

File, Pre-Press & Technical Information

Design & Layout Services • We offer design services upon request. We also have the capacity to scan photos as needed.

Pre-Press Information • In order to quickly and accurately print your large-format color graphics, we offer the following formatting tips and suggestions. To best expedite printing and minimize costs, we ask that you use these guidelines in setting up your files.

File Suggestions:

- Use vector files whenever possible for a smoother edge on graphics, especially on type.
- Include all fonts used in the document or convert all type to outlines.
- Resolution of raster graphics should be at least 100ppi at the finished size. If the file is scaled down, the resolution should be proportional.

Example:

Finished Size

100"H x 100"W @ 100ppi

1/4" scale

25"H x 25"W @ 400ppi

- Include all placed or linked files (even if they are embedded).

Media • We accept Macintosh and PC files on:

- E-mail or FTP/File upload (see below)
- 100 Mb Iomega Zip disk
- CD
- DVD

Files may be e-mailed if under 5MB. If your file is larger, please use our FTP share system.

FTP • The Aion Solutions FTP can be accessed by contacting your CSR.

File Formats • In addition to the formats listed below, we have the ability to import and edit almost any EPS file.

Adobe Illustrator: EPS with fonts outlined

Adobe PDF: Fonts embedded, file to size.

Adobe Photoshop: CMYK TIFF or EPS

Adobe InDesign: Package the document or export as EPS with the fonts outlined.

Quark XPress: Include all files and fonts used in the document or collect for output.

PRE-PRESS INFORMATION (continued)

Scan Resolution • Please scan at 100 DPI at ACTUAL size of output. CMYK EPS files are preferred, but TIFFs and JPGs are also accepted.

Black • Instead of using the one-color default black, please set up a four-color process black consisting of 75% cyan, 75% magenta, 75% yellow and 100% black. This produces a rich solid black and improves black quality for large areas.

PMS colors • If PMS colors are critical, Aion offers process color matches within 90-100% of specified colors. Aion recommends hard proofs which can be produced for a nominal fee.

Scaling • We prefer files set up at actual size, but if we must scale your file, please indicate scale in % and give final dimensions. Check the resolution of all photos at ACTUAL size before sending your files.

Fonts • When sending your Macintosh file, always include PRINTER and SCREEN fonts. When sending your PC file, we can use your .TTF, .TTI and .OTF fonts. We use Adobe Type 2 compatible fonts. Whenever possible, try to convert fonts to outline.



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