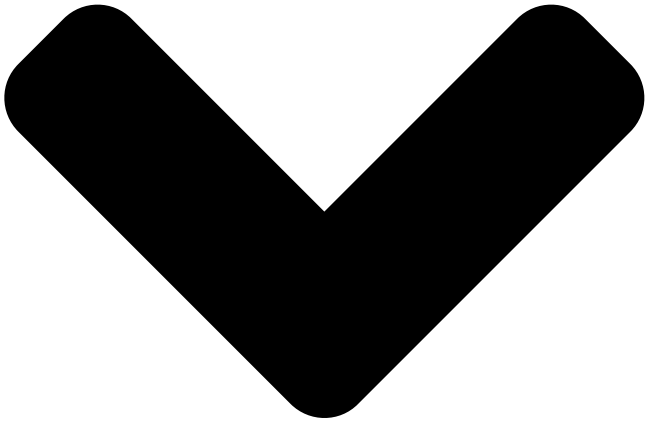
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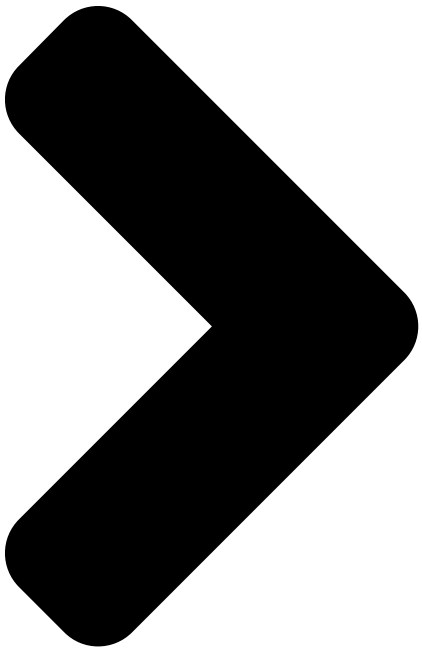




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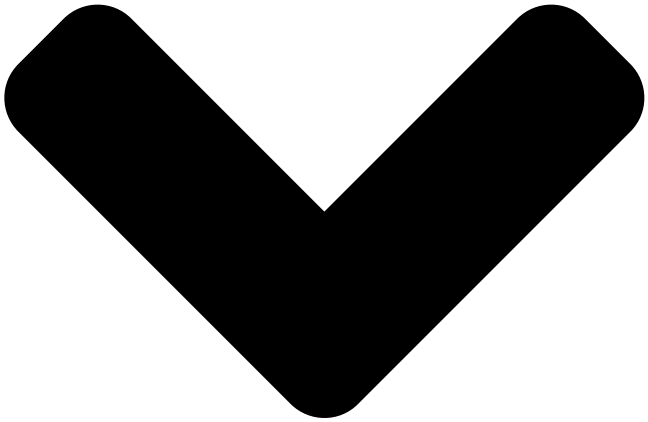
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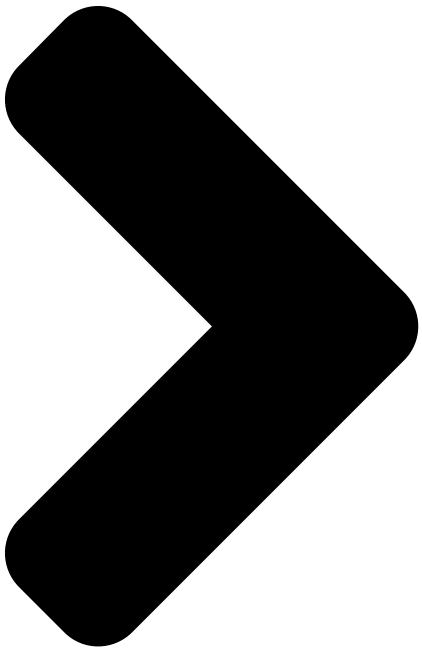




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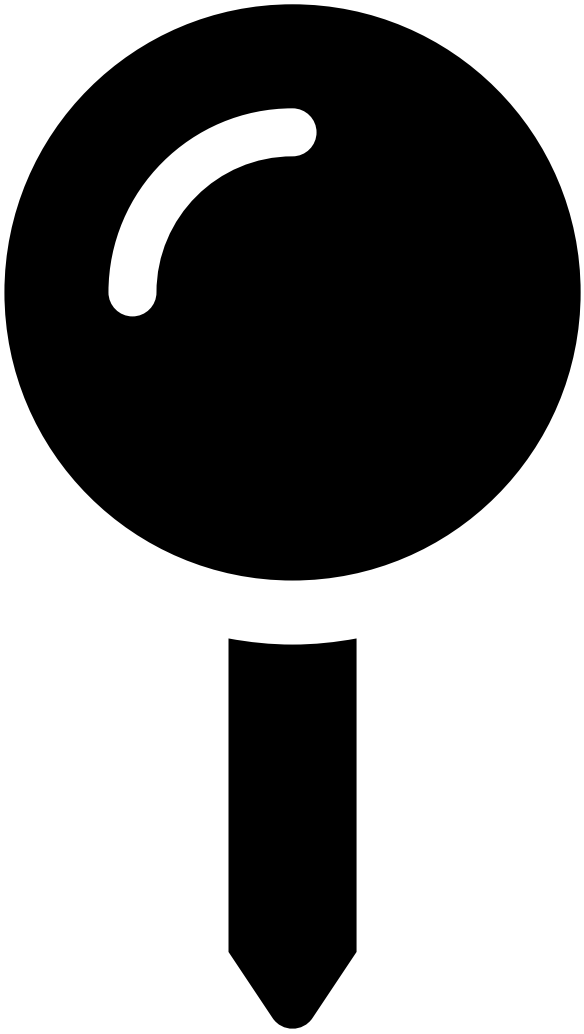
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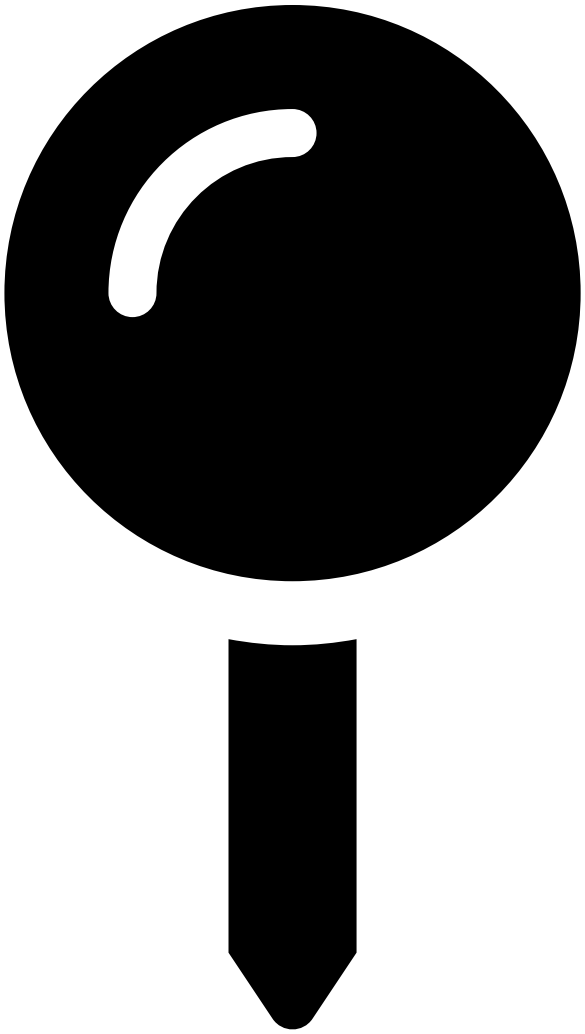
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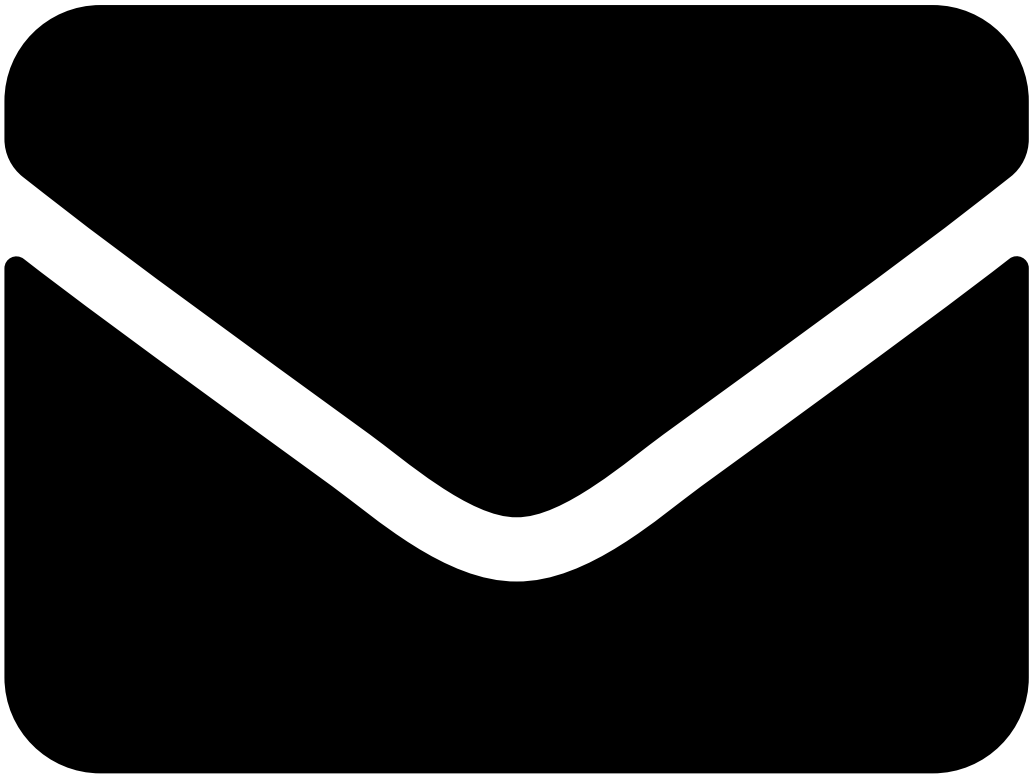


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