ኛ Creating a Print Ready PDF file in InDesignCS4/CS5

Before creating a Print Ready PDF file, remove all unused Swatches, and convert PMS colors to CMYK if they are not being used. The settings below are based on the MAC.

Step 1: <u>Setting-up for a Print Ready PDF file</u>

| High Quality Print] | | C | Done |
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| PDF/X-1a:2001] | U | - | |
| PDF/X-3:2002] | | C | New |
| PDF/X-4:2008] | Ă | - | |
| [Press Quality] | Ŧ | C | Edit |
| Preset Description: | | C | Delete |
| Use these settings to create Adobe PDF documents best suited for high-quality prepress printing. Created PDF documents can be opened with Acrobat and Adobe Reader 5.0 and later. | ò | C | Load |
| | Ψ. | C | Save As |
| Preset Settings Summary: | | - | |
| PDF Preset: (Press Quality) | 0 | | |

In InDesign, go to ≻File >Adobe PDF Presets >Define >Select "Press Quality" >Select "New"

Note: When selecting Press Quality then selecting New, this action is duplicating the "Press Quality" settings.

Step 2: General

| Preset Name: | Print Ready PDF | | Account 4 (RDE 1.2) | | |
|--|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Standard: | None Compatibility | | Acrobat 5 (PDF 1.4) | | |
| General | General | | Acrobat 6 (PDF 1.5) Acrobat 7 (PDF 1.6) | | |
| Compression Marks and Bleeds Output Advanced Summary | Description: | Use these settings to create Ado, suited for high-quality prepress documents can be opened with A 5.0 and later. | Acrobat 8/9 (PDF 1.7) per procuments best printing. Created PDF Acrobat and Adobe Reader | | |

Preset Name: ≥type "Print Ready PDF" Compatibility: default ≥Acrobat 5 (PDF 1.4)

Note: Acrobat 5 (PDF 1.4) vs Acrobat 4 (PDF 1.3), under Compatibility, Acrobat 5 (PDF 1.4) will preserve transparencies were as Acrobat 4 (PDF 1.3) will flatten the transparencies.

Step 3: Marks and Bleeds



Marks: ≻Check Mark "Crop Marks" Offset: ≻0.1389" (which is 10 pts)

Bleed: ▶.125" Symmetric

Select ≻OK and ≻DONE

Step 4: <u>Exporting a PDF file</u>

≻Open your InDesign File

≻File ≻Export

SaveAs: ≻type "filename.pdf" Format: ≻Adobe PDF

SAVE (When saving a PDF, don't forget where the file is saved.)

Adobe PDF Preset: ≻Print Ready PDF >Export (Before exporting, see Step 5.)

Step 5: Additional Information



- In some instances, more bleed may need to be added to indicate fold/score marks for pamphlets or for thicker saddle stitch books.
- When making additional changes to the "Print Ready PDF" preset, the word (modified) will confirm that the settings have been changed.
- Changes can vary from project to project. To save any new changes, select "Save Preset..." and name the preset accordingly.