

# Ready to Print? Let's Get Your Files Production-Ready



To ensure your book looks exactly as intended and professionally finished—make sure your print files meet Acutrack's setup standards.

## Here's everything you need to prepare and check before uploading your project for production

### 1. Interior Book File (PDF)

The interior must be delivered as one complete PDF containing every page in the book—from the first page to the last—including all blank pages. Do not submit separate chapter PDFs. Export in **single-pag format**.

**Do not** include crop marks, registration marks, or printer marks.

### 2. Full Cover File (PDF)

The cover must be supplied as **one combined PDF** that includes the front cover, back cover, and spine.

A front cover alone is not sufficient—all design elements must be assembled in one final cover layout. **USE OUR COVER [TEMPLATE GENERATOR](#)**

### 3. ISBN & Barcode

Each format of the book requires its **own unique ISBN** (e.g., paperback vs. hardcover). Ensure the **correct ISBN is applied to the cover** design before submitting files for production.

### **\*\*Important: Trim and Binding Tolerance\*\***

During trimming or binding, a shift of up to **1/16 inch (2 mm)** may occur. This minor variation is within industry standards. While this tolerance is tight, it can still cause **text or images near the edge** to be trimmed or make the spine appear slightly off-center.

### Total Document Size

Total Document Size indicates the overall dimensions of the entire file, encompassing both the **content area** & any **bleed or margin & Spine width**.

### Safety Margin

The space between the trimmed edge and vital content (such as **text, images, and page numbers**) is crucial to avoid unintentional cropping or cutting. Acutrack Suggests a **0.5 in margin** for all files.

### Bleed Area

To ensure a clean and smooth finish for books, pages are printed larger than the final size and then trimmed down. The excess paper that is trimmed away is referred to as '**bleed.**' Acutrack mandates a **0.125 in bleed margin** for all files.

### Spine Area

Spine width depends on **page count**. Keep your spine text within the template's **safe spine area**. Avoid full-width text, and note that Acutrack does not recommend spine text if the spine is under **0.125 inch**.



### Ready with your files?

Upload your completed files using the link below

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