

Four CSS Features Made The 2026 List. One Is Safe To Ship.

Being picked for interop is a promise to fix something, not a sign it is fixed.

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Interop is a yearly list of web features the browser makers agree to make work the same way. Baseline is the separate label that tells you when they have.

Every year the interop list gets screenshotted and passed around as a shipping list. It is not one. Four features on this year's list look like they delete code your design system hand-rolled. Tooltip positioning, colour pairing tables, tooltip dismiss logic, page transition scripts.

I checked all four this morning. One is Baseline. Three are not, and they fail in different enough ways that one rule for all of them would be wrong.

A place on the interop list is a promise to fix something this year. It is not a report that it works.

The four, checked this morning

For each one: the code you were hoping to delete, where it actually stands, and what to do about it this quarter.



Three of these are a promise. One of them shipped.

1. `contrast-color()` is the one that is ready

What you would delete: the table where you hand-pair a text colour to every brand colour, and the audit that keeps that table honest.

Where it stands: Baseline newly available since 10 April 2026. Safari 26, Firefox 146, Chrome and Edge 147. Every core browser passes the whole test suite.

Do this: use it, and leave a plain colour declaration on the line above as the fallback. Newly available means it landed six months ago, not that everyone has updated. Two lines still beats a table.

2. popover="hint" has no Safari

What you would delete: the tooltip code that fights with your open menu.

Where it stands: Firefox shipped it on 21 July 2026 and Chrome and Edge followed a week later. Safari has not shipped it at all, so Baseline says limited.

Do this: keep your current tooltip as the floor and add the attribute as an upgrade. A tooltip that closes the menu underneath it is a bug in Safari, not a softer version of the feature.

3. Anchor positioning is the most wanted and the least ready

What you would delete: the script that positions every dropdown, tooltip and popover you own.

Where it stands: Safari 27 shipped it on 14 September 2026. Chrome and Edge pass over 95% of the test suite and Firefox about 85%. It carried over from last year's list, and 262 developers have upvoted a request for it.

Do this: keep the script. Put the CSS behind a support check and let it take the cases it handles. Deleting the fallback is the expensive mistake here, because a badly placed menu is visible on every screen.

4. Cross-document view transitions are fine to ship anyway

What you would delete: the script that fakes a transition between two pages.

Where it stands: Chrome 126 in June 2024 and Safari 18.2 that December. Firefox passes under 2% of the tests. Over two years old and still limited.

Do this: ship it. This is the one case where the gap costs nothing, because a browser without it simply loads the next page. Just never let the animation carry meaning the page needs.

The four, in one table

FEATURE	BASELINE TODAY	USE IT NOW?	THE CATCH
contrast-color()	Newly available, April 2026	Yes	Keep one fallback line above it
popover="hint"	Limited	Only as an upgrade	Safari has not shipped it
Anchor positioning	Limited	Behind a support check	Firefox is still partial
Cross-document view transitions	Limited	Yes	Firefox just loads the page

The audit

Open the file where your tokens or your tooltips live and find the oldest workaround in it.

Then ask one question. Did I keep this because a browser still needs it, or because it was already there? Check the second kind against Baseline, not against the interop list.

One of those two tells you a browser shipped something. The other tells you someone intends to.

Checked against

Read on 5 October 2026.

- Interop 2026 focus areas, web-platform-tests: anchor positioning, contrast-color(), popover="hint" and cross-document view transitions are all on this year list
- Web Platform Status, contrast-color(): Baseline newly available 10 April 2026, Safari 26, Firefox 146, Chrome and Edge 147, full test pass in every engine
- Web Platform Status, anchor positioning: Baseline limited, Safari 27 on 14 September 2026, Chrome and Edge near 97% of tests, Firefox near 85%, 262 developer upvotes
- Web Platform Status, popover="hint": Baseline limited, Firefox 153 on 21 July 2026, Chrome and Edge 151 a week later, no Safari release
- Web Platform Status, cross-document view transitions: Baseline limited, Chrome 126 in June 2024, Safari 18.2 in December 2024, Firefox under 2% of tests
- web.dev Baseline: newly available means every core browser supports it, widely available means 30 months have passed, limited means it is not across browsers yet