

COMIC BOOK PRINT-PREPARATION REFERENCE

Critical Blast Publishing • Interior file dimensions and preflight checklist

Common formats

Format	Finished trim (in.)	Full-bleed interior PDF (in.)
Standard American comic	6.625 × 10.25	6.75 × 10.50
Graphic novel	7 × 10	7.125 × 10.25
A4 international	8.268 × 11.693	8.393 × 11.943
Oversized / hardcover	8.5 × 11	8.625 × 11.25

Interior bleed: 0.125 in. at top, bottom, and outside edge. No bleed at binding edge. Keep essential content at least 0.5 in. inside finished trim edges.

Preflight checklist

- Confirm finished trim size before final layout.
- Extend edge-to-edge artwork through required bleed.
- Keep lettering, page numbers, and critical art within safe margins.
- Use approximately 300 PPI for continuous-tone artwork at final print size.
- Check color preparation and inspect important contrast.
- Embed fonts and check lettering at actual print size.
- Export one interior PDF with individual pages in reading order.
- Remove crop marks and registration marks from final interior PDF.
- Inspect every page of the exported PDF.
- Request cover specifications after page count, paper, and binding are final.

Covers require separate, project-specific dimensions. Do not calculate spine width or hardcover wrap from trim size alone.

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