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Adobe Distiller Guide

MAC Operating System



This document is intended as a reference guide for inputting Adobe Distiller Joboptions. Following these parameters will assist in producing PDF files which process efficiently and print as intended. Consult the Configuring a Workstation for PS/PDF Generation document for other important information regarding Adobe Distiller setup. Screenshots are taken from Adobe Distiller 7.x. These parameters can be applied to previous versions of Distiller. Please ignore options in Adobe Distiller 7.x that do not exist in prior versions.

Victor Graphics, Inc. provides a joboptions file that can be downloaded. This joboptions file contains all the settings that are included in this document. This file can be downloaded at www.victorgraphics.com/download/resources.html



Supported Adobe Distiller/PDF Versions

Adobe Distiller: v4.x-7.x. PDF versions: 1.3; 1.4, with no transparency; 1.5, with no transparency, layer content, or JPEG2000 compression. All versions of Adobe Distiller should be configured using our specific Joboptions.

Victor Graphics Joboptions

Use the following screenshots to create a VG_PDF.joboptions file, or contact your customer service representative for a ready-made file for import into application. The Victor Joboptions name should always be selected next to Default Settings in the main Distiller Window before distilling PostScript files.

Open Adobe Acrobat Distiller:

Font Locations

Select **Font Locations** from the **Settings** menu

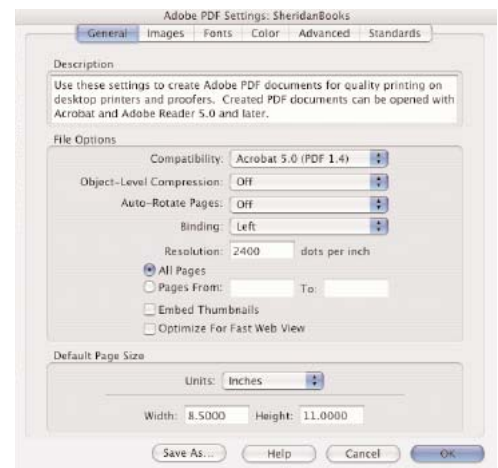
- Ensure the all entries appear in the Font Location window as shown. The first one will appear with your username.
- Select the **Add** button if necessary.
- Navigate to the folder where all the fonts are located on the workstation. If there is more than one location, be sure to add each one.
- Click the **Select** button to choose the folder.
- Uncheck the Ignore TrueType versions of standard Post-Script fonts option
- Select **OK**

Setting Distiller Job Options

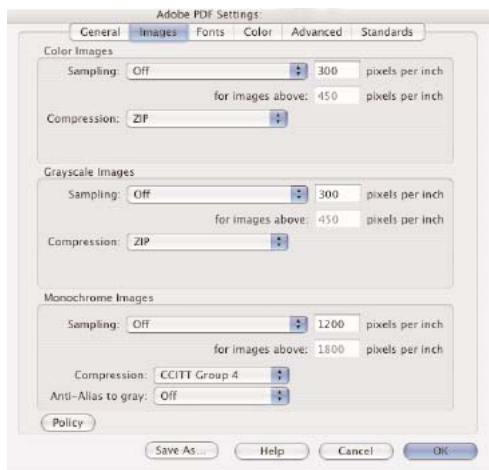
- Select Edit Adobe PDF Settings from the Settings menu

General Tab

- Compatibility: Acrobat 5.0
- Object-Level Compression: Off
- Auto-Rotate Pages: Off
- Binding: Left
- Resolution: 2400
- All Pages: Check
- Embed Thumbnails: Uncheck
- Units option should be Inches
- Default Page Size-Width: Exact horizontal trim size of document
- Default Page Size-Height: Exact vertical trim size of document
- Select the Images tab



Note: If job bleeds, the default page size should allow an extra .125" on all sides (8.75 x 11.25)

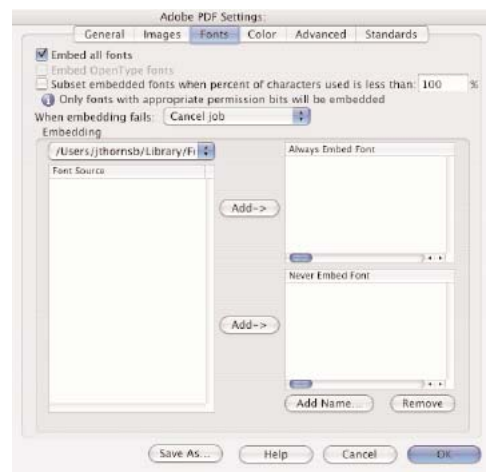


Images Tab

- Color Images-Sampling: Off / 300 pixels per inch
- Color Images-Compression: ZIP
- Grayscale Images-Sampling: Off / 300 pixels per inch
- Grayscale Images-Compression: ZIP
- Monochrome Images-Sampling: Off / 1200 pixels per inch
- Monochrome Images-Compression: CCITT Group 4
- Anti-Alias to gray: Off
- Select the Fonts tab

Fonts Tab

- Check Embed All Fonts
- Uncheck Embed OpenType fonts
- Check the Subset embedded fonts when percent of characters used is less than 100% option.
- Select Warn and Continue When embedding fails
- Embedding: Select the location(s) from the paths defined in the Font Locations steps on page 1.
- Select the Color tab



Color Tab

- Settings File: None
- Color Management Policies: Leave Color Unchanged
- Document Rendering Intent: Default / Preserve
- Working Spaces-Gray: None
- Working Spaces-RGB: Adobe RGB(1998)
- Working Spaces-CMYK: U.S. Japan Web Coated (Ad)
- Preserve CMYK values for calibrated CMYK color spaces: Check or Grayed Out
- Check Preserve Under Color Removal and Black Generation
- When transfer functions are found: Preserve
- Preserve Halftone Information: Uncheck
- Select the Advanced tab



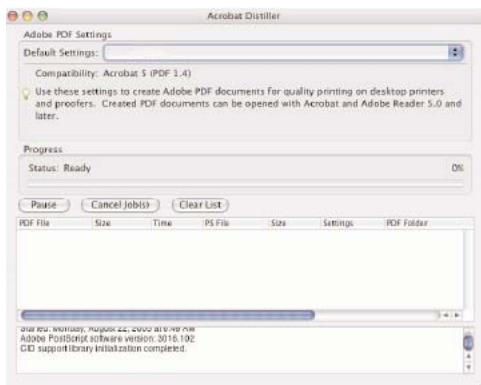


Advanced Tab

- Allow PostScript file to override Adobe PDF Settings: Uncheck
- Allow PostScript XObjects: Uncheck
- Convert gradients to smooth shades: Check
- Convert smooth lines to curves: Uncheck
- Preserve Level 2 copypage semantics: Check
- Preserve Overprint Settings: Check
- Overprinting default is nonzero overprinting: Check
- Save Adobe PDF settings inside PDF file: Check
- Save original JPEG images in PDF if possible: Check
- Save Portable Job Ticket inside PDF file: Uncheck
- Use Prologue.ps and Epilogue.ps: Uncheck
- Create Job Definition Format (JDF) file: Uncheck
- Process DSC comments: Check
- Log DSC warnings: Uncheck
- Preserve EPS information from DSC: Check
- Preserve OPI comments: Uncheck
- Preserve document information from DSC: Check
- Resize page and center artwork for EPS files: Check
- Click on the Standards button

Standards Tab

- Compliance Standard: None
- All other options are grayed out and cannot be changed
- Click on the OK button. If prompted for a file name to save the settings, enter an appropriate name.



Distill the PostScript File

- Navigate to the directory where your PostScript file(s) are being stored.
- Select the necessary file(s) to be distilled.
- Drag and drop the file(s) in the middle of the Acrobat Distiller program. Acrobat Distiller will then begin the PDF creation process. The PDF files will be found in the same directory the PostScript files were saved at.