

# Aa PMN Caecilia® Sans

## BEST PRACTICES



While individual characters, weights and basic structure are based on PMN Caecilia, PMN Caecilia® Sans is optimized for on-screen imaging. Web pages, blog posts, newsletters, UX design, etc. are all within its purview.

FOUNDRY	DESIGNERS	CLASSIFICATION
Linotype	Peter Matthias Noordzij	Humanistic Sans

FAMILY Aa

A large family of seven weights, each with six stylistic variations of roman, italic, cursive, oblique and display versions of the roman and oblique designs, the family spans 42 designs.

American national park and preserve

# KATMAI

sockeye salmon

**290 miles (470 km) southwest of Anchorage**

FOURPEAKED MOUNTAIN

fissures and fumaroles

## ROOTS



PMN Caecilia Sans began as an extension to PMN Caecilia, but was also designed to be independent typeface family with versatile possibilities in itself.

Noordzij, first, removed all of the serifs from PMN Caecilia and then revised the majority of characters. Knowing that the “typographic tone” would have to change, he made revisions with a focus on stroke widths and contrast, which is fundamentally different in a sans serif design.

## FONT FACTS



- Cursive designs are, as the name implies, true italics with forms based in cursive lettering, while the obliques are subtle, slanted versions based on roman letterforms.
- Noordzij said he slanted the letters of PMN Caecilia Sans at an angle of .5 degrees because, “When you ride the bicycle in the Netherlands (where Noordzij lives), there is always a slight tail wind that you don’t feel.”

LEGIBILITY ☰

A Large x-height, open counters and generous apertures ensure high quality rendering at small sizes, and its humanistic proportions are comfortable for long-form reading. Low stroke contrast also improves legibility at small sized text.

TERMINALS ARE CLIPPED ON VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL

HOW TO SPOT 🔍

W	Third stroke of W overlaps the second
t	Base of lowercase t is curved
G	No crossbar on cap G
r	Terminals are clipped vertically and horizontally

ALTERNATE CHOICES ↷

ITC Legacy® Sans

Linex Sans®

Joanna® Sans Nova

ITC Stone® Humanist

PERFECT PAIRINGS ❤️

PMN Caecilia®

Dante®

Egyptian Slate™

Frutiger® Serif

