

AFM Clip Use Obligations For Producers of Television Films

The following is a brief overview of the AFM clip-use obligations for producers of television films, which include dramatic series, sitcoms, movies of the week and documentaries.

Source of clip:

Phonograph record: Producer is obligated to pay for the use of phonographs in television films. A discount may be available under certain conditions. For more information, contact:

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Phono-to-Film New Use Department
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TV Film: Flat rates by length and type of clip (no pension).

Film-to-Film Clip Rates	One minute or less	Each additional 30 seconds or portion thereof
Production number with accompanying footage	\$1,500	\$750
Music sound track without accompanying footage	\$1,500	\$750
Non-production number music sound track with accompanying footage	\$750	\$375

Important: Music from a single source used without its original accompanying footage is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes for the entire program. For example, the use of five 30-second audio-only clips taken from a single movie would exceed the 2-minute cap.

Theatrical Motion Picture:

See TV Film.

Videotape Program: Rates are per musician regardless of the length of the clip.

Release Date	2/15/98 to 2/13/99	2/14/99 to 2/12/00	2/13/00 to 2/17/01	2/18/01 to 2/16/02	2/17/02 to 2/15/03	2/16/03 to 2/14/04	2/15/04 to 2/15/05
Basic Scale	\$217.26	\$223.78	230.49	\$237.40	\$237.40	\$243.07	\$251.86
Low Budget*	\$146.10	\$150.48	\$154.99	\$159.64	\$164.43	\$169.36	\$174.44

* The Low Budget scale is available only if you scored your new television film under the AFM Low Budget provisions for television films. Producers are encouraged to save money on clips by having their scoring done by AFM musicians under the Low Budget provisions.

Leaders, arrangers and orchestrators are paid double scale. Side-musicians, librarians and copyists are paid single scale. Doubling is extra. Pension = 10% of scale.

TV Commercial: See Videotape Program.

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