# **DIGITAL PRINTING**

# **Guidelines & Checklist**



#### **Live Artwork**

Print Area: Min 24" x 24" / Max 71" x118"

Live files from the following applications are preferred: Artios CAD, Illustrator, Indesign, Photoshop.

All standard graphic design industry file formats can be handled. **Preferred FormatART** - Illustrator or PDF, **CAD** - ARTIOS (.ard)

Note: Items set to overprint may be not visible when printed!

#### **Pictures and Links**

We recommend a resolution of at least 300 dpi (at final size). Depending on the design for very large format pictures 175 dpi @ 100% may suffice.

The color mode should be set to CMYK. RGB data and special colors must be converted to CMYK.

## Bleed

Bleed is necessary to counteract cutting mis-registration and should be 1/4" on all sides.

Logos and text must be placed at least 3/8" from cut or scores.

# **Fonts**

Please embed all fonts in the PDF. For Live Artwork files all necessary fonts must be included with the job or converted to outlines. Can print 8pt font reliably, 10+ for reverse type



- 1. Missing or incorrect bleeds
- 2. Incorrectly sized artwork.
- 3. Missing or incompatible fonts
- 4. Critical copy too close to knife or scores.
- 5. Raster artwork submitted at less than 300dpi.

## **Overprint settings**

Check your file for correct overprint settings - white objects set to overprint are not visible when printed!

# When creating PDFs please keep the following in mind:

Please use PDF version 1.4 or higher (with transparencies) when directly exporting from Illustrator, Indesign or ArtPro. Embed all fonts and select the press quality option.

If the file contains a dieline, use a spot color for it and set it to overprint. Artwork must be centered on the dieline and at actual size.



# DIGITAL ART CHECKLIST

Please make sure to complete the following checklist prior to submitting your job. Items confirmed as being incompleted/not addressed are subject to additional charge(s) by the prepress department.

- Document dimensions are the correct size and scale for production
- Structure is on a separate layer and the original CAD file is included with the job.
- ☐ All fonts are included or converted to outlines
- All supporting images or links are included. Saved at 300 dpi, full size in a links folder
- ☐ Spot colors are noted and/or converted to their CMYK equivalents
- Overprints have been turned off.
- Graphics has been created with 1/4" bleed over all cuts or creases as required.
- ☐ All text and logos are 3/8" away from scores and knife rules
- All color targets have been provided. (Contract proof, production sample or draw downs)
- Logos are in vector format and spot colors are noted
- Contact name, telephone, and email information are included
- ☐ Barcodes meet specifications and scan correctly
- PDF and PDFX Color profiles are noted for production
  Note: Franklin Mountain Packaging's Default Profile is GRACol



# **Key Points to Consider**



# The Nozomi loves BIG print:

- Format 71" x 118"
- Competitive equipment: HP C500 is much smaller format (roughly 52 x 98 max)
- Products that fit this segment: Most POP work (wraps, case stacker, club-store packaging)

# The Nozomi loves BOLD print:

• UV inks are more vibrant than their competition (flexo, aqueous digital and screen print)

# The Nozomi loves Solid Coverage:

- The Nozomi is capable of laying down thick layers of ink to achieve impressive solids
- Retail POP, signage

# The Nozomi can print on most substrates:

• LED UV Ink can bond onto wood, plastics, most signage materials, and paper

## UV inks are durable and colorfast:

• UV inks can withstand the sometimes harsh environment of retail (mopping, lighting, physical abrasion and impacts) much better than competitive print technology

### The Nozomi likes:

- Short and long runs
- Volumes that are much greater than those of the competition
- Dual lane printing to maximize production
- Stable substrates

# The Nozomi can print 8 pt. font reliably, 10+ for reverse type

### Media:

• For optimal print warp of corrugated board should not exceed 1/4" (6 mm) over 12 lineal inches (305 mm) of the material's surface.

## **Prepress Charges:**

• \$375 includes file prep, PDF proofs and a production sample for sign off. Additional samples = \$100 per.

