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AI PRODUCT SYSTEM CARD

Figma Design - Check Designs

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PRODUCT STATUS	AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMER TIERS	WHAT IT DOES
Generally available	Organization and Enterprise plans	Check Designs finds inconsistencies between selected work and a connected design system, ranks existing variables and styles as replacements, and checks supported color contrast against WCAG standards.

About this document

An AI feature is more than the model behind it. How well it works for you depends on the people using it and the tasks they use it for. This system card explains how Check Designs works, best practices for performance, and how your data is used. This document is for information only. It is not a contract, a warranty, or legal advice.

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1 Overview at a glance

This table summarizes how Check Designs works, who can use it, and the controls that apply.

What it does	Finds design system inconsistencies, ranks existing tokens as replacements, and checks supported color contrast.
Who it is for	People with edit access to Figma Design files on Organization and Enterprise plans.
Where it appears	In the Figma Design editor, including the right click menu, Ready for Dev surfaces, and the Actions menu.
Availability	Generally available on Organization and Enterprise plans.
Model selection	Configured by Figma. There is no model picker.
Data processing and storage	Figma stores customer content in the United States. The core feature uses no external model provider.
Training on your content	Model providers never train on your data. Figma trains the reranker on derived usage signals, not raw customer content. The account content training setting does not govern this path.
Content moderation	The core feature processes structured design properties rather than free-form content. Figma's acceptable use policy still applies.
Human oversight	Human in the loop. You review and choose every change.
FigGov Experience	Available
Gov+ Experience	Available on eligible Enterprise accounts.
EDU Experience	Not available.

2 What it does and how it works

2.1 Description

Check Designs compares selected layers with the variables, styles, and components in your connected design system libraries. It finds hard coded colors, text styles, corner radius, spacing, and padding, along with detached components and library mismatches. It also checks supported color contrast against the WCAG level you select.

The feature groups findings into Colors, Dimensions, Typography, and Components. You can preview a suggested change on the canvas, trace it to its source token and library, choose a different value, apply selected changes, or undo them.

2.2 What the AI generates or predicts

The model predicts which existing design system token best replaces a hard coded value and ranks the eligible candidates. It returns suggested bindings to your existing variables and styles, color contrast suggestions for supported text fills at the selected WCAG level, and findings for component or library mismatches. It does not generate new text, images, audio, video, or code.

2.3 How it works with other Figma products

Check Designs runs in the Figma Design editor and works from the layers you select and the libraries connected to that file. Figma Agent can open the workflow. The core checker receives selected canvas data rather than the Agent prompt. Direct use is outside the account AI Features toggle and does not consume AI credits. An invocation through Figma Agent consumes credits under that feature. Sections 6.2 and 8.2 describe file access and feature controls.

3 Models and providers

3.1 Models and where they run

Check Designs combines deterministic checks with a Figma machine learning reranker. The reranker is an XGBoost learning to rank model that scores numeric similarity, usage, and context signals. It ranks existing design system candidates and does not generate content.

MODEL AND DEVELOPER	ROLE IN THIS FEATURE	WHERE IT RUNS
Variable Reranker, Figma	Ranks existing variables and styles for each finding by relevance.	AWS SageMaker in Figma's AWS environment.

3.2 Can I select the models?

No. Figma configures the single reranker and there is no model picker. The core feature does not use a separate content moderation model.

3.3 What the providers do with your content

The core Check Designs checker and reranker use no external model provider. Selected design properties and candidate tokens stay within Figma for this processing. No provider trains on or retains this content because there is no provider transfer.

3.4 How a model change reaches you

Figma manages changes to the reranker through its model change process. Before release, Figma checks structured output validation, endpoint health, latency, and error rates against agreed thresholds. A failure in a safety or core reliability check blocks release.

4 Intended use

4.1 Primary intended users

Check Designs is for designers and other people with edit access to Figma Design files on Organization and Enterprise plans. It supports design system review during file creation and before developer handoff.

4.2 Primary intended uses

- Find hard coded design properties and suggest existing variables or styles that can replace them.
- Identify detached components and assets that come from incorrect or unsubscribed libraries.
- Check supported text and background colors against the selected WCAG conformance level.

4.3 Where it works best

- Your team has a published design system that uses variables.
- Variables are scoped precisely and raw primitives are hidden from ordinary selection.
- The relevant libraries are connected and the selection is on one page with no more than 25,000 layers.

5 Limitations

5.1 Known limitations

- Check Designs works on one page at a time and cannot check a selection larger than 25,000 layers.
- It cannot swap one color style for another, although it can bind a hard coded color to a variable.
- Suggestions are ranked recommendations rather than guaranteed corrections, so the feature can flag a deliberate exception and you must review every change.

5.2 Factors that affect output quality

- The completeness and consistency of the design system available to the file.
- Variable scope, naming, hierarchy, and whether raw primitives are exposed as choices.

– Similarity to the current value and usage patterns within the file, team, and organization.

5.3 Best practices for performance

– Preview each suggestion and trace it to its token and source library before you apply it.

– Choose a different value when the highest ranked suggestion does not match the design intent.

– Rerun the check after the file changes, and use the standard undo command to reverse an applied change.

6 Your data and privacy

6.1 Data that is Processed

DATA	WHAT IT INCLUDES
Selected design properties	Colors, text styles, dimensions, component instances, and current bindings.
Connected design system assets	Variables, styles, components, and source libraries that are eligible for a suggestion.
Ranking signals	Numeric similarity, usage frequency, publication order, and design context used to rank eligible candidates.
Operational metadata	Request and file context needed to run the check and return findings to the correct file.

6.2 Who at Figma can access your data

Access follows the permissions set in your Figma organization, and Figma confirms your identity and your permission to act on the target file before a build runs.

Figma tightly restricts internal access to customer data on a least-privilege basis, granting it only to employees whose roles require it and only for the specific data needed.

6.3 Who at our model providers can access your content

Your prompt and data is shared with model providers solely so that they can process your request and return the requested output. Provider staff cannot access this content. Every provider operates under zero data retention or an equivalent no-logging configuration, and nothing is retained once your request has been served. No third party is permitted to train on your content.

6.4 Where your data is stored

Figma and the model providers handle processing and storage separately, so each has its own subsection below.

6.4.1 Where Figma stores your content

Figma stores your content in the United States.

6.4.2 Where the model providers store your content

Not applicable. No model provider that powers this feature stores your data at rest.

6.5 Retention and deletion

6.5.1 What is retained

WHAT IS RETAINED	PURPOSE	RETENTION PERIOD
Your files, including prompts and generated content	Your work product, stored as customer content	For the life of the account or until deletion
Usage and telemetry events, and metering aggregates	AI billing	For the life of the account
Operational telemetry and error context	Debugging and incident response	For the life of the account

6.5.2 Deleting your data

You can request deletion of stored feature data through Figma's standard deletion process. Figma's deletion pipeline removes data from its analytics and training systems, and customer content in file storage is deleted on account deletion. There is no provider side data to delete because the core feature sends nothing to an external model provider.

6.6 Training on your content

6.6.1 Whether the model providers train on your content

Providers never train on your data. There is no separate opt-out for provider training, because your content is already excluded by contract and by the no-retention configuration Figma runs on every provider.

6.6.2 Whether Figma trains on your content

Whether Figma uses your content to improve its own AI is governed by an account-level content training setting that an administrator manages. This setting is independent of the control that turns AI on or off. On Starter and Professional, the team-level setting is on by default and an administrator can turn it off. On Organization and Enterprise, content training is disabled and cannot be turned on. Content from Figma for Government and education accounts is never used for training, regardless of the setting.

6.7 Sensitive and confidential data

Check Designs processes design properties and design system assets from your files. It does not require demographic or other sensitive personal data, but the selected properties and connected assets are customer content. Apply your policies for confidential and regulated content when deciding which files and libraries to use.

7 Content moderation

7.1 What is screened

Check Designs processes structured design properties and returns structured findings and ranked token suggestions. The core feature does not accept free-form prompts or generate free-form output, so it does not run a separate content screening pipeline. When Figma Agent opens the workflow, the core checker receives the canvas selection and structured metadata rather than the prompt text.

7.2 What is blocked

Figma's acceptable use policy applies to use of the platform. Examples of prohibited content include the following.

- Child sexual abuse material, including any depiction, simulation, or facilitation of sexual content involving minors.
- Pornographic or graphic sexual content involving adults.
- Harassment, hate, dehumanization, and credible threats of violence toward individuals or protected classes.
- Step-by-step instructions for committing crimes.
- Instructions for building weapons or explosives, or for synthesizing controlled substances.
- Malicious code, exploits, backdoors, and instructions enabling unauthorized access or system abuse.
- Encouragement or instruction of self-harm or suicide.

These are platform policy examples. The core Check Designs feature does not perform category based screening because it operates on structured design properties and does not generate free-form content.

7.3 What happens when content is blocked

Unsupported operations and selection limits appear as product states. A request that cannot return valid ranked candidates produces no ranked suggestions. The core feature does not reject content by policy category.

7.4 Whether moderation can be edited or configured

The core feature has no content moderation setting. You can choose libraries, turn contrast evaluation on or off, and select WCAG Level AA or AAA. These controls affect design recommendations and accessibility checks, not policy enforcement.

8 Safeguards and security

8.1 Security controls

- The feature runs for signed in people with file edit access and the required plan entitlement.
- Data at rest is encrypted, and keys are managed in a dedicated key management service.
- Data in transit is encrypted with Transport Layer Security, and no core inference data leaves Figma for an external model provider.
- Internal service credentials are held in an approved secrets service, separately from encrypted data.
- Backend permission checks, access logs, quotas, throttling, and a 25,000 layer selection limit protect the service.
- Outputs are constrained to existing design system assets and supported color values, rather than open ended content.

8.2 Administrator controls

- File permissions determine who can run Check Designs on a file.
- The account AI Features toggle does not disable direct use of Check Designs.
- Figma can disable the feature at the product level when required.
- Teams can choose which connected libraries are in scope and whether supported contrast checks use WCAG Level AA or AAA.

9 Performance, evaluation, and fairness

9.1 How we evaluate this feature

Figma checks structured output validation, endpoint health, latency, and error rates before a release. In production, Figma monitors latency and error rates against recent baselines and investigates sustained regressions. The owning team triages issues according to customer impact and can disable the feature when a core reliability check fails.

9.2 What we measure

METRIC	WHAT IT MEASURES	WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU
Suggestion latency	How long the feature takes to return findings and ranked candidates.	A sustained increase can indicate a service regression before a request fails.

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Endpoint error rate	How often the ranking endpoints fail to return a valid response.	A rise can reduce the availability or completeness of suggestions.
Structured output validation	Whether results map to valid existing assets and supported color values.	Prevents fabricated or malformed suggestions from reaching the file.

Figma sets internal baselines for these measures and reviews the feature when a baseline is crossed.

9.3 Fairness and bias

9.3.1 What Figma reviewed

Figma reviewed whether demographic fairness testing fits this model. The model ranks design system tokens within customer files and does not use demographic data or common demographic proxies. No quantitative demographic bias evaluation is documented, while the accessibility checker applies the selected WCAG contrast threshold to supported text fills.

9.3.2 What the model providers reviewed

Figma builds and hosts the only model used by the core Check Designs feature. Section 9.3.1 therefore describes the relevant fairness review for that model.

9.3.3 Known differences in performance

Core behavior is largely independent of natural language because it operates on design properties. Variable and library names can use any language, and text similarity is one ranking signal. Figma is not aware of lower performance for a demographic group or geographic region.

9.4 Evaluate it for your own use

Performance depends on the design systems and files where you use the feature. Pilot it with your own variables, styles, libraries, and review practices before relying on it for a handoff. Preview each recommendation and trace it to the source token and library, because results can change as the design system and usage signals change.

10 Human oversight, feedback, and control

10.1 Human oversight

Check Designs keeps a human in the loop. You start every check, review each suggestion, preview the effect on the canvas, choose which changes to apply, and can undo any applied change. Nothing is applied automatically.

The feature does not make or enforce decisions about people. It ranks optional design system suggestions inside files where you already have edit access.

10.2 Reporting problems and giving feedback

- Submit feedback through the in product feedback control.
- Report a failure or concern through Figma Support or the Figma community forum.
- The owning team reviews feedback and uses it to refine the feature.

10.3 Turning the feature off

Organization and team administrators can turn off AI features at the organization or team level. The feature stays off until an administrator enables it again.

11 Transparency

11.1 How AI involvement is disclosed

Check Designs is presented as a distinct named tool that you invoke on a selection. It is not a conversational assistant or a person. Each suggestion appears with the affected layers, the proposed value, and the source token or library so you can review its basis.

11.2 How we communicate changes

Figma communicates material changes to functionality, intended use, and reliability through release notes, Help Center documentation, in-product messaging, and standard release communications.