



Severe Thunderstorms on Friday

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Key Messages

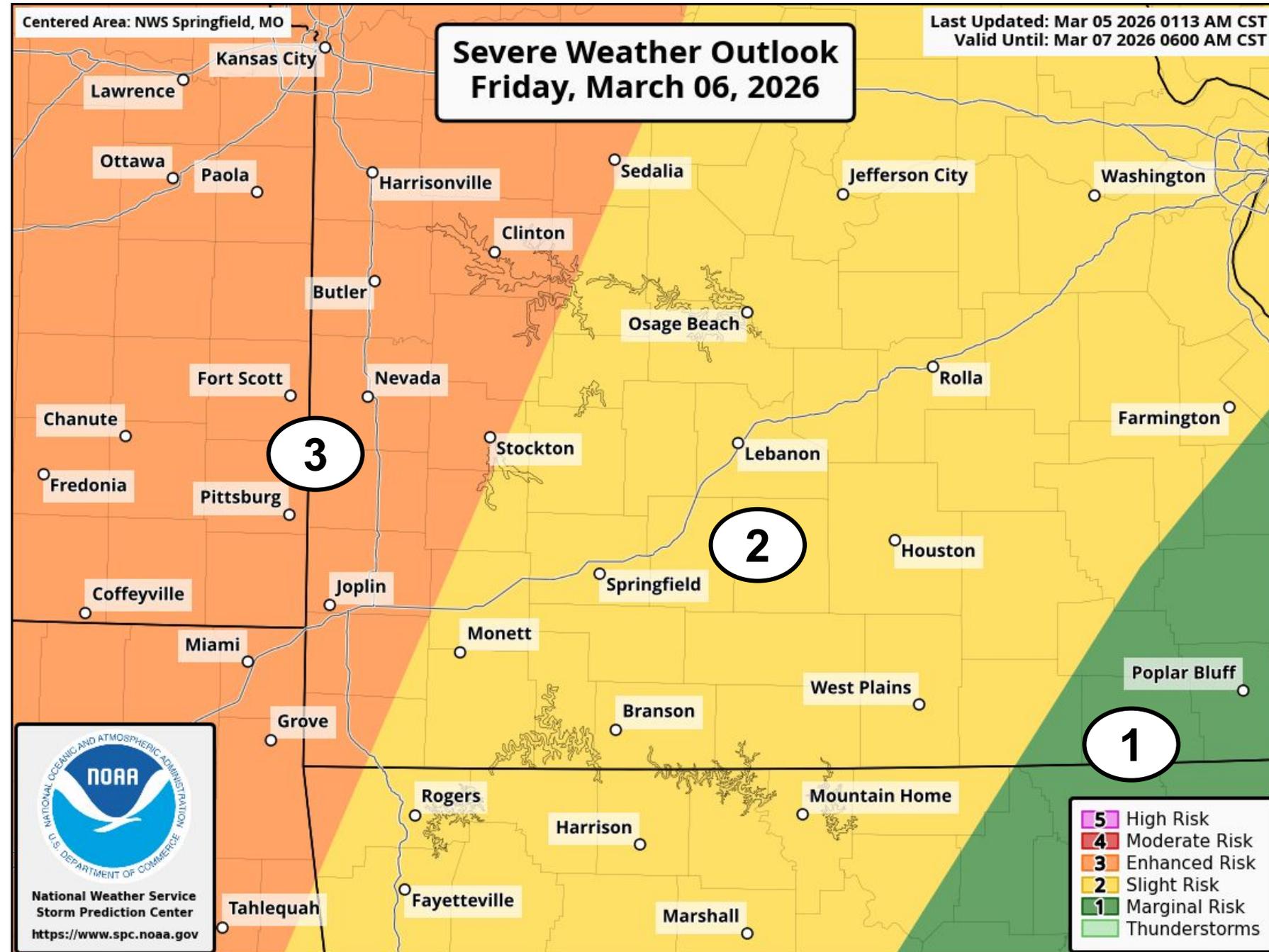
- Slight (2 of 5) to Enhanced (3 of 5) severe risk on Friday afternoon into Friday night.
- Two rounds of storms, Friday afternoon and evening west of Highway 65 and late Friday evening into the overnight hours across the entire area.
- Severe storms will be capable of producing large hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes with both rounds.

NEW Important Updates

- Slight risk has been expanded slight further east.

Next Scheduled Briefing

- By this evening.



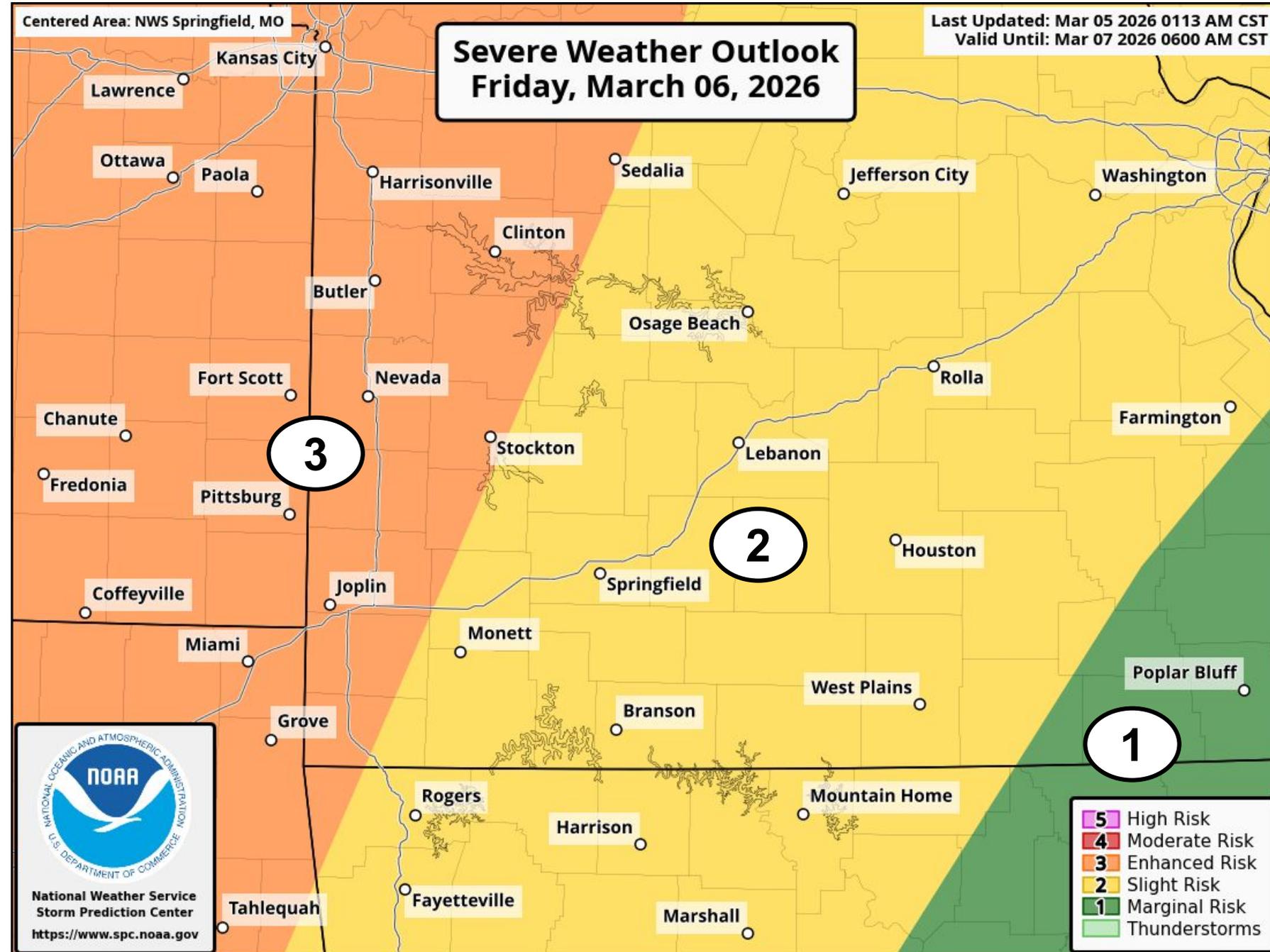


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Key Points

- Showers and thunderstorms expected on Friday afternoon into Friday night.
- Potential for several strong to severe thunderstorms. All hazards possible, including large hail to 2", 70 mph damaging wind gusts, and tornadoes.
- Early indications suggest supercell thunderstorms in the afternoon into evening, before merging into a squall line by Friday night.
- The greatest large hail and tornado risk will be west of Highway 65 with the supercells Friday afternoon/evening.
- Damaging winds then become the primary risk with an embedded tornado risk with the squall line across the entire area late Friday evening and night.



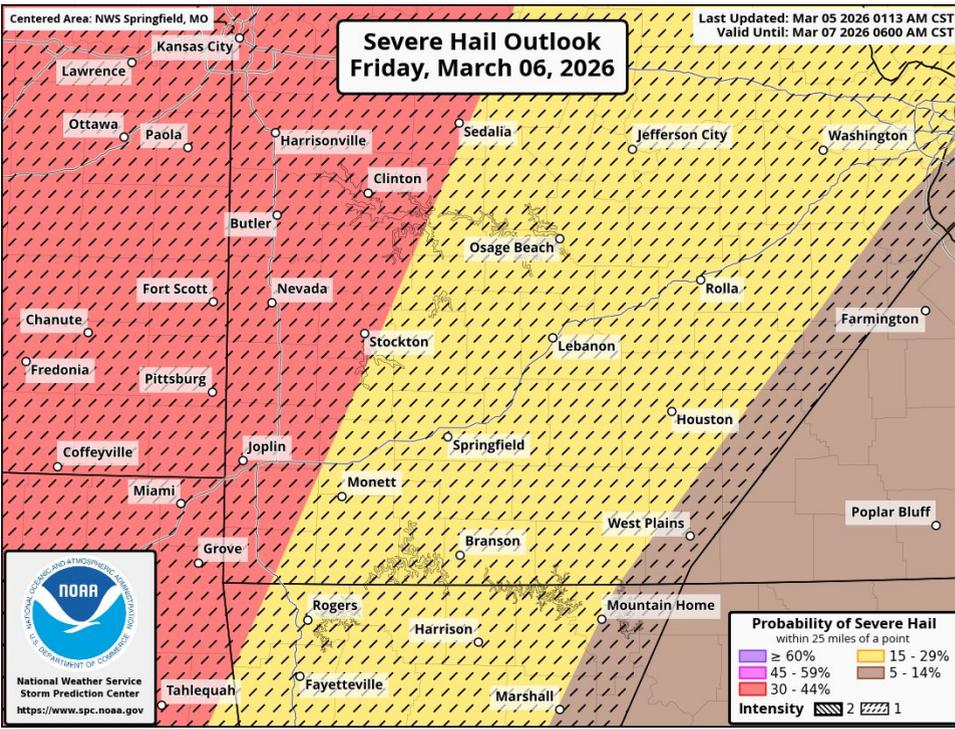


Hazard Probabilities on Friday

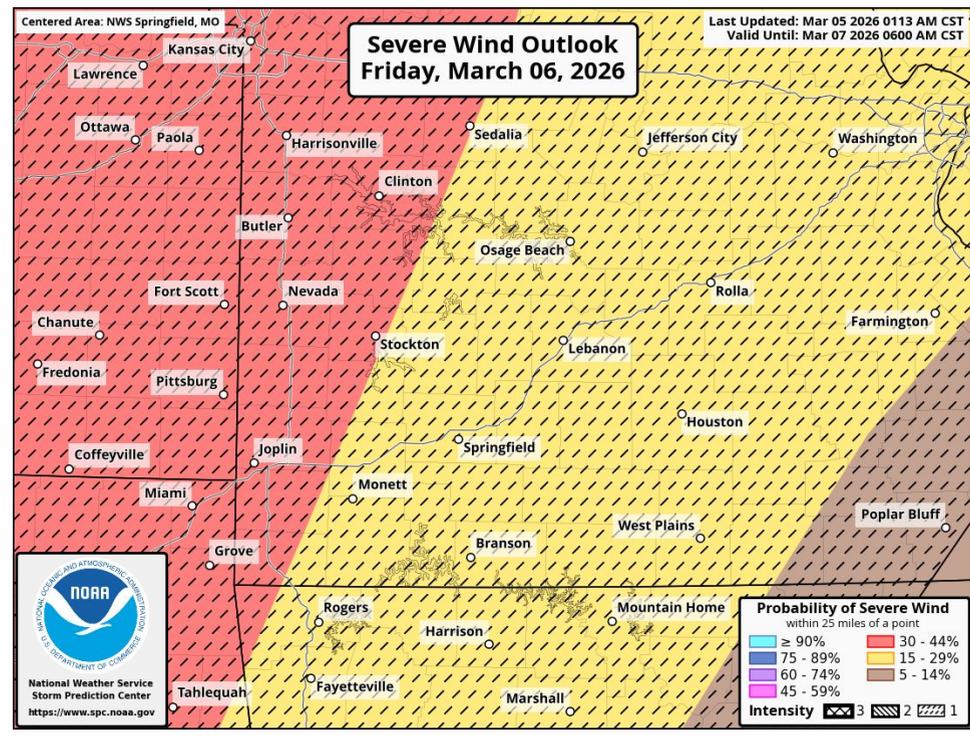
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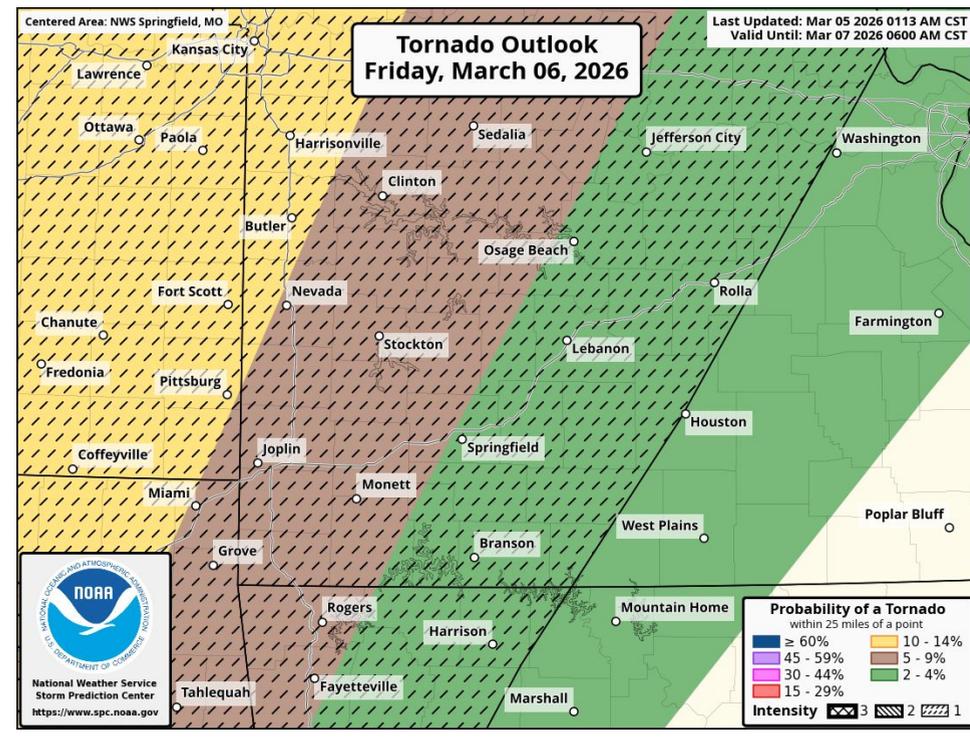
Hail Probability



Wind Probability



Tornado Probability



Pennies	Quarters	Golf Balls	Baseballs
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< 60 mph	60-70 mph	70-80 mph	>80 mph
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Very Low	Low	Moderate	High
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For Additional Information

- [NWS Springfield Webpage](#)
- [IDSS Point Forecasts](#)
- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
- [SPC Convective Outlooks](#)
- [Probabilistic QPF Experiment Webpage](#)
- [WPC Excessive Rainfall Outlooks](#)
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STORM PLANNING TIMELINE

A few days out	The day before	The day of
<p><i>If the forecast calls for severe weather in a few days, start preparing now.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Make sure that you have emergency supplies  Know your safe places  Have a family communication plan 	<p><i>The day before, forecast accuracy continues to improve.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Adjust plans  Make sure your phone can receive WEAs  Ensure your shelter is clean and accessible 	<p><i>Remain vigilant and aware of any active Watches. A Warning may be issued at a moment's notice!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Remind your family of the communication plan  Know how to evacuate and/or get to safety from wherever you are  When a Warning is issued, you may only have seconds to take action!

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