IngramSpark

Print Book File Guidelines

The following lists contain basic guidelines to help avoid what we've found to be the most common causes of file rejection and delays for content formatted for print-on-demand (POD).

For a deeper dive into our file guidelines, please download our file creation guide.

Interior Files:

☐ Must be uploaded as a separate file from the cover

☐ Use single-page format (1-up per page)

☐ Do not include crop, registration, or printer marks

☐ All fonts must be embedded

☐ A barcode page will be added as the last page of all interiors. This page will be added for you. All interior PDFs are processed and stored in a final page count divisible by 2. if your interior is an odd number of pages, a single page will be added for the barcode page. If your interior is an even number of pages, a blank page will be added before the barcode page.

☐ Margins are recommended to be a minimum of 0.5 inches (13mm) from final trim size on all sides. This includes page numbers and non-bleeding text and art. We allow for a 1/16 inches (0.0625 in / 2 mm) variance in printing. If text/ images are too close to the trim edges, they could be cut in the printing and binding process.

☐ **Bleed:** B&W and Color interior – Bleed should be added as 0.125 inches (3mm) on the top, bottom and outside edges of the interior pages only. Bleed should **not** be added to the bind/gutter side of the pages.

☐ **Spot Colors:** Do not include spot colors or ICC profiles. All images for a Black & White interior book should be converted to grayscale. Graphic elements should not be built in "registration" black (100/100/100/100 CMYK). This can result in color smudging and spreading to other pages. All spot colors must be converted to CMYK. Spot colors paired with transparency can result in unexpected, or disappearing, printing results.

☐ **Resolution:** The resolution for all images is recommended to be 300ppi. Images with a lower resolution may not print as intended, appear blurry or pixelated.

☐ For revisions, the entire interior PDF must be re-uploaded. Partial pages cannot be accepted.

Cover Files:

☐ To ensure accuracy, use our custom cover template generator tool. Simply fill in the required fields and a custom template will be emailed to you.

☐ Must be uploaded as a separate PDF from the interior.

☐ Barcodes are mandatory on all covers. Barcodes should be 100% black only (0/0/0/100 CMYK) and placed on a white box/background. If a barcode is not supplied, one will be placed for you. Make sure to leave 1.75 inches width x 1 inch height area free of text and graphic elements (that are not intended to be covered) where the barcode can be placed.

☐ **Resolution:** 300ppi
Printed Line Screen: 175 visual equivalent
Color Space: CMYK

☐ **Bleed:** Bleed should be 0.125 inches (3mm) on all four sides except Case Laminate hard cover files, which require a 0.625 inches (16mm) wrap, which will be partially covered by end sheets.

☐ **Type safety:** All text should be a minimum of 0.25 inches (6mm) minimum away from the trim line, or edge of hard cover board, on all sides.

☐ **Spine Type Safety:**
• For page counts below 48, spine text is not available on paperback covers.
• Spines 0.35" and larger – Keep text a minimum of 0.0625 (2mm) away from the left and right side
• Spines smaller than 0.35" – Keep text a minimum of 0.03125" (1mm) away from the left and right side

☐ Text that is 24 pt. or below, please use 100% black only

☐ All spot colors must be converted to CMYK