



Fount Synopsis and Schemes



A fount scheme (sometimes called a synopsis) is a guide to the quantity of each character supplied in a standard fount of type. Rather than containing equal numbers of every letter, a fount is carefully balanced according to how frequently characters occur in normal English text. Common letters such as E, A and T are supplied in greater quantities than less frequently used letters such as Q, X and Z.

The schemes shown in this synopsis indicate the number of each capital letter, lowercase letter, figure and punctuation mark supplied in the various standard Adana and Monotype founts. By referring to the scheme, printers can identify the contents of a fount, compare different fount sizes and order replacement sorts when required.

The proportions used are based on established Monotype and printing trade standards developed to provide the most practical balance of characters for general composition work.

CAPITAL FOUNT SCHEME									
	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A	10A	18A	24A
E	4	5	6	8	10	10	12	22	30
AINORST	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	18	24
CDHLMU	2	3	4	4	6	7	7	14	15
BFGPWY	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	9	10
JKV	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	7
QXZ	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4
Figs.	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5
£	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
&	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
.,	4	5	6	8	10	10	14	18	18
;" -	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5
! ? ()	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3

LOWER CASE FOUNT SCHEME							
	6a	8a	10a	13a	16a	24a	40a
e	8	10	12	15	20	30	48
ainorst	6	8	10	13	16	24	40
cdhlmu	4	7	7	7	11	14	28
bfgpwy	3	5	5	5	7	10	17
jkv	2	3	3	4	5	8	12
qxz	2	2	2	2	3	4	6
*fi fl ff	2	2	2	2	2	4	4
*ffi ffl	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
* Not available in all faces							

FIGURE FOUNT SCHEME			
	6 - 12	14	18 - 24
No. of each fig.	11	8	5



Original Monotype Fount Schemes

Additional schemes transcribed from Monotype Fount Scheme Synopsis.
They are shown character by character because the Monotype quantities vary within the grouped letter rows used in the 2008 Adana synopsis.

CAPITAL FOUNT SCHEMES				
Character	8A	10A	16A	28A
A	8	10	16	28
B	8	4	6	10
C	6	6	8	14
D	6	6	10	16
E	12	16	26	44
F	6	4	6	10
G	8	4	6	10
H	10	8	12	20
I	10	10	16	28
J	6	4	4	6
K	4	4	4	6
L	8	6	8	16
M	18	6	10	14
N	8	10	14	24
O	8	10	14	24
P	8	4	6	10
Q	4	4	4	4
R	8	8	14	22
S	12	10	16	26
T	12	12	20	32
U	6	6	8	14
V	4	4	4	6
W	8	4	6	10
X	4	4	4	4
Y	6	4	6	8
Z	4	4	4	4
&	8	4	6	8
£	6	4	8	12
-	6	4	6	8

LOWERCASE FOUNT SCHEMES			
Character	18a	36a	74a
a	18	36	74
b	6	10	18
c	8	16	34
d	10	20	42
e	28	58	118
f	6	12	24
g	6	10	18
h	12	24	50
i	16	36	74
j	4	4	6
k	4	6	8
l	10	20	42
m	6	14	26
n	14	32	66
o	14	32	66
p	8	12	20
q	4	4	6
r	12	26	58
s	14	32	66
t	18	40	84
u	8	18	38
v	4	8	12
w	6	10	20
x	4	6	6
y	6	10	20
z	4	4	4

FIGURE FOUNT SCHEMES										
M/T Scheme	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
8A	10	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	8	12
28A	20	12	12	8	8	8	8	8	18	24
16A	16	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	10	16
10A	10	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	8	12

SCHEME LABELS

8A / 74a is the original Monotype 1 Strength Body Scheme.

28A / 74a is the original 1 Strength Jobbing scheme.

16A / 36a is the 1/2 Strength Jobbing Scheme and 10A / 18a is the 1/4 Strength Jobbing Scheme.