

SEO Performance Checklist

SVG Pattern SEO, Core Web Vitals & Performance

About This Document

This reference accompanies the article: SVG Pattern SEO, Core Web Vitals & Performance

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Article Summary

How SVG background patterns affect Google's Core Web Vitals LCP, CLS, FID and how to optimise for search ranking.

Render-Blocking CSS

CSS with large data URIs can become a render-blocking resource. A stylesheet containing 60KB of base64-encoded patterns blocks the initial render until fully downloaded. Solution: split your pattern CSS into a separate non-critical stylesheet loaded with `<link rel="preload" as="style">` and `onload`. Or use `@layer` to deprioritize pattern styles.

Pattern CSS in Critical Path

For above-the-fold patterns, inline the essential CSS in a `<style>` tag in the HTML head. This eliminates the network round-trip for the critical pattern. Below-the-fold patterns can load via a deferred stylesheet. This split dramatically improves First Contentful Paint (FCP) on slow connections.

Paint Worklets: CSS Houdini Patterns

CSS Houdini's Paint API allows JavaScript-defined custom paint functions to be used as CSS background-image values. Unlike data URI SVG, Houdini paint worklets are GPU-accelerated natively and can be parameterized with CSS properties. Browser support is Chrome-only as of 2026, but the API is perfect for complex animated patterns that SVG can't efficiently describe.

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