

SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGITAL FILE PREP ON VINYL BANNER MEDIA

KBW utilizes wide format digital printers which are capable of printing media up to 8 feet wide with resolutions up to 1440 x 1440 dpi. Basic tech information for file preparation is included below. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN PRODUCTION DELAYS AND ART CHARGES!** If you have any other questions or specific request, please contact Consort Display Group’s Creative Services Department at 1-800-525-6424.

PROGRAMS

Consort utilizes the following programs. Please save files in native format whenever possible and include any linked files (**DO NOT EMBED IMAGES**), fonts, etc.

- **Adobe Photoshop CC:** PSD, TIFF, JPG.
- **Adobe Illustrator CC:** AI, EPS or PDF.
- **Adobe InDesign CC:** INDD, EPS.

Consort **DOES NOT ACCEPT** files from these programs: Any Microsoft Office product, Quark Xpress, Adobe Pagemaker, Publisher or any file from the internet. Please export to an acceptable file format from the above list. Failure to send designated files may result in delays and extra art charges.

WE PREFER NATIVE FILES BE SENT OVER PDF’s

ART CHARGES

Please make sure that all submitted artwork to Consort is production ready requiring absolutely no changes or editing. Consort will provide 4 hours of complimentary design time in order to fix any unforeseen problems or errors in customer supplied artwork. Any design time beyond the original 4 hours will be billed at \$50 per hour.

FILE UPLOADING

Artwork may be uploaded to our FTP site: <http://www.consort.com/kbw/upload/>. Please include a proofed PDF file. Please contact your Consort Representative for more information regarding the FTP site.

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Raster Images:

Scanned images should have a **MAXIMUM** resolution of 100 dpi (dots per inch) at final output size or a proportional size to resolution, ie: a 10’ x 10’ final size would equal a Photoshop image 10’ x 10’ @ 100 dpi or a 5’ x 5’ image @ 200 dpi or a 2.5’ x 2.5’ image @ 400 dpi. The preferred method for saving raster images is TIFF or JPG.

Vector Images:

Line art and graphics created in Illustrator should be saved in the native format to reduce file size. They may also be saved as an editable .EPS. Text may be placed in files, but please convert text to outlines to avoid font issues. Otherwise, please include the used font(s) so we may accurately image your job. Include all linked files used in the production of the artwork. **PLEASE DO NOT EMBED IMAGES.**

Pantone Colors:

If/when using Pantone colors, please provide them in addition to the files being sent. Consort utilizes the Pantone+ Color Bridge Coated book for digital printing. **Due to variances in printers, substrates, etc., color matching cannot be guaranteed when using CMYK values.**

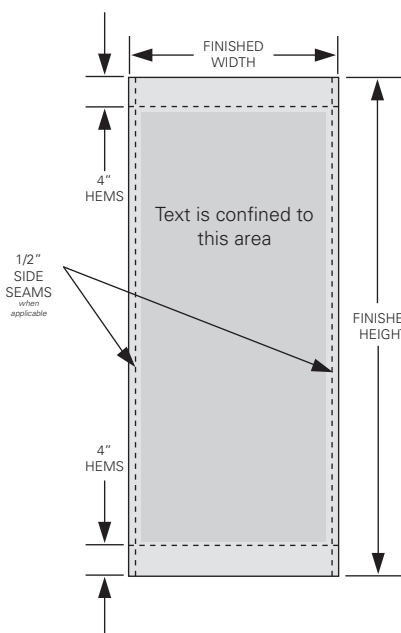
Color Matching:

Due to inconsistencies between computer monitor and printer profiles, please provide PMS numbers (when applicable) and/ or a hard copy example to help with color matching. Without one or both of these, Consort can not guarantee the colors which appear on your computer’s monitor will match the colors which are printed on the banner. **Upon request, Consort will provide one free digital proof (per order) for final approval.** Additional digital proofs are available for a nominal fee of \$25 each. Expedited shipping is also available at cost. Please contact your Consort Representative for details.

Sizes:

Banner designs should be proportional to final size. For best readability, keep text out of hemlines whenever possible (see diagram left). Ask your KBW representative about our library of the most common size banner templates.

For banners to be displayed in retractable banner stands, hems are not used and therefore may be disregarded when designing.



NOTE: Banners for light poles and display stands are finished with sewn 4" hems top and bottom and 1/2" side seams (when applicable). Design should be adjusted accordingly, with particular attention to placement of text. Please note that while bleeds are permitted, text should be moved away from where hemlines will fall on top of them, hindering readability.

IMPORTANT!!!

DESIGN SHOULD FINISH AT FINAL PRINT SIZE! For example, a 30"x 94" banner's artwork should be laid out on a 30"x 94" artboard. Reference to hems is noted only to help keep your message clear.