



# DCM Cinema Advertising Production Requirements 4K Dolby Surround 5.1 Digital Cinema Exhibition

Please contact us directly with information about which advert you are working on and we will supply you with your login details to the DCM Content Hub.

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DCM will handle the creation of the DCP (Digital Cinema Package) from master materials and its digital distribution to DCM cinema screens for the campaign. Once we have received master materials and copy clearance/s we will invite you to a pre-distribution screening of the final DCP.

This document specifies the items that we require for the cinema production of **4K commercials** with **Dolby Surround 5.1** audio.

**We advise allowing at least 48 hours for copy clearance submission and preparation of final assets.**

Please note that 2K/HD visuals are also required for the campaign. All specifications are provided within this document.

Production requirements for Dolby Atmos immersive audio are also available on request. Please contact [production@dcm.co.uk](mailto:production@dcm.co.uk) for further information.

Please note that copy supply from you to us is fully electronic.

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## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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### CAA

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**phone:** 020 7199 2433

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### DOLBY TRANSFER SUITE

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## STEP 1: COPY CLEARANCE

Cinema clearance in the form of final approval from the Cinema Advertising Association (CAA) is required in order to show an advertisement in cinema.

The CAA is the sole clearance body for most commercial advertising in UK cinemas.

However, the following types of advertising also require certification from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC):

- Public information / campaigning films.
- All advertisements to promote films, DVDs, television channels, broadband suppliers and programmes (broadcast or download) that contain sequences of content, irrespective of length.
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### 1.1 – SUBMITTING TO CAA

The CAA Panel advise an approximate lead time of 48 hours to clear final copy following receipt of payment and video content. However, contentious copy will be referred to a Friday morning Copy Panel meeting.

Please submit final copy as soon as possible, with a view to confirmation by the copy deadline communicated to you by DCM.

You access the CAA submission form and all instructions here:

<https://cinemaadvertisingassociation.co.uk/how-to-submit/>

### 1.2 – SUBMITTING TO BBFC

If you are unsure whether your advertisement requires BBFC certification, please contact the BBFC Helpline (helpline@bbfc.co.uk / 020 7440 0299) who will be happy to advise you.

To apply for BBFC certification please fill out the “public information / campaigning film” submission form on the BBFC extranet: <http://www.bbfc.co.uk>

### 1.3 – HFSS

Please refer to the CAA for details on regulations for High Fat, Salt or Sugar (HFSS) for (Non-Broadcast) Cinema: <https://cinemaadvertisingassociation.co.uk/policies/>

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## STEP 2: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### 2.1 – NOTES

- Please ensure that the Dolby Surround 5.1 audio is mixed against the same picture as the one you are supplying to DCM, to avoid sync issues in the process.
- Cinema runs at 24fps; however, you will note that we accept picture at either 24fps or 25fps.
- If you are supplying picture at 25fps, then your sound studio must mix against this same 25fps version. Your studio will need to stretch the audio to 24fps before supplying the finished Dolby Surround 5.1 mix to us, as per the audio specifications in this document. This means that the advertisement will run 4% slower/longer on cinema. (However, please note that DCM do not charge any additional fees for this 4% overrun).
- If it is preferable to avoid stretching the audio, then you may alternatively decide to talk to your post house about cutting a native 24fps picture before the mix which will avoid the tempo change.
- The Dolby Surround 5.1 cinema mix should be budgeted for by the creative agency, and mixed at a Dolby certified studio.
- Please contact DCM for our list of recommended sound studios which specialise in mixing for Dolby Surround 5.1 cinema commercials.



## STEP 2: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - PICTURE (BOTH 4K/UHD & 2K/HD ARE REQUIRED) PLEASE PASS THESE DETAILS TO YOUR POST PRODUCTION HOUSE

### 2.2 – PICTURE (4K/UHD)

| 4K DATA TIFF Sequence |                  | OR | UHD DATA TIFF Sequence |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|----|------------------------|------------------|
| Ratio                 | <b>1.85</b>      |    | Ratio                  | <b>1.78</b>      |
| Whole Picture         | <b>3996x2160</b> |    | Whole Picture          | <b>3840x2160</b> |
| Cinema Title Safety   | <b>3596x1944</b> |    | Cinema Title Safety    | <b>3210x1806</b> |

**All legal lines must be positioned within Cinema Title Safety**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Bit depth</b>              | 8 - 16 bit accepted.<br>For best results please supply highest bit depth available, per source.                              |
| <b>Colour Primaries Range</b> | rec709<br>Legal (Studio) 16-235 or Full (Extended) 0-255. <u>Please indicate which has been used.</u>                        |
| <b>Frame Rate</b>             | 25fps or 24fps<br><u>Frames should always be supplied progressive, NOT interlaced</u>  |
| <b>Length</b>                 | TIFF sequence should contain active frames <u>ONLY</u> i.e. <u>NO</u> clock, end frame hold or black frames at start or end. |

**QuickTime is NOT accepted**  
**Please do not supply alpha channels**

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### 2.3 – PICTURE (2K/HD)

| 2K DATA TIFF Sequence |                  | OR | HD DATA TIFF Sequence |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|----|-----------------------|------------------|
| Ratio                 | <b>1.85</b>      |    | Ratio                 | <b>1.78</b>      |
| Whole Picture         | <b>1998x1080</b> |    | Whole Picture         | <b>1920x1080</b> |
| Cinema Title Safety   | <b>1798x972</b>  |    | Cinema Title Safety   | <b>1605x903</b>  |

**All legal lines must be positioned within Cinema Title Safety**

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## STEP 2: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - AUDIO

### PLEASE PASS THESE DETAILS TO YOUR SOUND STUDIO

Production requirements for Dolby Atmos immersive audio are also available on request. Please contact [production@dcm.co.uk](mailto:production@dcm.co.uk) for further information.

#### 2.4 – AUDIO (DOLBY SURROUND 5.1)

##### Dolby Surround 5.1 mix – 6 x mono Broadcast WAV files

*DCM only accepts audio from Dolby certified studios.*

- The WAV files need to be at 48 kHz and 24-bit.
- LFE channel must be filtered, with a recommended 125Hz 24dB/octave low-pass filter.
- Reference level is -20dBFS.
- No sync plop, WAV files should be exact picture length.
- To ensure no problems with sync, line up the WAV with the picture.
- PCM Header information should be supplied.
- WAVs should not be saved as RS64 files.
- Audio must run in synchronisation to the same picture being supplied to DCM when played back at 24fps (frames per second).
- The frame rate, title and length should be clearly marked.
- All timecodes should be clearly marked.

**We only accept the following channel mapping configuration**

| <u>Audio Track</u> | <u>Channel</u> |  | <u>Audio Track</u> | <u>Channel</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|--|--------------------|----------------|
| 1                  | Left Front     |  | 4                  | Sub            |
| 2                  | Right Front    |  | 5                  | Left Surround  |
| 3                  | Centre         |  | 6                  | Right Surround |

**The maximum LEQ(m) level should be strictly 82dB.**



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## STEP 3: DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 – PICTURE UPLOAD

Connect to the [DCM Content Hub](#) and enter the login details supplied to you.

The Content Hub is best accessed using an FTP client (FileZilla or Cyberduck), but internet browsers can also be used ([Firefox](#) or [Chrome](#)).

Once connected, please follow the steps below to upload material:

- **Create a new folder and name it as per the naming convention/s below.**
- **Upload your TIFF image sequence to the folder.**
- **Unzipped image sequences are preferable. If compressing the sequence is unavoidable, please note that we only accept .zip (please do not use RAR).**
- **Please upload 4K/UHD & 2K/HD image sequences in separate folders named with the requested information as follows:**

**Product\_Title\_Length\_fps\_ColourPrimaries\_Range\_Resolution\_clocknumber**

We do not accept WeTransfer links or hard drives.

**Please note that source material will be deleted from the server once the DCP is approved.**

### 3.2 – AUDIO DELIVERY

Please instruct your sound studio to deliver audio to DCM via the Dolby Transfer Suite.

**Please do not upload audio to the DCM Content Hub.**

- Your sound studio will need to contact Dolby at [CSGTransfers@dolby.com](mailto:CSGTransfers@dolby.com) to arrange delivery.
- Upon receipt of audio, Dolby run an essential technical QC which also ensures compliance with UK cinema audio volume regulations.
- Dolby alert DCM once QC is complete and audio is available for us to access.