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## X.X Gothic

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### Gothic 10330–1034F

The Gothic script was invented in the fourth century by the Gothic bishop, Wulfila (311–383 CE), to provide his people with a written language and a means of reading his translation of the Bible. The chief manuscript is the *Codex argenteus* ‘the Silver Book’, kept at Uppsala, which is partly written in gold on purple parchment. Gothic was an East Germanic language; this branch of Germanic has died out. Wulfila appears to have used the Greek script as a source for the Gothic, as can be seen from the basic alphabetical order. Some of the character shapes, however, suggest Runic or Latin influence.

**Diacritics.** The tenth letter U+10339 𐌺 GOTHIC LETTER EIS is used with U+0308 COMBINING DIAERESIS when word-initial, when syllable-initial after a vowel, and in compounds with a verb as second member: 𐌺̈. To indicate contractions or omitted letters, U+0305 COMBINING OVERLINE is used.

**Numerals.** Gothic letters, like other early Western alphabets, can have numeric value; two of the characters have only a numeric value, and are not used alphabetically. To indicate numeric use of a letter, it is either flanked on either side by U+00B7, or it is followed by both U+0304 COMBINING MACRON and U+0331 COMBINING MACRON BELOW; so •𐌺• or 𐌺̄̅ means ‘5’

**Punctuation.** Gothic manuscripts are written in *scriptio continua*, with no space between words. Sentences and major phrases are often separated by U+0020 SPACE, U+00B7 MIDDLE DOT, or U+003A COLON.

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TABLE XX - Row 03: GOTHIC

	033	034
0	Ɑ	Ɱ
1	Ɐ	Ɒ
2	ⱱ	Ⱳ
3	ⱳ	ⱴ
4	ⱶ	ⱷ
5	ⱹ	ⱺ
6	ⱼ	ⱋ
7	ⱍ	ⱎ
8	ⱐ	ⱑ
9	ⱒ	ⱓ
A	ⱕ	ⱖ
B	ⱗ	
C	ⱙ	
D	ⱛ	
E	ⱝ	
F	ⱟ	

G = 00  
P = 01

**TABLE XX - Row 03: GOTHIC**

dec	hex	Name
000	00	GOTHIC LETTER AHSÄ
001	01	GOTHIC LETTER BAIRKAN
002	02	GOTHIC LETTER GIBA
003	03	GOTHIC LETTER DAGS
004	04	GOTHIC LETTER AIHVUS
005	05	GOTHIC LETTER QAIRTHRA
006	06	GOTHIC LETTER IUJA
007	07	GOTHIC LETTER HAGL
008	08	GOTHIC LETTER THIUTH
009	09	GOTHIC LETTER EIS
010	0A	GOTHIC LETTER KUSMA
011	0B	GOTHIC LETTER LAGUS
012	0C	GOTHIC LETTER MANNA
013	0D	GOTHIC LETTER NAUTHS
014	0E	GOTHIC LETTER JER
015	0F	GOTHIC LETTER URUS
016	10	GOTHIC LETTER PAIRTHRA
017	11	GOTHIC LETTER NINETY
018	12	GOTHIC LETTER RAIDÄ
019	13	GOTHIC LETTER SAUJL
020	14	GOTHIC LETTER TEIWS
021	15	GOTHIC LETTER WINJA
022	16	GOTHIC LETTER FAIHU
023	17	GOTHIC LETTER IGGWS
024	18	GOTHIC LETTER HWAIR
025	19	GOTHIC LETTER OTHAL
026	1A	GOTHIC LETTER NINE HUNDRED
027	1B	(This position shall not be used)
028	1C	(This position shall not be used)
029	1D	(This position shall not be used)
030	1E	(This position shall not be used)
031	1F	(This position shall not be used)

dec	hex	Name

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