

WELCOME TO THE CROWN HOTEL...

YOUR UNIQUE JOURNEY STARTS WHEN YOU FIRST STEP INTO THE CROWN HOTEL, WHERE A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.



The Crown Hotel is situated in the market town of Blandford Forum & is easily accessible from Bournemouth, Poole, Shaftesbury & the West Country. For centuries the Crown Hotel has provided a haven for brides & grooms wishing to celebrate the most important day of their lives with friends & family.



YOU & YOUR WEDDING...

The Crown Hotel has one dedicated function suite; the Sealy Suite, which boasts a private garden, bar and facilities for your wedding. Furthermore, The Crown Hotel holds a licence to conduct ceremonies, allowing you to host your whole wedding day with us for an additional fee.

A key component of the service we are delighted to provide is a dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator who will look after you from your first meeting up to the wedding day. They will be involved as much or as little as you require in the planning of your day, and can help with local suppliers and any personal touches to make your day extra special. On the big day itself, an Event Manager will be there to ensure that everything runs smoothly, leaving you to relax and enjoy your day.



TO MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY AS ENJOYABLE & STRESS-FREE AS POSSIBLE, WE OFFER THREE WEDDING PACKAGES, TAILORED TO INCLUDE ROOM HIRE, DRINKS, FOOD AND ANY LITTLE EXTRAS YOU MAY REQUEST.



PICTURE PERFECT...

The experienced team at the Crown Hotel includes an experienced kitchen team committed to excellent wedding food, an enthusiastic Wedding Co-ordinator and a food manager who cut his teeth in 5 star hotels, all dedicated to ensuring your wedding day runs smoothly and reflects your individual tastes and requirements.

NESTLED ON THE EDGE OF THE DELIGHTFUL DORSET MARKET TOWN OF BLANDFORD FORUM, THIS GEORGIAN HOTEL OOZES CHARM AND CHARACTER. ALL OF OUR 27 BEDROOMS ARE EN-SUITE AND VERY WELL APPOINTED.







ACCOMMODATION...

We have 27 spacious and comfortable guest rooms at the Crown Hotel, each one designed with our valued guests in mind.

In a world where many hotel rooms closely resemble one another, The Crown Hotel retains an authentic, timeless charm that will make your wedding day even more memorable for your guests.

A team of front desk staff are available to help with any queries or requirements you may have during your stay.

The following is a selection of the in-room amenities that guests at the Crown Hotel can enjoy:

- Ensuite bathroom
- Room Service
- Tea/Coffee making

GARDENS & GROUNDS...

The Crown Hotel offers beautiful gardens for you to relax in and enjoy on your special day, with direct access to the Sealy Suite.

Our ornamental gardens provide the perfect setting for romantic, relaxed photographs that can be treasured for a lifetime.

For lovely sunny days, we have ample seating and umbrellas in our garden, where waiting staff will serve you welcome drinks and canapés prior to your wedding breakfast.

Why not book an appointment with our Wedding Co-ordinator who will be happy to show you around the hotel and grounds.

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THE FULL PACKAGE...

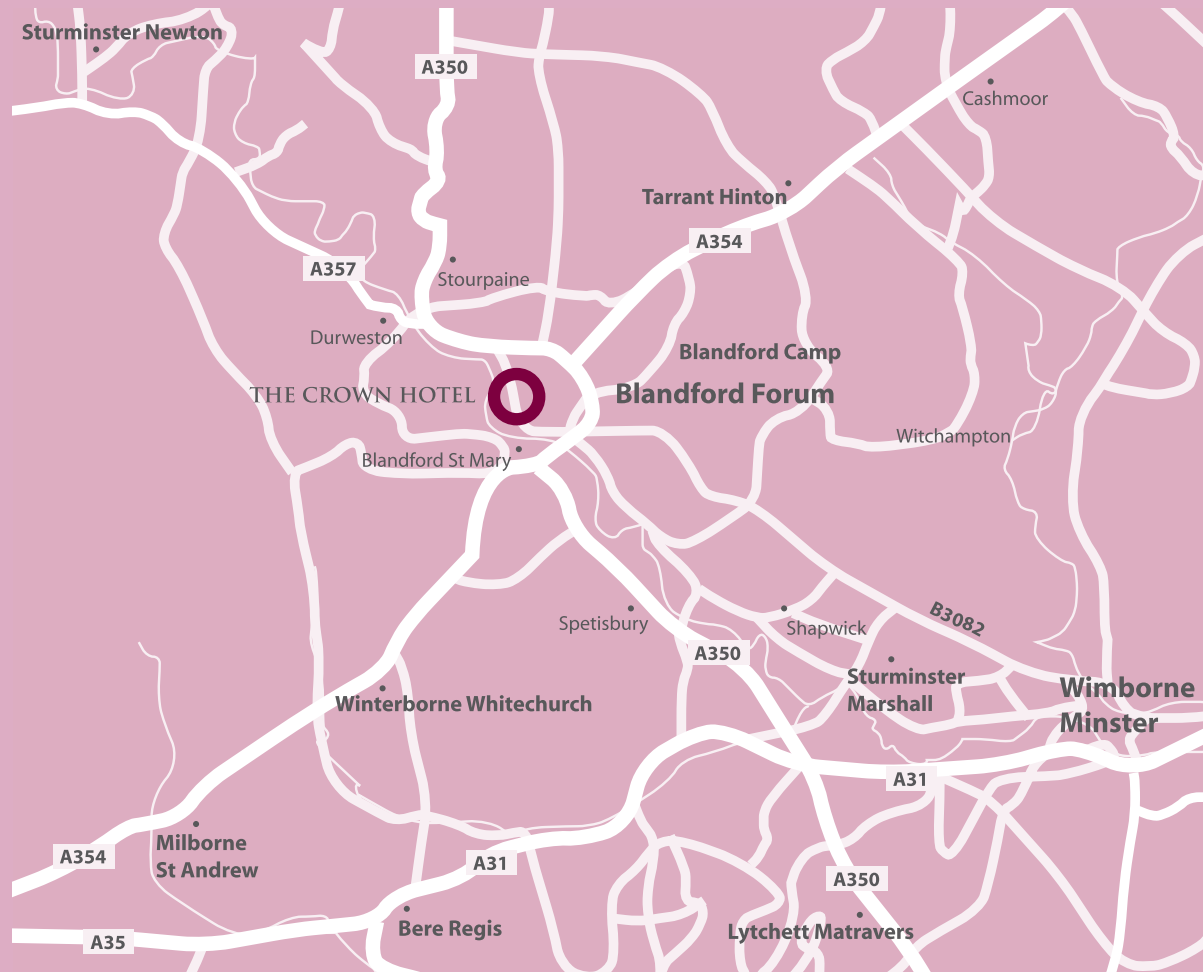
Whether helping to arrange your ceremony or hosting your reception, at The Crown Hotel we will approach your wedding preparations with an experienced, friendly and professional manner. We are pleased to assist you with all aspects of your day, from menu choices to recommending photographers, wedding car hire, cake makers and florists.

Plan a wedding with us and you will enjoy the following:

- A complimentary bedroom for the Bride and Groom on your wedding night.
- Wedding breakfast prepared by our chefs.
- Use of our grounds and gardens for your photographs.
- Red carpet for you and your guests.

THE EXPERIENCED TEAM AT THE CROWN HOTEL WILL ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY MAGICAL.

HOW TO FIND US...



From the M27: Follow the M27 WEST. Join the A31 and continue past Ringwood. Follow signs for A31 to Poole (do not branch off towards Bournemouth). After a series of roundabouts, follow signs to A350 Blandford. Continue through a few villages, beware of speed cameras! When you reach the Tesco store in Blandford, continue past the Brewery, and then turn right over the river. The Crown Hotel is situated in front of you.

From Salisbury: If coming from A303 (Newbury / Andover area), follow signs to Salisbury. Go through Salisbury, following signs for A354, Blandford. Follow the A354 past Sixpenny Handley and Tarrant Hinton. After Pimperne, turn left at the next roundabout,

following signs to the Brewery Visitor Centre and Blandford. Go over the bypass, and straight on at the next roundabout. Turn right at the Tesco roundabout, following signs to the Brewery Visitor Centre. Continue past the Brewery, and turn right over the river. The Crown Hotel is situated in front of you.

From West: Follow A35 past Bridport and Dorchester. Take the A354 to Blandford. Go through villages including Milborne St Andrew and Winterborne Whitechurch. At the Tesco roundabout, turn left, following signs to Brewery Visitor Centre. Continue past the Brewery, and then turn right over the river. The Crown Hotel is situated in front of you.

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WINES...

RED WINES

Le Sanglier De La Montagne Carignan

France – Soft and fruity wine with a hint of spice, together with a warm smooth finish

Malbec

Argentina – Dark & powerful with a great concentrate of berry fruit, plums & figs, together with a smoky vanilla character & hints of liquorice

Pinot Noir

New Zealand – Mulberry, cherry & red plum aromas together with savoury spices, cocoa powder & toasty oak. Elegant & juicy

Silver Package



Gold Package



Platinum Package



WHITE WINES

Le Sanglier De La Montagne Ugni Blanc / Colombard

France – Crisp with a light, fresh and lively palate. Notes of apple and exotic fruits

Pinot Grigio

Italy – Gentle floral and citrus aromas. Fresh, crisp and delicate on the palate

Sancerre

France – Classic Loire Sauvignon Blanc with ripe gooseberry fruit & zesty acidity. The style is full & rounded, yet fresh & well balanced



ROSÉS

Chapelle des Fermes Rosé

France – Pale salmon pink aromas of red berry fruits, this wine is dry & well rounded, with mouth-watering fruit flavours

Ancora Pinot Grigio Rosé

Italy – A dry, fresh and fruity rosé, with delicate aromas of red berries and a palate of lush, summer fruits



BUBBLES

Prosecco

Italy – With delicate fruit flavours and soft intensity, this is great wine by any standards

Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale

Stylish and elegant Champagne with plenty of soft and developed fruit and a clean flavour, it's never released until it's at least three years old



PACKAGES...

THE PLATINUM, GOLD AND SILVER PACKAGES HAVE BEEN CREATED TO KEEP YOUR PLANNING SIMPLE, IF YOU PREFER WE CAN TAILOR MAKE A PROPOSAL TO MATCH YOUR REQUIREMENTS

PACKAGE CONTENTS	Silver Package £70 Per Person (Excluding Ceremony)	Gold Package £85 Per Person (Excluding Ceremony)	Platinum Package £110 Per Person (Excluding Ceremony)
Dedicated Wedding Co-ordinator	♥	♥	♥
Event Manager to oversee your wedding	♥	♥	♥
Red carpet on arrival	♥	♥	♥
Silver Cake Stand & Knife	♥	♥	♥
Personalised table plan, placecards & menus	♥	♥	♥
Hire of the Sealy Suite	♥	♥	♥
Accommodation for Bride & Groom in our Executive Room	♥	♥	♥
Chair covers with colour co-ordinated sash	♥	♥	♥
Bucks Fizz or Pimm's on arrival	♥ (1 Glass)	♥ (1 Glass)	♥ (2 Glasses)
Three canapés on arrival		♥	♥
Wedding breakfast	♥ (3 Courses)	♥ (4 Courses)	♥ (4 Courses)
Two glasses (175ml) of House Wine with the wedding meal	♥	♥	
Three glasses (175ml) of wine with your wedding meal			♥
Two bottles of mineral water per table		♥	♥
A glass of bubbly for the toasts	♥	♥	♥

Rates are subject to seasonality.

Champagne, wines and menus are correct at the time of printing but are subject to change, supplement charges may apply.

Minimum number of 60 adults applies for Weddings taking place on a Saturday or a Bank Holiday Sunday May to September.

MENUS...

STARTERS

Homemade Soup

Crusty roll and butter

Classic Prawn Cocktail

Peeled prawns, topped with cocktail sauce, fresh lemon

Pork & Herb Pâté

Coarse pork pâté served with toast, onion marmalade & mixed salad

Seasonal Melon

Fresh red berries

Mackerel Pâté

Tomato & onion chutney, rocket salad

Duck Bruschetta

Duck confit, roast plums & apples, grilled focaccia toast, balsamic dressing

Rosary Goats' Cheese Mousse

Creamy goats' cheese mousse, chopped herbs, tomato, rocket & beetroot salad

Duck Confit

Pepper leaf salad, orange & walnut dressing

Smoked Salmon Parcel

Cream cheese & herbs, wrapped in smoked salmon, pepper leaf salad, herb dressing

Dorset Rarebit

Grilled field mushroom, onion marmalade, glazed with Dorset drum cheddar & Badger ale sauce

Silver Package



Gold Package



Platinum Package



MAIN COURSES

Fillet of Salmon

Seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, tarragon sauce

Chicken Forester

Roast chicken supreme, seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, creamy field mushroom, bacon & fresh herb sauce

Roast Loin of Pork

Apricot stuffing, seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, cider and red onion gravy

Goats' Cheese & Roast Vegetable Tart

Grilled Mediterranean vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, Provençal sauce

Fillet of Salmon

Seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, seafood sauce

Breast of Chicken

Roast chicken supreme, seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, tarragon sauce



MAIN COURSES CONTINUED...	Silver Package	Gold Package	Platinum Package
Roast Beef <i>Yorkshire pudding, beef dripping roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, roast gravy</i>		♥	♥
Stuffed Red Pepper <i>Stuffed with Rosary goats' cheese, herb & pistachio crumb, pepper leaf salad</i>		♥	♥
Crab Stuffed Monkfish <i>Seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, seafood sauce</i>			♥
Roast Chicken <i>Supreme of chicken, seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, red wine sauce</i>			♥
Beef Wellington <i>Fillet of Beef Wellington, seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, red wine sauce</i>			♥
Stilton & Walnut Tart <i>Seasonal vegetables, chef's choice of potatoes, roast tomato sauce</i>			♥
PUDDINGS			
Blackberry & Apple Crumble <i>Cream or custard</i>	♥	♥	♥
Chocolate Brownie <i>Cream or custard</i>	♥	♥	♥
Hand Cut Fresh Fruit Salad <i>Cream or custard</i>	♥	♥	♥
Chocolate Mousse <i>Dusted with icing sugar</i>		♥	♥
Sticky Toffee Pudding <i>Cream or custard</i>		♥	♥
Lemon Curd Syllabub			♥
Baked Treacle Tart <i>Cream or custard</i>			♥
Assiette of Chocolate Desserts <i>Chocolate mousse, chocolate torte & chocolate brownie</i>			♥
FOURTH COURSE			
Cheese Platter <i>Mature Cheddar, goats' cheese, Dorset Blue Vinny</i>		♥	♥
Cheeseboard <i>Our Chef's selection of local premium cheeses</i>			♥

CANAPÉS

3 for £7.50 / 5 for £10

Prawn Cocktail Shots
Chicken Caesar Salad Shots
Mini Cheddar Rarebit
Mini Cone of Blanchbait
Mini Fish & Chips
Mini Ham Hock & Cheddar Toasts
Homemade Mackerel Pâté Toasts
Duck Pâté Toasts
Cured Ham & Fig Parcel

Ratatouille Toasts
Goat's Cheese Toasts
Tartlet of Salmon Tartare
Tartlet of Coronation Chicken
Mini Yorkshire, Rare Roast Beef & Horseradish
Mini Scone, Strawberry Jam & Cream
Chocolate Brownie Finger
A Selection of Strawberries dipped in Milk & White Chocolate

BUFFET OPTIONS...

Cold £17.50

FORK BUFFET

Hand Carved Turkey
Honey Roast Ham
Stilton & Broccoli Quiche
(Speak to our events co-ordinator for further options)

**Served with a choice of salads and hot sides,
select 2 choices plus a pudding:**

SALADS

Mixed Salad
Tomato & Red Onion Salad
Spicy Couscous Salad
Coleslaw
Potato Salad
Goat's Cheese Salad

HOT SIDES

Rice
New Potatoes
Buttered Carrots & Onions
Mash
Fries
Beef Dripping Roast Potatoes

DESSERTS

Luxury Chocolate Gateaux
Scone, Jam & Cream
Fruit Salad & Cream
Muffins
Large Filled Danish

EVENING FINGER BUFFET

£10.50 3 choices, £12.50 5 choices, £14.50 7 choices

Selection of freshly made sandwiches
on white & wholemeal bread

And your choice from below:

Cocktail Sausage Rolls
Honey & Mustard Glazed Cocktail Sausages
Wholetail Scampi & Tartare Sauce
Handmade Potato Wedges with BBQ sauce
Vegetable Samosas with a sweet chilli dipping sauce
Onion Bhajhis with a yoghurt, cucumber and garlic dip

Vegetable Spring Rolls with sweet chilli dipping sauce
BBQ Glazed Buffalo Chicken Wings with sour cream
& herb dip
Goats Cheese & Grilled Vegetable Flatbread
Herb Chicken Flatbread
Selection of Vegetable Cruditee with houmous
& garlic mayo

*Options such as hot fork buffet, bacon butties and BBQ
available on request.*

CHECKLIST...

KEEP YOURSELF ORGANISED

12-18 Months

- Compile your guest list
- Book church/registrar
- Book venue & bedrooms
- Send 'Save the Date' cards
- Choose your bridesmaids/ushers/best man
- Find your perfect bridal gown
- Book photographer
- Book entertainment for drinks reception & evening reception
- Book wedding car(s)
- Start planning your honeymoon

6-12 Months

- Select bridesmaid dresses
- Arrange suit hire for groomsman
- Order the wedding cake
- Order stationery, including invitations
- Meet with hotel florist to discuss table flowers/arrangements
- Order favours
- Book chair covers/room dressing
- Book hairdresser & make up artist

6 Months

- Compile your wedding gift list
- Send out wedding invites (*remember to ask about dietary requirements*)
- Select your wedding rings
- Shopping for mother of the bride & mother of the groom outfits
- Plan hen & stag dos

3 Months

- Your wedding planner will be in contact to arrange a final detail appointment
- Look at wedding menus and make your selections
- Send out evening invites
- Finalise all other stationery
- Choose presents for bridesmaids & best man
- Hold hen & stag parties
- Apply for new passport in married name

6 weeks

- Ensure all RSVPs are back & you have final numbers
- Plan your table layout
- Final detail appointment with your wedding planner to discuss arrangements for the big day!

TRADITIONS...

WEDDING CUSTOMS AND SUPERSTITIONS

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue and a Silver Sixpence in her Shoe

This rhyme originated in Victorian times. 'Something Old' signifies that the couple's friends will stay with them. In one version of the tradition the 'Something Old' was an old garter which was given to the bride by a happily married woman so that the new bride would also enjoy a happy marriage. 'Something New' looks to the future for health, happiness and success.

'Something Borrowed' is an opportunity for the Bride's family to give her something as a token of their love (it must be returned to ensure good luck), and 'Something Blue' is thought lucky because blue represents fidelity and constancy. The custom began in ancient Israel where brides wore a blue ribbon in their hair to symbolise their fidelity. A sixpence was placed in the shoe to bring the couple wealth in their married life. Some brides still place a penny in their shoe during the marriage ceremony.

Flower Power

Flowers have always featured strongly at weddings. The Groom is supposed to wear a flower that appears in the Bridal Bouquet in his button-hole. This stems from the Medieval tradition of a Knight wearing his Lady's colours, as a declaration of his love.

Each flower has its own meaning and can display a special message. Orange Blossom, for instance, signifies chastity, purity and loveliness, while red chrysanthemums mean "I love you".

The Bouquet Toss

The Bouquet toss is rumoured to date back to the 14th Century. Guests desired to take home some of the bride's luck so they would attempt to tear the dress. Naturally the brides did not welcome this and the bouquet toss created an inviting distraction.

Dressing Up

Many brides today choose to marry in white, which symbolises maidenhood. This tradition was started by rich families in the sixteenth century and was given a boost by Queen Victoria who chose to marry in white, rather than silver, which was the traditional colour of Royal brides. Prior to this time, brides simply wore their best dress and the colour was a matter of preference.

The Veil

Historically, brides have been thought of as particularly vulnerable to evil spirits and many of the customs and traditions associated with weddings are to provide protection. The veil was originally worn by Roman brides. It was thought that it would disguise the bride and therefore outwit malevolent spirits.

The veil became popular in Britain in the nineteenth century. In this country it is associated with modesty and chastity.

The Wedding Cake

Cutting the wedding cake is now a traditional part of the wedding celebrations. The couple make the first cut together to symbolise their shared future.

In Britain, early cakes were flat and round and contained fruit and nuts which symbolise fertility.

An old English custom was to place a ring in the wedding cake. The guest who found the ring in his or her piece of cake would be ensured happiness for the next year.

The top tier of the cake is often kept by couples for the christening of their first child.

DUTIES...

LET YOUR PARTY KNOW WHAT TO DO

Best Man's Duties

- Arrange a stag night.
- Assist with clothing hire and arrange collection and return.
- Liaise with the ushers, ensure they know about any clothing they need to provide.
- Attend the wedding rehearsal.
- Organise, oversee and brief the ushers.
- Stay with the groom on the eve of the wedding.
- Organise umbrellas in wet weather.
- Accompany the groom to the ceremony at least 45 minutes before it is due to start.
- Look after the wedding ring(s).
- Escort the chief bridesmaid to the reception.
- Join the reception receiving line to welcome guests (if he is family).
- Take charge of the gift display and arrange delivery following the wedding.
- Act as Master of Ceremonies if there is no official Toastmaster.
- Make a speech and read telegrams, emails and cards.

Chief Bridesmaid's Duties

- Attend wedding dress fittings and know how to assist the bride with her dress on the day.
- Help choose the bridesmaids' outfits and ensure they know about anything they need to organise/purchase themselves.
- Rally the adult bridesmaids and keep them informed of their duties.
- Organise a fabulous hen party.
- Collect any hired outfits and accessories and return after the wedding.
- Attend the rehearsal.

Be with the bride on the morning of the wedding and help her dress.

Meet the bride at the ceremony and arrange her dress and veil.

Oversee the bridesmaids, flower-girls and pageboys.

Take the bride's bouquet during the ceremony.

Join the reception receiving line to welcome guests (if she is family).

Take to the dance floor at the earliest possible opportunity!

Ushers' Duties

- Help best man organise the Stag Night.
- Ensure correct clothing on the day (including anything you are providing yourself).
- Collect hire suit (liaise with best man).
- Agree where you are returning it to and when.
- Arrive at the ceremony at least 45 minutes before it is due to start for photographs and briefing.
- Understand your duties in seating guests.
- Have an umbrella at hand if raining.
- Distribute buttonholes, corsages and orders of service.
- Ensure guests all have transport and directions to the reception.
- Clear away orders of service after the ceremony.
- Check for items left behind at the ceremony and take to the reception venue.
- Escort bridesmaids to the reception.
- Take gifts from guests and place in designated gift area.
- Hit the dance floor with enthusiasm and invite singletons to dance.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS...

FLORISTS

Sweetpea

www.sweetpeablandford.co.uk

Florabunda

Tel: 01258 451824

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Lionel Mumford

www.lionelmumford.com

Louise Emily Photography

www.louiseemilyphotography.com

Pictures of You

www.pictures-of-you.co.uk

DRESSES & SUITS

Courtyard Bridal

Tel: 01202 625494

www.courtyardbridal.co.uk

Ragtags

Tel: 01258 455707

www.ragtags.co.uk

CAKES

Bethellbridge Bakery

www.bethellbridge.co.uk

ENTERTAINMENT

Bigman Entertainments

darren@bigmanentertainments.co.uk

Pegasus Discos

www.pegasusdisco.co.uk

BEAUTY

Blandford Health and Beauty

Tel: 01258 450545

www.blandfordbeauty.co.uk

Beauty Workshop (includes hair)

Tel: 01258 480319

www.thebeautyworkshop.co.uk

JEWELLERY

Horrocks and Webb - Jewellery

Tel: 01258 452618

www.horrocksandwebb.co.uk

VENUE DECORATION

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TRANSPORT

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