

Two typefaces, kept.

Kept Sans for the interface. Numen Title for the headlines.

And Legibility Sans, built only to be read. Free forever.

96.3%

Kept Sans · top tier,
ahead of Inter

94.2%

Numen Title · strongest
display serif

8px

Legibility Sans · the deepest
small-size floor

Kept keeps what matters.

Light • The quiet hour begins at 6:30

Regular • The quiet hour begins at 6:30

SemiBold • The quiet hour begins at 6:30

ExtraBold • The quiet hour begins at 6:30

opsz 52 • SOFT
75

The optical knee, softened

Display presence that refuses to shatter. Soft serifs measured two points better under degradation, and they read warm rather than starched.

✓ X •

The family marks

A native check and cross from the face's own stem logic, and the interpunct grown 20 percent, because "•" is how Kept speaks.

Kept & 0123

Its own ampersand, cap-height figures

Fraunces' ampersand stays; replacing it would be vandalism. Lining figures sit at cap height, built for headlines with numbers in them.

95% × 102%

Instrument's stance

Condensed five percent, two percent taller. Costs half a point of accuracy, buys the editorial posture the old headliner had.

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRrS
sTtUuVvWwXxYyZz

Say it once, find it later.

Light • Keep your life effortlessly organized

Regular • Keep your life effortlessly
organized

SemiBold • Keep your life effortlessly
organized

**Black • Keep your life effortlessly
organized**

Illinois 011l

Letters that stay strangers

A tail on the l, serifs on the I, room around the narrow letters. Codes at a glance went from 52.9 to 82.3 percent.

x-height +6%

A taller lowercase

Ascenders now rise past the caps, the way text faces have done for centuries. Worth five points at nine pixels alone.

kept ✓

The t that finishes

The outstroke ends in the flick of a completed checkmark. At thirteen pixels it disappears. Brand, not benchmark, and priced in.

0 ≠ Ø

The slash we rejected

A slashed zero tested worse; the reader kept calling it an eight. We kept the oval and published the failed experiment.

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRr
INDEX V3.1 96.3% • TOP TIER • AHEAD OF INTER BY 1.5, AT THE EDGE OF THE
CI SsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz 0123456789

kept
✓

Built to be read. Nothing else.

Regular · The quiet hour begins at 6:30

SemiBold · The quiet hour begins at 6:30

Bold · The quiet hour begins at 6:30

8 px

The only face that holds the line

92% at eight pixels against a 90% criterion, over the line in 6 of 8 runs. Verdana reads 88 and clears it in 3 of 8. The margin is in the runs, published.

I l 1 0 O

Letters that answer for themselves

The Braille Institute's disambiguation, kept whole: serified I, tailed l, flagged 1, slashed 0. We raised the x-height ten percent and gave the narrow letters room.

fi ≠ fi

No ligatures, on purpose

Every letter stands alone. Nothing decorative was added, no brand marks, no flourishes. The control group, made shippable.

✓ holdout

It did not learn the test

Designed against our own public benchmark, so a holdout corpus it never saw was run once at the end. Its best blur score came on words it had never seen.

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRr
SsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz 0123456789

TODAY · THURSDAY

The quiet hour is yours again.

✓ Ship the parity build to TestFlight	09:00
✓ Call the Braille Institute back	11:30
○ Walk · the long way, no phone	17:15
○ Read 20 pages of the Carter biography	21:00

Body runs at seventeen point eight 17.8px · s^1

Sections at twenty-eight point eight $\times \varphi \cdot s^2$

Titles at forty-six point six $\times \varphi^2 \cdot s^3$

Heroes at 75.4 $\times \varphi^3 \cdot s^4$

TIER	TYPEFACE	ACCURACY	CROWDED	LEGIBLE AT
T1	IBM Plex Sans	96.5%	99.3	9px
T1	Public Sans	96.5%	98.7	9px
T1	Legibility Sans ✓ ours	96.4%	97.2	8px
T1	Kept Sans ✓ ours	96.3%	96.4	9px
T1	Atkinson Hyperlegible Next	96.0%	99.3	9px
T1	Verdana	95.6%	86.8	9px
7	Helvetica Neue	95.4%	98.5	9px
10	Arial	95.2%	95.1	9px
13	Charter	94.8%	99.3	9px
14	Inter	94.8%	90.8	10px
15	Lexend	94.7%	84.8	9px
17	Numen Title ✓ ours	94.2%	79.5	9px
18	Georgia	94.0%	91.7	10px
19	Comic Sans MS	93.7%	66.5	9px
22	OpenDyslexic	92.3%	83.8	9px
23	Times New Roman	90.2%	87.7	11px
24	Instrument Serif replaced	82.0%	79.2	12px

The Kept Legibility Index, protocol v3.1: twenty-four typefaces, twelve degraded conditions, eight repetitions per cell, a size-threshold sweep, a crowding cell, and a holdout corpus.

Differences under a point are ties. Full method and raw data: kept.do/most-legible-font · github.com/JessieSalas/kept-legibility-index.

Free, as in kept.

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