

SAMPLE — FICTIONAL CATALOG. EVERY ARTIST, TITLE AND CODE IN THIS REPORT IS INVENTED FOR DEMONSTRATION.

Catalog Health Audit — sample report

Metadata Style Guidelines · www.metadatastyleguidelines.com · generated 2026-10-21 by the same rules engine that powers the free `/checker` (21 rules).

Summary

8 tracks checked	14 errors	15 warnings	1 info	6/8 tracks with at least one error
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Errors are likely to cause a distributor or store rejection; warnings are risks or style-guide deviations; info items are advisory.

Issues by rule

RULE	WHAT IT CHECKS	SEVERITY	COUNT
ALL_CAPS	No ALL CAPS / all lowercase titles (artist stylization may be legit – verify)	warning	3
FEAT_IN_TITLE	Prefer FeaturedArtist role over featuring text in title (Deezer/MusicBiz advise role-level credit)	warning	2
ISRC_FORMAT	ISRC must be CC-XXX-YY-NNNNN (12 chars, no hyphens in delivery)	error	2
KEYWORD_STUFFING	SEO/keyword-stuffed titles (metadata gaming)	error	2
UPC_FORMAT	UPC-A (12) / EAN-13 digits with valid GS1 check digit	error	2
SHORT_DURATION	Very short track (just-over-30s spam pattern)	warning	2
AI_DISCLOSURE_MISSING	No AI-use disclosure (DDEX ContainsAI / AI credits by role)	warning	2
VERSION_PARENS	Version descriptors go in parentheses (first) / brackets (additional), not after a dash	error	2
DUPLICATE_TITLE	Duplicate track titles within release/batch (unless versioned or clean/explicit pair)	warning	2
FEAT_FORMAT	Featured credit must be lowercase 'feat.' or 'with' in parentheses/brackets	error	1
FEAT_IN_ARTIST	Primary artist field must not contain feat./with/& joins; one artist per field	error	1
FEAT_MISMATCH	Featured artist in title not present in featured_artists field (or vice versa)	warning	1
GENERIC_ARTIST	Generic / SEO-term artist names (e.g. 'Sleep Music', 'Christmas Hits')	error	1
EXPLICIT_FLAG	Explicit flag must be set (explicit/clean/not explicit)	error	1
LANGUAGE	Language should be set as ISO 639 code (zxx for instrumental)	warning	1
GENRE_MISSING	Primary genre missing	info	1
EMOJI	No emoji in metadata	error	1
EXCESS_PUNCT	Repeated/decorative punctuation (!!!, ***, ~~~)	warning	1
PROMO_TEXT	Promotional / DSP-name text in metadata	error	1
AI_SIGNAL_UNDISCLOSED	AI-tool keywords (Suno/Udio/AI) present but ai_use is none/blank	warning	1

Input (fictional batch)

#	ARTIST	FEAT.	TRACK TITLE	ISRC	UPC	EXPLICIT	LANG	AI USE	DUR.
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1	Nova Reyes	Kai Lane	Midnight Drive (feat. Kai Lane)	USRC12600001	036000291452	false	en	None	3:24
2	Nova Reyes feat. Kai Lane		Golden Hour ft. Kai Lane	US-RC1-26-00002	036000291452	false	en	None	3:05
3	Sleep Music		lofi beats to study relax sleep 2026	USRC12600003	036000291453				0:31
4	DJ Blaze		FIRE IN THE CLUB!!! 🔥🔥	USRC12600004	123456789013	yes	en	None	2:58
5	Moonfield		Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	GBABC2600005	5012345678900	clean	en	none	3:40
6	Moonfield		Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	GBABC2600006	5012345678900	clean	en	none	3:40
7	AI Dreamer		Neon Skies (Suno Version) Official	QZXYZ2600007	036000291452	false	en		0:45
8	Lana Cole		Paper Hearts (Remix) [Radio Edit]	USRC12600008	036000291452	false	en	Partly	3:11

Row-level findings and fixes

ROW	SEVERITY	RULE	FIELD	VALUE	ISSUE	SUGGESTED FIX	SOURCE
1	warning	FEAT_IN_TITLE	track_title	Midnight Drive (feat. Kai Lane)	Featuring text in title; deliver as FeaturedArtist role (DSPs append it)	Midnight Drive	musicbiz.org
2	error	FEAT_FORMAT	track_title	Golden Hour ft. Kai Lane	Non-standard featuring format	Golden Hour (feat. Kai Lane)	help.apple.com
2	error	FEAT_IN_ARTIST	artist	Nova Reyes feat. Kai Lane	Multiple/featured artists joined in primary artist field	Split into separate artist entries with correct roles	support.spotify.com
2	error	ISRC_FORMAT	isrc	US-RC1-26-00002	Deliver without hyphens/spaces/lowercase	USRC12600002	isrc.ifpi.org
2	warning	FEAT_IN_TITLE	track_title	Golden Hour ft. Kai Lane	Featuring text in title; deliver as FeaturedArtist role (DSPs append it)	Golden Hour	musicbiz.org
2	warning	FEAT_MISMATCH	featured_artists		Title credits 'Kai Lane' but featured_artists is empty	Kai Lane	help.apple.com
3	error	KEYWORD_STUFFING	track_title	lofi beats to study relax sleep 2026	7 search terms: lofi, beats, study, relax, sleep, beats to, 2026	Use the actual song title; put mood/genre in genre field	assets.ctfaassets.net
3	error	KEYWORD_STUFFING	release_title	Lofi Beats to Study Relax Sleep	6 search terms: lofi, beats, study, relax, sleep, beats to	Use the actual song title; put mood/genre in genre field	assets.ctfaassets.net
3	error	GENERIC_ARTIST	artist	Sleep Music	Generic/SEO-term artist name		support.spotify.com
3	error	UPC_FORMAT	upc	036000291453	Invalid UPC/EAN (length or check digit)		gs1.org
3	error	EXPLICIT_FLAG	explicit		Explicit flag missing/unrecognised		creatorsupport.deezer.com
3	warning	ALL_CAPS	track_title	lofi beats to study relax sleep 2026	All lowercase	Lofi Beats To Study Relax Sleep 2026	help.apple.com

3	warning	SHORT_DURATION	duration	0:31	31s < 61s		newsroom.spotify.com
3	warning	LANGUAGE	language		Missing or non-ISO language code		creatorsupport.deezer.com
3	warning	AI_DISCLOSURE_MISSING	ai_use		AI use not declared (expected None/Partly/All per DDEX ContainsAI)		service.ddex.net
3	info	GENRE_MISSING	genre		Genre missing		creatorsupport.deezer.com
4	error	EMOJI	track_title	FIRE IN THE CLUB!!! 🔥🔥	Emoji present	FIRE IN THE CLUB!!!	help.apple.com
4	error	ISRC_FORMAT	isrc	USRC1260004	Invalid ISRC syntax		isrc.ifpi.org
4	error	UPC_FORMAT	upc	123456789013	Invalid UPC/EAN (length or check digit)		gs1.org
4	warning	ALL_CAPS	track_title	FIRE IN THE CLUB!!! 🔥🔥	All caps	Fire In The Club!!! 🔥🔥	help.apple.com
4	warning	EXCESS_PUNCT	track_title	FIRE IN THE CLUB!!! 🔥🔥	Decorative/repeated punctuation	FIRE IN THE CLUB! 🔥	docs.reprtoir.com
4	warning	ALL_CAPS	release_title	FIRE IN THE CLUB	All caps	Fire In The Club	help.apple.com
5	error	VERSION_PARENS	track_title	Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	Version descriptor after dash	Summer Rain (Acoustic Version)	help.apple.com
5	warning	DUPLICATE_TITLE	track_title	Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	Duplicate title in batch (rows 5, 6)	Differentiate with version tag or remove duplicate	musicbiz.org
6	error	VERSION_PARENS	track_title	Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	Version descriptor after dash	Summer Rain (Acoustic Version)	help.apple.com
6	warning	DUPLICATE_TITLE	track_title	Summer Rain - Acoustic Version	Duplicate title in batch (rows 5, 6)	Differentiate with version tag or remove duplicate	musicbiz.org
7	error	PROMO_TEXT	track_title	Neon Skies (Suno Version) Official	Promotional text 'official'		docs.reprtoir.com
7	warning	SHORT_DURATION	duration	0:45	45s < 61s		newsroom.spotify.com
7	warning	AI_DISCLOSURE_MISSING	ai_use		AI use not declared (expected None/Partly/All per DDEX ContainsAI)		service.ddex.net
7	warning	AI_SIGNAL_UNDISCLOSED	ai_use		AI-tool keyword present but no AI disclosure	Partly or All, with AI contributor credits by role	service.ddex.net

Sources behind the rules triggered

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What a paid audit adds

This sample shows automated engine output only. A full Catalog Health Audit adds the complete findings file for your catalog, manual review of credits and work linkage, duplicate-ISRC and registration-gap reports, and a written remediation plan. Details and pricing: www.metadatastyleguidelines.com/catalog-audit

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