PREPRESS GUIDE
Preparing Your Files For Print

Mystic Parker Printing
Est. 1988

COLOR GUIDELINES

Color Space: CMYK (highly recommended)

Color Profile: Coated GRACoL 2006 (for best results)

Spot Colors: Pantone+ Solid Color Guide, for best results please choose from the Coated (C) library.

Note some colors may not be 100% accurately simulated in digital CMYK, especially metallic inks.

Grayscale: Images and Text printing in black only must be set to grayscale or 100% K (respectively).

IMAGES & RASTER ART

Resolution: 250 PPI or greater is recommended. *(Wide-format is situational, but we recommend a minimum of 72 PPI for signage.)*

Color: Preserve embedded/ICC profiles (including RGB) for images.

Untagged images and art may remain untagged or converted to our primary color profile: Coated GRACoL 2006.

Grayscale: Images presented as gray that remain in a CMYK/RGB color space will cause unwanted color casts. Convery any gray color images to an actual gray profile.

TEXT & VECTOR ART

Minimum kockout size: 8pts

Minimum solid size (100% color): 6pts

Text Safe Margin: Minimum 12 pts (0.1667 in)

Avoid rasterizing text where possible.

InDesign Files	PDF
Text may remain live	Text may remain live
Font files must be included in a package	Fonts must be embedded
Convert to outlines for maximum compatibility	Convert to outlines for maximum compatibility

PAGE LAYOUT & DOCUMENT SETUP

Clearly define your page boxes such as the document trim size and bleed size.
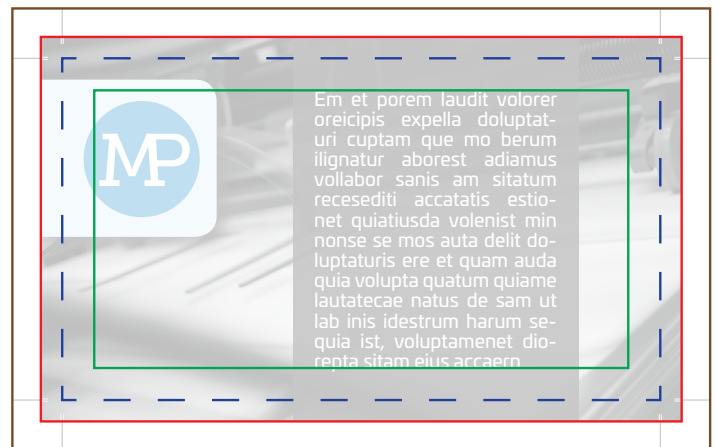
Media Box: Total size of the document including marks, bleed and artwork.

Bleed Box: Minimum 0.125 inches outside all four sides. *(ie: 3.75 x 2.25 business card size + bleed)*

Trim Box: Finished size of your document *(ie: 3.5 x 2 business card size)*

Text Safe: All text should stay within a minimum 12 pts (0.1667 in) inch margin.

Printer Marks: Recommended but not required.

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Media Size	Bleed Area	Trim Box	Text Safe

FILE EXPORT

InDesign Files	PDF
Package all fonts/assets with your InDesign document.	Fonts/Images must be embedded.
Include a compatibility version (.idml) file.	Convert fonts to outlines for maximum compatibility

NEED HELP?

Please call us at 781-321-4948 with any questions.