

Database	Coverage	Currency
Art Abstracts	archaeology, architecture, art history, city planning, computer applications, computer graphics, crafts, film, folk art, graphic arts, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, museology, painting, photography, sculpture, television, textiles, video	1984-present, abstracts since 1994
Art Full Text	Advertising Art, Antiques, Archaeology, Architecture and Architectural History, Art History, Computers in Art, Crafts, Decorative Arts, Fashion Design, Folk Art, Graphic Arts, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Motion Pictures, Museology, Non-Western Art, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Television, Textiles, Video	1984 with indexing, 131 full-text journals since 1997
ARTBibliographies Modern	wide-ranging, video art, computer and electroic art, artists' books, theatre arts, conservation, crafts, ceramic and glass art, ethnic arts, mudeum design, fashion, calligraphy, illustration, painting printmaking, sculpture, photography, installation works, grafitti, body art,	1974 to the present.

Bibliography of the History of Art art of Europe and the Americas
(4th century to modern), painting,
sculpture, drawings, prints,
decorative and applied arts,
architecture and industrial
design, popular and folk art,
advertising art, antiques,
archaeology, architecture and its
history, contemporary art, city
planning, costume, crafts,
decorative arts, industrial design,
interior design, landscape
architecture, photography,
pottery, sculpture, television,
textiles, and video 1973 to present

Design and Applied Arts Index

design firms, artists, exhibitions,
competitions, history, theory,
management, education, jewelry,
vehicle, textile, furniture,
landscape, interior, theater
design, glass, metalsmithing,
ceramics, crafts, fiber arts,
graphic and multimedia design,
animation, video games, product
design, typography, and illustration 1973-present

Grove Art Online

painting, sculpture, graphic arts, architecture, decorative arts and photography - from prehistory to the present day and civilisations and cultures of Africa, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, Mongolia, China, India, the Islamic World, Japan, Korea, Europe, North America, South America, Pacific and Aboriginal Australia, Pre-Columbian America, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and the Ancient Near East.

1997 release of print version, then 1999 for online version

Content

Ease of Use

Search Options

475 sources, over 678,000 records, updates weekly-English language periodicals, yearbooks, museum collections, catalogs, conferences, interviews, film reviews and European journal titles as well

EBSCO Interface

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460 periodicals, international in scope in English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, and Dutch, daily updates, exhibition reviews, non-western art, feminist criticism, advertising art, antiques, archaeology, architecture and its history, contemporary art, city planning, costume, crafts, decorative arts, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, photography, pottery, sculpture, television, textiles, and video

somewhat awkward, no button for refining or modifying a search and no button for moving to the next or previous item in the results list

customized pull-down menu to sort results by Artist, Title, Document Type, or Journal Name, "natural language" basic and advanced functions, subject thesaurus made specifically for this database, can limit by date, physical description, and document type. Can be limited by full-text and PDF formats, or whether an article is peer-reviewed, sorted first by relevancy with full bibliographic information, subject thesaurus available for users not familiar with art terminology, provides for wildcards, approximate matches, and "intelligent" searches for homonyms, stems, and approximate matches

Search results are returned in the following format:

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Author

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Date, Pages

Article Abstract,

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browsable index (by author, journal name, publication type, subject/artist)

is an alphabetical listing of terms, keyword search with title, abstract, subject/artist field, advanced search

has drop-down menus for gallery,

subject/artist, journal name,

publication type, wildcard symbol and

proximity operators can be used,

updated monthly, journals, books, essays, exhibition catalogs, PhD dissertations, exhibition reviews, 13,000 new entries added each year, abstracts of English and foreign-language material on lesser and famous artists, movements, and trends with 350,539 records as of September 2007.

4,300 + journals - updated quarterly,
711,766 as of August 2007 records

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subject/artist, identifiers, and
classification, limit by year and other
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500 periodicals, research articles, news,
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and Africa, 5% from Asia, and 28% from the
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that is it peer-reviewed

45,000 signed articles, 21,000 biographies, 500,000 bibliographical citations, updated monthly (need for more links should be increased with updates) Bridgeman Art Library includes 100,000 images and Art Resource has 90,000 images included.

advanced search option, have to use British spelling, wildcards can be used, can search by article, full text (concept, pattern, and Boolean) and browsing, can also search art image collections, image links, biographies, bibliographies, contributors, and captions from the printed dictionary. An Explore option is also available that allows progressively refined article searches. . excellent quality

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678,000 items, indexes reproductions of art works that appear in any of the indexed collections	Help screen, standard EBSCO interface so once you know one, you have the skills for all	could not find	
links to web sites cited in the articles, library holdings feature, links to external databases, and an integrated document delivery service, uniform name control		\$4,849 for a single user at an academic institution	low percentage of full-text titles, must be backed up with strong arts journal collection, lower undergrads and above
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includes the entire contents of the Grove Dictionary of Art and the Oxford Companion to Western Art, links to museum collections online and other art web sites, searches can be saved in a "lightbox" for use later

none

2003 Library Journal "A" rating for electronic art resources, 2000 Best of the Web in a review of 260 sites, 1999 Outstanding Academic Title, 1999 one of the best 50 Best Reference Sources of the Millenium, 1999 \$3,525 for 2007-2008 Reference Books 2,500- Bulletin Editor's 4,999 FTE Choice