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On the **Position** tab, you can change the origin (top-left corner) of the Intelligent Mail barcode (IMB), the size of the barcode area, and the orientation of the barcode symbol.

When you create BCOCA IMBs, the barcode area must be large enough to contain the largest barcode symbol in each page group. If any part of the barcode symbol extends outside of the barcode area, the printer reports an exception and does not print the barcode correctly.

AFP Editor automatically creates IMBs with the same orientation as the POSTNET barcodes. However, you can select a different orientation for the barcode symbol (0, 90, 180, 270 degrees).

Fields on the **Position** tab

Field	Value	Description
Origin of area: X position	Any decimal value, such as 2.5. The X position cannot be greater than the width of the page.	The horizontal distance (in inches or millimeters) of the left side of the barcode area measured from the left side of the logical page (not the physical sheet of paper). <div>⬇️ <b>Note:</b> If you rotated the AFP file using the <b>Rotate by 90°</b> option on the <b>View</b> menu, specify the X position from the top-left corner of the page in the unrotated view.</div>
Origin of area: Y position	Any decimal value, such as 2.5. The Y position cannot be greater than the height of the page.	The vertical distance (in inches or millimeters) of the top of the barcode area measured from the top of the logical page (not the physical sheet of paper). <div>⬇️ <b>Note:</b> If you rotated the AFP file using the <b>Rotate by 90°</b> option on the <b>View</b> menu, specify the Y position from the top-left corner of the page in the unrotated view.</div>
Size of area: Width	Any decimal value, such as 2.5. The width of the area cannot be greater than the width of the page.	The horizontal width (in inches or millimeters) of the barcode area measured in the unrotated view. If the POSTNET barcode is a BCOCA object, the initial width is the width of the POSTNET barcode area. If the POSTNET barcode is a text barcode, the initial width is the maximum width for IMBs. <div>⬇️ <b>Note:</b> This field applies only to BCOCA barcodes. It is ignored for text barcodes.</div>
Size of area: Height	Any decimal value, such as 2.5. The height of the area cannot be greater than the height of the page.	The vertical height (in inches or millimeters) of the barcode area measured in the unrotated view. If the POSTNET barcode is a BCOCA object, the initial height is the height of the POSTNET barcode area. If the POSTNET barcode is a text barcode, the initial height is the maximum height for IMBs. <div>⬇️ <b>Note:</b> This field applies only to BCOCA barcodes. It is ignored for text barcodes.</div>
Orientation	0 degrees	The barcode symbol is not rotated in the barcode area.
	90 degrees	The barcode symbol is rotated 90 degrees in the barcode area.
	180 degrees	The barcode symbol is rotated 180 degrees in the barcode area.
	270 degrees	The barcode symbol is rotated 270 degrees in the barcode area.
Origin of barcode symbol: X position	A decimal value.	The horizontal distance (in inches or millimeters) of the origin of the barcode symbol measured from the left side of the logical page (not the physical sheet of paper). AFP Editor automatically calculates this value.

Field	Value	Description
Origin of barcode symbol: Y position	A decimal value.	The vertical distance (in inches or millimeters) of the origin of the barcode symbol measured from the top of the logical page (not the physical sheet of paper). AFP Editor automatically calculates this value.
Placement of area	Page $n$	The barcode is placed on page $n$ of each page group. $n$ is the number of the page where you drew the barcode area.
	Multiple pages: All pages	The barcode is placed on all pages in each page group.
	Multiple pages: Even pages	The barcode is placed on the even pages in each page group (pages 2, 4, 6,...).
	Multiple pages: Odd pages	The barcode is placed on the odd pages in each page group (pages 1, 3, 5,...).

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