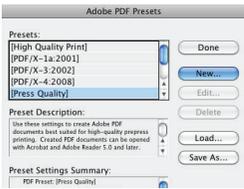


🔗 Creating a Print Ready PDF file in InDesignCS4/CS5

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: Setting-up for a Print Ready PDF file



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.

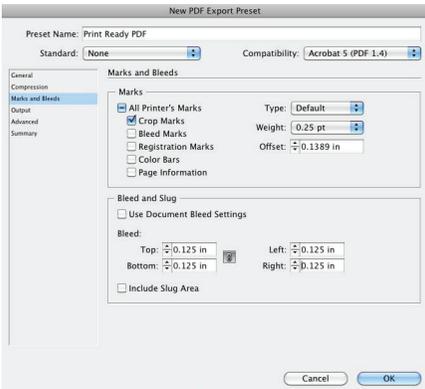
Step 2: General



Preset Name: ➤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: Exporting a PDF file

➤Open your InDesign File

➤File ➤Export

SaveAs: ➤type "filename.pdf"

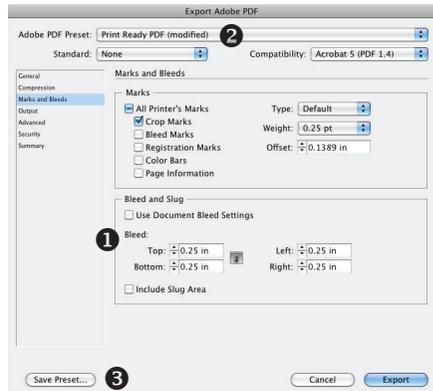
Format: ➤Adobe PDF

➤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



❶ In some instances, more bleed may need to be added to indicate fold/score marks for pamphlets or for thicker saddle stitch books.

❷ When making additional changes to the "Print Ready PDF" preset, the word (modified) will confirm that the settings have been changed.

❸ Changes can vary from project to project. To save any new changes, select "Save Preset..." and name the preset accordingly.