



Flatbed : Printing White & Supplying Cut Marks

Printing White: If you require flatbed prints to have white printed, the following steps will ensure an accurate result.

Contour Filling (Best Method) suits .AI .EPS .PDF files

Please supply the areas to be printed in white, defined by a vector area to be filled, with the following settings:

- Ensure the contour has no fill colour.
- Stroke the contour at 0.1 pt with a spot colour named “*WhiteContour*”. This spot colour must be any colour which is **not** used anywhere else in your artwork.
- Do not apply overprint attributes to the contour.
- The *WhiteContour* fill area can be supplied as part of your print file, as our printer will automatically disable the printing of the contour, and fill with white only.
- Any text should be converted to outlines if having *WhiteContour* applied.
- Please specify in your order if white is to be printed under or over CMYK.

White Channel use only for .TIFF .PSD files

In order to specify areas to print white in a bitmap (image) file, it is necessary to do so via the addition of a white channel.

- Open your artwork in Photoshop and create a new Channel named “*White*”.
- In the options for this Channel, ensure that the “*Selected Areas*” radio button is ticked.
- In the Channel created above, paint in any areas which are required to print as white.
- Save the file as a TIFF.

Cut Marks: If you require prints to be accurately cut to shape, the following steps are essential.

Contour Cutting suits .AI .EPS .PDF files

Please supply vector contours in your print file with the following settings:

- Ensure the contour to be cut has no fill colour.
- Stroke the contour at 1.0pt with a spot colour named “*CutContour*”. This spot colour must be any colour which is **not** used anywhere else in your artwork.
- Please ensure the *CutContour* is on a separate layer in your artwork so we can easily manipulate it should any adjustments be required.
- Ensure that the *CutContour* is not grouped with any other objects.
- The *CutContour* area can be supplied as part of your print file, as our printer will automatically disable the printing of the contour, and apply it to the cutting process only. If this is not possible, please supply your *CutContour* and print files separately, with the same physical document setup size for both.

Reminder Outline all type or supply fonts, even for PDF artwork