

# Type in *Motion*

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## Tips

Engage in a dialogue with your viewers  
Animate letters to form words, words to form phrases  
Keep transitions consistent  
Keep placement consistent  
Type that is closer moves faster, type that is further away moves more slowly  
The duration of a piece should allow enough time for reading to occur  
Use type creatively (see treatment ideas below)

## Treatments

1. Tracking tightly
2. Tracking l o o s e l y
3. Vary your tracking to create rhythm
4. Tight leading
5. Loose leading
6. Slant and tilt
7. Change the opacity
8. Contrast size
9. Contrast weight
10. Distort – pull, push, blur
11. Manipulate your type: Elaboration or Subtraction
12. Utilize outlines
13. Baseline shift
14. Use type as a texture
15. Play with layering

## Animation Principles

Keep these in mind when bringing type to life:

Staging  
Pose-to-pose and straight ahead  
Secondary Action  
Exaggeration  
Timing  
Arcs

Personality  
Squash & Stretch  
Ease in and out  
Appeal  
Follow through and overlapping action  
Anticipation

## Further Exploration

[designinmotion.com](http://designinmotion.com) (motion graphic industry news)

### *Firms:*

Imaginary Forces ([imaginaryforces.com](http://imaginaryforces.com))  
Big Film Design ([bigfilmdesign.com](http://bigfilmdesign.com))  
Brand New School ([www.brandnewschool.com](http://www.brandnewschool.com))

### *Title Designers:*

Pablo Ferro, Saul Bass, Kyle Cooper

### *Books:*

Moving Type: Designing for Time and Space - *Matt Woolman, Jeff Bellantoni*  
Type In Motion: Innovations in Digital Graphics - *Matt Woolman, Jeff Bellantoni*