

Printing PDF files from Mac PageMaker 6.5 and 7

This document covers creating the settings for using Mac PageMaker 6.5 or 7 to print PDF files that are usable by Publication Printers. You will also need to download the instructions for the version of Acrobat Distiller that you are using. This document is not intended to replace the manual for your software, it is intended to supplement your knowledge of your software and of the proper techniques for creating press ready files.

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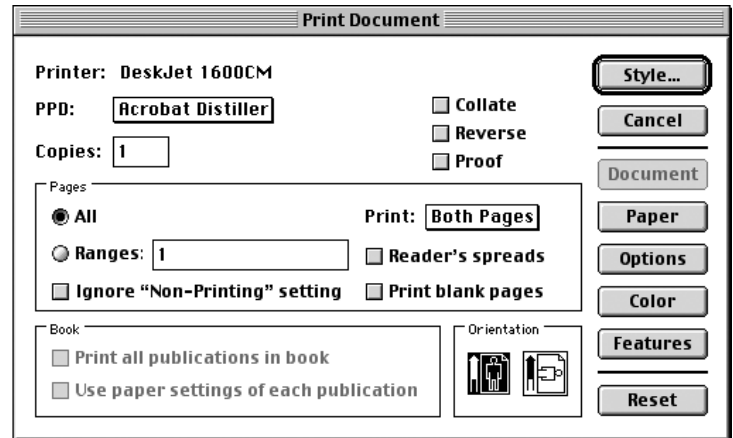
File Creation Guidelines and Potential Problems

- **The document size must be correct:** At Publication Printers we rarely print a job at 8.5”x11”. More common sizes are 8.375”x10.875” or 8.25”x10.75”. If your source document is not built to the correct size, the final output may not look like you expect it to.
- **Bleed:** We ask for .25” bleed on all sides. If you send files with less bleed we may have a difficult time with your job on press or in the bindery.
- **Margins:** We ask that you don’t place anything important less than .25” from trim, especially type. If the type is within .25” of trim, it is possible for it to be cut off. This includes body copy and page numbers.
- **Crop marks:** Crop marks are necessary when working from PageMaker. If no crop marks are printed on the page, then PageMaker will not print bleed.
- **Spot Colors:** If your job prints in process color (CMYK) Please make sure that NO Spot colors are in use in the document.
- **Transparency and Spot Colors:** According to several Adobe Tech notes, Transparency and Spot colors DO NOT work correctly together. If you are using transparency in your document please make sure that NO Spot colors are in use in the document.
- **Fonts:** Some fonts are restricted from being embedded in the PDF file by the fonts license. InDesign will warn you if the font cannot be embedded due to licensing restrictions. If this happens, please either choose another font, or submit the font with the job.
- **Image Resolution:** The correct resolution for most of what we print is 225-300 dpi at final size. We will flag images that are below 200 dpi.
- **Image Color:** Please make sure that your images are CMYK, or Grayscale.
- **Number of pages:** While we can accept single page PDF files, we prefer that you try to use as few files as possible. Please save your entire job into 1 PDF. For any correction pages, single page PDF files are acceptable.
- **Hard Copy:** After creating your PDF files you want to generate a final hard copy to send along. The purpose of this hard copy is to be sure that nothing unexpected happened while creating your PDF files.
- **Acrobat Preflight:** If you have Acrobat 7 or 8 Professional, you have a fairly robust preflight tool available to you. Please preflight the finished PDF file to insure that nothing has gone wrong in the creation of your PDF. The major things to look for are, Resolution, Color Space, Font Embedding, Trim, Bleed, and Margin. The preflight utility can be set up to check for Resolution, Color Space, and Font Embedding.
- **The color palette:** Remove all unused colors from the palette and be sure that all colors are converted to process.
- **Rich Blacks:** Our Rich Black build is 60 Cyan 40 Magenta 30 Yellow 100 Black. Please use this build for large black areas. Do NOT use this build for the body text of your job.
- **Registration Color:** NEVER use the color “Registration” that is in the Swatches palette. This is 100% of all colors and will not output correctly.
- **Auto Color:** Files and page elements that have been imported from Microsoft Word, and PageMaker can sometimes use the color “Auto”. This color, behaves like “Registration” color and will not output correctly.

PDF Print Settings

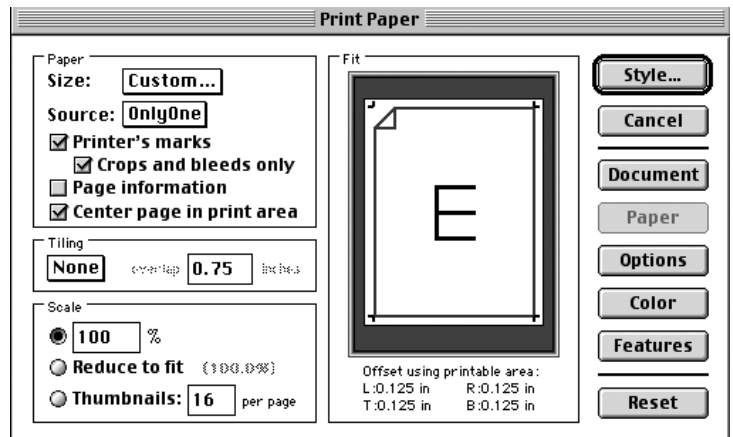
Document

- PPD Set to Acrobat Distiller
- Collate, Reverse, Proof, should all be UnChecked
- Reader's spreads should be UnChecked



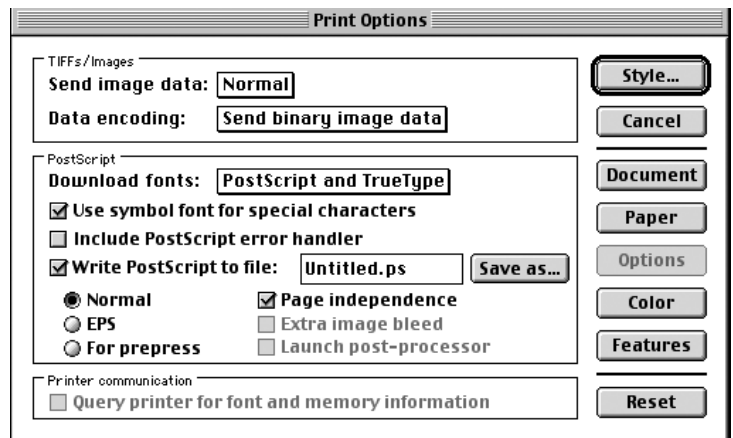
Paper

- Size set to Custom, set the paper size to 1" larger than the trim size of your publication.
- Printer's Marks should be Checked
- Crops and bleeds only should be Checked
- Center page in print area should be checked
- Tiling set to None
- Scale set to 100%



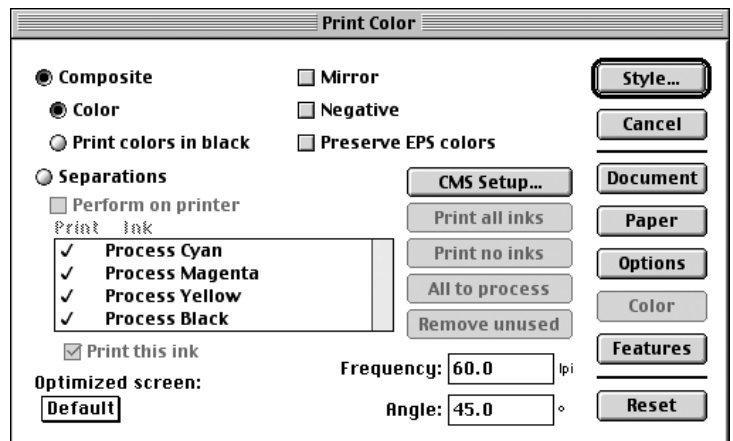
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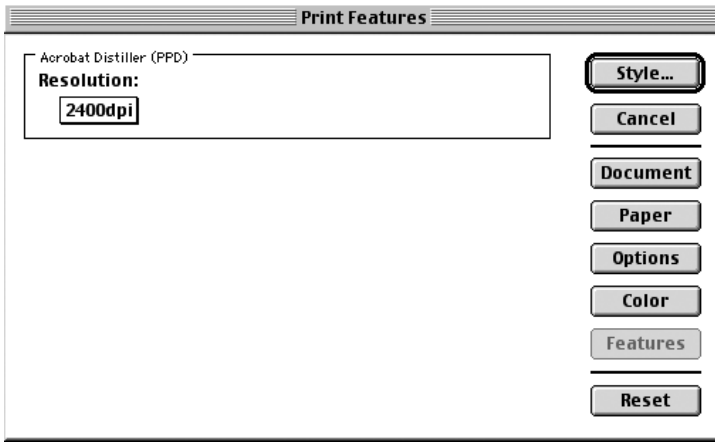
- Send image data set to Normal
- Data Encoding set to Send Binary image data
- Download fonts set to PostScript and TrueType
- Write PostScript to file checked. You will need to click on the Save as...button and chose a file name for the PS file.
- Normal should be Checked
- Page independence should be Checked



Color

- Composite and Color should be Checked
- All other boxes should be UnChecked





Features

- Resolution should be set to 2400dpi