

PDF Specifications:

Our preferred format for receipt of digital advertising files is PDF. Typically, PDF files are created from Postscript files utilizing Adobe Acrobat Distiller module. We strongly recommend that you generate a postscript file from your native application and then create your PDF using Distiller with the settings provided below. We do NOT recommend exporting PDF files directly from your native application (Quark, InDesign, etc.) The results of exporting can be unreliable and will not meet our specifications because the profiles listed below were not used in the creation process. There are two files you should download and utilize in the creation of both your Postscript and PDF files from our FTP site:

PostScript Printer Description File

The PostScript Printer Description (PPD) file is used by Quark and the PostScript for the creation of your Postscript file. Download this file, uncompress, and then place in the following folder for your respective Operating Systems:

[Ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/DDAPv3_PPD.sit](ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/DDAPv3_PPD.sit)

OS 9: Macintosh HD/System Folder/Extensions Folder/Printer Descriptions Folder/
OS X: Macintosh HD/Library/Printer/PPDs/Contents/Resources/en.proj/

[Ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/DDAPv3_PPD.zip](ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/DDAPv3_PPD.zip)

Windows: C:\WINNT (or WINDOWS in XP)\system32\spool\drivers\w32x86\3

Adobe Acrobat Distiller Setting File

This Adobe Acrobat Distiller job profile will automatically setup Distiller with the correct settings to create PDFs from your Postscript files. Download this file, uncompress, and then place in the following folder for your respective Operating Systems:

[Ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/SourceMedia.joboptions.sit](ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/SourceMedia.joboptions.sit)

OS 9: Macintosh HD/Application/Adobe Acrobat X/Distiller/Settings/*
OS X: Macintosh HD/Users/Shared/Adobe PDF X/Settings/*

[Ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/SourceMedia.joboptions.zip](ftp://AdDrop:rainbow@Ftpfiles.sourcemia.com/Distiller%20Settings/SourceMedia.joboptions.zip)

Windows: C:\Program Files\Adobe\Acrobat X\Distillr\Settings*

* X denotes the Adobe Acrobat version. The installation location of your Adobe Acrobat may vary.

Ad Sizes

- Full page trim size is 8.5" x 11"; in addition, for color ads allow minimum 1/8" each side for any bleeds
- Half-page horizontal ads are 8" wide x 5" tall
- Half-page vertical ads are 4" wide by 10" tall
- Fourth-page horizontal ads are 8" wide x 2.5"
- Fourth-page vertical ads 4" x 5"

Postscript Checklist

Prior to making the Postscript file, please check your file to make sure that it meets the following SourceMedia's specification:

Check Page Size

- Page size should not be larger than the maximum allowable dimensions. Maximum single page image area is: 11" W X 17" H and maximum spread image is: 22" W X 17" H.
- All pages should be built to trim size. All bleed elements should extend 1/8" or more beyond trim size. The trim sizes for the publication are detailed above.

Check Colors used

- Ensure all color NOT intended to separate as a spot color is defined as Process color (CMYK)

Check Fonts

- Ensure that all fonts used are PostScript type 1 fonts. We do not accept TrueType or MultipleMaster fonts.

Check Images

1. All images must be CMYK or Grayscale TIFF or EPS between 200 & 300 DPI.
2. Do not nest EPS file into another EPS file.
3. Do not embed ICC profile with images.
4. Total area density should not exceed SWOP standard of 300%.

Creating PDF Ads in Acrobat Distiller:

1. Create a PostScript file from your page layout application, using the DDAP PPD that you downloaded. Make sure you only output 1 page per Postscript file.
2. Launch Acrobat Distiller
3. Select the SourceMedia Distiller Job Option
4. Drag your PostScript file on to the Distiller window to create your PDF file.

Proofs

All color documents must include a SWOP standard color proof. We will attempt to color-match on press, as closely as possible, to what is provided. All B/W documents must include a composite laser.

Files can be sent on:

1. CD/DVD ROM
2. FTP

FTP Information: (with proofs sent to the indicated address)

Set your FTP Client software to the following configuration:

FTP Site Address: ftpfiles.sourcemedia.com

User Name: AdDrop

Password: rainbow

Upload files to: /dropbox/AdMaterials

When files are uploaded, please notify Sasha Burgansky

Send files with proofs to:

SourceMedia/BMFE

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