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Card centering cheat sheet

The centering lines six grading companies publish, grades 10 to 5: front, then back.

A line is the most off-centre a company publishes for a grade; graders keep discretion. Corners, edges and surface count too.

GRADE	PSA	BGS	CGC	SGC	TAG	ACE
10	Front ~55/45 Back 75/25	Pristine 10 / Black Label Front 50/50 Back 55/45	Pristine Front 50/50 Gem Mint Front ~55/45 Back 75/25	Pristine Front 50/50 Gem Front 55/45	Pristine Front ~51/49 Back ~52/48 (TCG) Gem Mint Front ~55/45 Back ~65/35 (TCG)	under 60/40 (side not stated)
9.5	–	Front 55/45 Back 60/40	unpublished	unpublished	–	–
9	Front ~60/40 Back 90/10	Front 55/45 Back 70/30	Front 60/40 Back 90/10	Front 60/40	Front ~60/40 Back ~75/25 (TCG)	Front under 65/35 Back under 70/30
8.5	unpublished	unpublished	unpublished	Front 65/35	Front ~62.5/37.5 Back ~85/15 (TCG)	–
8	Front ~65/35 Back 90/10	Front 60/40 Back 80/20	Front 65/35	Front 65/35	Front ~65/35 Back ~95/5 (TCG)	Front under 70/30 Back under 75/25
7.5	unpublished	unpublished	Front 65/35	Front 70/30	Front ~67.5/32.5	–
7	Front ~70/30 Back 90/10	Front 65/35 Back 90/10	Front 70/30	Front 70/30	Front ~70/30	Front under 75/25 Back under 80/20
6	Front 80/20 Back 90/10	Front 70/30 Back 95/5	Front 75/25	Front 75/25	Front ~75/25	Front under 80/20 Back under 80/20
5	Front 85/15 Back 90/10	Front 75/25 Back 95/5	unpublished	Front 80/20	Front ~80/20	Front under 80/20 Back under 80/20

Read from each company's own standards: PSA 2026-10-28 · BGS 2026-07-14 · CGC 2026-10-28 · SGC 2026-09-17 · TAG 2026-10-28 · ACE 2026-10-28

"~" is the company's own "approximately"; "under" marks ACE's lines, which exclude the boundary ("less than" or "greater than" a split), so a card exactly on the figure does not meet them.

"unpublished": the company awards the grade but publishes no centering figure for it. "—": it has no such grade.

"(TCG)": TAG's back figures for trading-card games; its sports-card backs differ.

PSA gives a 5% leeway on its front centering minimums for cards that grade PSA 7 or better.

The TAG 6.5 and TAG 5.5 lines and every grade below 5 are on each company's standards page (slabbyprep.com/standards).

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Where does your card land?

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The cheat sheet is free; the measurement and verdict are $3 a month.