

AFM Clip Use Obligations For Producers of Videotape Programs

The following is a brief overview of the AFM clip-use obligations for producers of videotape programs on network and syndicated television. Because of the complexity of pricing for clips in videotape programs, and the possibility that your program might qualify as a compilation, please contact the Compilation Department regarding your specific clip usage.

Source of clip:

Phonograph record: There is no AFM obligation for the use of phonograph records in videotape programs except in the case of open tracks (where a phonograph recording has been altered, such as removing the vocal track so an artist can sing over the music).

Contact the AFM to be sure your program qualifies by AFM standards as a videotape program. If not, you may have significant AFM obligations for phonograph use.

TV Film: Flat rates by length and type of clip (no pension).

Film-to-Videotape 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: 50% of air rate per excerpt, capped at 2-hour rate.*

Complete Production Numbers: Minimum guarantee, capped at 2-hour rate.*

* When used in a local program, the rates are ½ the rates listed above.

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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