

Page Layout Terms and stuff



So, that purple box that you have been leaving inside your InDesign documents to let you know where the printer grabs the paper...

It serves a purpose.

It's called the **BLEED** line.

The **bleed** is used when an image goes off the page (or to the edge of the page).

Printers will tell you how far off your artboard your bleed should go. The image is then larger than the page to allow for trimming down to the proper size. This prevents any cahnce of a white or paper colored border that can be overly distracting.



REGISTRATION BLACK?

Registration black is made up of every color that goes into a project. This includes the 4 colors of process printing, cyan, magenta, yellow and black, as well as any spot colors, and Pantones.

It is used to line up the paper on the presses in larger print = runs, make a rich black, and to indicate where cuts and folds go.



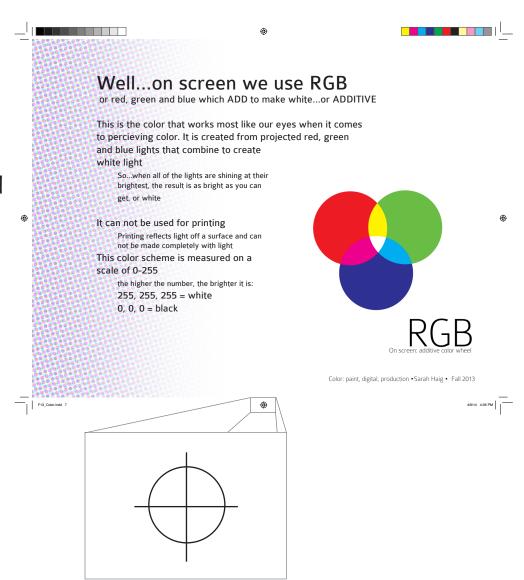


REGISTRATION BLACK?

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Registration marks are a crosshair inside a circle printed in the margin on all 4 sides of a document past the bleed.

The mark us typically placed in the center of each margin using a line with a .25pt stroke





REGISTRATION BLACK? continued...

It is also used for crop and fold marks. Crop marks go outside the main area of the document, • but inside the printed bleed edge. The are a .25" line at .25pt weight that indicate where the document is trimmed.

Well...on screen we use RGB

or red, green and blue which ADD to make white...or ADDITIVE

This is the color that works most like our eyes when it comes to percieving color. It is created from projected red, green and blue lights that combine to create white light

So...when all of the lights are shining at their brightest, the result is as bright as you can get, or white

It can not be used for printing

Printing reflects light off a surface and can not be made completely with light

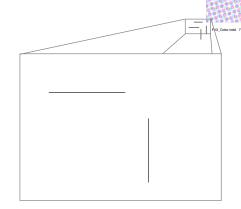
This color scheme is measured on a scale of 0-255

the higher the number, the brighter it is: 255, 255, 255 = white 0, 0, 0 = black



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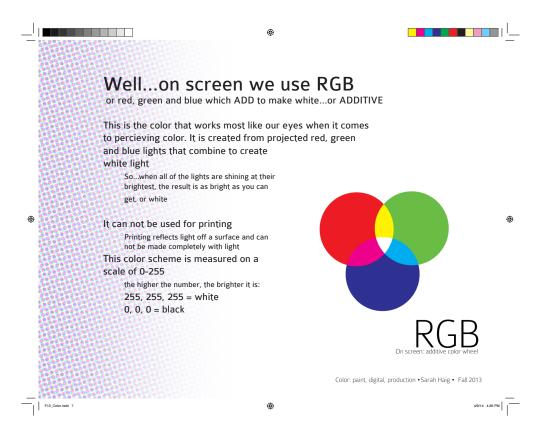


What about **REGISTRATION BLACK?**

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Similar to crop marks are the fold markers. Folds are indicated by a dashed line on each side of the fold.





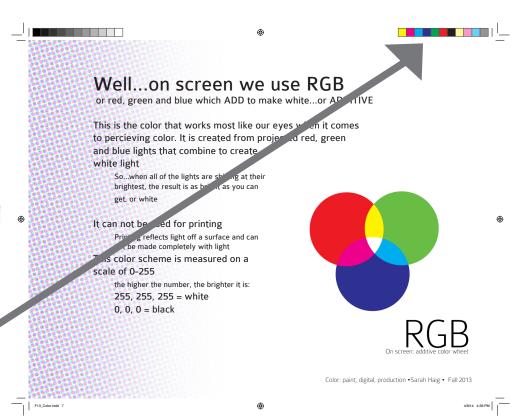


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If you ever wonder what colors were used in printing, look at the color bars that are provided • in the margin that will get cut off in trimming.

This is a quick way to see if the printer is using 2, 3, 4, 5 or more colors.



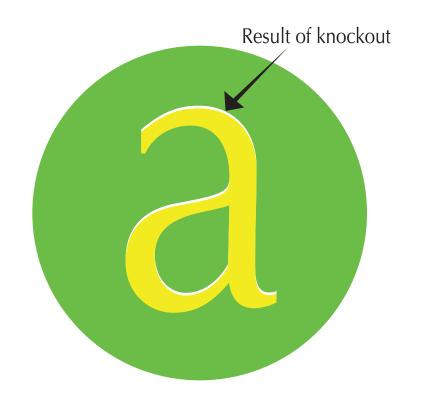


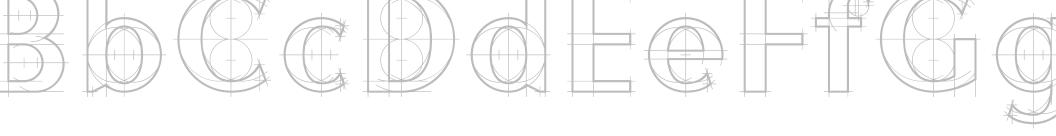
Something else to consider...Trapping

Trapping is used when 2 fields of color print up against each other (or when a lighter shape appears inside a darker shape. In order for the lighter shape to appear, it needs to print directly on the paper.

In order for this to happen, a **KNOCKOUT** is created in the darker color, leaving a place where none of that color is printed.

This can leave a hairline stroke of white around between color fields when printing...that isn't pretty.

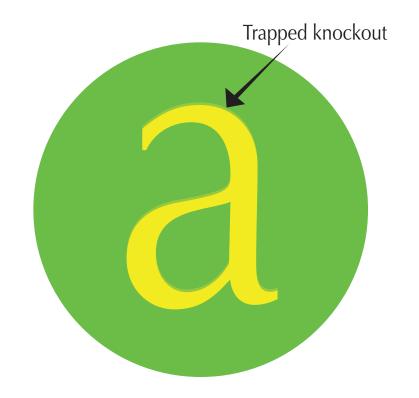




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To prevent that white outline, **TRAPPING** extends the lighter color a few pixels beyoned the boudary of the shape to blends in with the darker color. The creates a thin line of mixed color that is less distracting than the white outline.

To change the setting for trapping, look under Window > Output > Trap Presets.

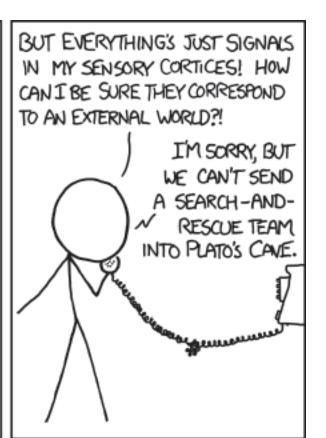












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