

0.125" BLEED

Safe Area - 0.25"

## BACK COVER (LIVE AREA)

Book width

### Lamination Options:

*The Outside Cover can be laminated with  
Gloss, Matte or Soft Touch Matte*

Hinge Score - 1/4" from spine edge

Safe Area - 0.375"

SPINE

Spine  
width

Please keep spine copy and logos away from the fold edge



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## Perfect Bind Cover - Guide (LAYOUT NOT TO SIZE)

**Print ready PDF** must meet the following criteria to ensure your book prints without problems:

- Perfect Bound Cover sent in as a spread will include:  
Back Cover + Spine + Front Cover + 1/8" bleed
- Spine Copy: We do not recommend text on the spine if the width is less the 0.1875" of an inch. Please keep copy and logos at least 0.0625 from the spine fold edges.  
*Every book varies slightly when bounding, we cannot guarantee during production that the spine elements will not wrap onto the front or back cover if they are set too close to the spine fold edges.*
- Safe Areas: Your cover artwork can extend over into these areas, but should not contain any important logos or text information. Recommend that critical copy and artwork be kept at least 0.375" from the spine edge . At least 0.25" from the face, head and foot trims.
- Hinge Score: will be placed 1/4 from the spine fold edges on the front and back cover. Recommend keeping critical copy and artwork out of this area.
- Fonts must be embedded or converted to outlines.
- Black text should be 100% of black only and not a CMYK "rich black" mix.
- White text should be set to knockout, not as an overprint.
- Solid black areas we recommend 100% black set to knockout or a Rich Black build of 40c, 40m, 40y, 100k.
- Avoid using color builds or images with total ink values greater than 320.
- Black images should be supplied as Grayscale not CMYK or RGB.
- Color images should be supplied as four-color process CMYK, not a RGB color model.  
\* Avoid using mix color models when objects have a transparency.
- Recommended minimum image resolution of color or grayscale photographs is 300 dpi and 600 dpi for line work at 100% of the final image size.
- If elements like photos, illustrations or graphics are on or close to the trim, please extend the elements an extra 0.125" beyond the trim edge. This is considered bleed. Supply files with an extra 0.125" (1/8 inch) added to all sides to include the bleed area.
- If trim marks are indicated please keep them outside the live (trim & bleed) print area.
- Recommended Compression settings:
  - "Do Not Downsample" set to "NONE" or "ZIP" for books with moderate amount of Images.
  - "Do Not Downsample" set to "JPEG" with "MAX Image Quality" for book with heavy coverage of Images creating a large data file. Example, 800+ megabyte Yearbook text file.

*We hope this helps, if you have any other questions,  
please don't hesitate to contact us at 301.362.0700*

Not all design concepts will translate from a web view to the printed product. Few examples are tight borders, small copy or very light tints.

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# INSIDE FRONT COVER (C2) (LIVE AREA)

Book width

Inside Cover Options:  
Blank  
or  
Printed with your illustrations and/or copy

Book Height

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0.125" BLEED

Hinge Score - 1/4" from spine edge

Safe Area - 0.375"

SPINE

NO PRINTING - GLUE AREA (SPINE WIDTH PLUS 0.125")

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Safe Area - 0.375"

0.125" BLEED

Safe Area - 0.25"

# INSIDE BACK COVER (C3) (LIVE AREA)

Book width

Book Height

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0.125" BLEED

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