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About the Documentation

This manual is part of a set of Fiery documentation that includes the following manuals for users and system administrators. Most are available as Acrobat PDF (Portable Document Format) files on the User Documentation CD.

- The *EFI User Software Installation Guide* describes how to install software from the User Software CD to enable users to print to the Fiery, and also describes setting up printing connections to the Fiery.
- The *EFI Configuration Guide* explains basic configuration and administration of the Fiery for the supported platforms and network environments. It also includes guidelines for setting up UNIX, Windows NT 4.0/2000/Server 2003, and Novell NetWare servers to provide printing services to users.
- The *EFI Printing Guide* describes the printing features of the Fiery for users who send jobs from their computers.
- The *EFI Color Guide* provides information on managing the color output of the Fiery. It explains how to calibrate your Fiery and take advantage of the ColorWise® color management system, as well as features in ColorWise Pro Tools™.
- The *EFI Color Reference* addresses concepts and issues associated with managing color output of the Fiery and outlines key workflow scenarios. In addition, it offers information on printing color documents from popular Microsoft Windows and Apple Mac OS applications.
- The *EFI Job Management Guide* explains the functions of the job management utilities, including Command WorkStation™, Command WorkStation LE™, and DocBuilder Pro™, and how you can use them to monitor and control jobs on the Fiery. This manual is intended for an operator or administrator, or a user with the necessary access privileges, who monitors and manages job flow, performs color calibration, and troubleshoots problems that may arise.
- *Release Notes* provide last-minute product information and workarounds for some of the problems you may encounter.

Introduction

This guide provides a reference for information about optimizing color printing with the Sharp AR-C360P and improving color quality and performance for all printer models. Specific features and options may vary, depending on the Sharp AR-C360P model at your site.

About this guide

This guide provides an overview of general color concepts, with a specific focus on color management for print output. It describes multiple scenarios (called workflows) during which color information can be specified, and makes recommendations about when to use each type of workflow. It also provides application notes that explain how to print to the Fiery from popular Microsoft Windows and Apple Mac OS applications.

The Glossary at the back of this guide defines terms and concepts—for example, output profile—that appear throughout this manual. Color terms and concepts such as “RGB data,” “color space,” “spot color,” “gamut,” and “source profile” are used throughout this guide. If you are new to desktop color, or if any terms are unfamiliar, consult the [Glossary](#) near the end of this guide.

For additional information

For additional information about the topics discussed in this guide, see:

- [Color Guide](#)—for detailed information about the color printing options and settings available with your Fiery, as well as the ColorWise® color management system built into your Fiery.
- [Printing Guide](#)—for information about how to set the ColorWise print options.

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- *User Software Installation Guide*—for information about the software provided with your Fiery, including sample color reference pages used to verify print results.
- *Job Management Guide*—for information about performing color management tasks and using ColorWise Pro Tools™.

For general information about printing in color, see [Appendix A](#) and the sources in the [Bibliography](#).

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Chapter 1: Overview of Color Management Concepts

To create successful color documents and presentations, you can take advantage of the features of color management software as they are implemented by the Fiery and on your desktop computer. This chapter is devoted to various elements of color management that contribute to predictable color results.

Understanding color management systems

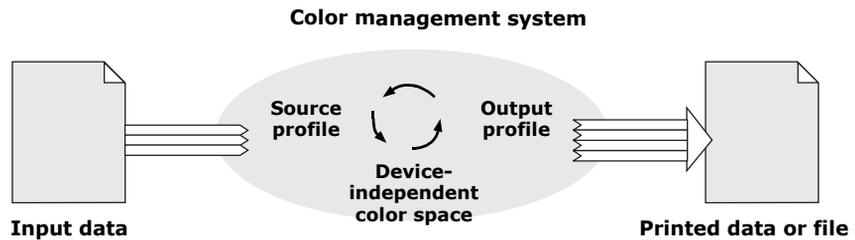
A color management system (CMS) is a “translator” between the color space of the source device (for example, the monitor or a scanner) and the color space of the destination device (for example, the printer). It compares the color space in which the source image was created to the color space in which the job will be output, and adjusts the colors in the document to maintain consistency across different devices. A CMS typically uses a device-independent color space, such as CIELAB, as its intermediate color space. To perform its translation, a CMS needs information about the color space of the source image and the [gamut](#) of the printer. This information is provided through [profiles](#), often created by the makers of the computer monitor or printer. The end product of a CMS conversion is a printed document or an image file in the gamut of a particular printer.

There has been progress toward standardization in the field of digital color management systems. Both the Windows and Mac OS operating systems support an industry standard format developed by the International Color Consortium (ICC). This ICC format is implemented on Windows computers as Image Color Matching (ICM) and on Mac OS computers in ColorSync. More and more software developers are also incorporating color management systems into high-end applications. The Fiery color management system, [ColorWise](#), supports this standard profile format.

How color management works

Before you can print a color document, the color data in it must be

converted to the gamut of the printer. Whether performed by the Fiery or a host-based CMS, the process of converting color data for a printer is the same: the CMS interprets RGB image data according to a specified source profile and adjusts both RGB and CMYK data according to a specified output profile, also called a destination profile by some color management systems.



The source profile defines the RGB color space of the image's source—characteristics such as the white point, gamma, and the type of phosphors used. The output profile defines the gamut of an output device, such as a printer. The Fiery (or the host-based CMS) uses a device-independent color space to translate between the source color space and the color space of the output device.

The Fiery allows you to specify default and override settings for the source color space information and the output profile information (see the *Color Guide Chapter 1*). When you use these settings, you do not need to use the features of other color management systems. Your Fiery software includes ICC profiles for use with other color management systems, although conflicts may arise when the Fiery CMS is used in conjunction with a host CMS.

You can also use color management systems to adjust color data to the gamut of an output device other than the one to which you are printing. This process of simulating another output device is commonly used for proofing jobs that will be printed on an offset press. The Fiery simulation feature is described in detail in Chapter 1 of the *Color Guide*.

The type of print job and the final output device—Fiery or offset press—determines the workflow that allows you to achieve the best results. For information about choosing workflows, see [“Using Color Management Workflows”](#) on page 2-19.

Using ColorWise and application color management

The Fiery color management system, [ColorWise](#) is designed to provide both casual and expert users the best color output for a variety of purposes. Several applications also provide their own color management system. This guide describes how to optimize print output using both ColorWise color management and application color management.

The Fiery can intelligently manage the printed appearance of [RGB](#), [CMYK](#), and [spot colors](#). You can allow the Fiery to manage color for most color printing jobs without adjusting any settings.

A desktop (host-based) color management system uses [ICC profiles](#) to convert colors from one device gamut to another (see [Appendix A](#)). The color data is converted when it passes from one application to another or when the job is sent to the printer; thus, the processing occurs on your computer, as opposed to the Fiery.

Conventional color management systems typically address only color conversions, and they occupy your computer processor. When you use ColorWise, jobs leave your computer faster, and are processed more quickly on the Fiery.

The advantages to ColorWise color management versus desktop (application) color management include:

- Relieving your computer from performing additional processing. Delaying color conversions until the color data reaches the Fiery frees your computer so that you can continue working, and color conversions on the Fiery are, in most cases, much faster than similar conversions on a host computer.

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- Eliminating the potential for undesirable color management-related conflicts, such as iterative color conversions and inconsistent color. The Fiery applies global corrections to specific groups of RGB, CMYK, and spot colors to avoid such conflicts.
- Accepting RGB files in addition to larger CMYK files from applications, which minimizes network traffic and enables jobs to print faster.

ColorWise uses ICC profiles to convert colors to the device gamut or simulate other devices, such as an offset printing press. ColorWise manages color conversions for all users printing to the Fiery from Windows and Mac OS computers. It allows users to follow a simple workflow with minimal intervention using robust default settings, while giving advanced users the control and precision they need.

Using ColorWise color management tools

Your Fiery user software includes several types of color reference pages that allow you to see the range of colors that can be printed on your printer. For predictable color, use the color reference pages when defining the color in your document.

The resources available are:

- RGB Color Reference—a Microsoft Word file and a Microsoft PowerPoint file that allow you to view the colors available in the standard palettes of office applications and to see how those colors print on the Fiery (see [“Using color matching tools with office applications”](#) on page 3-29).
- CMYK Color Reference—an 11-page downloadable PostScript file of CMYK color patches (see [“Using the CMYK Color Reference”](#) on page 4-34).

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- Process Simulation of PANTONE Solid Coated Colors—a 19-page downloadable PostScript file of color patches showing CMYK equivalents of PANTONE Coated colors. This file prints differently depending on the setting of the Spot Color Matching option (see [“Using the PANTONE reference”](#) on page 4-35).

In addition, you can print RGB, CMY, and PANTONE color charts from the Fiery.

Chapter 2: Using Color Management Workflows

A workflow is the path a print job follows from creation to destination. In the workflow of any job, there are various points at which decisions are made about how to define, use, and translate color. The choices made, and the point at which they are made, impact the color output produced.

This chapter introduces issues with color management in specific desktop applications and discusses the interaction between those applications and [ColorWise](#) color management.

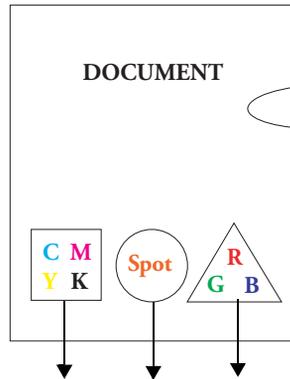
Understanding workflows

The term “workflow” is used to describe the path a job follows from its creation in a desktop application to final printed output. The Fiery supports a variety of workflows with different levels of complexity. There are several points at which color management can be performed on a job (see the illustration on [page 2-20](#)). The information provided at each step (for example, the type of color used) impacts the workflow of the job.

Note: Always consider the complexity of the workflow. Every time colors are converted, performance and color accuracy are affected. A workflow with a minimum number of steps minimizes the risk of error.

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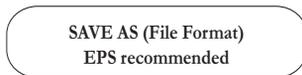
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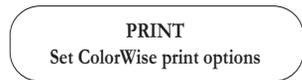
Application CMS: Off

Disable the color management options provided by the application to ensure that the Fiery receives color data properly and prints it accurately. For information, see the documentation provided with your application.

Select colors based on the desired output (see "[Choosing colors](#)" on page 2-23).



Select file format based on the desired output. EPS data is not manipulated.



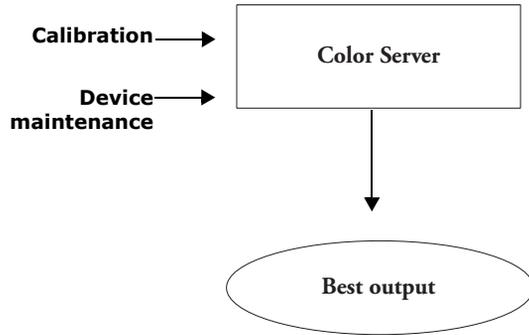
Use ColorWise Color Management as described in this guide and the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Printer driver color options: Off

Do not use the color management options provided by the printer driver. For more information, see the [Printing Guide Appendix A](#).

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Calibrate as described in the [Color Guide](#). Perform regular maintenance as recommended by the printer manufacturer. Use the paper stock, toner, and other materials recommended by the printer manufacturer.

Standard recommended workflow

The Fiery controller is highly optimized for the Sharp AR-C360P. ColorWise addresses issues unique to your printer, including screens, individual toner response, interactions among toners, natural smoothness of blends, and the capability to render spot and custom colors. The Fiery distinguishes text and graphics from image elements, so that black channel information is preserved while parameters used for CMYK [color separations](#) are maintained.

The recommended standard color workflow uses ColorWise calibration and color management. The Fiery comes into play near the end of the color workflow.

For this workflow:

- Bypass any color management in the applications and printer drivers.

This ensures that the colors you selected reach the Fiery and ColorWise

in a usable form. Keep in mind, however, that ColorWise fully supports color management from applications and printer drivers (see ["Using ColorWise and application color management"](#) on page 1-16).

- Set the CMYK Simulation Profile option in ColorWise to match the CMYK color space used in the application to select the colors. Any CMYK Simulation setting (except Match Copy, if available) applies calibration, so the response of the printer will appear to be stable.

The recommended values for CMYK Simulation are [SWOP](#) in the U.S., [Euroscale](#) in Europe, and [DIC](#) in Japan—choices that reflect the color standard for each region. If colors have been selected specifically for your calibrated Fiery, set CMYK Simulation to None.

- Set other ColorWise print options as appropriate. For a list and descriptions of ColorWise print options that affect CMYK, RGB, spot, and other colors, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Choosing colors

When working with color materials, whether they are presentations, illustrations, or complicated page designs, you make aesthetic decisions about the colors you use. After you set a goal, you must make the best use of the capabilities of your Fiery to realize your design in print. Your color printing system becomes an ally in this creative process to the extent that results are *predictable*:

- If you designed a poster to print on the Fiery, you want the printed colors to match the design specification.
- If you are printing presentations on the Fiery, you want to preserve the vivid colors you see on your monitor.
- If you are working with color that is to be printed on an offset press, you want the Sharp AR-C360P output to match other [prepress proofs](#) or PANTONE color swatch books.

The colors that you define when creating a file in an application, and the color management tools within the application that you use, impact how the file is processed (workflow) and the final output you can expect.

Use color management to control color output by:

- Selecting a color model—different types of applications use different color models. The color model you select, and whether or when data is converted from one color model to another, influences the final color output.
- Optimizing for output type—the type of final output influences your color and application choices.

- Using color matching tools—the Fiery provides several tools to preview colors available on a device and define them within an application.

Understanding color models

Colors can be defined in several different color models, the most common being RGB, CMYK, and the spot color matching system (such as PANTONE). Depending on the application you use, you may or may not have a choice of the color model.

- **RGB** colors are used when you take output from an RGB device such as a digital camera or a scanner. Another use of the RGB color model is for displaying colors on a monitor.
- **CMYK** colors are what most printers use.
- **Spot colors**, such as PANTONE, are special inks manufactured to run on an offset printing press. Spot colors can be simulated using CMYK toners (also known as **process color** inks). With the Spot Color Matching print option, you can determine how spot colors are printed at the Fiery:

Spot Color Matching On uses color tables built in the Fiery to simulate the spot color with the closest equivalent available using the CMYK toners of the Sharp AR-C360P.

Spot Color Matching Off instructs the Fiery to simulate the spot color using CMYK equivalents defined by the spot color manufacturer. These are the same CMYK values used by applications that include spot color libraries. This CMYK combination is then printed with the CMYK Simulation setting you choose, such as **SWOP** or **DIC**.

The color model used by your application determines the methods available for choosing colors, as well as the way color data is transmitted to the Fiery:

- **Office applications**, such as presentation software, spreadsheets, and word processing programs, use the RGB color model. They typically transmit only RGB data to the Fiery.

- **Illustration applications** use both the RGB and CMYK color models, but typically transmit only CMYK data to the Fiery.
- **Pixel-editing applications** use both the RGB and CMYK color models. They can transmit either RGB or CMYK data to the Fiery.

Optimizing for output type

The Fiery can be used for on-demand color printing and for color proofing.

On-demand color printing refers to those jobs for which the Sharp AR-C360P is the final print device. Printing jobs to the Fiery in preparation for printing on an offset press is referred to as color proofing. Both types of Fiery print jobs can use RGB, CMYK, and spot colors.

Characteristics of on-demand jobs	Characteristics of offset proofs
Bright, saturated colors are often desirable.	Require the printed colors to match those from another set of CMYK printing conditions.
Colors are achieved using the full range of colors available, referred to as the full gamut of the printer or, more simply, device CMYK.	Colors that are specified for an offset press require CMYK simulation that is optimized for proofing on the printer.

Note: The term *on-demand* applies to producing printed output when it is needed. You may be familiar with the term *short-run*, which usually applies to the volume of a printing task. Although these terms do not mean exactly the same thing, the term *on-demand* in this manual applies also to short-run printing scenarios. Because you can print as many pages as you need and can reprint jobs quickly, the Fiery performs equally well in either environment.

The type of printing you plan for the document—on-demand color printing on the Sharp AR-C360P versus color proofing for eventual printing on an offset press—determines the way you define colors, as well as the print option settings you choose.

- For on-demand color printing on the Sharp AR-C360P, use any application and define colors in either RGB or CMYK. If your application supports it, you can also choose colors from the PANTONE color library. Choose the appropriate settings for print options affecting color output (for descriptions of the print options, see the *Color Guide Chapter 1*).
- For color proofing, use a PostScript-defined color in CMYK or choose colors from color libraries such as the PANTONE color library. Placed images can also be defined in RGB or CMYK. Choose the appropriate settings for print options affecting color output (see the *Color Guide Chapter 1*).

Note: The Fiery allows you to use **RGB** or **CMYK** data when printing proofs for an offset press run. However, sending data to an **imagesetter** usually requires CMYK data.

Maintaining color accuracy

For the colors you see on your monitor to match those on your printed output, they must go through color management, including precise **calibration** of your monitor and Fiery. If viewing colors on the monitor is critical, consider using a professional profiling software package and instrument, such as the EFI Color Profiler, to create a monitor profile. A monitor profile enables application to compensate for the color behavior of the monitor when displaying images. As a result, colors previewed on the monitor more closely match colors in your printed output.

If you are not equipped or inclined to maintain accurate monitor color management, you can opt for an easier approach. Determine which is more important to you—printed colors or on-screen colors.

- If displayed colors are more important, trust your eyes and your monitor. Visually select colors on your monitor, but be aware that colors will be optimized only for your monitor. When the document is opened on other monitors, the colors may look different. And even though printed colors may not match those on your monitor, they will still print to the Fiery with good results.
- If printed colors are your priority, choose colors from printed samples. By using sample colors, you ensure your printed output remains consistent, regardless of how the colors appear on different monitors. Print the palette of available colors from business applications and select colors from the printed samples. Color reference files are included on the User Software CD. (For more information, see ["Using color matching tools with office applications"](#) on page 3-29 and ["Using color matching tools with PostScript applications"](#) on page 4-34.) You can also print color charts from the Fiery and select colors by name or number from the printed samples. Advanced applications allow you to define colors in the easier-to-control spot and CMYK color spaces. For more advice on color selection, see ["Choosing colors"](#) on page 2-23.

Chapter 3: Managing Color in Office Applications

The ColorWise color management system provides complete color management for jobs printed from office applications and other applications that do not generate PostScript. This chapter provides instructions for printing color documents from [Graphics Device Interface \(GDI\)](#) and [QuickDraw](#) applications, such as presentation, spreadsheet, and word processing applications. Use these instructions with the Microsoft Office applications.

Using office applications

The Fiery must receive PostScript instructions to print an image or a document. Many applications do not create these PostScript instructions, relying on the printer driver to create them. Included in this category are most word processing, spreadsheet, and [presentation graphics](#) applications. These applications use Windows [GDI](#) to display and print when running Windows, and Apple [QuickDraw](#) to display and print when running Mac OS. We refer to these GDI and QuickDraw applications as “[office applications](#).”

All office applications handle color similarly, using the same RGB color model used for the color monitor. Most office applications allow you to choose colors from a palette of preselected colors; some allow you to add new colors to the palette using a color picker. Although some applications allow you to specify color using the CMY, HSL, and HSV color models, these applications always send RGB color data to the Fiery.

(An exception to this is a CMYK EPS file placed in the document, which is sent as CMYK data.)

When working with color in office applications, consider the following:

- The range of colors that can be displayed in RGB on your monitor is much larger than the range of colors that can be printed on your printer. When you print the document, out-of-gamut RGB colors are mapped to the colors your printer can produce.
- Office applications send only RGB data to the Fiery. You control the rendering style of the color conversion with your selection of a [CRD](#).

Each CRD uses a different color rendering style and has a different way of mapping unprintable colors to the color gamut of your printer. For more information on color rendering styles, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Using color matching tools with office applications

Your Fiery user software includes two RGB color reference pages, a Microsoft Word file and a Microsoft PowerPoint file. You can print these files using different CRDs to see how the colors appear when printed to the Fiery. For best results, print the color reference page using the same print options you plan to use for your final document. Select the colors you want to use from the printed version of the RGB color reference page and use those colors in your document.



RGB Color Reference (Microsoft PowerPoint)

Working with office applications

Before printing from these applications, make sure the appropriate printer driver and the Fiery [PPD](#) are installed on your computer, as described in the [User Software Installation Guide](#).

Defining color

Office applications use the RGB color model. The only way to use CMYK or PANTONE colors is to define them in [EPS](#) format files with an illustration or page layout application, and then place these files in Microsoft Office documents. Colors in EPS files are preserved until they reach the Fiery (assuming no PostScript Color Management information was included).

Office applications use low resolution to display EPS files, but the EPS images are printed at full resolution. In general, use EPS files only when RGB colors are impractical in your specific workflow. EPS files are useful when using large or complex images that must be printed at full [resolution](#) or exceed the memory allocation of some Microsoft Office applications.

Working with imported files

Your application may allow you to import a variety of file formats. If you encounter printing problems when using other imported file formats such as TIFF and PICT, EPS files are recommended.

Note: If you are unable to import EPS elements, it may be necessary to perform a “custom install” of your Microsoft Office applications.

Even when there are no user-defined color management options within office applications, color conversions do occur when you import images or page elements that were not defined in RGB. To avoid such conversions with imported files, use the EPS file format for non-RGB artwork that is to be imported into office applications.

All RGB images placed in a document are affected by the settings you choose for the RGB Source and Rendering Style print options.

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Mixing imported image types (Advanced color

If you place multiple RGB images—mixed non-photographic and photographic—into an office application file, a single CRD may not optimize output for all the images. In this case, you may want the photographic images to bypass the CRD altogether. To accomplish this, open the photographic image in CMYK mode with a pixel-editing application, such as Photoshop, and perform color correction. Save the image as a Photoshop EPS and import it into the document.

Selecting options when printing

There are few differences among office applications with regard to Fiery printing. To specify print options and color management settings, follow the instructions in the *Color Guide Chapter 1*. To specify these options, you must use a PostScript Level 2 (or later) printer driver, such as an Adobe PostScript Printer Driver.

Because office applications send RGB data to the Fiery, your choice of RGB Source and Rendering Style settings are important. Specify the appropriate CRD for the desired color effect (see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#)).

Output profiles

All color data in the job is affected by the output profile on the Fiery. This profile may be the one designed for your device and shipped with the Fiery, or it may be a custom profile created at your site (see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#)). If necessary, print the Test Page to see which profile is the active default on the Fiery.

Ensuring color accuracy when you save a file

Take the following steps to ensure color accuracy:

- When saving EPS files, do not include PostScript Color Management information. This minimizes the risk of conflicting data and multiple color conversions. PostScript Color Management causes your CMYK and RGB colors to be interpreted by the Fiery as though they were supplied in the Lab color space and, as a result, processed by CRDs, rather than your simulation settings.
- Include ICC color information in files. ColorWise does not conflict with this information, and such data is useful for identifying the specific color space used by your files.
- Do not include halftone and transfer functions.
- Turn off color management in the printer driver.

On Windows computers, if the printer driver offers Image Color Matching options, select Printer Image Color Matching.

On Mac OS computers, set the printer driver to include *no* color management commands at print time (see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#)).

Chapter 4: Managing Color in PostScript Applications

This chapter provides guidelines for using applications that have the ability to write their own [PostScript](#), such as some page layout, illustration, and pixel-editing applications. For information about using specific applications, see ["Managing Color in Adobe Photoshop"](#) on page 5-42, ["Managing Color in Page Layout Applications"](#) on page 6-56, or ["Managing Color in Illustration Applications"](#) on page 7-72.

Working with PostScript applications

Most applications used for illustration, [pixel](#) editing, and page layout can create the PostScript information they send to a PostScript printer or save in PostScript files. Illustrator, Photoshop, PageMaker, QuarkXPress, and Macromedia FreeHand are all PostScript applications.

PostScript applications work with color in many different ways. Most allow you to choose [process colors](#) (by entering percentages for cyan, magenta, yellow, and black), as well as [named colors](#) from a spot color system, such as PANTONE. When you print composites, these applications send process-color equivalents for named [spot colors](#) to the Fiery. In some applications, you can also choose colors using the [RGB](#), [HSB](#), [HSL](#), or other color models.

Generally, PostScript applications send color information to the Fiery as CMYK data. An exception to this is an RGB image placed in a document, which is sent directly to the Fiery (unless you specify special color management settings in the application). In addition, some PostScript applications that allow you to define colors in RGB or other color models also send data to the Fiery in those color spaces.

Color controls in PostScript applications are typically designed for printing on an offset press, and some adjustments are required for printing to the Fiery. Displayed versions of colors you choose

in these applications may not match Sharp AR-C360P output exactly, and named colors may not print accurately on the Sharp AR-C360P, since these colors typically require custom inks.

Using color matching tools with PostScript applications

With PostScript applications, you can work with colors created with any of the color models supported by the application. All PostScript applications support CMYK; some also support RGB and other color models based on monitor display values. PostScript applications also allow you to choose named colors using one or more color libraries, such as PANTONE (see [page 4-35](#)).

Using swatch color matching tools

Your Fiery user software includes several color reference pages (see [page 1-17](#)). By choosing colors from these reference pages, you ensure that you get the same color from your Sharp AR-C360P. For best results, calibrate the Fiery before printing the reference pages.

Note: We highly recommend that you use swatch color matching to ensure predictable color printing results with the Sharp AR-C360P or match your Sharp AR-C360P output to colors produced by other printers.

Note: Swatch color matching does not match *monitor* colors to printed colors. For this, you must use a color management system and calibrate your monitor.

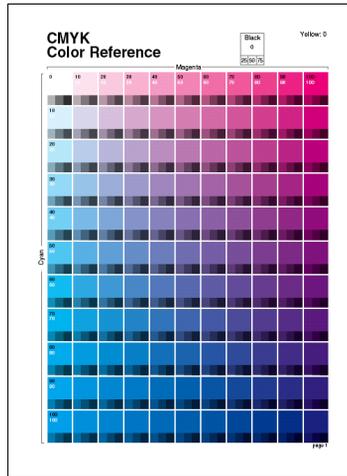
Using the CMYK Color Reference

Use the CMYK Color Reference included with your Fiery user software to see how various cyan, magenta, yellow, and black

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combinations look when printed on your Sharp AR-C360P.



To print the CMYK Color Reference, download the file to the Fieri. The printed pages display groups of color patches in graduated combinations of yellow, magenta, and cyan, and smaller patches that include 25%, 50%, and 75% black. Refer to these pages to pick colors and specify process color values in your application. For the location of the file on the EFI Utilities CD, see the [User Software Installation Guide](#).

Using the PANTONE reference

Use this reference (Process Simulation of PANTONE Solid Coated Colors) included with your Fieri user software to help ensure predictable results with colors chosen from the PANTONE color library.

The information printed by this reference depends on the Spot Color Matching setting.

- **Spot Color Matching On**—Prints swatches that simulate the spot color with the closest equivalent available using the CMYK toners of the Sharp AR-C360P. The equivalent PANTONE color name/number is printed below each swatch.

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- **Spot Color Matching Off**—Prints swatches of the CMYK equivalents of PANTONE colors as defined by PANTONE. (These are the same CMYK values defined in applications that include PANTONE libraries.) The CMYK values used to produce the color, as well as the PANTONE color name/number, are printed below each swatch.

To print the reference, download the file to the Fiery. For the location of the file on the User Software CD, see the [User Software Installation Guide](#). If the default Spot Color Matching setting on the Fiery is not the setting you want to use for printing the PANTONE colors, download the file to the Hold queue, and then override the Spot Color Matching setting using a job management utility, such as Command WorkStation (see the [Job Management Guide](#)).

Defining colors

The methods and options available for defining colors depend on the type of PostScript application that you are using.

Color model	Application type	Color definition notes
CMYK	Photoshop	In Photoshop you can choose colors with various color models, including HSB, CIE Lab, RGB, and CMYK.
	Page layout application	<p>Page layout applications generally use the CMYK color model. Some allow you to define colors with other color models and may be able to send that data to the Fiery in those other color models. Generally, however, CRDs (which affect only RGB data) do not affect colors defined in page layout applications.</p> <p>For predictable results with CMYK colors, use the CMYK Color Reference when defining colors in page layout applications (see "Using color matching tools with PostScript applications" on page 4-34).</p>
	Illustration application	<p>All illustration applications use the CMYK color model. Although you may be allowed to define colors using other color models, these applications generally send only CMYK data to the Fiery.</p> <p>For predictable results with CMYK colors, use the CMYK Color Reference pages when defining colors (see "Using color matching tools with PostScript applications" on page 4-34).</p> <p>Different versions of Illustrator support color models slightly differently (see "Note about color models in Adobe Illustrator" on page 7-72).</p>

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Color model	Application type	Color definition notes
RGB	Photoshop	Choose colors in Photoshop with various color models, including HSB, CIE Lab, RGB, and CMYK.
	Page layout application	<p>If the application allows you to define colors in RGB, determine whether it converts the RGB data to CMYK before sending it to the Fiery. If it does, this will determine which ColorWise print options affect your job.</p> <p>For example, if the application converts RGB black (defined in the document as R0%, G0%, B0%) to four-color CMYK black when it sends the job to the Fiery, the option you select for the Pure Black Text/Graphics print option has no effect when you print the job.</p>
	Illustration application	<p>If you define colors in RGB and print directly from the application, the application converts the RGB data to CMYK before sending it to the Fiery. This conversion by the application determines which ColorWise print options affect your job.</p> <p>For example, if the application converts RGB black (defined in the document as R0%, G0%, B0%) to four-color CMYK black when it sends the job to the Fiery, the option you select for the Pure Black Text/Graphics print option has no effect when you print the job.</p>
Spot Colors	Photoshop	Choose named colors from the PANTONE color library (see "Using the PANTONE reference" on page 4-35). For best results, use the color definition methods described in "Using swatch color matching tools" on page 4-34.
	Page layout application	
	Illustration application	

Working with imported images

You can import images into documents created in illustration applications (such as Illustrator) and page layout applications (such as QuarkXPress). The recommended formats for images imported into page layout documents are [EPS](#) (or EPSF) and [TIFF](#). If you encounter a problem using a TIFF format image, use the EPS file format. Support for importing other file formats may be provided by individual applications.

All RGB images placed in a document are affected by the RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. The ColorWise color management system applies the specified RGB Source setting to all RGB data and then uses the specified Rendering Style ([CRD](#)) to perform a color conversion. An exception to this occurs if you assign [ICC profiles](#) to RGB images using the application's color management tools (see the following section). In this case, the application performs the color conversion of the image and sends CMYK data to the Fiery.

Note: To take advantage of RGB Source and Rendering Style settings for images imported into QuarkXPress, save images in the EPS format or use the Quark PrintRGB XTension, which outputs RGB TIFF image files without converting them to CMYK.

Mixing image types (Advanced color management)

If you place multiple RGB images—mixed non-photographic and photographic—into a file, a single CRD may not optimize output for all the images. In this case, you may want the photographic images to bypass the CRD altogether. To accomplish this, separate the image to CMYK data with a pixel-editing application, such as Photoshop, and perform color correction. Save the file as EPS or TIFF format and import it into the document.

If your application supports this feature, you can save the RGB image in TIFF format and assign it an [ICC profile](#) and [rendering intent](#) when you import it into the document.

Using CMYK simulations

You can specify a CMYK Simulation profile and a CMYK simulation method for a job using the CMYK Simulation Profile and CMYK Simulation Method print options (see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#)). The CMYK Simulation setting affects all CMYK color data sent by the page layout or illustration application. It can also affect RGB data sent to a page layout application if RGB Separation is set to Simulation.

- If the document contains CMYK graphics that were separated for an offset press standard, apply the corresponding CMYK Simulation setting. For example, for graphics separated for [SWOP](#), choose SWOP as the CMYK Simulation setting.

If you print separations to the Fiery and choose to use the Combine Separations feature in conjunction with Full Simulation, the result may not match that of the same page printed as composite.

- If the document contains CMYK graphics that were separated according to the color characteristics of a custom [ICC profile](#) (not a press standard profile), specify the corresponding profile as the CMYK Simulation Profile setting on the Fiery.

For more information on downloading CMYK Simulation profiles to the Fiery with ColorWise Pro Tools, see the [Color Guide Chapter 3](#).

Using application-defined halftone screens

If your site has installed the Fiery Graphic Arts Package (not available for all Fiery models), you can define halftone screens from several PostScript applications and use them when printing. The results vary depending on the application.

To define a halftone screen, use the application to adjust the Frequency and Angle values of the halftone screen. For applications that use the Fiery default (InDesign, FreeHand, QuarkXPress, and Illustrator 10), the ink dots are round; for applications that define their own shape and do not use the Fiery

default (PageMaker, Photoshop, and Illustrator 9), the halftone dots may be a different shape. When you print the job, choose Application Defined for the Halftone Screen print option.

The Frequency and Angle settings in the Application Defined halftone screen are used regardless of whether the setting for Combine Separations is set to On or Off. For special instructions for printing separations with Photoshop, see ["Selecting options when printing"](#) on page 5-49,

Note: In general, using halftone screens is not recommended because the print output will have visible dots of toner rather than smooth blends. Use halftone screens only when necessary to achieve a specific style of print output.

Ensuring color accuracy when you save a file

You can take the following steps to ensure color accuracy:

- When saving EPS files, do not include PostScript Color Management information. This minimizes the risk of conflicting data and multiple color conversions. PostScript Color Management causes your CMYK and RGB colors to be interpreted by the Fiery as though they were supplied in the Lab color space and, as a result, processed by CRDs, rather than your simulation settings.
- Include ICC color information in files. ColorWise does not conflict with this information, and such data is useful for identifying the specific color space used by your files.
- Do not include halftone and transfer functions.
- Turn off color management in the printer driver.

On Windows computers, if the printer driver offers Image Color Matching options, select Printer Image Color Matching.

On Mac OS computers, set the printer driver to include *no* color management commands at print time (see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#)).

Chapter 5: Managing Color in Adobe Photoshop

This chapter covers features of Adobe Photoshop versions 7.x and 6.x for Windows and Mac OS. The illustrations show Mac OS dialog boxes, but the information and instructions apply equally to the Windows version of Photoshop.

Because Photoshop uses a sophisticated color management system, you should perform some color management tasks before you use Photoshop.

Specifying color settings

The following sections outline the recommended color settings for Photoshop in a Fiery workflow. These color settings include:

Working Spaces—Default color spaces to use when working with [RGB](#) and [CMYK](#) documents. [ICC color profiles](#) describe the gamut and color characteristics of these working spaces.

Color Management Policies—Instructions that tell Photoshop what to do when it encounters color data from a color space other than the specified working space.

Configuring Photoshop color settings

Photoshop uses a sophisticated color management system that handles document colors for a variety of color-managed workflows. By customizing color settings, you specify the amount of color management you want to use while working in Photoshop.

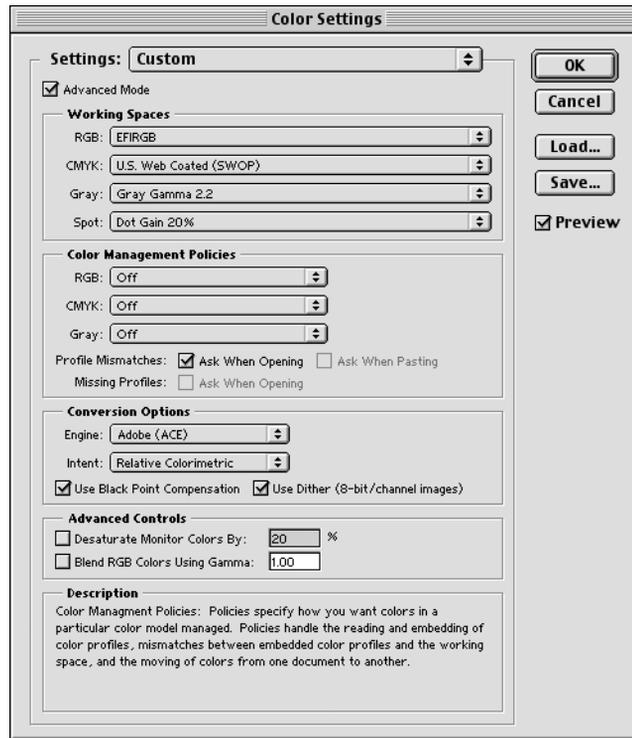
To specify color settings for Photoshop

- 1. Choose Color Settings from the Edit menu.**

The Color Settings dialog box appears.

- 2. Select Advanced Mode.**

In Advanced Mode, a more extensive list of options is displayed.



3. Choose the desired working space profile for each color mode in the Working Spaces area.

A working space specifies the color profile for documents that have no color profile associations or for documents that are newly created. It also defines color space of a document converted to RGB, CMYK, or Grayscale color modes, and for spot colors in a document.

Choose an appropriate [ICC profile](#) to embed when saving a file for each color space. Use the following guidelines for specifying working spaces:

- For RGB, choose the profile for the default RGB color space used by the Fiery. In most cases, this is EFIRGB. (For information about installing the EFIRGB profile, see the [User Software Installation Guide](#).) Consider sRGB if you usually view images on a generic PC monitor or rely on a Windows operating system

to manage color on your monitor. If you choose sRGB as a working space, you must print with the ColorWise RGB Source option set to sRGB. New RGB documents you create in Photoshop will use this working space.

Note: EFIRGB is set as the default RGB [source color space](#) on the Fiery. No matter what RGB space you select, make sure it is available on the Fiery. For more information on downloading RGB [source profiles](#) to the Fiery, see the [Color Guide Chapter 3](#).

- For CMYK, choose a profile that describes your target press (such as [SWOP](#)) if you are a prepress user. If you are an office user printing final output, choose an output profile that describes the Sharp AR-C360P. To use a device-specific output profile, you must first upload the profile from the Fiery to your computer (see the [Color Guide Chapter 3](#)). New CMYK documents you create in Photoshop will use the specified working space.
- For guidelines on specifying Gray and Spot working spaces, see your Photoshop documentation.

4. In the Color Management Policies area, choose policies for handling documents without embedded profiles or with embedded profiles that differ from the working space.

Unless you are an advanced color user, choose Off from the RGB, CMYK, and Gray menus. If you specify a color management policy and open a document in an environment with a different working space than the one in which it was created, you may encounter problems. The profile embedded in a document may be overwritten if it differs from the specified working space (although the numeric color values in the document are preserved).

5. If you do not choose Off for the Color Management Policies, select Profile Mismatches: Ask When Opening, Ask When Pasting, and Missing Profiles: Ask When Opening.

This option displays an alert message that allows you to override the specified policy behavior (Off) when opening documents or importing color data.

This is recommended so that you will be notified before any application color management is applied.

6. In the Conversion Options area, specify settings for converting between color spaces.

Choose Adobe (ACE) from the Engine menu to use the built-in color management engine for Photoshop.

Choose a [rendering intent](#) from the Intent menu that will optimize the color quality of the conversion. For guidelines on choosing the rendering intent, see your Photoshop documentation.

Select Use Black Point Compensation and Use Dither (8-bit/channel images) to optimize the quality of color conversions.

7. Clear the Desaturate Monitor Colors By and Blend RGB Colors Using Gamma options in the Advanced Controls area.

Clearing these options helps ensure a match between your monitor display and the printed output.

8. Click Save to save the current group of color settings.

The Save dialog box appears.

9. Name the settings file, accept the default saved location, and click Save.

You can switch to your saved settings at any time by choosing the group name from the Settings menu at the top of the Color Settings dialog box.

Saving files from Photoshop

Before saving a file from Photoshop, perform any necessary rotating, cropping, and resizing. This speeds processing when printing from the application in which the image is placed.

When saving a document from Photoshop 6.x, you have the option to embed a color profile in the document. We recommend that you disable this option if you are sending the document to the Fiery.

Choosing a file format

We recommend that you use [EPS](#) or [TIFF](#) file formats to save [RGB](#) images that will be imported into other documents and printed to the Fiery. You can import EPS and TIFF files into virtually all page layout applications.

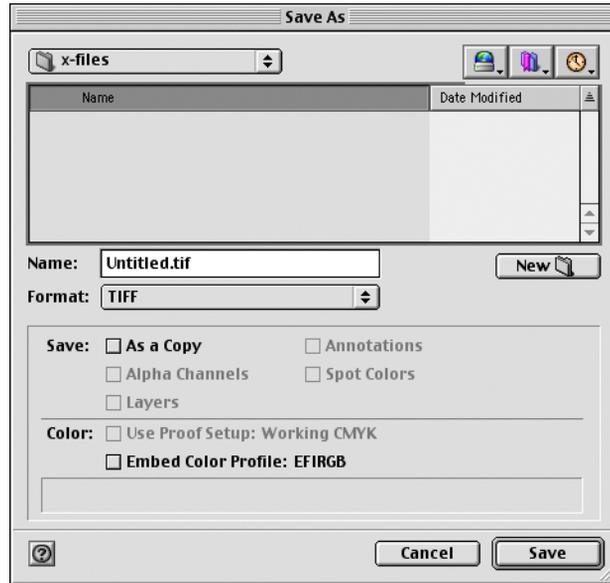
Note: Although TIFF files generally display better when imported into other applications, their color and resolution characteristics may be altered by the application into which they are imported. EPS files are not modified by the application into which they are imported.

Note: In the following procedures, only Photoshop 7.x (Mac OS version) dialog boxes are shown. When applicable, differences between versions 7.x and 6.x, and the Windows and Mac OS versions of Photoshop are noted.

To save a document from Photoshop

- 1. Choose Save As from the File menu.**

The Save As dialog box appears.

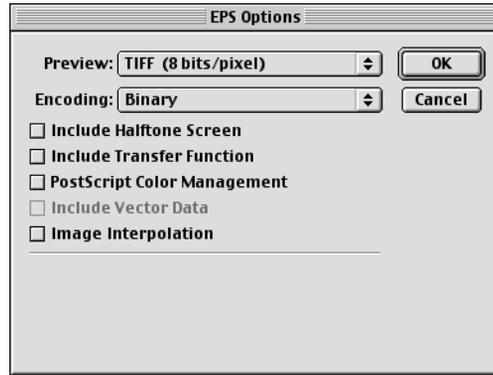


2. Specify settings in the Save As dialog box.

- Specify a name, file format, and location for the document.
- Clear the Embed Color Profile option (Mac OS) or ICC Profile option (Windows).

3. Click Save.

If you chose Photoshop EPS as the format, the EPS Options dialog box appears.



4. Specify EPS options and click OK.

- Choose a [TIFF](#) preview option. A TIFF preview is compatible with both Windows and Mac OS computers.
- Do *not* select the PostScript Color Management option. For more information about PostScript Color Management, see the following section.
- Do *not* select Include Transfer Function or Include Halftone Screen.

Note: If you choose [JPEG](#) encoding, save a backup of the original image saved with binary encoding until you see the printed results of the JPEG file. Occasionally, the compression used for JPEG encoding produces unwanted [artifacts](#). If you see unexpected results in the printed output of a JPEG file, revert to a binary version.

If you experience problems printing the document in which you placed the image, substitute an ASCII version of the same image and reprint the document. Binary encoding is much more compact than ASCII encoding, but occasionally causes printing problems with some system configurations.

Selecting options when printing

You can print [RGB](#) or [CMYK](#) images from Photoshop.

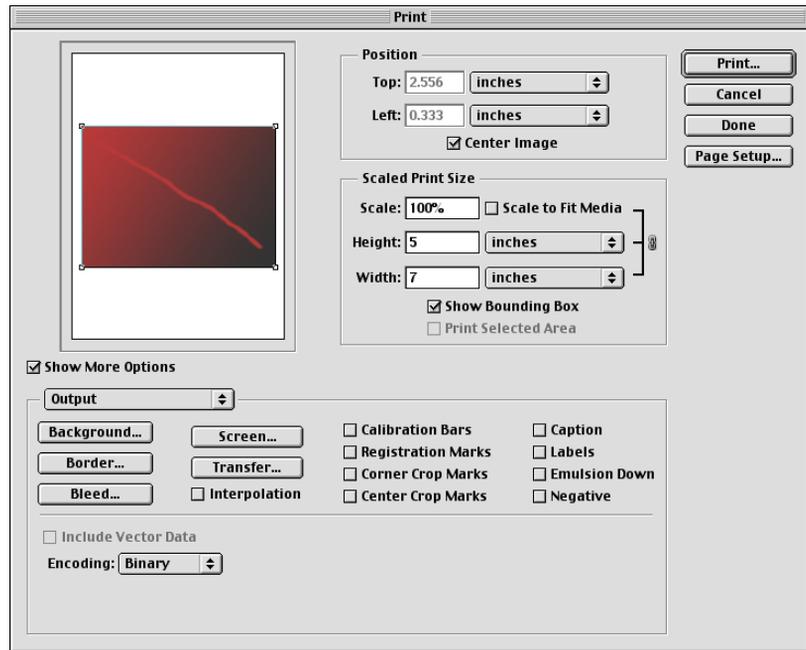
- When you print an RGB image, you choose whether the conversion to CMYK is performed by the Fiery (using a CRD), PostScript (using PostScript Color Management), or Photoshop built-in color management.
- When you print a CMYK graphic, you can print composites or [color separations](#).

Note: Make sure that the Fiery Combine Separations print option is set to Off. To print separations, use the Separation option in the Adobe Photoshop pane of the print dialog box. For instructions, see your Photoshop documentation.

To print images from Photoshop 7.x

- 1. Choose Print with Preview from the File menu.**

The Print dialog box appears.



Photoshop 7.x

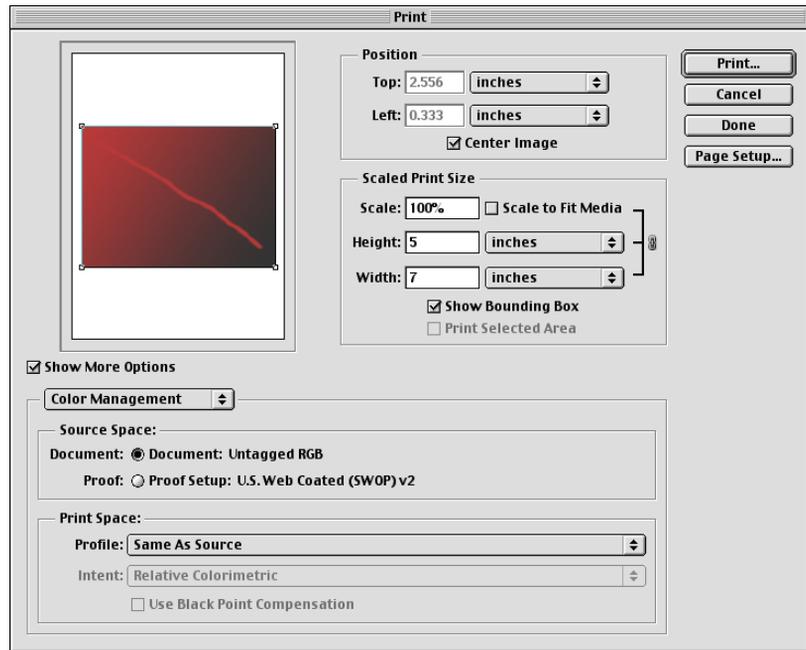
2. **Select Show More Options.**
3. **Select Output.**
4. **Choose an Encoding method.**

Note: If you choose [JPEG](#) encoding, save a backup of the original image with binary encoding until you see the printed results of the JPEG file. Occasionally, the compression used for JPEG encoding produces unwanted [artifacts](#). If you see unexpected results in the printed output of a JPEG file, revert to the binary version.

5. **Select Color Management.**

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Photoshop 7.x

- 6. Choose Same as Source from the Profile menu to specify the color space for printing the image.**

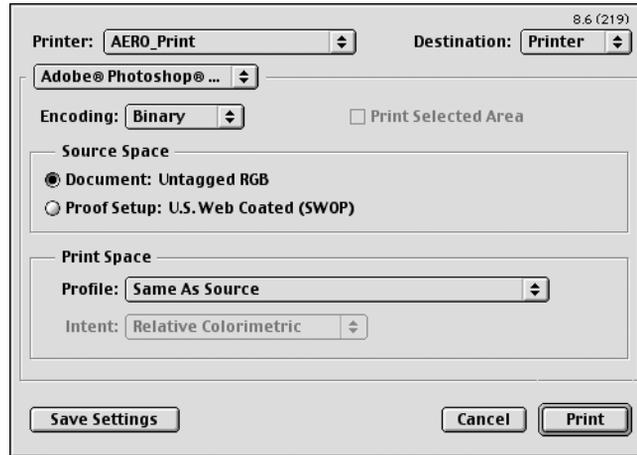
Any other setting causes Photoshop to convert image data to that color space before sending it to the Fiery.

- 7. Click Print.**

To print images from Photoshop 6.x

- 1. Choose Print from the File menu.**

The Print dialog box appears.



Photoshop 6.x

2. Choose the Fiery from the Printer menu, and then choose Adobe Photoshop from the pop-up menu.
3. Choose an Encoding method.

Note: If you choose [JPEG](#) encoding, save a backup of the original image with binary encoding until you see the printed results of the JPEG file. Occasionally, the compression used for JPEG encoding produces unwanted [artifacts](#). If you see unexpected results in the printed output of a JPEG file, revert to the binary version.

4. Choose Same as Source from the Profile menu to specify the color space for printing the image.

Any other setting causes Photoshop to convert image data to that color space before sending it to the Fiery.

5. Click Print.

Advanced tips for using PostScript color management

Use the following information to implement alternative, more complex, color workflows with Photoshop.

Note: To use PostScript color management with Photoshop 6.x, choose PostScript Color Management from the Profile menu in the Photoshop pane of the printer driver.

Saving EPS documents with PostScript Color Management

Selecting the PostScript Color Management option when saving either a CMYK or RGB EPS file prompts Photoshop to embed PostScript color information—which is independent of [ICC profiles](#)—in the resulting document. This information is intended for PostScript devices like the Fiery.

Printing RGB EPS files saved with PostScript Color Management

When you print an RGB EPS file that contains an embedded profile to the Fiery, you can use the working space information from the embedded RGB profile as an RGB source definition for Fiery [CRDs](#). To use this source color space information from the embedded profile with Fiery CRDs, choose None as the ColorWise RGB Source when you print. This applies when you print directly from Photoshop, or when the same RGB EPS file is output from another application.

To *override* the embedded profile in an EPS file using an RGB Source definition made available by the Fiery, choose anything except None as the Fiery RGB Source Profile.

Printing RGB images with Photoshop PostScript Color Management

If you select an RGB [color space](#) and decide to use PostScript Color Management, Photoshop sends RGB data to the Fiery along with PostScript color information defining this RGB color space. When you select PostScript Color Management, a CRD is used to perform color conversions to CMYK.

Note: The included RGB source color space information is overridden by the ColorWise RGB Source option unless it is set to None. The ColorWise Rendering Style option specified will take effect if the ColorWise RGB Source Profile option is set to None.

For fastest print times, choose JPEG encoding, but inspect printed output carefully for unwanted artifacts that may appear as a result of JPEG compression. If you see unexpected results in the printed output, reprint the job using Binary or ASCII encoding.

Printing CMYK EPS files saved with PostScript Color Management

If you select the Photoshop PostScript Color Management option when you save a CMYK EPS image, Photoshop embeds PostScript color information that defines the CMYK source color space of the image. When you print a CMYK EPS file that contains PostScript color information to the Fiery, CRDs are used instead of ColorWise CMYK Simulation and Simulation Method settings. Choose the appropriate setting for the Rendering Style option.

Printing CMYK graphics with Photoshop PostScript Color Management

If you select a CMYK color space and decide to use PostScript Color Management, Photoshop sends CMYK data to the Fiery along with PostScript color information defining this CMYK color space. When you select PostScript Color Management, a CRD is used to perform color conversions to the CMYK color space of the Fiery.

The destination color space for the CRDs is determined by the RGB Separation print option. If RGB Separation is set to Simulation, the CMYK graphic is printed according to all specified CMYK Simulation Profile and CMYK Simulation Method settings. If RGB Separation is set to Output, the CMYK graphic is converted to the CMYK color space of the selected output profile.

Setting the Fiery print option Spot Color Matching to On has an effect only if you use the Photoshop Multi-Channel feature to define spot channels and then save the image in EPS format and open it in another application. For information see your Photoshop documentation.

Photoshop converts [spot colors](#) to CMYK values when you work in CMYK mode.

- If the graphic was separated for an offset press standard, apply the corresponding CMYK Simulation setting. For example, if the graphic is separated for SWOP, choose SWOP as the CMYK Simulation setting.
- If Photoshop is configured for a custom separation using a [ICC profile](#), choose the corresponding profile for the ColorWise CMYK Simulation option.

The previous custom simulation setting requires that the same profile used for separation in Photoshop also resides on the Fiery. For more information about downloading CMYK Simulation profiles to the Fiery with ColorWise Pro Tools, see the [Color Guide Chapter 3](#).

Chapter 6: Managing Color in Page Layout Applications

This chapter provides instructions for printing color documents from Adobe InDesign, Adobe PageMaker, and QuarkXPress.

Before printing from these applications, make sure the appropriate printer driver and the Fiery PostScript printer description file ([PPD](#)) are installed on your computer, as described in the *User Software Installation Guide*.

Adobe InDesign 2.0.1 and 1.5.2

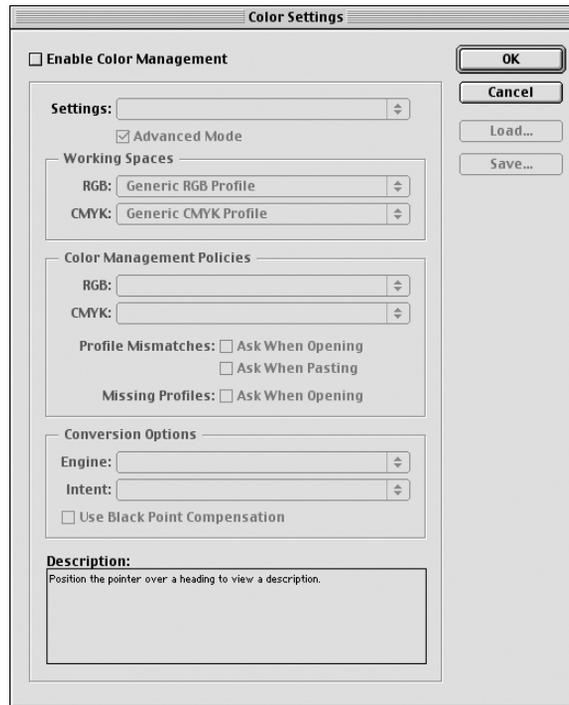
The following sections outline the recommended settings for using Adobe InDesign with a Fiery.

InDesign color settings

When using ColorWise color management, turn off the InDesign color management features.

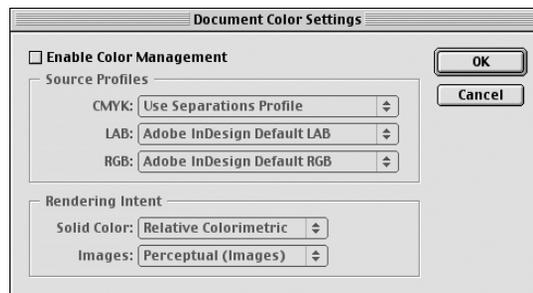
To disable InDesign 2.0.1 color management

- 1. Choose Color Settings > Document Color Settings from the Edit menu.**
- 2. Clear the Enable Color Management option and click OK.**



To disable InDesign 1.52 color management

1. Choose **Color Settings > Document Color Settings** from the **Edit** menu.
2. Clear the **Enable Color Management** option and click **OK**.



Importing images

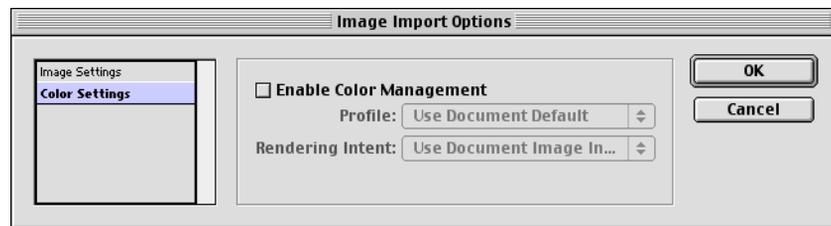
All RGB images placed in a document, except for RGB TIFF images, are affected by your RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. For best results with placed images, use the instructions in [“Working with imported images”](#) on page 4-39.

Note: InDesign converts placed RGB TIFF images to CMYK.

Disable InDesign color management when placing images in a document.

To disable InDesign 2.0.1 color management when importing images

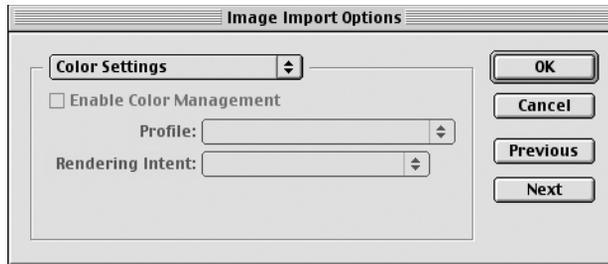
- 1. Choose Place from the File menu.**
The Place dialog box appears.
- 2. Select the Show Import Options option.**
- 3. Select the file you want to import and click Open.**
- 4. Choose Color Settings from the option menu. Make sure the Enable Color Management option is cleared, and click OK.**



To disable InDesign 1.5.2 color management when importing images

- 1. Choose Place from the File menu.**
The Place dialog box appears.
- 2. Select the Show Import Options option.**

3. Select the file you want to import and click **Place**.
4. Choose **Color Settings** from the option menu. Make sure the **Enable Color Management** option is cleared, and click **OK**.

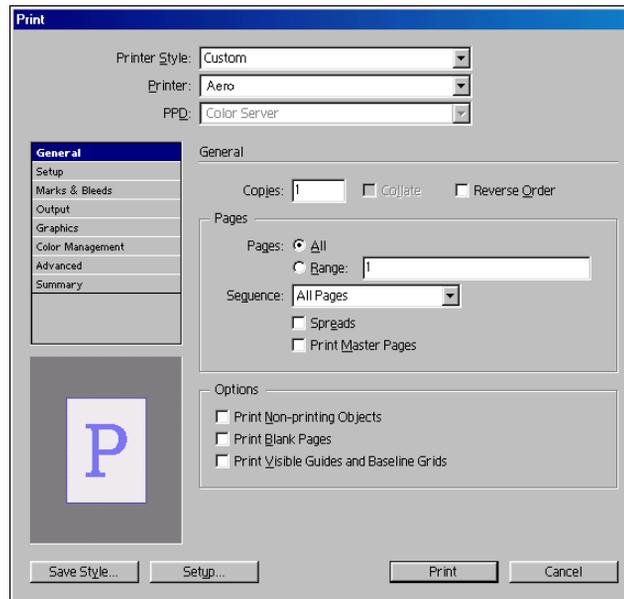


Selecting options when printing

You can use the standard Fiery printer driver interface to select print options from InDesign.

To set print options from the Windows version of InDesign 2.0.1

1. Choose **Print** from the **File** menu.
2. Choose the **Fiery** from the **Printer** menu.



3. Click Setup.

The Windows Print dialog box appears.

4. Click Properties.

5. Click the Fiery Printing tab in the dialog box that appears.

The standard printer driver interface for the Fiery appears.

6. Choose the desired print options.

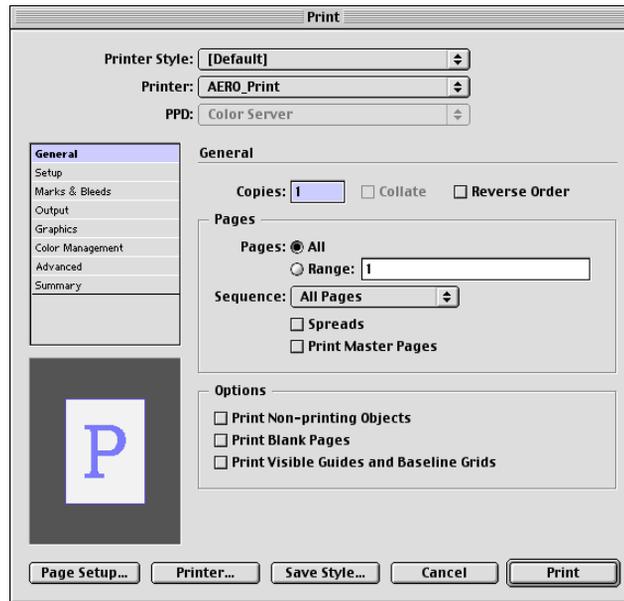
For information on setting ColorWise print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

7. Click Print.

To set print options from the Mac OS version of InDesign 2.0.1

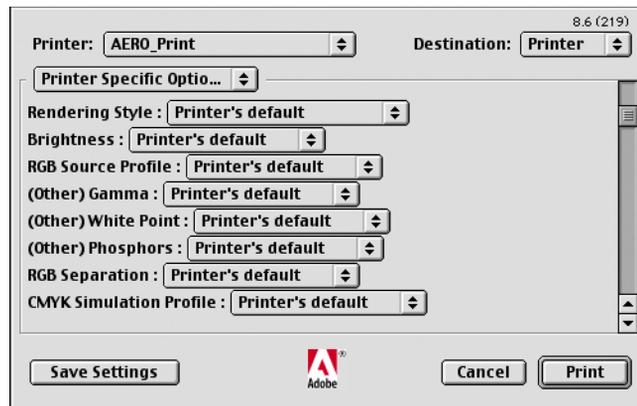
1. Choose Print from the File menu.

2. Choose the Fiery from the Printer menu.



3. Click **Printer**.

The AdobePS Print dialog box appears.



4. Choose **Printer Specific Options**.

The Fiery print options appear.

5. Select the desired options.

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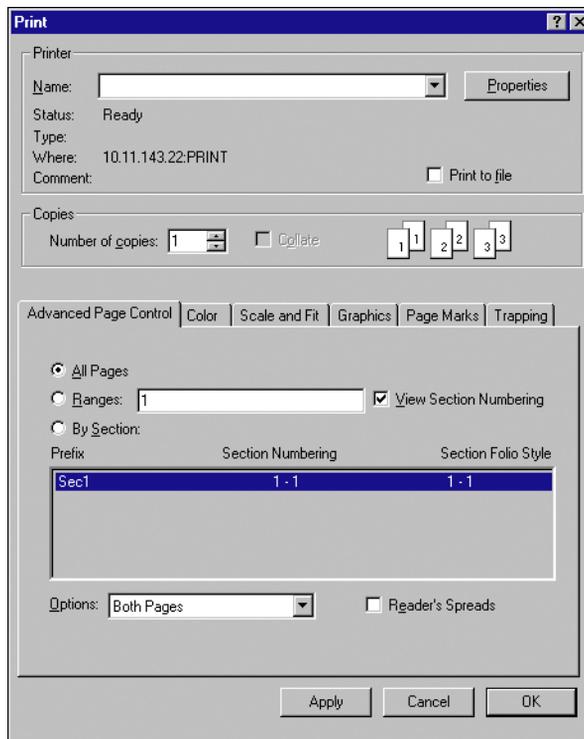
For information on setting ColorWise print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

6. Click Print.

To set print options from the Windows version of InDesign 1.5.2

1. Choose Print from the File menu.

The Print dialog box appears.



2. Choose the Fiery from the Name menu.

3. Click Properties.

4. Click the Fiery Printing tab in the dialog box that appears.

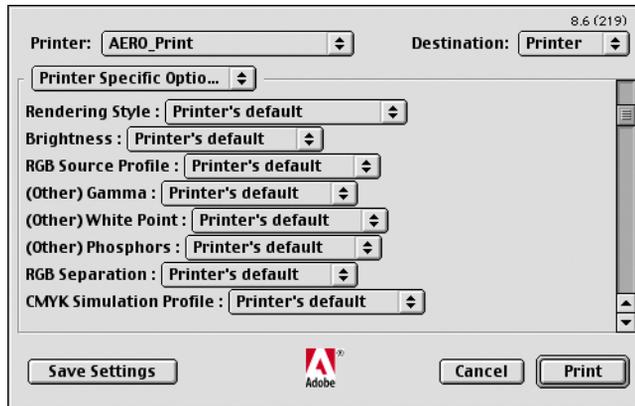
The standard printer driver interface for the Fiery appears.

5. Choose the desired print options.

For information on setting ColorWise print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

To set print options from the Mac OS version of InDesign 1.5.2**1. Choose Print from the File menu.**

The Print dialog box appears.

**2. Choose the Fiery from the Printer menu.****3. Choose Printer Specific Options.**

The Fiery print options appear.

4. Select the desired options.

For information on setting ColorWise print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Adobe PageMaker 7.x and 6.5 for Mac OS and Windows

The Mac OS and Windows versions of PageMaker 7.x and 6.5 are essentially the same. The illustrations in this section show only the Windows version, except where differences exist between the two versions.

Windows version requirement

To use the Windows version of PageMaker 6.5, make sure a copy of the Fiery PPD file is in the following folders:

- PM65\RSRC\USEENGLSH\PPD4
- Windows\System

For information about installing this file, see your PageMaker documentation.

PageMaker color settings

We recommend that you use [ColorWise](#) color management rather than the [CMS](#) options built into Adobe PageMaker.

Note: Do not use both systems for the same print job.

To disable PageMaker color management

1. Choose **Preferences > General** from the **File** menu.
2. Click **CMS Setup**.
3. Choose **Off** from the **Color Management** menu.
4. Click **OK**, and then click **OK** again to close the dialog boxes.

To disable color management for a bitmapped image

1. Select the bitmapped image in the document.
2. Choose **Image > CMS Source** from the **Element** menu.
3. Choose **None** from the **This Item Uses** menu and click **OK**.

Importing images

All RGB images placed in a document are affected by your RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. For best results with placed images, use the instructions in ["Working with imported images"](#) on page 4-39.

Selecting options when printing

All print settings are specified from the various Print dialog boxes in PageMaker 7.x or 6.5.

Note: The Print dialog box for PageMaker is different than the Print dialog box for other applications that print to the Fiery. Follow the instructions in this section rather than the print instructions in the [Color Guide](#).

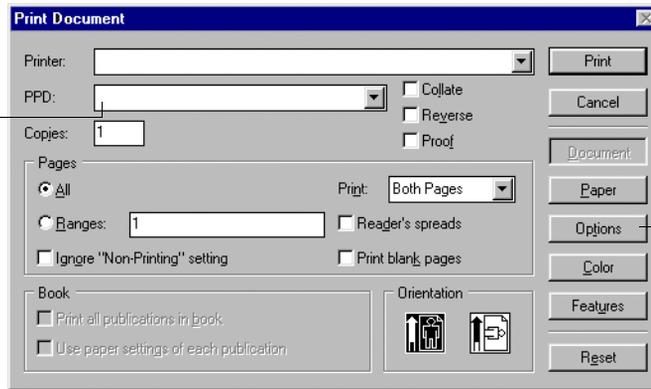
To set print options when printing from PageMaker

1. Choose the **Fiery printer description** from the **PPD** menu in the **Print Document** dialog box.

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Choose the Fiery PPD



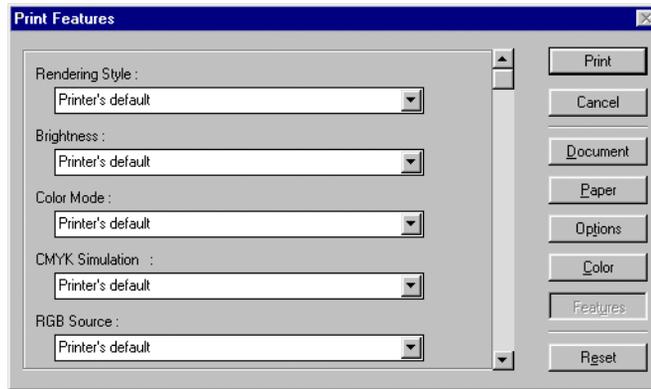
2. Click Options.

3. Choose Normal from the "Send image data" menu in the Print Options dialog box and click Features.

To ensure that TIFF images print at their full resolution, do *not* choose the Optimized Subsampling default from the "Send image data" menu.

4. If a document contains RGB placed images or colors defined in RGB that will not be separated to process colors, choose RGB Source and Rendering Style settings in the Print Features dialog box.

If the document contains PANTONE colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting.



5. Click **Print** from any of the PageMaker dialog boxes to send the job to the Fiery.

Using optional Color Management from PageMaker

If you have additional color management requirements not offered by ColorWise, such as managing color on devices not controlled by the Fiery, consider using the PageMaker color management features. For more information, see your PageMaker documentation.

QuarkXPress 5.x and 4.x for Mac OS

Importing images

With the exception of RGB images that are saved in EPS format or use Quark PrintRGB XTension, QuarkXPress converts all RGB data into CMYK, even when Quark CMS XTension is disabled.

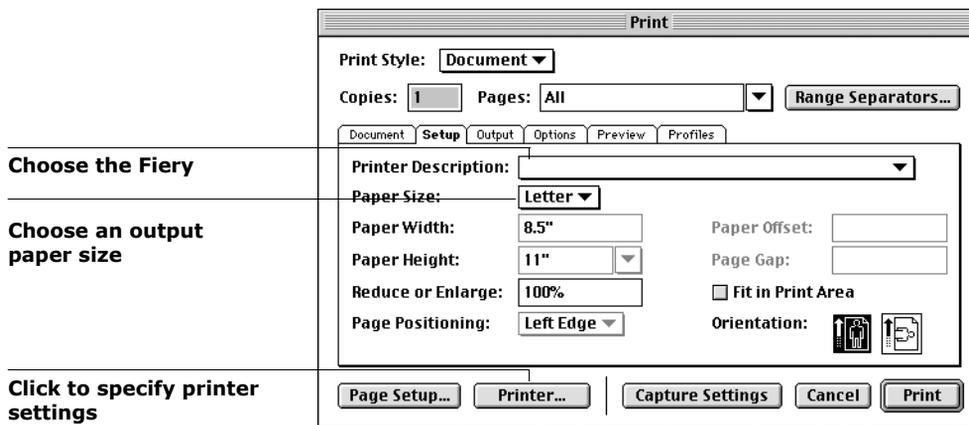
Only RGB images saved in EPS format are affected by RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. For best results with placed images, follow the instructions in ["Working with imported images"](#) on page 4-39.

Selecting options when printing

The following procedure provides instructions on printing files to the Fiery.

To set print options in QuarkXPress 5.x or 4.x

1. Choose the Fiery printer description name from the Printer Description menu in the Print dialog box.



Choose the Fiery

Choose an output paper size

Click to specify printer settings

Mac OS

2. If the document contains PANTONE colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting.

For instructions on specifying print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Optional Color Management from QuarkXPress

If you have additional color management requirements not offered by ColorWise, such as managing color on devices not controlled by the Fiery, you may want to consider using the QuarkXPress color management features. For more information, see your QuarkXPress documentation.

For QuarkXPress 4.02, consider using Quark CMS XTension. These features allow advanced users to control RGB to CMYK color conversions. If you plan to use these features, make sure that Quark CMS XTension is installed before starting QuarkXPress. If it is not installed, use the Quark XTensions Manager to install it. For instructions, see your QuarkXPress documentation.

Note: Quark CMS converts RGB TIFF, JPEG, and PICT images to CMYK before sending color data to the Fiery. RGB Source and Rendering Style settings have no effect on this data unless you use Quark PrintRGB XTension, which outputs RGB TIFF image files without converting them to CMYK.

QuarkXPress 3.32 for Mac OS and Windows

Before starting QuarkXPress 3.32, make sure the EfiColor XTension is *not* loaded in the XTensions folder. EFICOLOR profiles are not currently provided with Fiery products. Without the correct EFICOLOR profile, the EfiColor XTension cannot perform color conversions on placed images.

Windows version requirement

For the Windows version of QuarkXPress, make sure a copy of the Fiery PPD file is in the \XPRESS\PDF folder.

Importing images

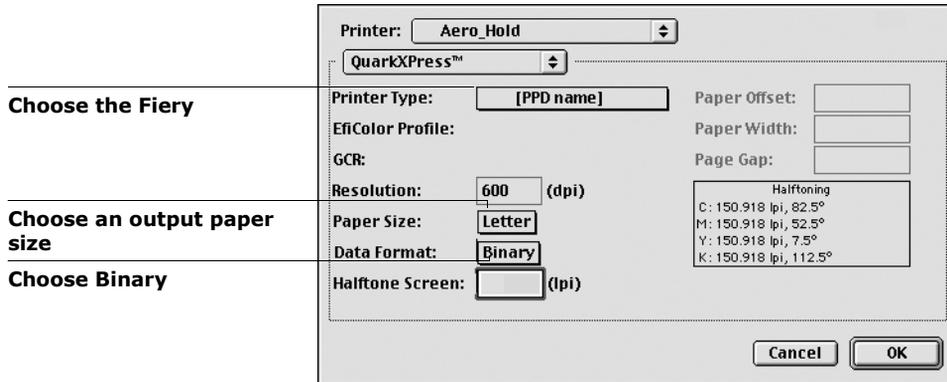
All RGB images placed in a document are affected by your RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. For best results with placed images, follow the instructions in [“Working with imported images”](#) on page 4-39.

Selecting options when printing

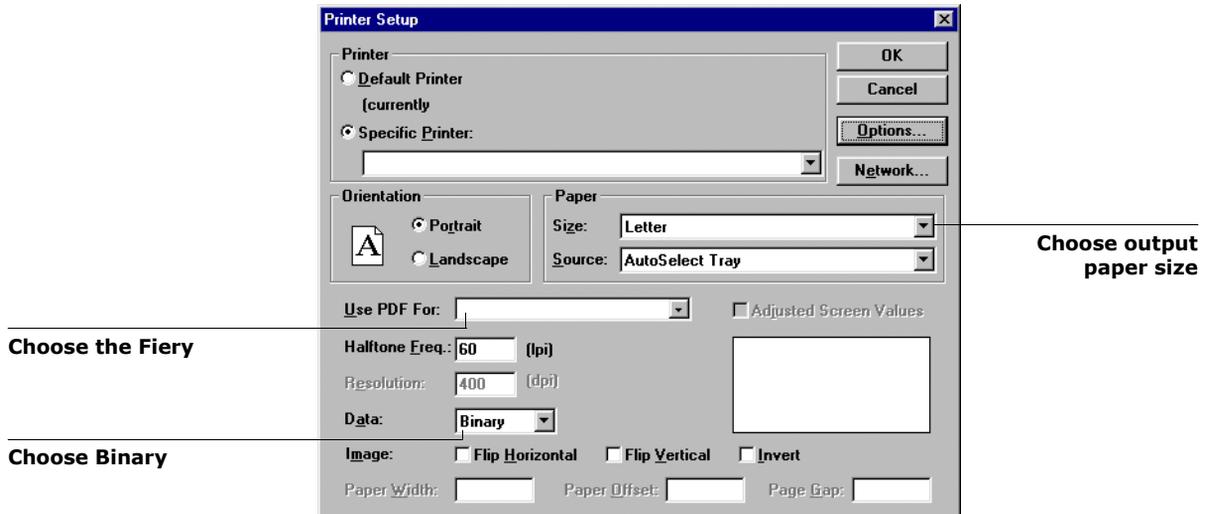
The following procedure provides instructions on printing files to the Fiery.

To select print options in QuarkXPress 3.3

1. Choose the Fiery printer description from the Printer Type menu in the Page Setup (Mac OS) or Printer Setup (Windows) dialog box.



Mac OS



Windows

2. If a document contains RGB-placed images or RGB colors that QuarkXPress will print without converting to CMYK, choose RGB Source and Rendering Style settings.

If the document contains PANTONE colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting.

For instructions on specifying print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Chapter 7: Managing Color in Illustration Applications

You can print directly from an illustration application or use it to create and save files that will be imported into a page layout document. To print from an illustration application, use the printer driver and print settings recommended in the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#). As a general rule, use the [EPS](#) file format when saving files with an illustration application. When an EPS file is imported into another application, the color information in the imported image will not be changed by the application into which it is imported.

Before printing from illustration applications, make sure the appropriate PostScript printer driver and the Fiery [PPD](#) are installed on your computer, as described in the [User Software Installation Guide](#). This chapter provides instructions for using Adobe Illustrator, Macromedia FreeHand, and CorelDRAW for Windows and Mac OS.

Note: This manual provides instructions for printing composites only.

For instructions on printing [color separations](#), see the documentation for your application.

Adobe Illustrator for Windows and Mac OS

The following sections provide guidelines for working with Adobe Illustrator versions 10.x and 9.x.

Note about color models in Adobe Illustrator

In Illustrator, you can set the Document Color Mode to either RGB Color or CMYK color. All elements in that file are created in that color model. When you print the file, the data is sent to the Fiery in the color model that you specified.

Illustrator color settings

Illustrator uses a sophisticated color management system that

can handle both RGB and CMYK colors for a variety of color-managed workflows. By customizing color settings, you specify the amount of color management you want to use while working in Illustrator. These color settings include:

Working spaces—Default [color spaces](#) to use when working with RGB and CMYK documents. [ICC color profiles](#) describe the gamut and color characteristics of these working spaces.

Color management policies—Instructions that tell Illustrator what to do when it encounters color data from a color space other than the specified working space.

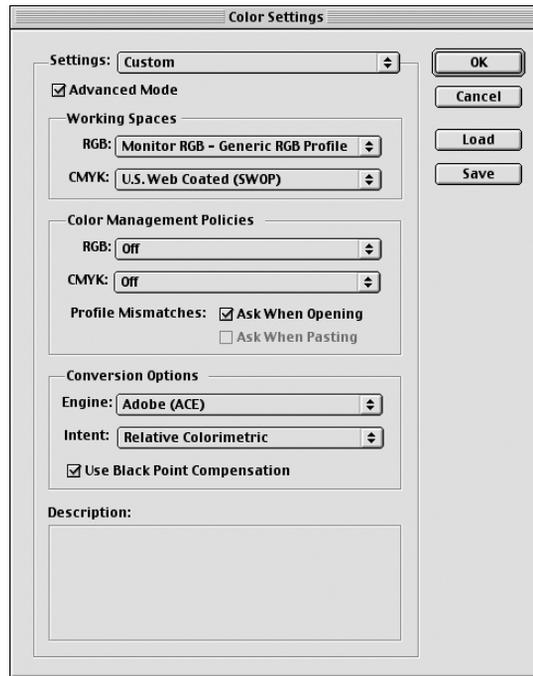
Specifying print options

The following procedure outlines the recommended color settings for Illustrator in a Fiery [workflow](#).

To specify color settings

- 1. Choose Color Settings from the Edit menu.**

The Color Settings dialog box appears.



2. Select Advanced Mode.

In Advanced Mode, a more extensive list of options is displayed.

3. Choose the desired working space profile for each mode in the Working Spaces area.

Use the following guidelines for specifying working spaces:

- For RGB, choose EFIRGB. This profile represents the default RGB color space used by the Fiery. New RGB documents you create in Illustrator will use this working space.
- For CMYK, choose a profile that describes your target press (such as SWOP) if you are a prepress user. If you are an office user printing final output, choose an output profile that describes the Sharp AR-C360P. To use a device-specific output profile, upload the profile from the Fiery to your computer (see the [Color Guide Chapter 3](#)). New CMYK documents you create in Illustrator will use the specified working space.

4. Choose policies for handling documents without embedded profiles or with embedded profiles that differ from the working space in the Color Management Policies area.

Choose Off from the RGB and CMYK menus. This option discards the original profile embedded in a document if it differs from the specified working space.

In the Profile Mismatches area, select the Ask When Opening option. This option displays an alert message that allows you to override the specified policy behavior (Off) when opening documents or importing color data.

5. Choose settings for converting between color spaces in the Conversion Options area.

Choose Adobe (ACE) from the Engine menu to use the built-in color management engine for Illustrator.

Choose a rendering intent from the Intent menu that will optimize the color quality of the conversion. For guidelines on choosing the rendering intent, see your Illustrator documentation.

Select the Use Black Point Compensation option to optimize the quality of color conversions.

6. Click Save to save the current group of color settings.

The Save dialog box appears.

7. Name the settings file, accept the default saved location, and click Save.

You can switch to your saved settings at any time by choosing the group name from the Settings menu at the top of the Color Settings dialog box.

Saving files for importing into other documents

When saving files in Illustrator for importing into other types of documents, use the EPS file format. Illustrator can save color information in both RGB and CMYK. The ColorWise RGB Source and Rendering Style settings affect color output of RGB artwork saved in Illustrator EPS and imported into other kinds of documents (even when both RGB and CMYK artwork exists in the

same file). In the case of Illustrator files imported into Photoshop, however, vector data from the Illustrator file is rasterized into [bitmaps](#) in Photoshop, and the final color space of the bitmap data is determined by the color mode you set in Photoshop.

Specifying print options

The following procedure explains how to set print options when printing a document from Illustrator to the Fiery.

To set print options in Illustrator

- 1. Choose Print from the File menu in Illustrator.**

The Print dialog box appears.

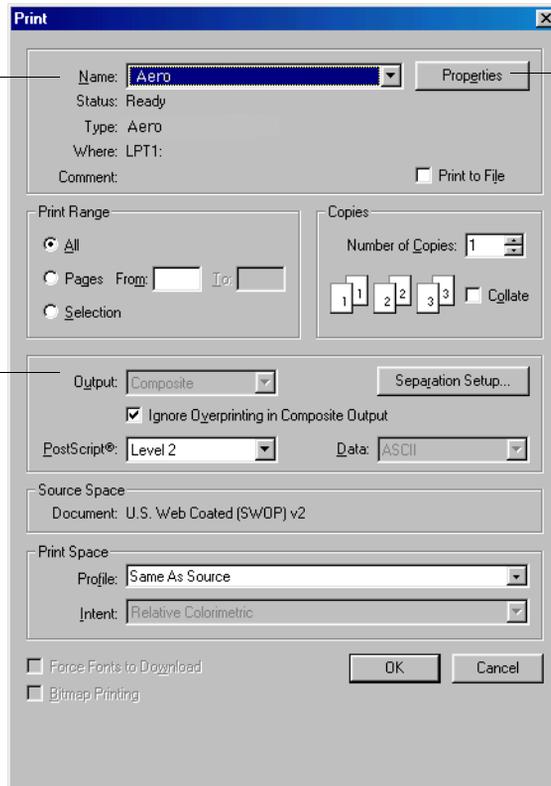
- 2. For the Windows version of Illustrator, specify appropriate print options.**

- Choose the Fiery device from the Name menu.
- Choose Composite from the Output menu.
- Choose Level 3 from the PostScript menu. If you encounter problems, you can also use Level 2.

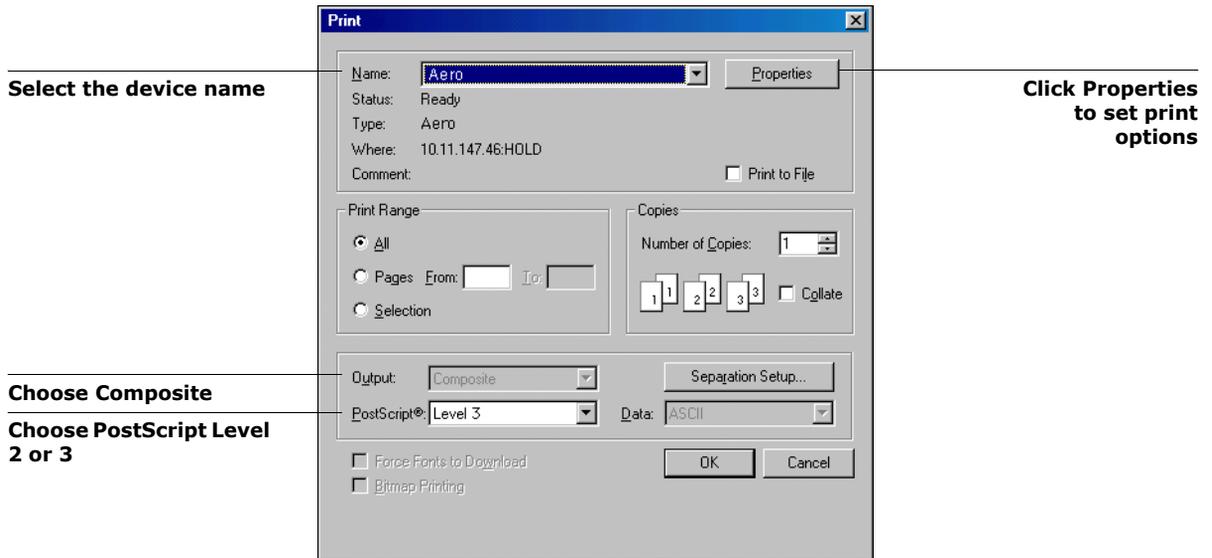
Select the device name

Click Properties to set print options

Choose Composite



Illustrator 10.x for Windows

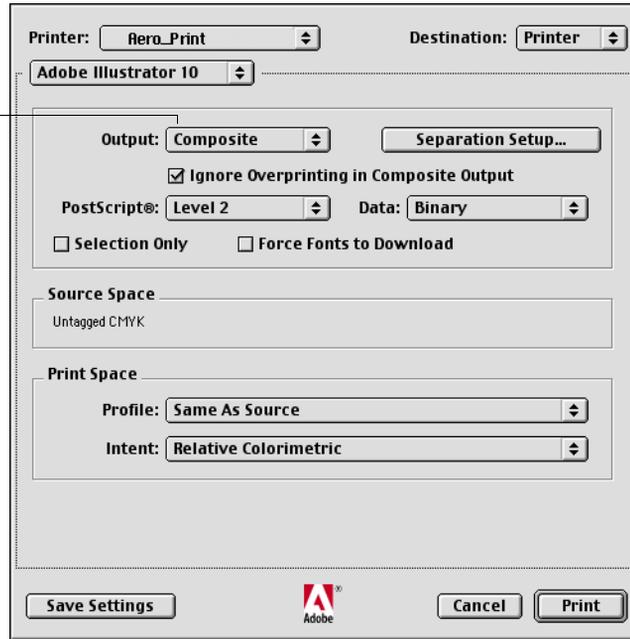


Illustrator 8.x and 9.x for

3. For the Mac OS version of Illustrator, specify appropriate print options.

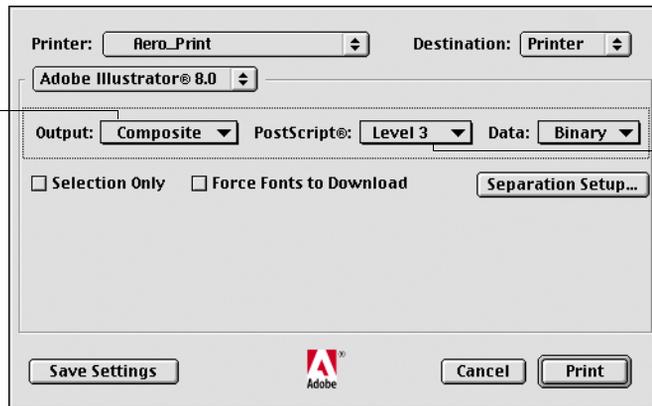
- Choose the Fiery device from the Printer menu.
- Choose Adobe Illustrator from the option menu below the Printer menu.
- Choose Composite from the Output menu.
- Choose Level 3 from the PostScript menu. If you encounter problems, you can also use Level 2.

Choose Composite



Illustrator 10.x for Mac OS

Choose Composite



Choose PostScript Level 3

Illustrator 8.x and 9.x for Mac OS

- 4. If necessary, click Properties (Windows) or choose Printer Specific Options from the option menu (Mac OS) and choose RGB Source and Rendering Style settings for the Fiery.**

You only need to specify these settings if you have a CMYK document containing placed RGB images, or an RGB document in Illustrator 9.x. In all other cases, colors remain unaffected by the settings.

- 5. If the document contains PANTONE-named colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting.**

For instructions on setting additional ColorWise print options, see the [Color Guide Chapter 1](#).

Using Illustrator color management

If you have additional color management requirements not offered by ColorWise, such as managing color on devices not controlled by the Fiery, you may want to consider using the Illustrator color management features. For more information, see your Illustrator documentation.

FreeHand 10.x, 9.x, and 8.x for Windows and Mac OS

The information in this section applies to both the Windows and Mac OS versions of FreeHand. Only Mac OS dialog boxes are shown, but the information and instructions are identical for the Windows version.

Setting FreeHand color settings

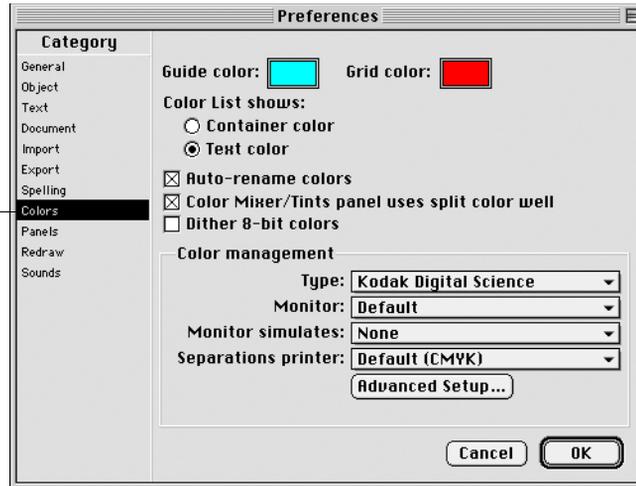
When using ColorWise color management, turn off the FreeHand color management features.

To disable color management in FreeHand

- 1. Choose Preferences from the File menu.**

2. Click the Colors category in the Preferences dialog box.

Click Colors to access the color management settings



3. Choose None for the type of color management.

Defining colors

Any colors defined in FreeHand are sent to the device in CMYK—even those defined using other color models. For best results, use the color definition methods described on [page 4-34](#).

You can control the conversion of RGB colors defined in FreeHand by specifying settings in the Preferences dialog box under the Colors category, or choosing Color Management from the FreeHand menu on the Print dialog box.

Importing images

A number of file types can be imported into FreeHand, but once imported, all are treated as EPS images, TIFF images, or editable paths. For details, see your FreeHand documentation.

When you import an EPS image into a document, FreeHand inserts a link to the image rather than embedding the original file, resulting in a smaller file size. If the image is a CMYK EPS file, the colors print just as they would from the originating application.

Note: Before placing a CMYK EPS file, be sure the file was saved with Desktop Color Separation (DCS) set to Off. If the file was saved with DCS activated, FreeHand prints composites of the image at the low resolution used for screen viewing.

All RGB images placed in a document are affected by your RGB Source and Rendering Style settings in the PPD. For best results with placed images, follow the instructions in ["Working with imported images"](#) on page 4-39.

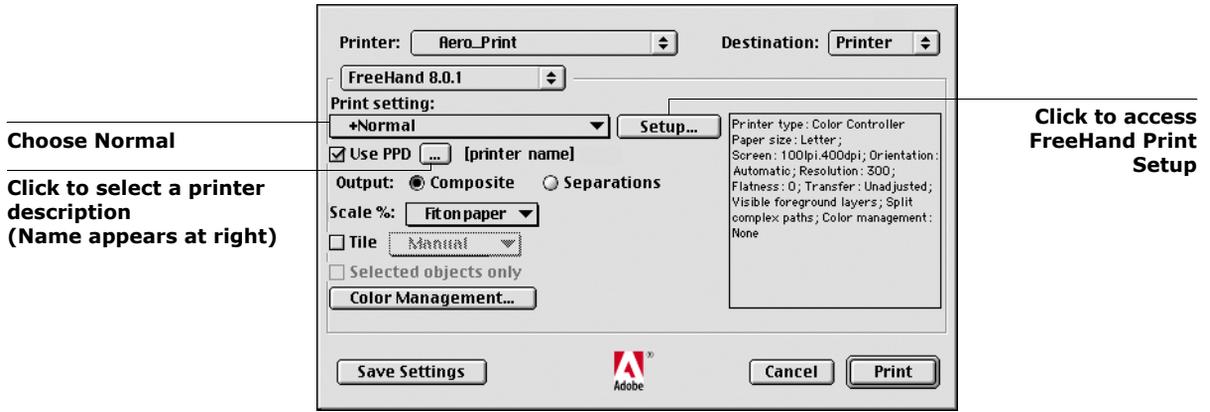
Saving files for importing into other documents

When saving files in FreeHand for importing into other types of documents, use the EPS file format. FreeHand saves all color information in CMYK. The RGB Source and Rendering Style print options have no effect on the color output of RGB artwork saved in FreeHand and imported into other types of documents. In the case of FreeHand files imported into Photoshop, however, vector data from the FreeHand file is rasterized into bitmaps in Photoshop, and the final color space of the bitmap data is determined by the color mode you set in Photoshop.

Selecting options when printing

To set options when printing from FreeHand

1. Select the Use PPD option in the Print dialog box.



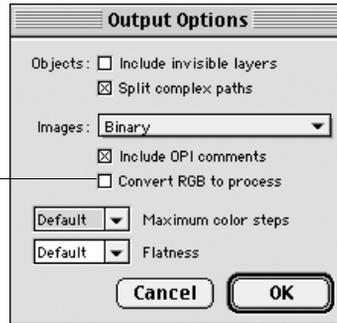
2. Choose Normal from the Print setting menu.

- If the Use PPD option is selected, a plus sign (+) appears in front of the word "Normal."
- If the model name for your Fiery is not displayed, click the button labeled "..." and choose the appropriate Fiery model from the menu that appears.

3. To use ColorWise color management features, choose Output Options from the File menu.

The Output Options dialog box appears.

Clear option to use
ColorWise
color management



4. Make sure the “Convert RGB to process” option is cleared.

If this option is selected, FreeHand color management settings are used to convert RGB colors and RGB TIFF, PICT, and JPEG images to CMYK.

5. If a document contains placed RGB images, choose RGB Source and Rendering Style settings.

With the exception of placed RGB images, these settings have no effect on colors printed with FreeHand. If the document contains PANTONE-named colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting when you print the document.

For information about other FreeHand print options, see your FreeHand documentation.

Optional color management in FreeHand

If you have additional color management requirements not offered by ColorWise, such as managing color on devices not controlled by the Fiery, you may want to consider using the FreeHand color management features. For more information, see your FreeHand documentation.



CorelDRAW for Windows and Mac OS

The following sections describe the recommended color settings for CorelDRAW 9.x and 8.x.

Defining colors

Any colors defined in CorelDRAW 9.x for Windows or CorelDRAW 8.x for Mac OS are sent to the device in CMYK—even those defined using other color models. For best results, use the color definition methods described in [“Using color matching tools with PostScript applications”](#) on page 4-34.

You can control the conversion of RGB colors defined in CorelDRAW by specifying settings in the Color Management dialog boxes. On Windows computers, the Color Management dialog boxes are located in Tools > Color Management. On Mac OS computers, the Color Management functions are located in Edit: Preferences: Global.

Note: If you do not want to use color management in CorelDRAW, choose None from the [composite printer](#) menu under Color Management/Profiles. Do not select options under Color Management and Color Management General.

Importing images

All RGB images placed in a document are affected by the RGB Source and Rendering Style settings. For best results with placed images, follow the instructions in [“Working with imported images”](#) on page 4-39.

Saving files for importing into other documents

When saving files in CorelDRAW for importing into other types of documents, use the EPS file format. CorelDRAW saves all color information in CMYK, so RGB Source and Rendering Style print options have no effect on color output of artwork saved with CorelDRAW and imported into other kinds of documents. In the

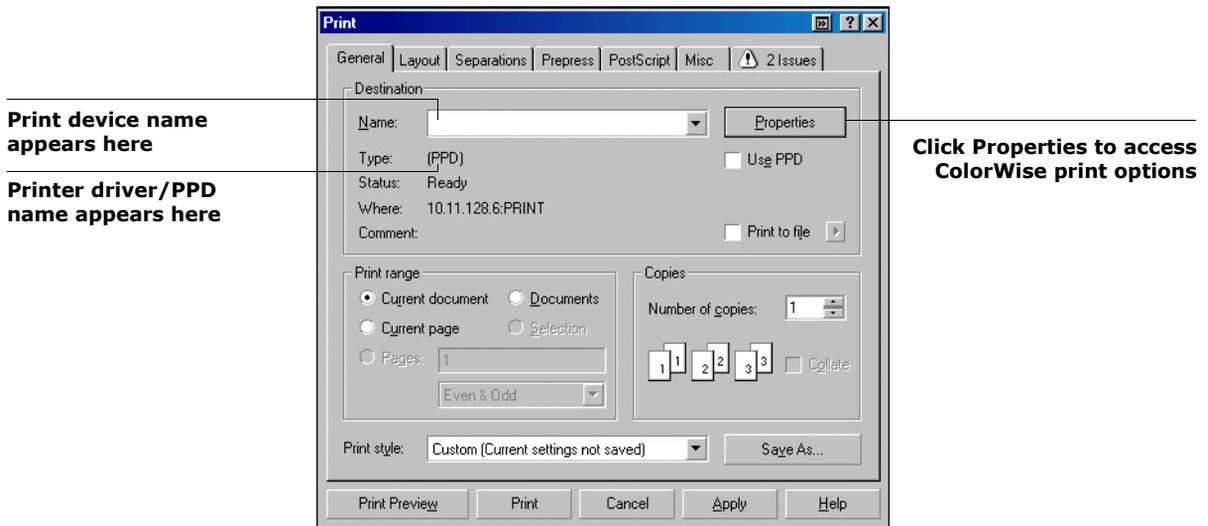
case of CorelDRAW files imported into Photoshop, however, vector data from the CorelDRAW file is rasterized into bitmaps in Photoshop, and the final color space of the bitmap data is determined by the color mode you set in Photoshop.

Specifying print options

The following procedure outlines how to set print options when printing from CorelDRAW to the Fiery.

To set print options in CorelDRAW

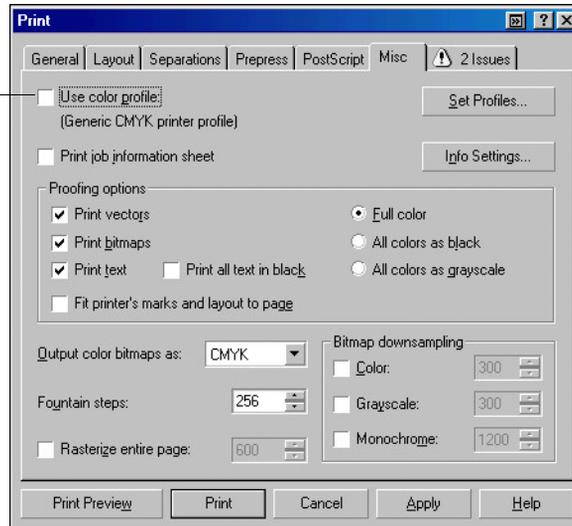
1. On Windows computers, click the **General** tab, and then click **Print**.
2. Make sure you have selected the correct device and printer description, and select the **Use PPD** option.
3. Click **Properties** to specify ColorWise print options.



4. On Mac OS computers, click **Printer** in the General Print dialog box to select the device and print options.

To use ColorWise color management, make sure the “Use color profile” option on the Misc tab of the Print dialog box is cleared. If this option is selected, CorelDRAW color management settings are used to convert RGB colors and images to CMYK.

Clear this option to use ColorWise Color Management



5. If a document contains placed RGB images, choose RGB Source and Rendering Style settings for your device.

With the exception of placed RGB images, these settings have no effect on colors printed with CorelDRAW.

6. If the document contains PANTONE-named colors, choose the appropriate Spot Color Matching setting.

Optional color management in CorelDRAW

If you have additional color management requirements not offered by ColorWise, such as managing color on devices not controlled by the Fiery, consider using the CorelDRAW color management features. For more information, see your CorelDRAW documentation.

Appendix A: Desktop Color Primer

This appendix covers concepts that are basic to printing in color, including:

- Properties of color
- Printing techniques
- Effective use of color
- Raster images and vector graphics
- File optimization for processing and printing

If you are already familiar with color theory and digital color printing, you can skip to the last section ("[Optimizing files for processing and printing](#)" on page A-105) for tips on optimizing files for printing.

The properties of color

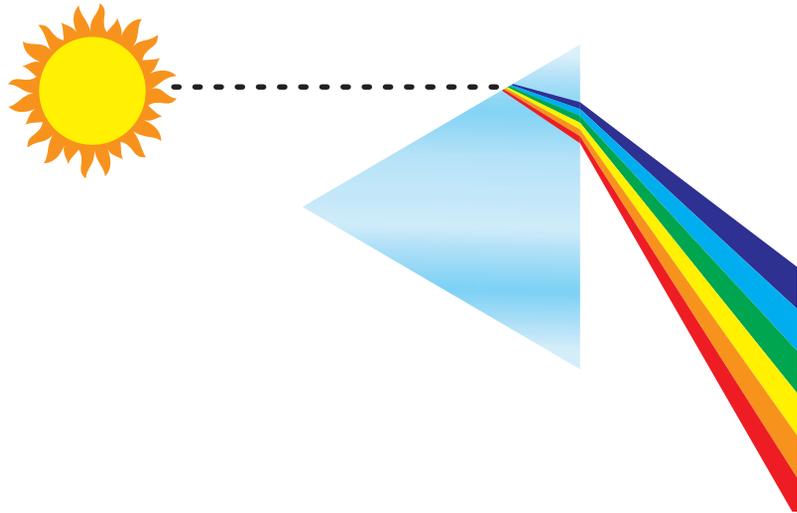
This section introduces concepts that are basic to color theory. You will encounter some of these concepts (such as hue, saturation, and brightness) when you work with color in applications; others provide useful background information. *Color is a complex topic, so consider this a starting point for experimentation and further research.*

The physics of color

The human eye can see electromagnetic radiation at wavelengths between 400 nanometers (purplish blue) and 700 nanometers (red). This range is called the visible spectrum of light. We see pure [spectral light](#) as intensely saturated or pure colors. Sunlight at midday, which we perceive as white or neutral light, is composed of light from across the visible spectrum in more or less equal proportions. Shining sunlight through a prism separates it into its spectral components, resulting in the familiar rainbow of colors shown in the following figure.

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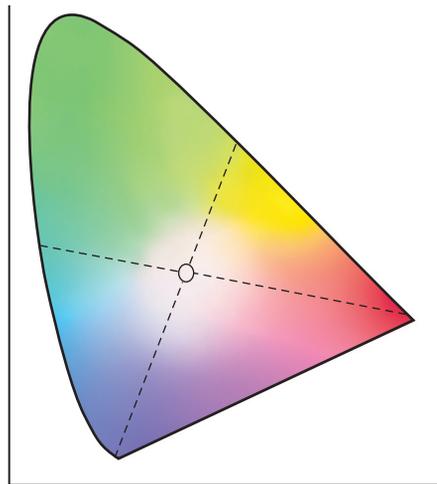


Like the sun, most light sources we encounter in our daily environment emit a mixture of light wavelengths, although the particular distribution of wavelengths can vary considerably. Light from a tungsten light bulb, for example, contains much less blue light than sunlight. Tungsten light appears white to the human eye, which, up to a point, can adjust to the different light sources. However, color objects appear different under tungsten light than they do in sunlight because of the different spectral makeup of the two light sources.

The mixture of light wavelengths emitted by a light source is reflected selectively by different objects. Different mixtures of reflected light appear as different colors. Some of these mixtures appear as relatively saturated colors, but most appear as grays or impure hues of a color.

CIE color model

In the 1930s, the Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage (CIE) defined a standard [color space](#), a way of defining colors in mathematical terms, to help in the communication of color information. This color space is based on research on the nature of color perception. The following CIE chromaticity diagram is a two-dimensional model of color vision. The arc around the top of the horseshoe encompasses the pure, or spectral, colors from blue-violet to red. Although the CIE chromaticity diagram is not perceptually uniform—some areas of the diagram seem to compress color differences relative to others—it is a good tool for illustrating some interesting aspects of color vision.



By mixing any two spectral colors in different proportions, we can create all the colors found on the straight line drawn between them in the diagram. It is possible to create the same gray by mixing blue-green and red light or by mixing yellow-green and blue-violet light. This is possible because of a phenomenon peculiar to color vision called [metamerism](#). The eye does not distinguish individual wavelengths of light. Therefore, different combinations of spectral light can produce the same perceived color.

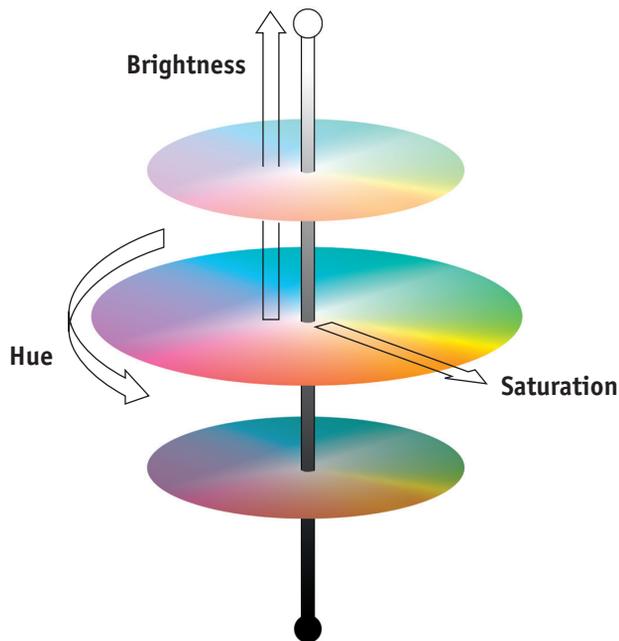
Purple colors, which do not exist in the spectrum of pure light, are found at the bottom of the diagram. Purples are mixtures of red and blue light—the opposite ends of the spectrum.

Hue, saturation, and brightness

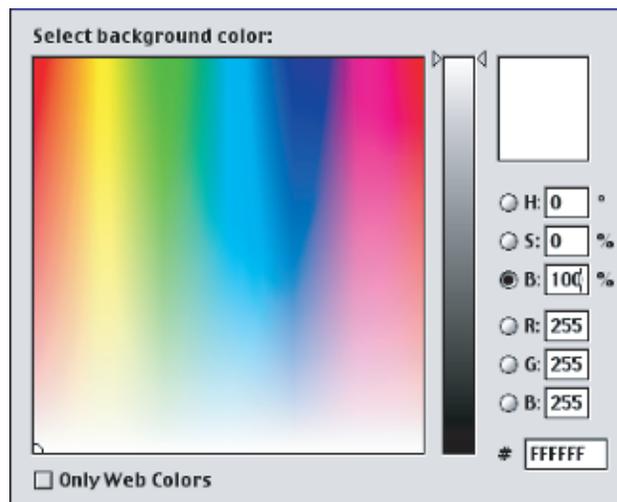
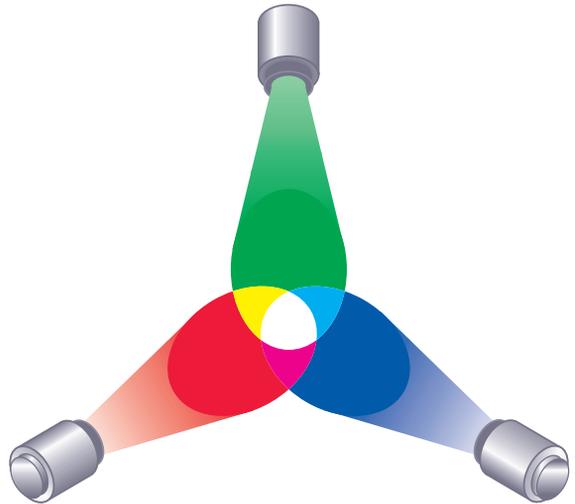
A color can be described in terms of three varying characteristics, called the **HSB** color model:

- Hue—tint (the qualitative aspect of a color—red, green, or orange)
- Saturation—the purity of the color
- Brightness—relative position between white and black

While the CIE chromaticity diagram shown earlier conveys hue and saturation, a three-dimensional color model is required to add the brightness component, as shown in the following figure.



Many computer applications include dialog boxes in which you choose colors by manipulating hue, saturation, and brightness. For example, some applications use a color picker that can be reconfigured according to your preference (as shown below).



Additive and subtractive color systems

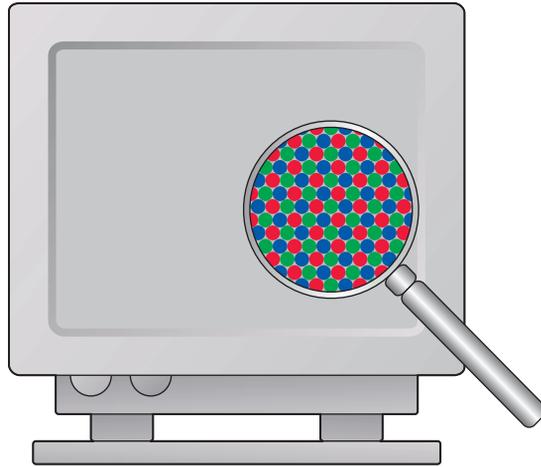
Color devices used in desktop publishing and printing *simulate* the range of visible colors using a set of primary colors that are

combined to create other colors. There are two methods for creating a range of colors from a set of primary colors. Computer monitors and scanners are based on the [additive color model](#). Printing technologies, including the Fiery and offset presses, are based on the [subtractive color model](#).

Additive (RGB) color

Color devices that use the additive color model create a range of colors by combining varying amounts of red, green, and blue light. These colors are called the [additive primaries](#) (shown in the following figure). White is created by adding the maximum amount of red, green, and blue light available. Black occurs wherever all three colors are absent. Grays are created by adding equal amounts of all three color together. Combining varying amounts of any two of the additive primaries creates a third, saturated hue.

A familiar device that is based on this color model is the computer monitor, shown in the following figure. Monitors have red, green, and blue [phosphors](#) that emit varying amounts of light to display a given color. Scanners create digital representations of colors by measuring their red, green, and blue components through colored filters.



Subtractive (CMY and CMYK) color

The subtractive color model is the basis for color printing, color photographic prints, and transparencies. While the additive color model simulates the visible spectrum of color by adding light of three primary hues, the subtractive color model starts with a “white” or neutral light source containing light of many wavelengths. Inks, toners, or other [colorants](#) are used to selectively absorb (subtract) certain wavelengths of light that otherwise would be reflected or transmitted by the media in use.

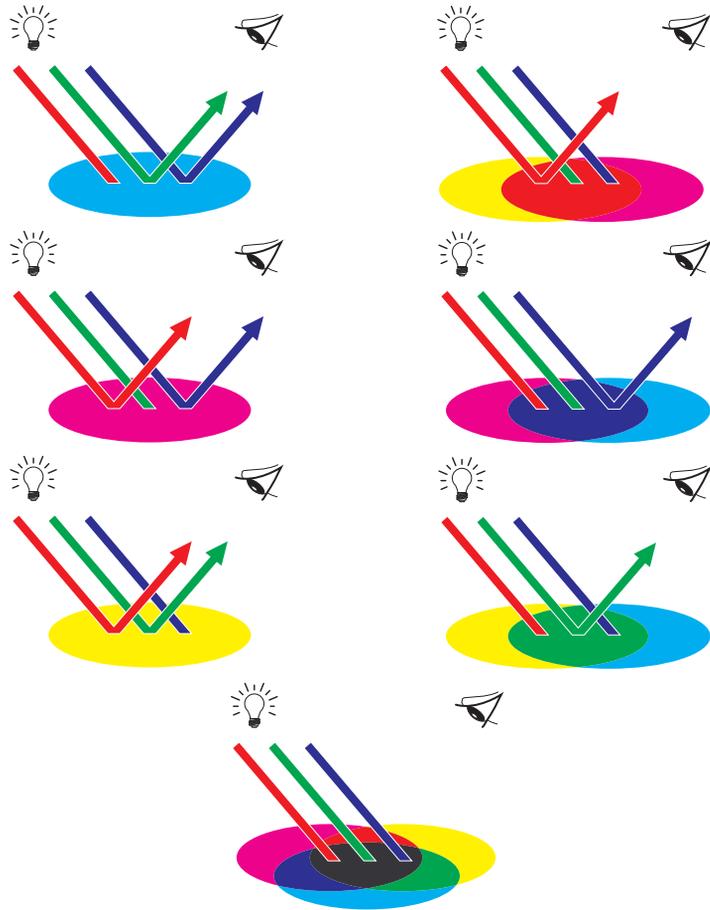
The [subtractive primaries](#) are cyan, magenta, and yellow; they absorb red, green, and blue light, respectively (as shown in the following figure). Combining any two subtractive primaries creates a new color that is relatively pure or saturated. For example, you can make red by combining magenta and yellow, which absorb green and blue light, respectively. White occurs when no colorant is applied. In theory, combining all three subtractive primaries yields black, but due to deficiencies of cyan, magenta, and yellow colorants, combining these three primaries actually yields a muddy brown. Black colorant is added to compensate for the deficiencies of cyan, magenta, and yellow colorants.

Consequently, color printing uses four [process color](#): Cyan,

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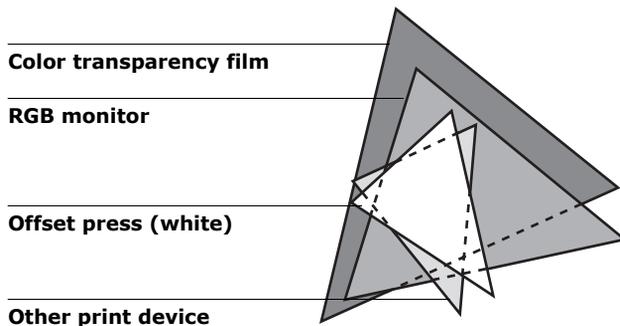
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Magenta, Yellow, and black (CMYK). The use of black toner produces rich, solid blacks and allows for improved rendering of black text.



Understanding color gamut

Different color reproduction techniques have different color capabilities, or **gamuts**. Color transparency films have comparatively large gamuts, as do color monitors. The color gamut that can be produced using process inks or **CMYK** toners on paper is smaller. This is why some colors that can be displayed on a color monitor, especially bright saturated colors, cannot be reproduced exactly by your Fiery—nor, for that matter, can they be reproduced on a press using **process colors**. Moreover, different printers have different gamuts—some colors your printer can produce cannot be reproduced on an offset press, and vice versa. The following figure illustrates this concept of differing gamuts.



You must account for the gamut of your printer when designing on a color monitor. When printed, colors that fall outside the printer gamut are “mapped” to printable colors. This process, referred to as **gamut mapping**, takes place when color data is converted or adjusted to meet the gamut requirements of a printer.

The Fiery is specially designed to perform gamut mapping at high speed with high-quality results. It provides these color management features automatically, using either built-in default settings or settings you select for a particular print job. For added flexibility, you can also use the Fiery color management system in combination with the color management systems on Windows and Mac OS computers.

Printing techniques

Until recently, most color printing was done on printing presses using one of several printing techniques—[offset lithography](#), [flexography](#), or [gravure](#), to name a few. All traditional printing techniques require lengthy preparation before a press run can take place. Short-run color printing, including Fiery printing, eliminates most of this preparation. By streamlining the process of color printing, the Fiery makes short print runs economically feasible.

In contemporary offset lithographic printing, digital files from desktop computers are output to an [imagesetter](#), which creates film separations. The film is used to make a [prepress proof](#), which is an accurate predictor of the final print job and allows you to make corrections before going to press. Once the proof is approved, the printer makes plates from the film and runs the print job on the press.

With the Fiery, you simply print the file. The Fiery processes the [PostScript](#) information in the file and sends four [bitmaps](#) (one each for cyan, magenta, yellow, and black) to the printer. The ease of Fiery printing makes possible experimentation that would be too costly on a press, allowing unlimited fine-tuning of color and design elements.

Halftone and continuous tone devices

Halftoning is used in offset printing to print each process color at a different intensity, allowing millions of different colors to be reproduced using only the four process colors. Depending on the required intensity of a given color, toner is placed on paper in dots of different size. The grid of dots used for each toner color is called a screen. Halftone screens are aligned to unique angles designed to eliminate interference patterns called [moiré](#) that can arise with halftoning.

Some color printers are commonly referred to as **continuous tone** (**contone**) devices. They do not use traditional halftone screen patterns and angles. Contone devices are capable of varying the intensity of individual dots.

Even if your color printing is done exclusively on the Fiery, you will encounter concepts from offset printing if you use high-end graphics applications. For example, color controls in illustration applications, such as Adobe Illustrator, are geared toward specifying color for offset printing using process and **spot colors**. Many applications allow you to specify the screening used for each printing plate.

Using color effectively

The ability to print in color can greatly increase the effectiveness of your message, whether you are printing a presentation or newsletter (short-run printing), or proofing an ad concept that will later be printed on a press (color proofing). Some potential benefits of using color include:

- Conveying information rapidly by using color cues
- Making use of the emotive aspects of different colors
- Increasing impact and message retention

Color can also be a source of distraction and discord if it is used poorly. This section outlines some tips and concepts to consider as you approach designing color materials.

A few rules of thumb

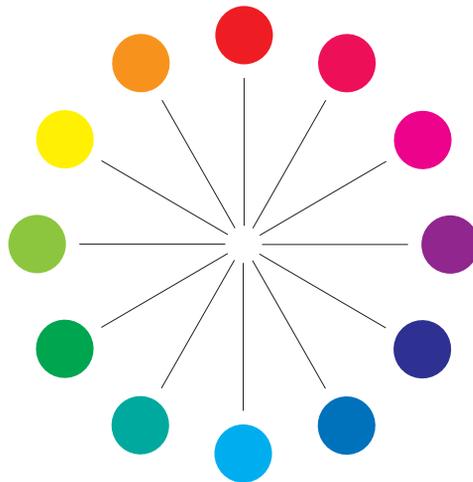
Try some of the following strategies for creating successful color materials:

- Use color to aid comprehension, rather than applying colors indiscriminately. In color presentations, graphs, and charts, use color to highlight patterns and emphasize differences.

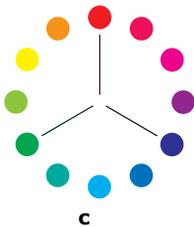
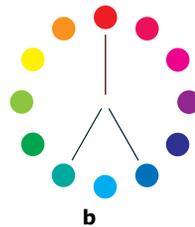
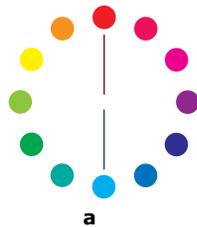
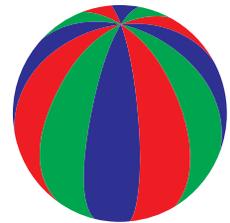
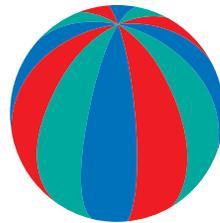
- Use color sparingly. In general, fewer colors work better than many colors.
- Use red as an accent color. Red is particularly effective when used in otherwise monochromatic materials.
- Consider the tastes of your target audience when choosing colors.
- Keep a file of printed color pieces that appeal to you or strike you as effective. Refer to it for ideas when designing your own documents.

Color wheel

A color wheel like the one in the following figure is a helpful tool for understanding the interrelation of colors. The colors on one side of the color wheel, from magenta to yellow, appear to most people to be warm colors, while those on the other side, from green to blue, appear to be cool. The distance between two colors on the color wheel can help predict how they will appear when seen side by side.



Colors opposite one another on the color wheel are called complements (see example a in the following figure), and create a striking contrast side by side. This can be the basis for a bold graphical design, but it is an effect you should use with discretion, since it can be visually fatiguing. Other bold combinations to consider are split complements—a color and the two colors adjacent to its complement (example b)—and triads (three colors evenly spaced on the color wheel (example c). Colors adjacent to one another on the color wheel result in subtle harmonies.



The color wheel simplifies color relationships for the purpose of clarity, showing only saturated or pure colors. Adding the myriad variations of each hue to the palette (more or less saturated, darker, or lighter) creates a wealth of possibilities. Taking a pair of complements from the color wheel and varying the saturation and brightness of one or both colors produces a very different result from the pure complements. Combining a light tint of a warm color with a darker shade of its cooler complement often gives



pleasing results. Combining a darker shade of a warm color with a light tint of its cooler complement produces an unusual effect that may appeal to you.

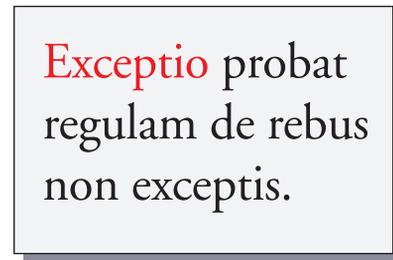
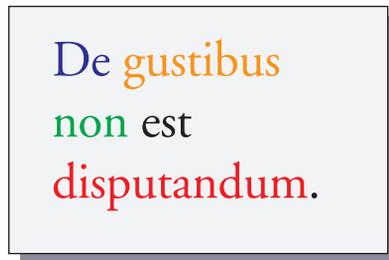
Once you have mastered the concept of the color wheel, you have a good framework for experimenting with color combinations. Many books targeted at graphic designers show groups of preselected color combinations. Some are organized by themes or moods, and some are based on a [custom color system](#), such as PANTONE. The more you develop a critical facility for judging color combinations, the more you will be able to trust your own eye for color. The ["Bibliography"](#) on page B-119 at the back of this manual includes books on design.



Color and text

It is not a coincidence that the overwhelming majority of text you see is printed in black on white paper. Text in black on white is highly legible and is not fatiguing to read for extended periods. For many color materials, using black text on a white background and confining color to graphic elements and headings is a good choice.

When used skillfully, color text can add flair to documents printed on paper. This technique is widely used in presentations. When using color text, avoid dazzling text and background combinations created from primary complements, especially red and cyan or red and blue; they are visually fatiguing and hard to read. Color text is more legible when distinguished from its background by a difference in lightness—for example, dark blue text on a light beige background. In addition, using many different colors in a string of text makes for a confused appearance and is hard to read. However, using a single highlight color is an effective way to draw the reader's eye to selected words. For color text samples, see the following figure.



When using color text, keep in mind that small font sizes typically do not print in color with the same sharpness as in black. In most applications, black text prints exclusively in black toner, while color text usually prints with two or more toners.

Any misregistration between the different toners on paper causes color text to lose definition. You can make test prints to find the smallest point size at which color text prints clearly. When using high-end graphics applications that allow you to specify color as percentages of cyan, magenta, yellow, black, you can create pure cyan or pure magenta text that prints with the same sharpness as black text. (Pure yellow text is extremely hard to read on anything but a dark or complementary background.)

Raster images and vector graphics

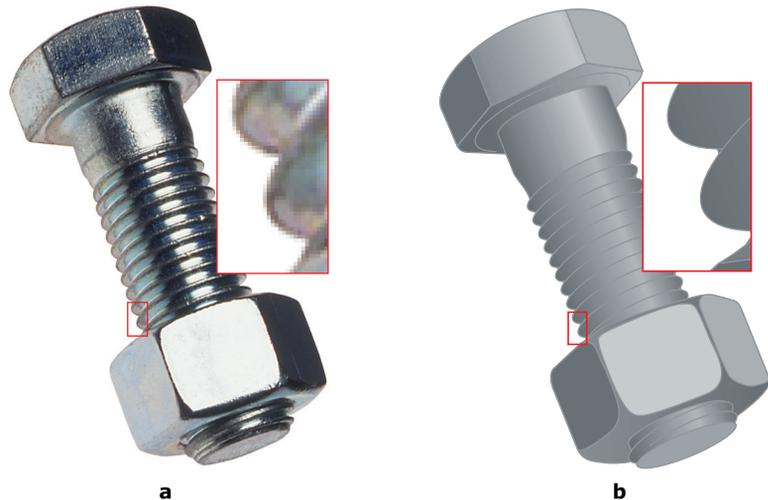
Two broad categories of artwork can be printed from a personal computer to a color printer: [raster images](#) and [vector graphics](#).

A raster image, also referred to as a bitmap, is composed of a grid of **pixels**, each assigned a particular color value (as shown in example a in the following figure). The grid, when sufficiently enlarged, resembles a mosaic made from square tiles. Examples of raster images include scans and images created in painting or pixel-editing applications, such as Photoshop and Corel Painter.

The amount of data found in a raster image depends on its **resolution** and **bit depth**. The resolution of a raster describes the compactness of the pixels and is specified in pixels per inch (ppi). The bit depth is the number of bits of information assigned to each pixel. Black and white raster images require only one bit of information per pixel. Grayscale images require 8 bits per pixel. For photographic quality color, 24 bits of RGB color information are required per pixel, yielding 256 levels of red, green, and blue. For CMYK images, 32 bits per pixel are required.

When printing raster artwork, the quality of the output depends on the resolution of the source raster. If the raster resolution is too low, individual pixels become visible in the printed output as small squares. This effect is sometimes called “pixelation.”

In **vector graphics**, picture objects are defined mathematically as lines or curves between points—hence the term “vector” (see example b). Picture elements can have solid, **gradient**, or patterned color fills. Vector artwork is created in illustration and drawing applications, such as Illustrator and CorelDRAW. Page layout applications, such as QuarkXPress, also allow you to create simple vector artwork with their drawing tools. PostScript fonts are vector-based, as well.



Vector artwork is resolution-independent; it can be scaled to any size and resolution without danger of pixels becoming visible in printed output.

Optimizing files for processing and printing

The following sections provide tips on how to create image files that produce the highest possible print quality while minimizing the processing time and disk space they require.

Resolution of raster images

While a 72-ppi raster image appears sharp on a monitor, the same image would likely appear pixelated when printed to the Fiery. Color printers are capable of much greater detail than computer monitors, and require correspondingly higher resolution image files. However, high-resolution files can be large and, therefore, cumbersome to transmit over a network, process for printing, store on disk, and edit.



Beyond a certain threshold, a higher image resolution greatly increases file size while having a minimal effect on output quality. The optimal image resolution depends on the resolution of the final print device. Aim for the resolution that optimizes both file size and output quality.

The resolution of a raster image, along with its bit depth and physical dimensions, determine its file size. The following table shows the file sizes of color raster images at different dimensions and resolutions.

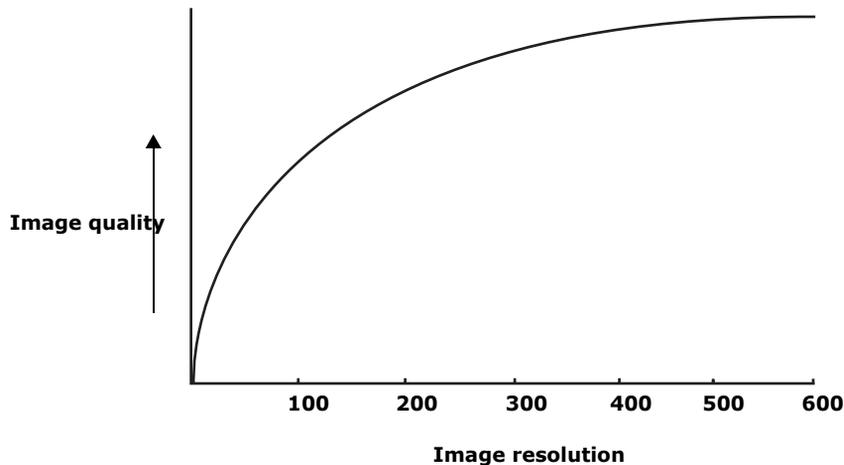
Image size	File size at				
	100 ppi	150 ppi	200 ppi	400 ppi	600 ppi
	RGB/ CMYK	RGB/ CMYK	RGB/CMYK	RGB/CMYK	RGB/CMYK
3"x 4"	0.4/0.5 MB	0.8/1.0 MB	1.4/1.8 MB	5.5/7.3 MB	12.4/16.5 MB
5"x 7"	1.0/1.3 MB	2.3/3.0 MB	4.0/5.3 MB	16.0/21.4 MB	36.1/48.1 MB
8.5"x 11"	2.7/3.6 MB	6.0/8.0 MB	10.7/14.3 MB	42.8/57.1 MB	96.4/128.5 MB
11"x 17"	5.4/7.1 MB	12.0/16.1 MB	21.4/28.5 MB	85.6/114.1 MB	192.7/256.9 MB

In this table, the shaded areas indicate that 200 ppi is typically the best trade-off between image quality and file size. However, higher resolutions (for example, 250 to 300 ppi) may be necessary for offset printing, when quality is of the utmost importance, or for images containing sharp diagonal lines.

To find the best image resolution for your purposes, make test prints of some raster artwork at different resolutions. Start with a high-resolution image (400 ppi) and save versions at progressively lower resolutions, down to 100 ppi, using a pixel-editing application, such as Photoshop. Always save a copy of the

original high-resolution version, in case you must revert to it. The high-resolution data cannot be recreated from a lower resolution version.

Print the files and examine the output. You will likely begin to see a marked deterioration in output quality at resolutions below 200 ppi, while above 200 ppi the improvement may be very subtle.



Raster images prepared for offset printing may need to be at higher resolutions than necessary for proofing on your Fiery.

Scaling

Ideally, each raster image should be saved at the actual size, and it will be placed in the document at the optimal resolution for the printer. If the image resolution is correct for the printer, there is no quality advantage to be gained by scaling an image to a percentage of its actual size. If you scale a large image to a percentage of its actual size, you incur unnecessary file transfer time, because the image data for the entire large image is sent to the printer. If an image is placed multiple times at markedly different sizes in a document, save a separate version of the



image at the correct size for each placement.

If you need to place an image at greater than 100% in a document, remember that the output image resolution is affected. For example, if you scale a 200 ppi image to 200%, the image is printed at 100 ppi.

Glossary

additive color model

A system in which colors are produced by combining red, green, and blue light (the additive primaries). An RGB video monitor is based on an additive color model.

additive primaries

Red, green, and blue light used in additive color systems. When blended together in proper amounts, these colors of light produce white.

artifact

A visible defect in an image, usually caused by limitations in the input or output process (hardware or software); a blemish or error.

banding

Visible steps between shades in a color gradient.

bit depth

Amount of information used for each pixel in a raster image. Black and white images require only one bit per pixel. Grayscale images with 256 shades of gray require 8 bits (or 1 byte) per pixel. Photographic quality color images can require 24 bits per pixel (RGB images) or 32 bits per pixel (CMYK images).

bitmap (or raster)

An image comprised of small squares arranged in a grid. Each square in the grid is a pixel. The number of pixels per inch defines the resolution of a bitmap.

blasting

An undesirable effect that occurs when excess amounts of toner, possibly combined with certain types of paper stock, cause objects in an image to spread beyond the boundaries defined in the file.

BMP

A graphics file format established by Microsoft; native to the Windows operating system.

calibration

The process of ensuring that a device behaves consistently with respect to a set of specifications.

calibration target (or calibration set)

A set of measurements that describe the expected density response of a printing device. Calibration targets are associated with the output profile of the device.

CMS

See [color management system](#).

CMYK

A subtractive color model that uses cyan, magenta, yellow, and black, or process colors, used in color printing; a color model used in the printing of colors in four-color process printing.

color channel

A single-color image that can be edited separately from the other color channels comprising a color space—for example, the red channel of an RGB image.

color gamut

See [gamut](#).

color management system (CMS)

System used to match color across different input, display, and output devices.

color rendering dictionary

See [CRD](#) (Color Rendering Dictionary).

color separation

The process of separating a color image into the color components for printing—cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. Also used to refer to the four sheets of film that result from the process of separating a color image.

color space

A model for representing color in terms of measurable values, such as the amount of red, green, and blue in an image. RGB and CMYK color spaces correspond to color devices—monitors and printers, respectively. Other color spaces, such as CIE Lab, are based on mathematical models and are device-independent (that is, not based on the color response of a particular device). See [gamut](#).

colorant

An ink, dye, toner, paint, or other pigment that modifies the color of media to which it is applied.

ColorWise

See [ColorWise color management](#).

ColorWise color management

An ICC-open color management solution, which is an easy-to-use system that addresses the needs of both casual and experienced color management users.

composite printer

Any output device that can print directly in color without first creating color separations. A composite print can be used as an early proof of an offset print job.

continuous tone (contone)

Describes a photographic image that contains gradient tones from black to white (such as a 35mm transparency or a photograph). Continuous tones cannot be reproduced in that form for printing, but must be screened to translate the image into dots.

continuous tone (contone) image

An image containing fine gradations of tones, such as a photographic image.

CRD (Color Rendering Dictionary)

A feature of color management systems and PostScript Level 2 and PostScript 3 color devices that maintains the best possible translation of color from one color device to another. A color rendering dictionary (CRD) is used by the color management system or the device's PostScript interpreter when converting data between color spaces. The Fiery includes several CRDs, each of which provides a different color rendering style.

custom color system

A system of named color swatches that can be matched on press using spot colors or approximated using process colors. PANTONE and TruMatch are examples of custom color systems.

DCS (Desktop Color Separation)

A data file standard defined by Quark, Inc., to assist in making color separations with desktop publishing systems; five files are created—four color files (one each for C, M, Y, and K) and a composite color preview file of the color image. It allows an image-editing application to perform color separation and pass it through to final output with its integrity intact.

densitometer

An instrument commonly used in the graphic arts industry to measure density according to a specified standard.

density

A measurement of the light-absorbing quality of a photographic or printed image.

desktop color separation

See [DCS](#).

DIC

A Japanese standard of specifications for separations, proofs, and color printing.

EPS (or EPSF)

See [Encapsulated PostScript](#).

Encapsulated PostScript

A PostScript file format designed to be embedded in another PostScript stream.

Euroscale

A European standard of specifications for separations, proofs, and color printing.

flexography

A printing technology that uses flexible raised-image plates. Flexography can be used to print on non-flat materials such as cans.

four-color printer

A printing device that uses cyan, magenta, yellow, and black ink or toner.

gamma

A numeric value representing the relationship (gamma curve) between the input and output values of a color device. If gamma equals 1, input values are mapped exactly to output values.

gamut

A range of colors. A device gamut is the range of colors that a device, such as a device, can produce. An image gamut is the range of colors in a particular image.

gamut mapping

The conversion of color coordinates from one device's gamut to another—usually accomplished with algorithms or look-up tables.

GCR

See [gray component replacement](#).

GDI (Graphics Device Interface)

Graphics and display technology used by computers running Windows. GDI applications rely on GDI (rather than the PostScript language) to send text and pictures to devices.

GIF (Graphics Interchange Format)

A standard developed by CompuServe for bitmap graphics of up to 256 colors and used for posting photographic images on the Internet or intranet pages; rarely used for professional printing.

gradient

A smooth transition between two different colors or two shades of a color.

Graphics Device Interface

See [GDI](#).

Graphics Interchange Format

See [GIF](#).

gravure

A printing technology that uses an etched cylinder that has been immersed in ink. The ink that remains in the etched areas is applied to the paper. The non-etched surfaces of the cylinder are non-printing areas.

gray component replacement (GCR)

A method for improving wet ink trapping and reducing ink costs in process color printing. In shadow, midtone, and quarter-tone areas where all three process colors (C, M, Y) overprint, the gray components of those colors are reduced and replaced by black.

halftoning

A method for representing an original continuous tone image using a pattern of dots, lines, or other patterns.

HSB

A color model where each color is represented by its hue, saturation, and brightness components; supported by most color applications.

HSL

A color model where each color is represented by its hue, saturation, and lightness components.

ICC profile

An industry standard color profile format developed by the International Color Consortium (ICC) that describes the color capabilities, including the gamut, of a color device based on the differences between an ideal and the current device. The ideal is often provided by the manufacturer as a color reference file. ICC profiles are implemented on Mac OS computers in ColorSync and on Windows computers in Image Color Matching (ICM). The Fiery color management system, ColorWise, supports ICC profiles.

imagesetter

Raster-based film output device; a high-resolution laser output device that writes bitmapped data onto photosensitive paper or film.

JPEG

A graphics file format defined by the Joint Photographic Experts Group committee of International Standards Organization (ISO); a standard for digital compression of still image graphic data.

metamerism

Phenomenon in which two colors composed of different combinations of light wavelengths appear identical under a specific light source, but may look different under other light sources. The colors are called "metamers."

moiré

An undesirable pattern in images made using halftone screens. Moiré can be caused by the improper line frequency of the screens, improper screen angles, improper alignment of halftone screens, or by the combination of a halftone screen with patterns in the image itself.

named color

A color that is defined according to a custom color system. For example, PANTONE 107 C is a named color. (Also referred to as a spot color).

office applications

Software applications commonly used for business purposes, including presentation applications, spreadsheets, and word processing programs.

offset lithography

Printing in which ink is transferred from printing plates to a rubber blanket and then from the blanket to paper.

output

See [output profile](#).

output profile

A file that describes the color characteristics of a printing device. The output profile is associated with a calibration target that defines the expected density response of the device.

phosphor

Material used in making computer monitors; phosphors glow and emit red, green, and blue light when struck by an electron beam, thus creating an image.

photographic rendering

A color rendering style that preserves tonal relationships in images. Unprintable colors are mapped to printable colors in a way that retains differences in lightness, sacrificing color accuracy as necessary.

pixel

The smallest distinct element of a raster image. The term is a combination of the words "picture" and "element."

PostScript

A device-independent page description language developed by Adobe, which is used to print and display pictures and text. PostScript 3 includes many enhancements to older versions of PostScript, including improved image quality and color.

PPD (PostScript Printer Description file)

A file containing information about a particular PostScript print device's capabilities and restrictions. The information in the PPD is presented via the printer driver.

prepress proof

A print made from a set of film separations or other file to simulate the results of printing. A prepress proof is the last opportunity to catch problems before the print job goes to press.

presentation graphics rendering

A color rendering style that creates saturated colors but does not match printed colors precisely to displayed colors. It is appropriate for bright saturated colors used in illustrations and graphs.

process colors

The colors used in printing to simulate full-spectrum color images: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, black (CMYK).

profile

Systematically describes how a color maps to a particular space. By identifying a source profile and an output profile, you initiate the appropriate workflow to maintain consistent color values.

QuickDraw

Graphics and display technology built into Mac OS computers. QuickDraw applications rely on QuickDraw (rather than the PostScript language) to send text and pictures to devices.

raster image

Electronic representation of a page or image using a grid of points called pixels.

rendering intent

The style of color rendering, or gamut mapping, designed for a particular type of color job. An example of a rendering intent is Photographic rendering—also referred to as Image rendering or Contrast rendering—which is designed for photographic images.

resolution

The number of pixels per inch (ppi) in a bitmap image or the number of dots per inch (dpi) that a device can render.

RGB

An additive color model that makes a range of colors by combining red, green, and blue light, called the additive primaries. Commonly used to refer to the color space, mixing system, or monitor in color computer graphics.

simulation

See simulation profile.

simulation profile

The simulation profile describes the color characteristics of another print device, such as a printing press, that you want the Fiery to simulate.

solid color rendering

A color rendering style intended for use when color accuracy is crucial. Unprintable colors are mapped to the closest printable colors. Solid color rendering does the best job of preserving the saturation of displayed colors.

source color space

The color environment of the originating source of a colored element, including scanners and color monitors.

source profile

A file used by the color management system to determine the characteristics of the color values specified in a source digital image.

spectral light

The wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation emitted by a given light source that can be seen by the human eye.

spectrophotometer

An instrument commonly used in the graphic arts industry to measure spectral light according to a specified standard.

spot color

A color printed on its own separation plate when separations are specified. A spot color is printed using a custom ink for that color, in contrast to process colors that are printed using combinations of cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. (Also referred to as a named color).

Status T

A spectral response for graphic arts reflection densitometers defined by ANSI (American National Standards Institute).

subtractive color model

A system in which color is produced by combining colorants such as paint, inks, or dyes on media such as paper, acetate, or transparent film. All printing devices use the subtractive color model.

subtractive primaries

Cyan, magenta, and yellow colorants used in subtractive color systems for color printing. Combining the subtractive primaries produces darker colors. Black is added to the subtractive primaries to compensate for deficiencies of the toners or inks, and for more efficient black printing.

substrate

In printing, the material upon which the job is printed.

SWOP

The abbreviation for Specifications for Web Offset Publications. A standard of specifications for separations, proofs, and color printing on a web offset press (*not* a sheet fed press).

TIFF (Tag Image File Format)

A common format for exchanging raster graphics (bitmap) images between application programs.

undercolor removal (UCR)

A method for improving wet ink trapping and reducing ink costs in process color printing. In shadow areas where all three process colors (C, M, Y) overprint, the amounts of those colors are reduced and replaced by black.

vector graphic

Graphic illustration created on computers where picture objects are defined mathematically as lines or curves between points. These mathematical definitions are interpreted by an image language such as PostScript. Vector images include artwork created with illustration applications (such as Illustrator or FreeHand) and page layout applications (such as PageMaker).

white point

The color temperature of any white light source, typically expressed in degrees Kelvin (for example, 6500 K, typical for the white of a monitor).

workflow

The path a print job follows from creation to destination. A workflow may originate with an RGB scan imported to the client workstation and opened on the desktop in an image processing application, such as Photoshop. After adjustments are made to the scanned image, it is evaluated on a color proofing device for eventual color printing on the same device or on press.

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