

Ready to Publish PDF File Submission Specifications

HARDCOVER BOOKS

Your ready for printing PDF file(s) should be adjusted or created to conform to the specifications detailed in this document.

Please be sure you have completed Steps 1 - 4 outlined in the guide, "From PDF to Book: Five Steps to Submitting Your Ready for Print Book," prior to completing Step 5, uploading the files you have prepared per these specifications to your GPS account.

Following these steps helps to ensure that your book will move into our workflow without delay.



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This guide is for ready to publish (print-ready) PDF file submissions of hardcover books. This program is intended for the author or publisher with extensive knowledge in graphic design and book layout. ***The files you submit to us will print in the exact manner in which you submit them.***

To achieve the book cover that you envision, it is important that you submit your final cover and interior files to us as separate, fully formatted PDF files using the specifications below with all fonts and images embedded.

File Review

Please note that we review your book files during the submission process and also during the actual proof printing process. Additionally, our production staff does periodic checks during routine manufacturing. Some issues that are not obvious during submission become obvious during printing and we may reject your book at any point we find a problem. We make every effort to identify potential printing problems during the submission process. Some common issues that may cause us to reject books due to our unique printing model include:

- Book title not on cover
- Book title on cover, spine, interior and/or metadata (the title information entered in your BookSurge account) are mismatched
- Non-consecutive page numbers
- Book not beginning on page 1 or other logical number
- Inconsistent orientation of book pages
- Artwork and/or text that is skewed or wraps improperly around the spine
- Upside down images, or images/text that are designed in such a way that they look like a printing error (e.g. Text or artwork that runs off the page)
- Excessive blank interior pages that are not indicated as intentional (e.g. By placing “Notes” or “This page intentionally left blank”)
- Headers that are inconsistently positioned from page to page

Trim Sizes

The available trim sizes for black & white interior hardcover books are 5” x 8”, 5.25” x 8”, 6” x 9”, 6.125” x 9.25”, 6.625” x 9.625”, 7” x 10”, 7.5” x 9.25” and 7.5” x 9.75”. The available trim sizes for full-color interior hardcover books are the same as those listed for black & white interior hardcover books as well as 8.25” x 6” (landscape), 8.25” x 8.25”, 8” x 8”, and 8” x 10”. The order of your trim size should always read as width in inches x height in inches of your final book regardless of whether you intend the final version to be in a portrait or landscape format.

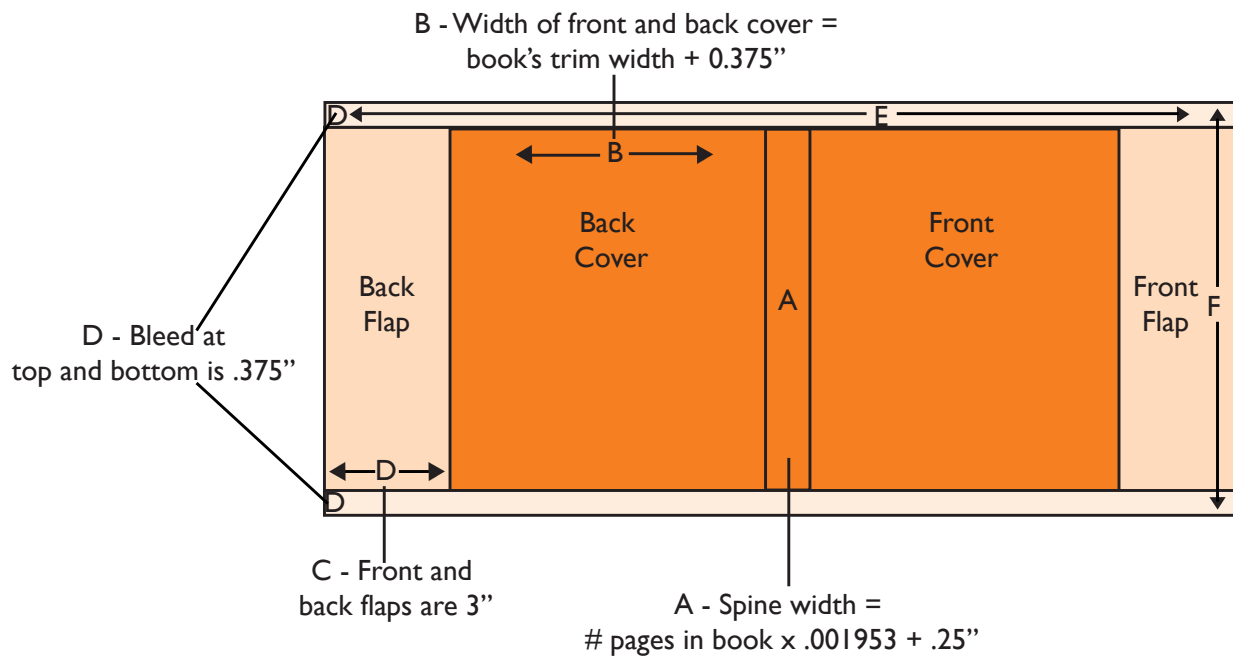
Submitting Your Interior File or Book Block

The interior, or book block, file used to format the hardcover version of your book follows the same specifications as the file you submitted for your book’s trade paperback version. You will need to upload this file again when you upload your hardcover version’s cover file. Because some information, such as your book’s ISBN, will be different from that of your paperback version, you will want to make this change prior to uploading it. Note that if you have purchased an LCCN, the same number used for your book’s trade paperback version may also be used for your book’s hardcover version.

Submitting Your Cover File

BookSurge offers three cover types for your hardcover book: Library Cloth, Library Cloth with Dust Jacket, and Juvenile Case Bound Laminate. If you choose to have Library Cloth as your cover type, no cover design submission is necessary. The specifications for Library Cloth with Dust Jacket and Juvenile Case Bound Laminate cover submissions are on the following pages.

Library Binding with Dust Jacket Cover



E – Overall **width** of book jacket equals:

$$A (\# \text{ pages in book } \times 0.001953 + 0.25") + 2B ((\text{Book's trim width} + 0.375") \times 2) + 2C (3" \times 2)$$

Example of overall book jacket width for 200 page 6" x 9" book:

$$A + 2B + 2C = \text{overall width}$$

$$((200 \times 0.001953) + 0.25") + ((6" + 0.375") \times (2)) + (3" \times 2) = 19.3906 \text{ overall width}$$

F – Overall **height** of book jacket equals:

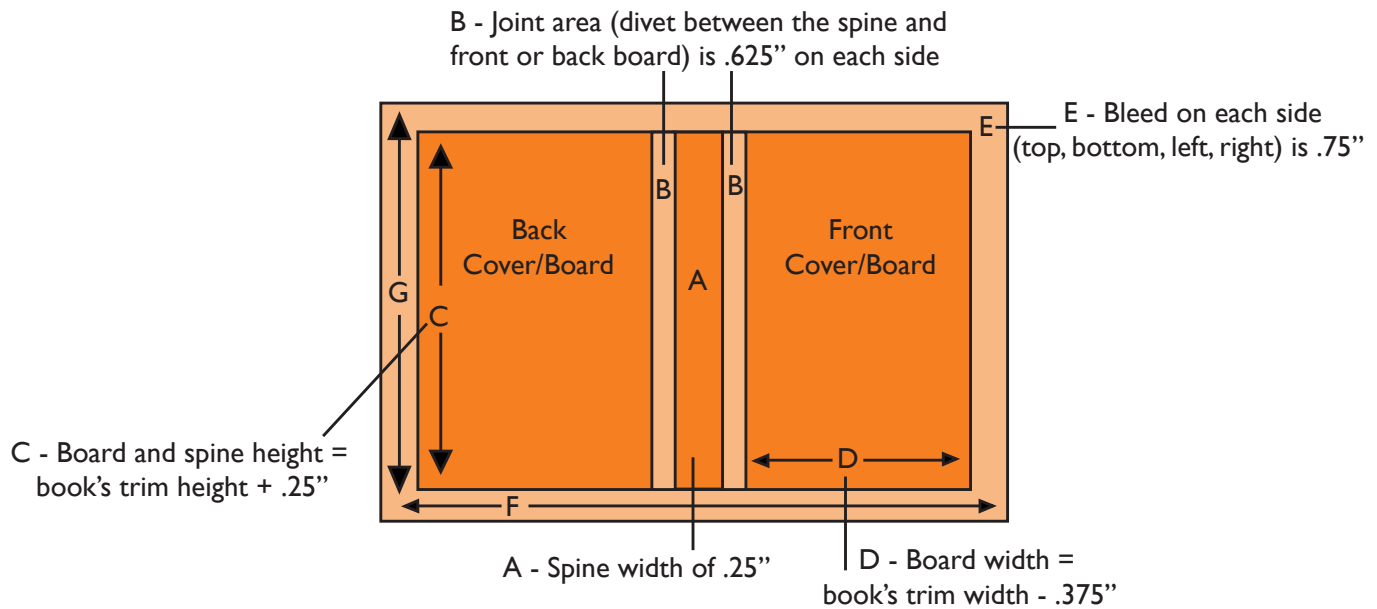
$$\text{Book's trim height} + 2E (0.375" \times 2)$$

Example of overall book jacket height for 6" x 9" book:

$$9" + (0.375" \times 2) = 9.75"$$

Please note, when creating the dust jacket flaps, it is recommended that no live-graphics are placed within .25" of the edges of the flap. Additionally, no live graphics should be placed within 0.25" of the bleed on the top and bottom of the dust jacket.

Juvenile Case Bound Laminate Cover



A – Spine width must equal 0.25" regardless of page count

F – Overall **width** of cover sheet equals:

$$A (0.25") + 2B (0.625" \times 2) + 2D (\text{Book's trim width minus } 0.375" \times 2) + 2E (0.75" \text{ bleed} \times 2)$$

Example of overall cover width for 6" x 9" book:

$$A + 2B + 2D + 2E = \text{overall width}$$

$$(0.25") + (0.625" \times 2) + ((6" - 0.375") \times (2)) + (0.75" \times 2) = 14.25" \text{ overall width}$$

G – Overall **height** of cover sheet equals:

$$C (\text{Book's trim height plus } 0.25") + 2E (0.75" \text{ bleed} \times 2)$$

Example of overall cover height for 6" x 9" book:

$$C + 2E = \text{overall height}$$

$$(9" + 0.25) + (0.75" \times 2) = 10.75" \text{ overall height}$$

Crop/Registration Marks

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Barcodes

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