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FOR PRINT-READY
FILES

Glued products



Saddle stitching

Hard-covers

Folded booklets

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# POSTERS, LEAFLETS, BUSINESS CARDS ETC.

#### **General requirements:**

- File format PDF Ref. No. 1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No. 2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Ref. No. 3
- Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No. 4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref. No. 5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No. 6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). *Ref.No.8*
- Text or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 1, 5 mm
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%
- For 100% black colour for vector graphic objects RIP uses automatic overprint option. This option also refers to vector graphic objects consisting of all CMYK colours and 100% Black (ex.: C-40%, M-30%, Y-20%, K-100%). This is especially important in cases when under such object metallic Pantone colours are required (Pantone 877, Pantone 872 etc.) If the file is prepared with the idea not to use automatic black colour overprint option, project manager must be informed in advance.
- Preparing pictures for the print it is better to use appropriate ICC profiles. For coated paper we suggest 'ISOcoated\_v2\_300\_eci.icc'. For uncoated 'PSO\_Uncoated\_ISO12647\_eci.icc'. Various paper suppliers provide special ICC profiles for their paper assortment. Those can usually be found at supplier's websites.
- The best way to submit files is to use our FTP server. Each of our customers has individual access folder with username and password. In case you are a new customer or forgot the password, please contact your project manager. To upload files to FTP server it is better to use special applications for FTP server program, such as FileZilla or other. Small files (up to 10Mb) can be sent to your project manager via e-mail.



# PERFECT BOUND (GLUED) AND THREAD SEWN PRODUCTS

#### General requirements for standard products (inner pages and covers):

- File format PDF (standard 1.3 Acrobat 4) Ref. No. 1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No.2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Ref. No.3
- Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No. 4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref. No. 5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No. 6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
  - Page numeration is as follows in actual printing document; Ref. No. 9
  - Pages cannot be shown as a broadside (two pages) Ref. No. 10
- If document has blank pages those must be included in PDF file as well. Ref. No. 11
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). Ref. No. 8
- Text, numeration or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 3 mm.
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%
- Please remember that inner pages of stitched product are cut differently, that's why creating a design compensation for slide must be taken into consideration. Ref. No. 16
- · If any of the stitched product page needs additional perforation:
  - Paper up to 120 gr/m2: perforation spot is at least 20 mm from folding spot
  - Paper thicker than 120 gr/m2: perforation spot is at least 10 mm from folding spot. Ref. No. 27
- For 100% black colour for vector graphic objects RIP uses automatic overprint option. This option also refers to vector graphic objects consisting of all CMYK colours and 100% Black (ex.: C-40%, M-30%, Y-20%, K-100%). This is especially important in cases when under such object metallic Pantone colours are required (Pantone 877, Pantone 872 etc.) If the file is prepared with the idea not to use automatic black colour overprint option, project manager must be informed in advance.
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## Additional requirements for non-standard products:

- Covers with endpapers have to be submitted with separate file. Content is broadsided (two-page) and crop marks showing folding spots for spine and flyleaves. Distance from spine to flyleaves must be bigger than inner pages (for precise measurements please contact your project manager)
- Inner pages with flyleaves have to be submitted as a separate file. Content is broadsided (two-page) and crop marks showing folding places. Distance from spine to flyleaves should be smaller than to inner pages (for precise measurements please contact your project manager)
- Changing plates for printing jobs with the same design, but different text it is possible to reduce printing costs, by preparing files as follows:
  - All changeable texts must be 100% BLACK or PANTONE colour;
  - Overprint option must be switched on;
  - If black colour changes in the pictures, project manager must be informed in advance, because in such case it is impossible to optimize printing.

## STITCHED PRODUCTS

## General requirements for standard products (inner pages and covers):

- File format PDF (standard 1.3 Acrobat 4) Ref. No. 1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No. 2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Ref. No.3
- · Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No. 4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref.No.5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No. 6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
  - Page numeration is as follows in actual printing document; Ref. No. 9
  - Pages cannot be shown as a broadside (two pages) Ref. No. 10
- If document has blank pages those must be included in PDF file as well. Ref. No. 11
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). *Ref.No.* 8
- Text, numeration or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 3 mm.
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%
- Please remember that inner pages of stitched product are cut differently, that's why creating a design compensation for slide must be taken into consideration. Ref. No.16
- If any of the stitched product page needs additional perforation:
  - Paper up to 120 gr/m2: perforation spot is at least 20 mm from folding spot
  - Paper thicker than 120 gr/m2: perforation spot is at least 10 mm from folding spot. Ref.No.27
- For 100% black colour for vector graphic objects RIP uses automatic overprint option. This option also refers to vector graphic objects consisting of all CMYK colours and 100% Black (ex.: C-40%, M-30%, Y-20%, K-100%). This is especially important in cases when under such object metallic Pantone colours are required (Pantone 877, Pantone 872 etc.) If the file is prepared with the idea not to use automatic black colour overprint option, project manager must be informed in advance.
- Preparing pictures for the print it is better to use appropriate ICC profiles. For coated paper we suggest 'ISOcoated\_v2\_300\_eci.icc'. For uncoated 'PSO\_Uncoated\_ISO12647\_eci.icc'. Various paper suppliers provide special ICC profiles for their paper assortment. Those can usually be found at supplier's websites.

#### Additional requirements for non-standard products:

- Covers with endpapers have to be submitted with separate file. Content is broadsided (two-page) and crop marks showing folding spots for spine and flyleaves. Distance from spine to flyleaves must be bigger than inner pages (for precise
  measurements please contact your project manager)
- Inner pages with flyleaves have to be submitted as a separate file. Content is broadsided (two-page) and crop marks showing folding places. Distance from spine to flyleaves should be smaller than to inner pages (for precise measurements please contact your project manager)
- Changing plates for printing jobs with the same design, but different text it is possible to reduce printing costs, by preparing files as follows:
  - All changeable texts must be 100% BLACK or PANTONE colour;
  - Overprint option must be switched on;
  - If black colour changes in the pictures, project manager must be informed in advance, because in such case it is impossible to optimize printing.

# FOLDED BOOKLETS

#### General requirements for standard products:

- File format PDF (standard 1.3 Acrobat 4) Ref. No. 1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No. 2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Ref. No. 3
- · Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No. 4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref. No. 5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No.6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
- Text, numeration or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 3 mm.
- Folding spots must be marked with crop marks outside the design. Ref. No. 17
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). Ref. No. 8
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%

#### Additional requirements for folded booklets:

- Visual sample for folding must be submitted
- If printing job has perforation it is marked with crop marks outside the design and additional 'perf.' symbol, folding spots are marked with 'fold.' symbol. If perforation and folding spots match, that is marked with crop marks outside the design and symbol 'perf. +fold.'. Ref. No. 19



## HARD COVERS

### General requirements for standard products (inner pages, endpapers, cover, dust-jacket):

- File format PDF (standard 1.3 Acrobat 4) Ref. No. 1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No.2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Ref. No.3
- · Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No. 4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref.No.5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No. 6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
  - Page numeration is as follows in actual in printing document; Ref. No. 9
  - Pages cannot be shown as a broadside (two pages) Ref. No. 10
- If document has blank pages those must be included in PDF file as well. Ref. No. 11
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). *Ref.No.8*
- Text, numeration or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 3 mm.
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%
- Cover file must be prepared according to our scheme.
- Cover's mock-up (layout sheet) with crop marks outside the design shows all parts of the scheme. Ref. No. 20
- If front endpapers and back endpapers are printed, those are submitted as separate broadsided (two-page) files, specifying which is front endpaper and which is back endpaper.
- Front endpapers and back endpapers cannot be included in the file with inner pages
- For 100% black colour for vector graphic objects RIP uses automatic overprint option. This option also refers to vector graphic objects consisting of all CMYK colours and 100% Black (ex.: C-40%, M-30%, Y-20%, K-100%). This is especially important in cases when under such object metallic Pantone colours are required (Pantone 877, Pantone 872 etc.) If the file is prepared with the idea not to use automatic black colour overprint option, project manager must be informed in advance.
- Preparing pictures for the print it is better to use appropriate ICC profiles. For coated paper we suggest 'ISOcoated\_v2\_300\_eci.icc'. For uncoated 'PSO\_Uncoated\_ISO12647\_eci.icc'. Various paper suppliers provide special ICC profiles for their paper assortment. Those can usually be found at supplier's websites.

## Additional requirements for non-standard products:

- Dust jacket file is prepared according to our scheme. All parts in the scheme must be marked with *crop marks* outside the design.
- If printing job does not have endpapers and first and last pages are glued directly to the covers, first and last blanked
  pages must be included in the file.
- If hard covers have cloth spine then first and last covers are prepared as separate PDF files according to our scheme.
- If hard covers design includes embossing or foiling special file for engraving must be submitted. File is done according to our scheme.
- Changing plates for printing jobs with the same design, but different text it is possible to reduce printing costs, by preparing files as follows:
  - All changeable texts must be 100% BLACK or PANTONE colour;
  - Overprint option must be switched on;
  - If black colour changes in the pictures, project manager must be informed in advance, because in such case it is impossible to optimize printing.

# WIRED BOUNDED PRODUCTS

#### General requirements for standard products:

- File format PDF (standard 1.3 Acrobat 4) Ref. No.1
- Colours CMYK/PANTONE (Pantone colours have to be shown as spot colours) Ref. No.2
- Size marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick, 3-5 mm distance from trim box. Reference No.3
- · Marking size with a trim box, it should be the same in all the file and match all the crop marks
- Bleeds 3-5 mm. Ref. No.4
- Placing the printing file into PDF document:
  - Centred; Ref.No.5
  - Every new page of a printing document starts with a new PDF page: Ref. No. 6
  - Pages have the same orientation (horizontally or vertically); Ref. No. 7
  - Page numeration is as follows in actual printing document; Ref. No. 9
  - Pages cannot be shown as a broadside (two pages) Ref. No. 10
- If document has blank pages those must be included in PDF file as well. Ref. No. 11
- Fonts are transferred into curves (convert to curves (Corel), create outlines (Adobe)) or embedded. Black colour is 100% black (other colours' presence 0%). *Ref.No.8*
- Text, numeration or any other symbol distance from the side is no less than 3 mm.
- Pictures CMYK or Grayscale (150 400 dpi)
- Barcode is 100% of one colour/pantone and preferably in vector graphics
- Total composition of all colours together does not exceed 300%
- To get intensive black colour suggestible colour division is: C-30%, M-30%, Y-30%, K-100%
- Cover file must be prepared according to our scheme.
- Cover's mock-up (layout sheet) with crop marks outside the design shows all parts of the scheme. Ref. No. 20
- If front endpapers and back endpapers are printed, those are submitted as separate broadsided (two-page) files, specifying which is front endpaper and which is back endpaper.
- Front endpapers and back endpapers cannot be included in the file with inner pages
- For 100% black colour for vector graphic objects RIP uses automatic overprint option. This option also refers to vector graphic objects consisting of all CMYK colours and 100% Black (ex.: C-40%, M-30%, Y-20%, K-100%). This is especially important in cases when under such object metallic Pantone colours are required (Pantone 877, Pantone 872 etc.) If the file is prepared with the idea not to use automatic black colour overprint option, project manager must be informed in advance.
- Preparing pictures for the print it is better to use appropriate ICC profiles. For coated paper we suggest 'ISOcoated\_v2\_300\_eci.icc'. For uncoated 'PSO\_Uncoated\_ISO12647\_eci.icc'. Various paper suppliers provide special ICC profiles for their paper assortment. Those can usually be found at supplier's websites.

## Additional requirements for non-standard products:

- Inner pages with endpapers should be submitted as a separate PDF file with crop marks in registration colour and
  marked folding spot. Distance from inner side to flyleaves is at least 2 mm smaller than others. Flyleaves are at least 15
  mm smaller than inner pages. Ref. No. 14
- Covers with endpapers have to be submitted as a separate PDF file broadsided (two-pages) with *crop marks* in registration colour and folding spot marked. Distance from the spine to endpapers is 1 mm bigger, than inner pages. *Ref. No. 21*
- Changing plates for printing jobs with the same design, but different text it is possible to reduce printing costs, by preparing files as follows:
  - All changeable texts must be 100% BLACK or PANTONE colour;
  - Overprint option must be switched on;
  - If black colour changes in the pictures, project manager must be informed in advance, because in such case it is impossible to optimize printing.

# Die-cutting

- Crop marks or trim box must match contour of the knife Ref. No. 22
- If die cutting form is added to the printing file it must be done in 100% spot colour in overprint
- Die cutting form parts must be named accordingly 'form' (marked with red line), 'creases' (marked with blue line), 'perforation (marked with green line)
- If die cutting form is prepared as a separate file or PDF document it placement must match printing file
- Distance between forms is not smaller than 2 mm, between creases 3 mm

# Creasing

• Creases are marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick and 3 mm away from cutting line Ref. No. 17

## Perforation

• Perforation is marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick and 3 mm away from cutting line Ref. No. 18

# Folding

Folding is marked with crop marks in registration colour 02 pt thick and 3 mm away from cutting line Ref. No. 17

# Hole drilling

• Hole drilling spot is marked with symbol Ø 1mm. On white or bright background with darkest colour used in a printing job. On a dark background – with white colour. *Ref.No.23* 

# Foiling

- Minimal size of the form's line is 0,1 mm
- If form is put in a printing file its lines and spots must be 100% filled with the colour (spot colour) and in overprint
- If form is prepared as a separate file or in PDF document it placement must match printing file
- Form is done in vector graphics or Bitmap (Black&White) at least 600 dpi

# Embossing

- Minimal size of the form's line is 0,125 mm
- If form is put in a printing file its lines and spots must be 100% filled with the colour (spot colour) and in overprint
- If form is prepared as a separate file or in PDF document it placement must match printing file
- Form's relief must be done only in vector graphics

# UV-varnishing

- If UV-varnishing form is in the printing file its lines and spots must be 100% filled with the colour (spot colour) and in overprint
- If UV-varnishing form is prepared as a separate file or in PDF document it placement must match printing file
- If UV-varnishing goes over the folding or creasing spot, 1.5 mm clear line (no UV-varnishing) must be done. Ref. No. 24

## Numeration

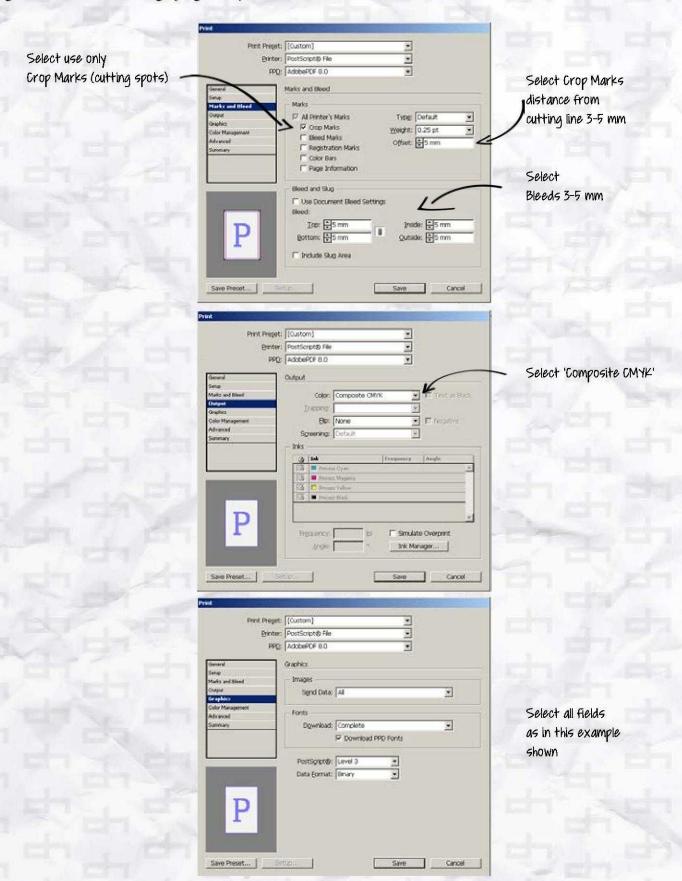
• Printing jobs with numeration should be provided with visual sample of numeration place, height, and colour. Our possible numeration height are 3,7 mm and 5 mm. *Ref.No.25* 

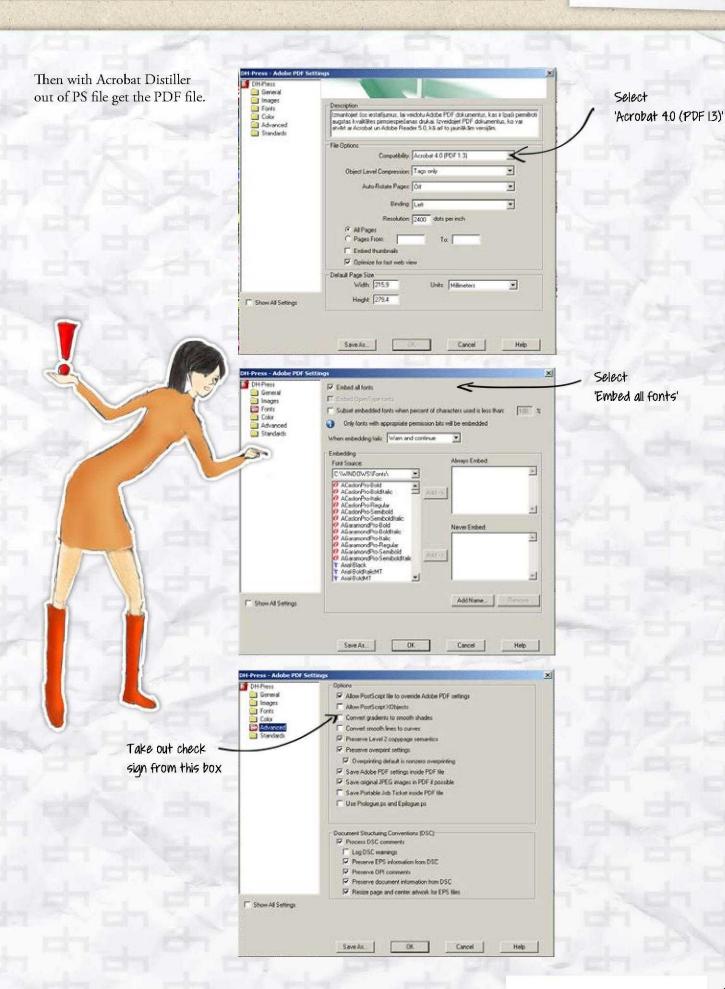
# Holograms

Printing jobs with holograms must have correct design for the holograms. Ref. No. 26

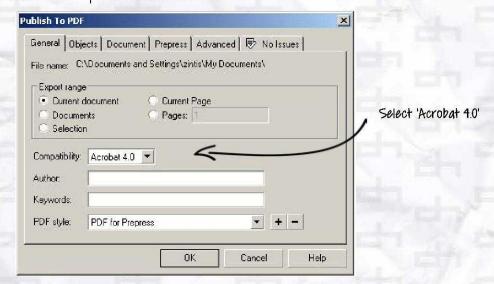
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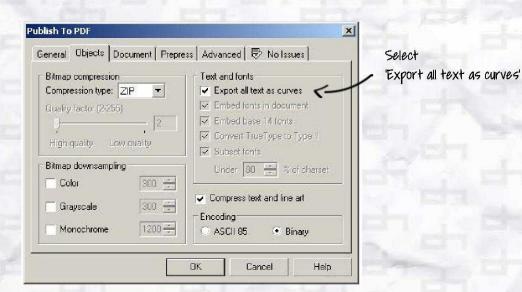
To get PDF file out of InDesign programm you make PS file first.

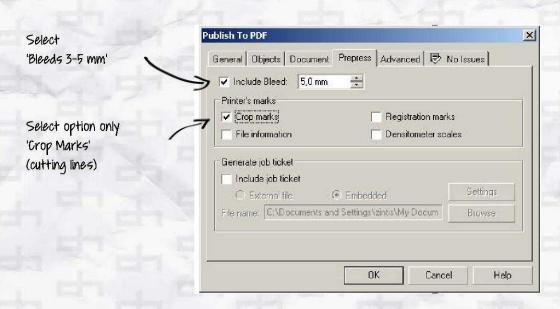




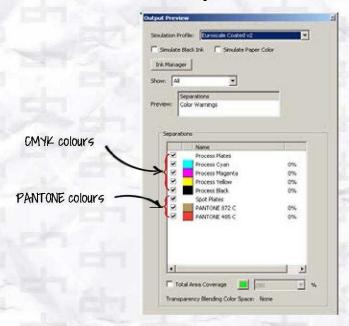
#### To get PDF file from Corel Draw select option 'Publish to PDF'



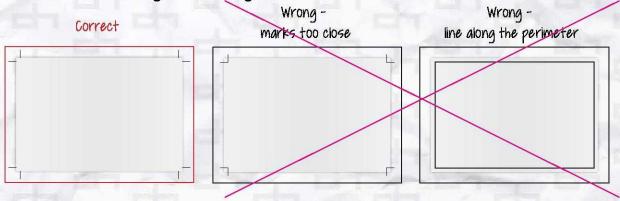




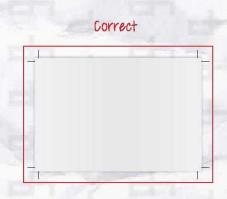
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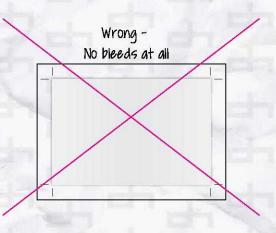


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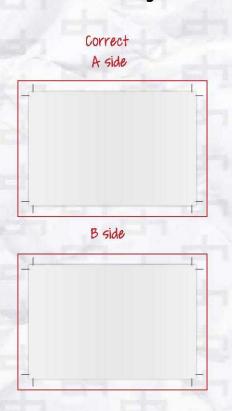


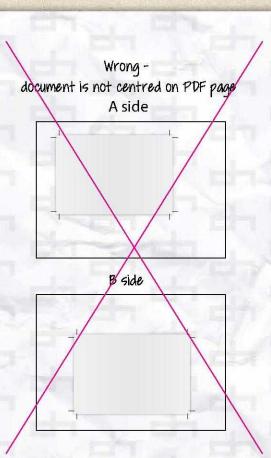
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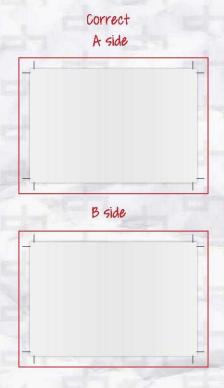


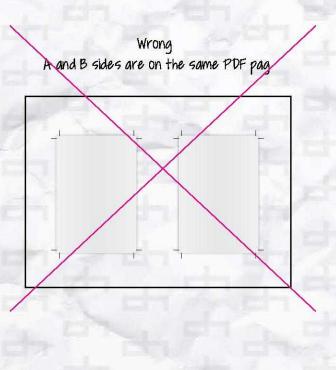
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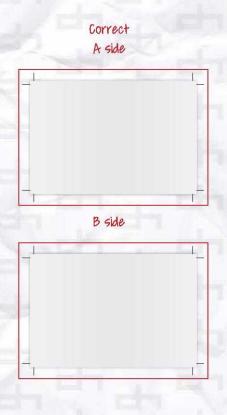


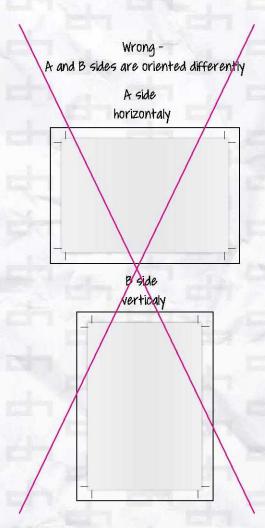
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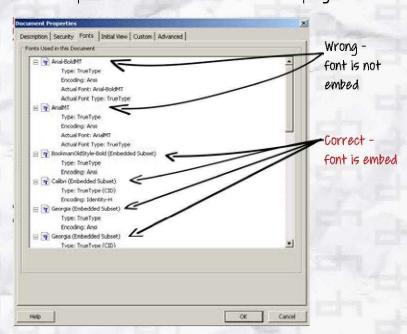
## 7. Reference. Orientation of the PDF file





## 8. Reference. Fonts

Fonts can be checked for example with Adobe Acrobat Professional program



# 9. Reference. Page order

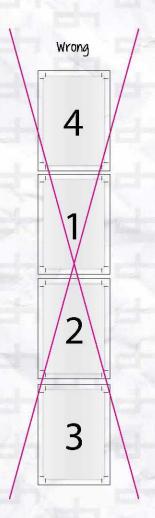
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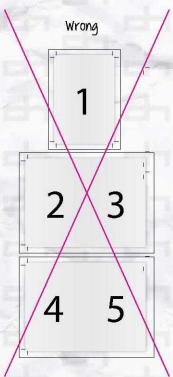


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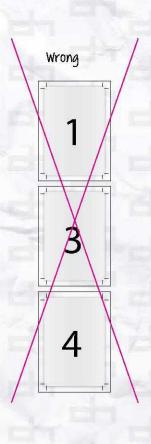
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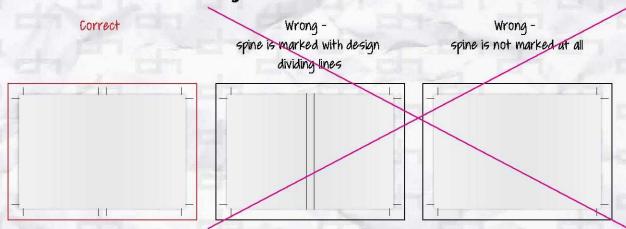


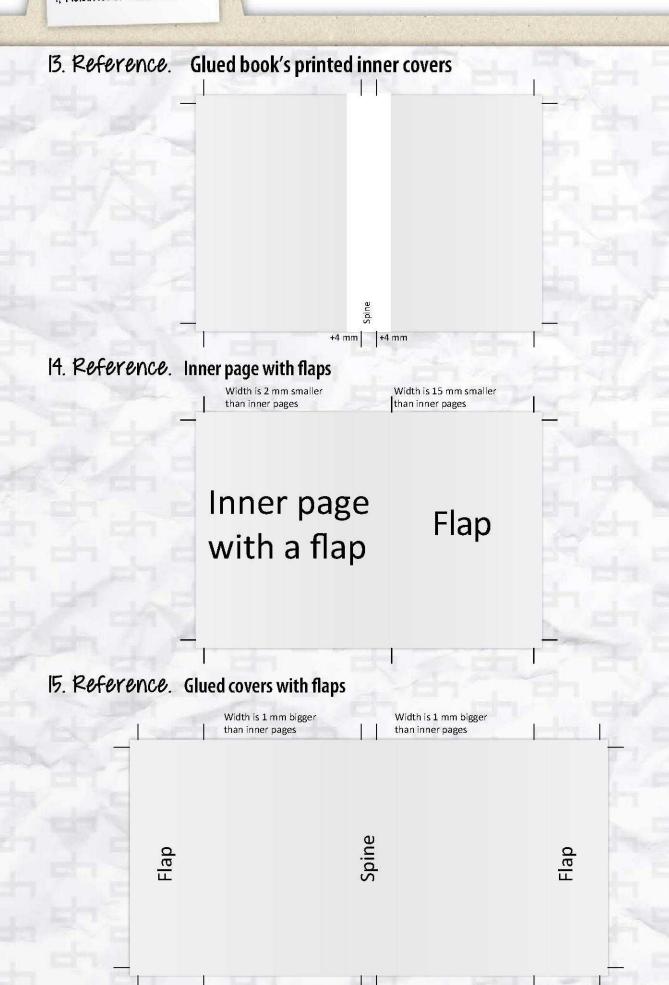


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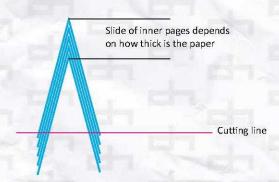


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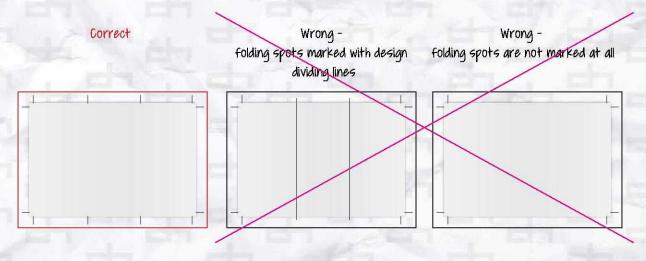




## 16. Reference. Placement of pages for stitched products



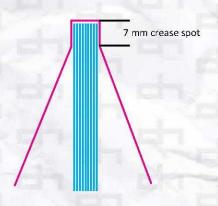
## 17. Reference. Marking of folding and creasing spots.



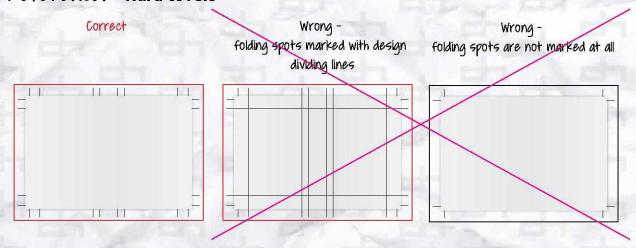
## 18. Reference. Signs for perforation



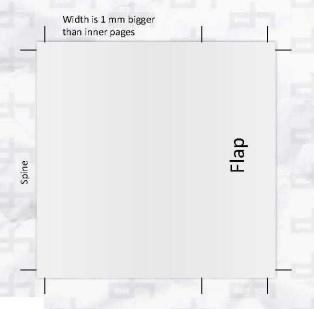
## 19. Reference. Crease spot for glued book's covers



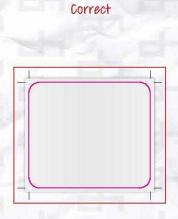
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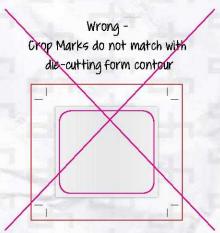


## 21. Reference. Wire bounded brochure's cover with flaps.

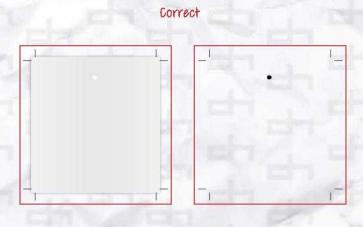


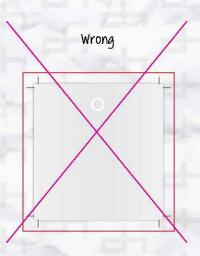
## 22. Reference. Placement for die-cutting job in PDF document.



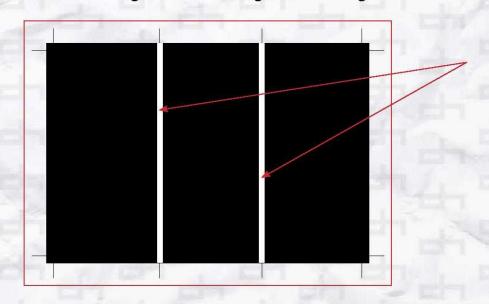


## 23. Reference. Marking hole drilling spot.





## 24. Reference. UV-varnishing on over folding and creasing lines



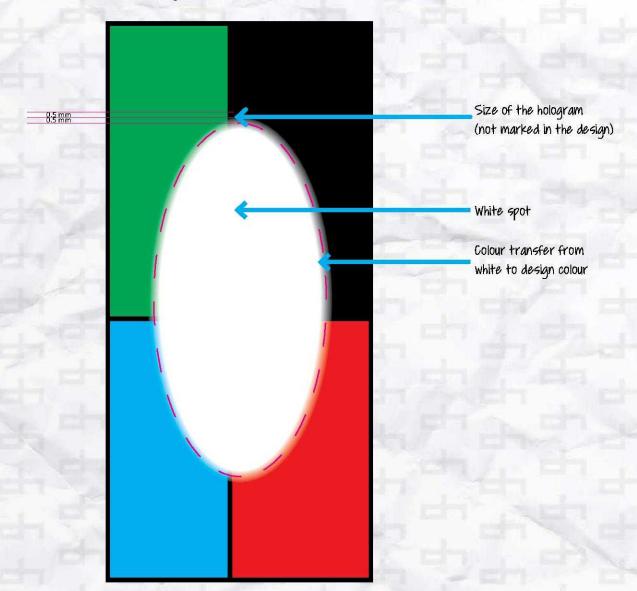
## 25. Reference. Possible sizes of numeration.

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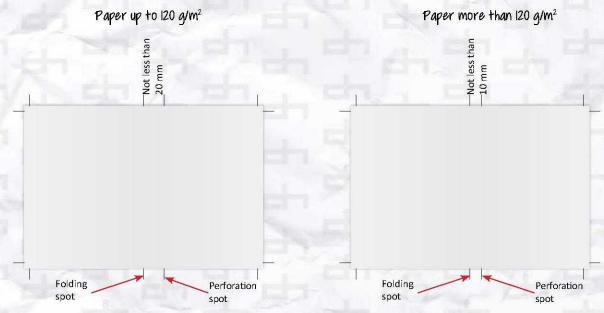
9370039 Numbers height 3.7 mm

219191 Number height 5 mm with manual numeration

## 26. Reference. Place for hologram



## 27. Reference. Stitched brochure with perforation





#### **Overprint**

This is for the special graphic element, which is being printed over the rest colours. You should take into consideration
that underneath colours will affect this element's colour.

#### **Crop Marks**

 Printing term for marking cutting spots in printed products. In this manual this term is also used to mark folding and perforation spots.

#### **CMYK**

• Colour model where all the colours are made of the Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-black mix. CMYK colour model is used to print colour documents.

#### **RGB**

Red-Green-Blue colour model used to generate picture on the display. This model represents colours as red, green
and blue spots mix in changing intensity. When the intensity is raised (all 3 colours are used for 100%) white colour
appears. In case of lowering the intensity greyish colours appear. Preparing file for the print RGB must be converted to
CMYK model. Converting causes change of colours, so additional colour editing is requested.

#### **Bleeds**

Part of a graphic object which is located behind the cutting line. Preparing the file for the print, 3-5 mm bleed is
marked over the cutting line.

#### Trim box

• This allows estimating size and cutting lines of a printing job.

#### Spot colour

Specific colour. It is created not by mixing CMYK colours, but by choosing ready-made colour for example from Pantone catalogue. Spot colour is used to when design demands one or two concrete colours or in case when desired colour is impossible to get by mixing CMYK colours. If spot colour is used together with CMYK colours then four colour printing becomes five or six colour printing etc. Spot colour is best for non-printing objects, such as die-cutting form, UV-varnishing etc.

#### **Gray scale**

Grey colour scale where white goes for black. Dividing the colours appears only on a black printing plate.

#### **PDF**

Special application for electronic documents designed by Adobe Systems Inc. It can be opened with Adobe Acrobat
program on various platforms including Windows, Macintosh, MS-DOS and UNIX. Correct PDF file cannot be edited by other parts, using different platforms and setups.

#### PPI

Pixels per inch. Amount defining resolution – how many pixels per one inch. More pixels per inch mean bigger resolution and better picture quality.

#### Pixel

• The smallest picture element. It can be individually changed, for example its colour or brightness.

#### **Embed fonts**

Assigned (fixed) font of the file. If the font is not embed, opening the document on the other computer may cause text
failures, for example boxes instead of letters.

#### Curved or outlined fonts

• Fonts transferred into lines (text cannot be edited, it is vector graphic object). Options in different programs can vary: convert to curves or create outlines.