



TYPE CO



COVIK SANS

FIVE WEIGHTS, ROMAN AND ITALIC

DESIGNED BY JAMES EDMONDSON IN 2018

COVIK SANS SPECIMEN

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Endurtekiö

BLACK

Confusedly

BLACK

Richardson

BOLD

Onmogelijk

BOLD

Neutralism

SEMIBOLD

Cocaïnisme

SEMIBOLD

Far-Sought

MEDIUM

Avouchable

MEDIUM

Obrzydliwe

REGULAR

Ectropiums

REGULAR

ABORTIVUS

BLACK

AUTOMÓVIL

BLACK

HYDRATION

BOLD

COMPLIANT

LIGHTITALIC

RHAPSODIC

SEMIBOLD

WYBIERASZ

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SCAMBLING

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RHOTACISM

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NEPHRALGY

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Dear Reader,
If you are truly curious about seeing Covik Sans in use, just head on over to **<http://ohnotype.co>** because it is used everywhere. Additionally, at the time of this writing, Covik Sans is used extensively on **<http://goodhertz.co>**. If you're still curious about whether or not you should fork over your hard-earned doll hairs for digital drawings, feel free to peruse this PDF. I cannot say whether or not you'll discover any answers, but remember this: life is a game, and the one with the most typefaces, wins. **Thanks for reading.**

—JAMES EDMONDSON, AUGUST 2018



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»(H—a)[R·v]{C}« → »(H—A)[R·V]{C}«

CASE SENSITIVE PUNCTUATION

1 29754/56012 → 1 ²⁹⁷⁵⁴/₅₆₀₁₂

FRACTIONS

(805) 704-3326 → (805) 704-3326

NON-LINING FIGURES

\$71,932.00 → \$71,932.00

PROPORTIONAL AND TABULAR FIGURES

1234567890 → 1234567890 → 1234567890

SUPER/ SUBSCRIPTS

{illiterate} → {ILLITERATE}

SMALL CAPS

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