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Below, find the manufacturing specifications for creating a case-laminate hardcover book. The information will help you understand available options for hardcover printing. For detailed cover specifications, [visit this Help article](#).

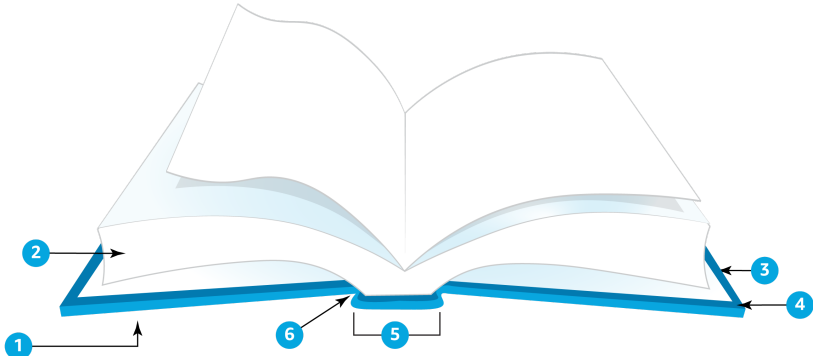
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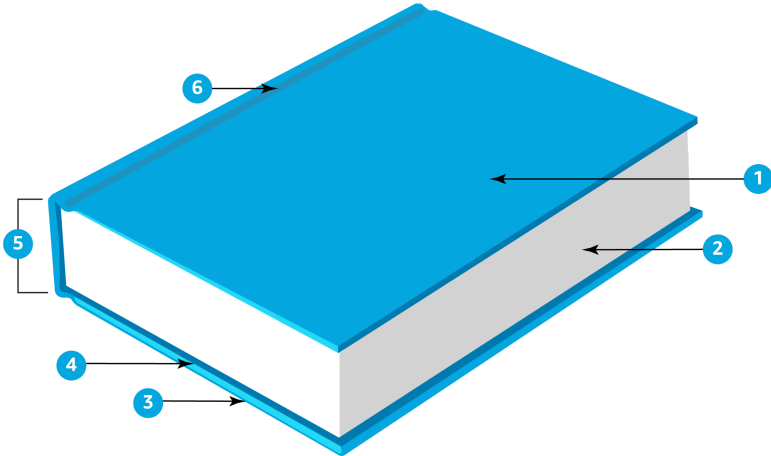
Hardcover elements

Use the visual guide to learn about our case-laminate hardcovers. They demonstrate how the cover will be different from paperback books.

Open hardcover book



Closed hardcover book



- 1. Hardcover:** Covers are printed using case laminate, either with a glossy or matte finish. It'll be wrapped around a solid case board (2 mm thick).
- 2. Book block:** Pages are printed and glued into a single unit, then trimmed around the edges. This is the interior of your book.
- 3. Wrap:** Part of the cover will wrap around the case board and glued to the inside cover.
- 4. Endsheets:** Also known as endpapers, they're the first and last pages glued to the inside of the hardcover, dividing text from cover. Endsheets are white or cream, and will match your book's interior paper choice.
- 5. Spine:** This is the outside edge of the book. It's where pages are gathered and bound. Hardcover spines are flat. For books exceeding 120 pages, a black-and-white headband will be applied at the top and bottom of the spine.
- 6. Hinge:** This is where the book bends when you open it.

Trim sizes & page count

Hardcover books must range between 75-550 pages. Below are the trim sizes for hardcover books. They apply to both black-and-white and color books. For paperbacks, page ranges and trim sizes vary from hardcover books. For details on those, [visit our Paperback Manufacturing guide](#).

Interior trim width		Cover trim width	
Inches	Millimeters	Inches	Millimeters
5.5" x 8.5"	139.7 x 215.9 mm	5.75" x 8.75"	146.05 x 222.25 mm
6" x 9"	152.4 x 228.6 mm	6.25" x 9.25"	158.75 x 234.95 mm
6.14" x 9.21"	156 x 234 mm	6.39" x 9.46"	162.31 x 240.28 mm
7" x 10"	177.8 x 254 mm	7.25" x 10.25"	184.15 x 260.35 mm
8.25" X 11"	209.6 x 279.4 mm	8.5" x 11.25"	215.90 x 285.75 mm

Note: If you switch units of trim size from inches to millimeters, or vice versa, rounding may occur.

Ink & paper options

Below are the options for your cover and interior:

Interior Paper Printing	Cover Printing
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<div>Black and white:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">White paper: 55# 100 GSM 435 PPICream paper: 55# 90 GSM 408 PPI</div> <div>Color:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">White paper: 60# 100 GSM 435 PPI</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">4-color printed coversChoice of matte or glossy laminationWhite or cream endsheets, based on interior paper choiceSolid case board (2 mm thick)</div>
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Color requirements

- Color spaces:** Files in CMYK (full-color printing) are preferred. Color spaces such as RGB (digital cameras and computer monitors) and grayscale (black and white printing) are also accepted. We don't recommend using multiple color spaces in a file. It can cause color variance and unexpected results when your book is printed.
- Color profiles** are color management added to an image or file. We don't recommend including color profiles in your file. Including color profiles can yield unexpected results. They are automatically removed before publishing.
- Spot colors** are colors generated from ink chosen from a color system (such as Pantone Matching System). Spot colors are used in offset printing and aren't compatible with Kindle Enterprise Publishing Print on Demand. Converting spot colors to CMYK is recommended.

Note: Standard color is not available for hardcover books at the moment.

Printing Cost

Below is a breakdown of the printing costs, so you can calculate estimated payouts. We charge a standard unit cost, plus a printing cost per page.

	Unit Cost (per book)	Cost-per-page (black & white)	Cost-per-page (premium color)
US	5.50 USD	0.012 USD	0.07 USD
EU	4.50 EUR	0.012 EUR	0.06 EUR
UK	4.00 GBP	0.01 GBP	0.045 GBP

Note: Hardcover distribution is not available for Amazon.co.jp or Amazon.com.au at this time. To make your book available on Amazon.ca, it must be enrolled in distribution through Amazon.com.

Distiller settings for creating files

We recommend creating files by Printing to PDF using our [Distiller Settings](#), a ZIP file containing several preflight options and settings to create files that are optimized for Kindle Enterprise Publishing (KEP) Print on Demand (POD).

Make sure to read the Instruction file first that covers how to use these file settings in Acrobat Pro, Enfocus Pitstop and Acrobat Distiller. The preflight files included in this folder can identify and sometimes fix features within a PDF to optimize it for printing by KEP. Keep in mind that it's not required to use any or all of these profiles prior to file upload.

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