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REGISTRATION, CROP MARKS etc.

Registration Marks- used only in offset printing. These marks are placed on each separate plate color. If they're being printed accurately, they should overlap precisely so the mark looks entirely black. Therefore if any of the colors are slightly out of register they'll be displayed, showing the job isn't being printed correctly.



Crop Marks (Trim Marks)- These are small lines which show exactly where the finished page will be cut during the finishing process. Used in both offset and digital printing.



Color Bars - Color bars are printed outside the trim area and are used for quality control purposes by the printer. Primarily used in offset printing.



Ask your printer if you should include any of these items in your file. Many projects must be step repeated before printing. In this case it is best to leave the marks up to the printer, other wise they will have to remove them in order to step repeat.

This will slow down your printing project and could increase your cost.

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