

Prografix has made extensive investments in state-of-the-art [Computer to Plate \(CtP\)](#) and related technologies to provide the highest quality print at a competitive price. We are glad to submit this list of recommendations for the preparation of your digital files for flawless offset printing.



Prografix accepts electronic files in the following formats:

1. PDF 1.3, PDF 1.4

- Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format) files are highly flexible and work on most computer platforms, operating systems and all major graphic design software.
- To prepare a PDF file, you will need Adobe Distiller.
- Conducting last-minute changes to a PDF file takes a very large amount of time and may not be possible at all.
- Please be warned that projects created and viewed using a RGB monitor may provide different results when printed using the CMYK process.

2. PostScript (PS) level 2, PS level 3

- For over 20 years, PostScript is the industry standard for all output devices.
- Graphics and fonts are less likely to be missing in PostScript files.
- PostScript eliminates unwanted line or page breaks.
- All leading DTP software programs support PostScript without the need to purchase additional third party applications.
- PostScript files are closed, meaning that it is impossible to alter or change. If changes are required, a new file must be created and transferred to Prografix.



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3. Native files direct from your DTP software

- Native format allows fast last minute changes conducted by Prografix's [DTP department](#).
- Native files are perfect for electronic archiving of standard print communication pieces. Prografix can constantly make timely corrections and changes (new telephone numbers, new branches etc.) to the material for reprinting, thus eliminating material obsolesce by keeping all print up-to-date.
- Extreme caution must be applied when submitting native files to prevent printing errors.

Prior to transferring PDF and PS files, please make sure that:

- The files are high resolution, 2540 dpi
- All fonts are embedded
- There is sufficient bleed (minimum 3 mm)
- All folds, cuts, perforations etc... are clearly defined
- You have also sent us a printed version of the file for comparison purposes

Prior to transferring native files, please make sure that:

- [Check below](#) to see if Prografix supports your software
- All images are linked
- Both screen fonts and printer fonts are be included (Postscript Type 1 fonts can replace TrueType fonts)
- You have sent us a printed copy of the file for comparison purposes

Means of Transferring Files to Prografix:

1. Media (both PC and Mac platforms are both fully supported)

- 3.5" Floppy
- CD / CDR
- DVD
- Optical disk (2GB)
- Zip disk (100MB)

2. Electronically, preferred method in order to save time

- E-mail attachments (for smaller files only)
- FTP, is the best option as it allows fast transfer of large files. [Contact Prografix](#) to create a secured a FTP catalog with password for file transfer.

Supported Software:

Prografix supports the following software:

Design and Layout Software		
Product	Version Number	Platform supported
Adobe PageMaker	5 - 7	PC
Adobe InDesign	2 - CS	Mac & PC
CorelDRAW	8 - 12	Mac & PC
Quark Xpress	3 - 5	Mac & PC
Illustration and Graphic Design Software		
Product	Version Number	Platform supported
Adobe Illustrator	7 - CS	Mac & PC
Adobe Photoshop	6 - CS	Mac & PC
Illustrator	8 - CS	Mac & PC
Freehand	8 - 10	Mac & PC
Microsoft Office Software		
Product	Version Number	Platform supported
Excel	all	Mac & PC
Word	all	Mac & PC

If submitting files created in other programs, please [contact](#) Prografix prior to transfer.

Drivers:

While all PDF and PS drivers are compatible, some issues can be avoided by installing the following drivers into the appropriate folder in your software program:

For Mac: Brisque V4.PPD
[\(click to download\)](#)

For PC: sxpcbrv4.PPD
[\(click to download\)](#)