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Textual Documents, Graphic Illustrations/Artwork, Maps, Plans, and Oversized

Document Character - Original	Recommended Image Parameters	Alternative Minimum
Clean, high-contrast documents with printed type (e.g. laser printed or typeset)	1-bit bitonal mode or 8-bit grayscale - adjust scan resolution to produce a QI of 8 for smallest significant character or 1-bit bitonal mode - 600 ppi* for documents with smallest significant character of 1.0 mm or larger or 8-bit grayscale mode – 400 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.0 mm or larger NOTE: Regardless of approach used, adjust scan resolution to produce a minimum pixel measurement across the long dimension of 6,000 lines for 1-bit files and 4,000 lines for 8-bit files *The 600 ppi 1-bit files can be produced via scanning	1-bit bitonal mode - 300 ppi* for documents with smallest significant character of 2.0 mm or larger or 8-bit grayscale mode - 300 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.5 mm or larger *The 300 ppi 1-bit files can be produced via scanning or
	or created/derived from 400 ppi, 8-bit grayscale images.	created/derived from 300 ppi, 8-bit grayscale images.
Documents with poor legibility or diffuse characters (e.g. carbon copies, Thermofax/ Verifax, etc.), handwritten annotations or other markings, low inherent contrast, staining, fading, halftone illustrations, or photographs	8-bit grayscale mode - adjust scan resolution to produce a QI of 8 for smallest significant character or 8-bit grayscale mode - 400 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.0 mm or larger NOTE: Regardless of approach used, adjust scan resolution to produce a minimum pixel measurement across the long dimension of 4,000 lines for 8-bit files	8-bit grayscale mode - 300 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.5 mm or larger
Documents as described for grayscale scanning and/or where color is important to the interpretation of the information or content, or desire to produce the most accurate representation	24-bit color mode - adjust scan resolution to produce a QI of 8 for smallest significant character or 24-bit RGB mode - 400 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.0 mm or larger NOTE: Regardless of approach used, adjust scan resolution to produce a minimum pixel measurement across the long dimension of 4,000 lines for 24-bit files	24-bit RGB mode - 300 ppi for documents with smallest significant character of 1.5 mm or larger