

HOW TO SET UP YOUR FILES FOR

FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTING

We continually strive to make the artwork submission process as simple as possible. Our pricing is based on receiving print-ready .pdf or .eps files, with one .pdf proof sent when requested. Files not meeting the following requirements may not be suitable for our production processes, and may be modified at an additional art charge. We may minimally alter files that will not meet our press requirements to maintain print quality on your finished product. Following this guide will help eliminate any delays in the production of your job.

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01 FONTS



Convert all text to outlines.



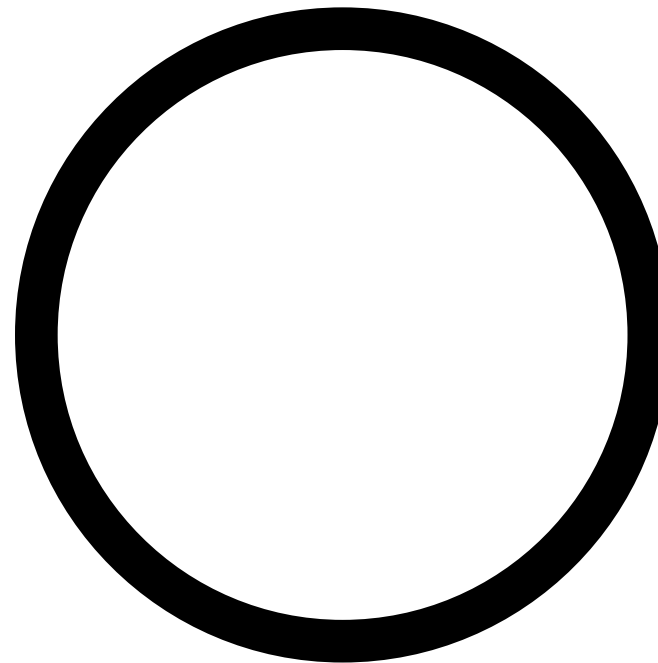
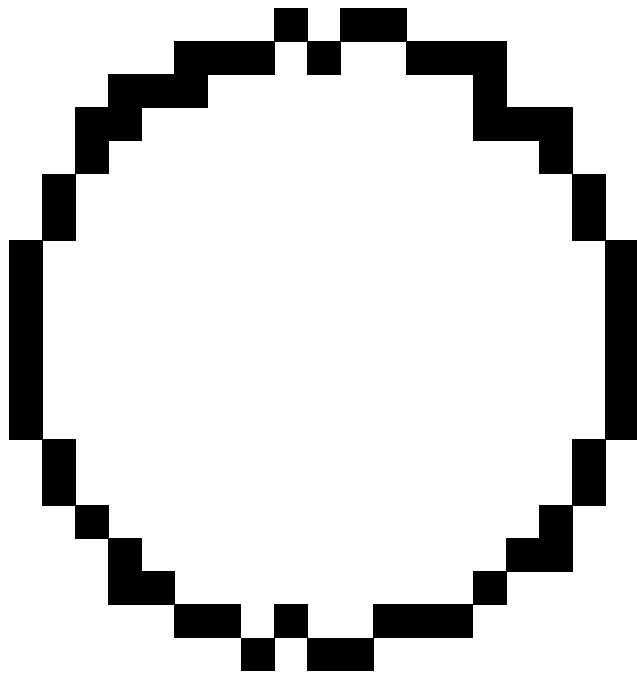
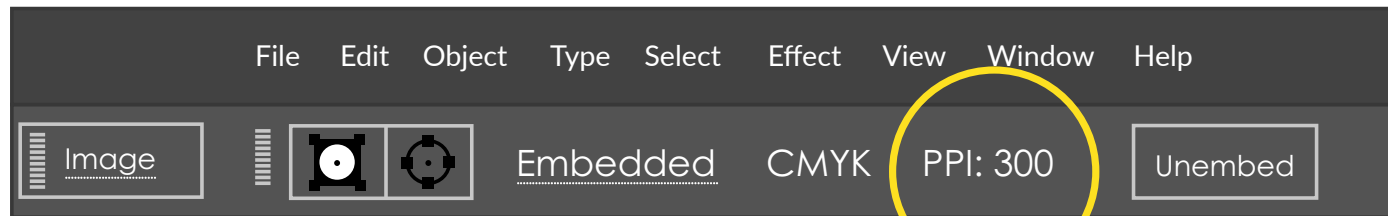
6pt

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5pt

Ensure all text is larger than 6pt for serif fonts, 6pt for reverse reading text, and 5pt for sans-serif fonts.

Embed all images. Image resolution should be a minimum of 300ppi to ensure the best print quality.



IMAGES

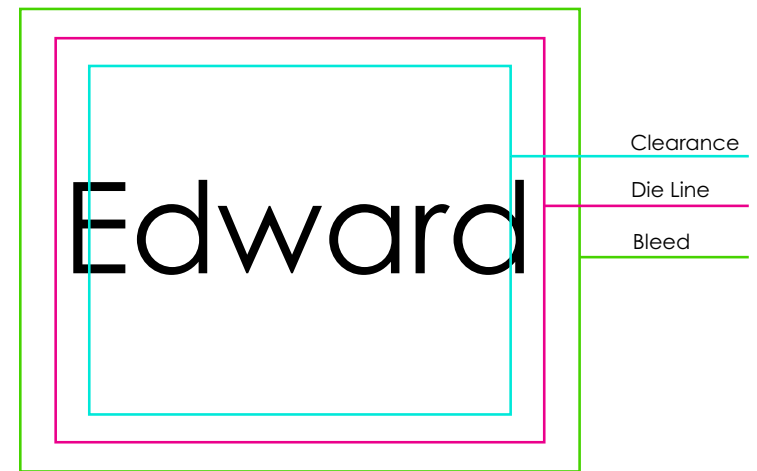
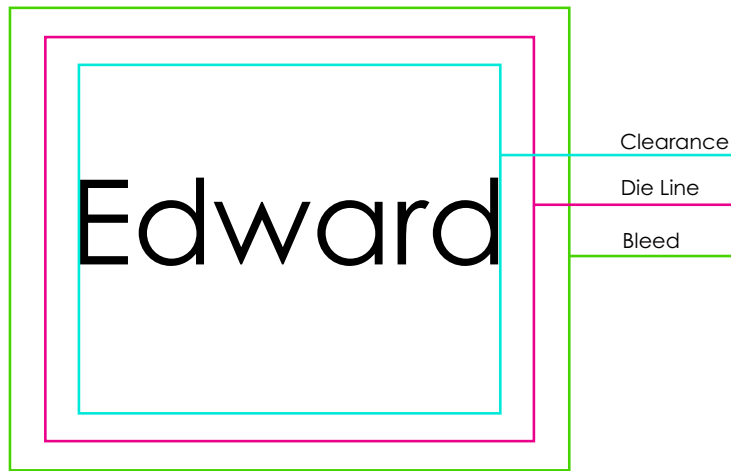
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BLEED & CLEARANCE

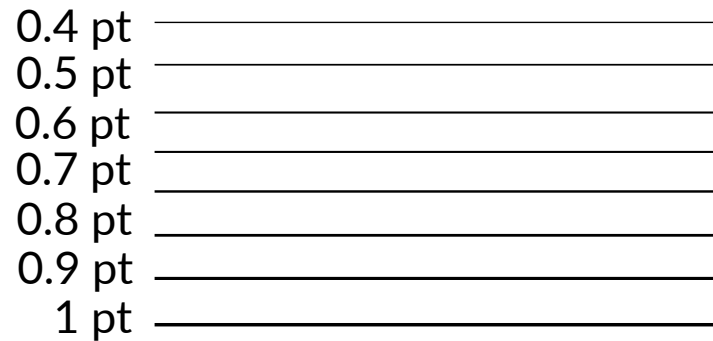
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For images meeting the die line, a 1/8" bleed outside the die line is required.

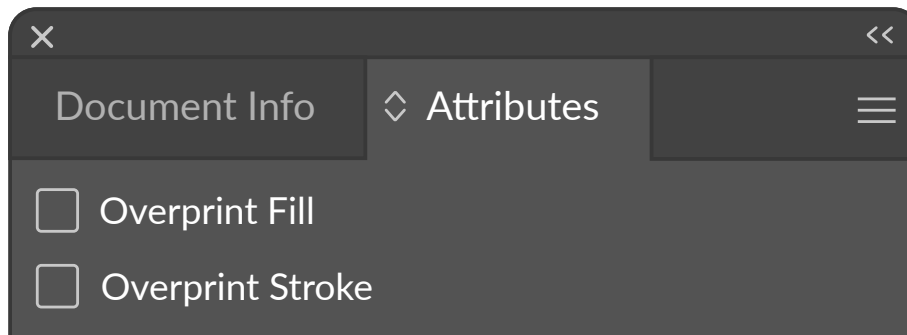
Ensure there is a minimum of 1/16" safety clearance inside the die line.



Minimum line thickness is .4pt positive, .5pt reverse when built from single colour. We do not recommend lines be reversed from multiple colours.



Trapping is applied in our prepress department to meet our press requirements. Please do not apply any trap or overprint.

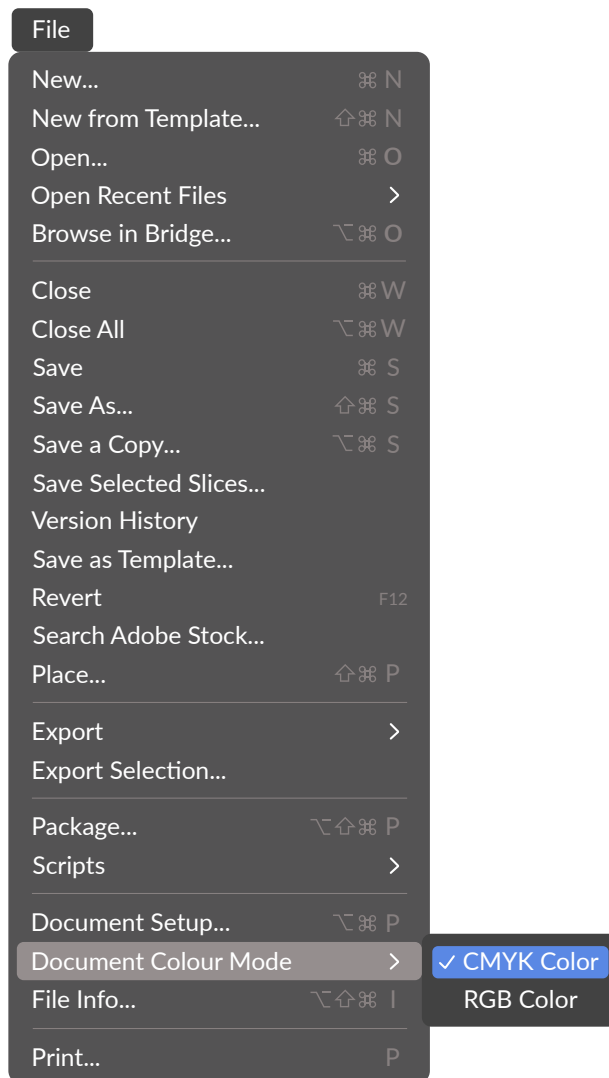


LINE & TRAPPING/ OVERPRINT

COLOUR FORMAT

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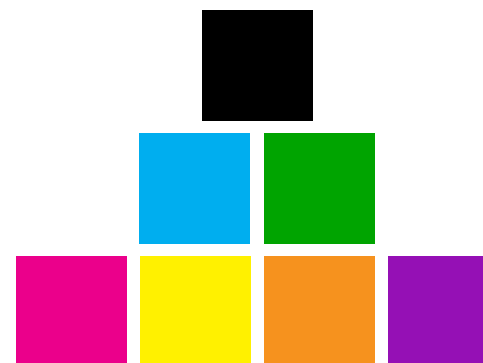
Document Colour Mode must be set to CMYK. Use Pantone 'Coated' Colour Swatches to define spot colours where required, especially necessary in small text/vector, reverse text/vector or areas where colour matching is crucial. Confirm that colour separations are supplied as required. See the Separation Preview / Overprint Preview page for more information. Ensure that any black vector image is printing in black only, not a CMYK blend.



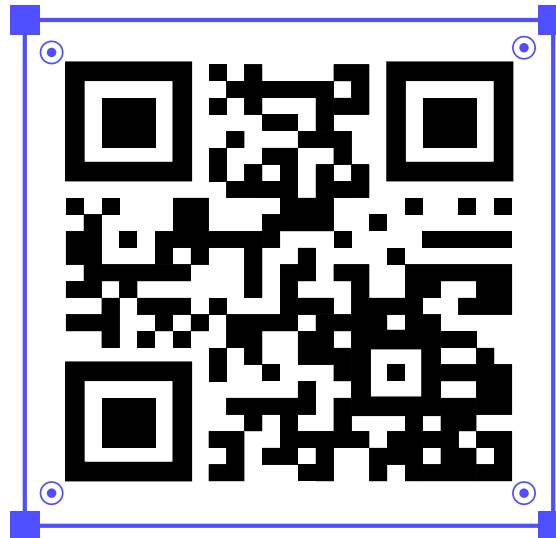
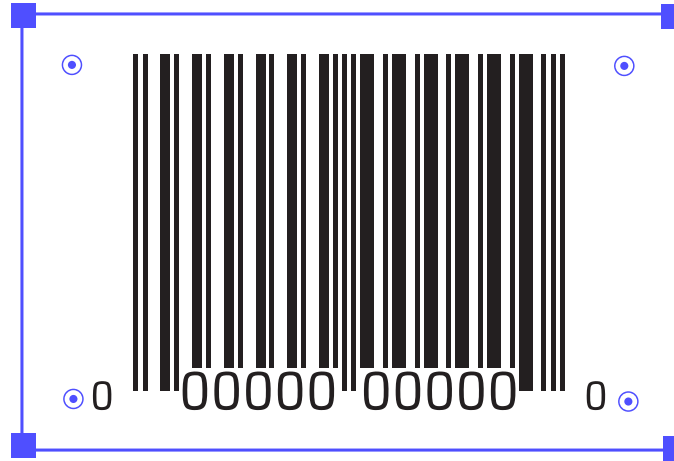
A screenshot of the Ink Manager panel. It displays a table of color swatches. The 'PANTONE 185 C' swatch is circled in yellow. The table has columns for Ink Name, Type, Ink Book, and Printing Method.

	Ink Name	Type	Ink Book	Printing Method
1	Process Cyan	Normal	process	Unknown
2	Process Magenta	Normal	process	Unknown
3	Process Yellow	Normal	process	Unknown
4	Process Black	Normal	process	Unknown
5	PANTONE 185 C	Normal	PANTONE + Sol...	Unknown

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Black is the only colour of barcode that we can guarantee to scan, no smaller than 80% scale. Barcodes should always be vector image, and never built from multiple colours. We test every barcode to ensure scannability, and reserve the right to recreate any barcode.

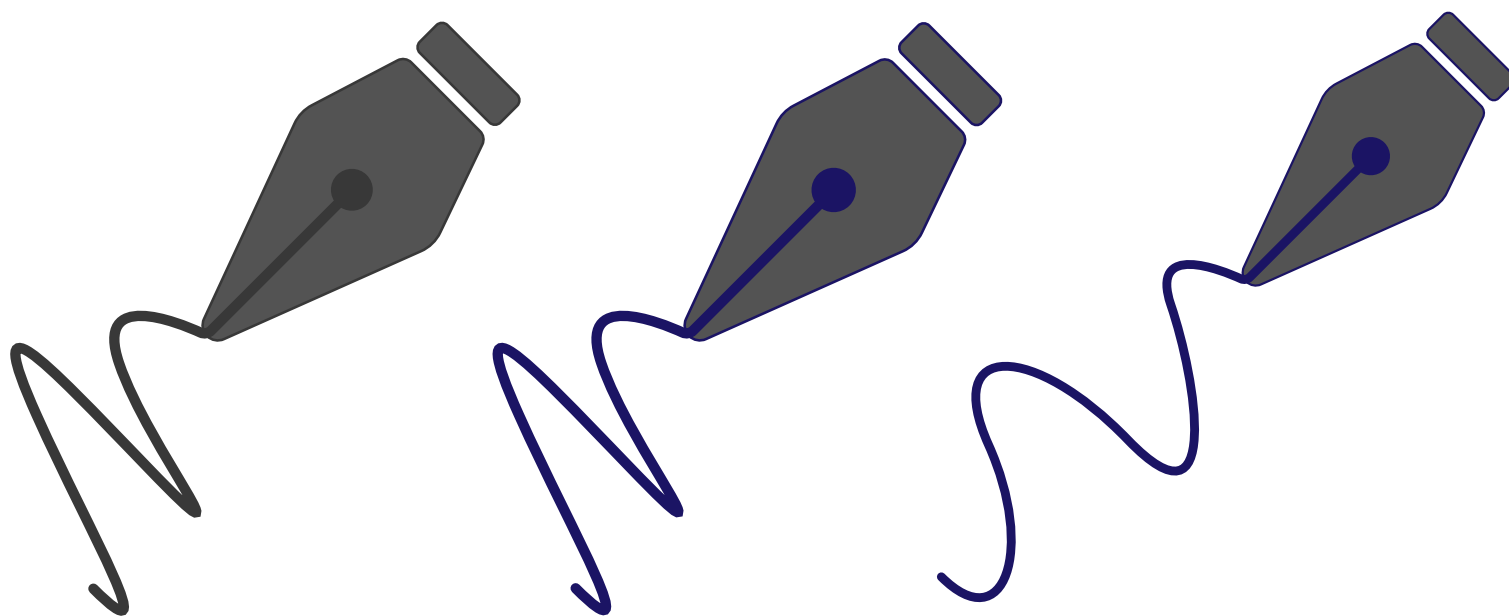


BARCODES

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ART CHARGES

Check your files thoroughly before submitting for production. Any changes after the initial proof will result in a minimum \$25 charge. Alterations of files are subject to art charges of \$100 per hour. Please contact us if you require assistance on how to make your files print-ready. We will be happy to assist you.





These previews are valuable tools in Illustrator or Acrobat. White or light coloured components that are set to overprint will result in missing images.



Ink Separations must be supplied correctly, with desired spot colours separated from CMYK. Please use these tools to quality check your overprints, separations and entire art file prior to submitting for production.