

Offset Printing from the Mac Desktop

- 1) After downloading the PPDs select either Laserwriter 7 or 8 or AdobePS in the Chooser.
- 2) In Quark select Print from the File menu and work through these options:

Documents:

Check that the settings are as follows:

- The correct page sequence to be printed has been selected;
- Option for printing Separations is checked;
- Include Blank Pages is unchecked;
- Check that Registration is set to Centred and Tiling is turned Off.

Setup:

Check that the settings are as follows:

- The correct Printer Description is selected eg. "ItekCP-CPSv1.2";
- The correct paper size selected (A4Extra or A3Extra);
- The print size is correct (100%);
- The Orientation is correct (Landscape/Portrait);
- The Page Positioning is correct (Centred).

Output:

Check that the settings are as follows:

- If you are printing CMYK select Plates: Convert to Process. If you are printing process and spot colours select Plates: Process & Spot;
- Ensure Resolution is set at 1191 dpi and the Frequency is set to 150 lpi;
- Ensure only the correct plate colours are selected in the print column.

Options:

Check that the settings are as follows:

- Page Flip should be set to None;
- Output should be set to Normal;
- Data should be set to ASCII;
- OPI should be set to Include Images;
- Negative Print, Overprint EPS Black and Full Resolution TIFF Output, should be unchecked.

Preview:

Make sure that your work fits the current page size. When all the above information is correct click on the button Printer... at the bottom of the print dialog box:

- Change the Destination from Printer to File
- Under General scroll down to Save As File and Make sure it is set to Format: Postscript Job. Postscript Level: Level 1, 2 and 3 Compatible. Data Format: set to ASCII. Font Inclusion: All.

Now click Save and choose the destination of the file: e.g. Desktop; rename the file if needed and click on the save button. Click Print. Then copy the file to the media of your choice.