

Some guidelines for publishing on Createspace

Colour printing: Submission requirements

You must obtain all applicable copyright licenses for artwork used in your book. See our [Copyright Guidelines](#) for more information.

Embed all fonts and images in your PDF file.

Embedded images should be 300 DPI.

- Content must adhere to our [Content Guidelines](#) and [Member Agreement](#).

When formatting your book interior, use the guidelines below. This option is intended for authors and publishers with extensive knowledge in book layout.



Your files will print in the exact manner in which you submit them.

Trim Sizes and Maximum Page Counts

We offer a variety of trim sizes; each has a minimum requirement of 24 pages. Maximum page-counts vary by trim size and printing option. See our [trim sizes and page count requirements](#).

Creating Your Book

Format your book's interior to the exact final trim size of your book with one text-page per PDF-page. (One PDF-page per page number.)

Margins

When formatting your interior, there are two types of margins to consider, inside margins and outside margins.

Inside margins

Inside margins are by the book's binding. See the chart below for inside margin requirements.

Inside Margins Chart

Pages	Minimum Inside Margin
Up to 150	.375"
151 to 400	.75"
401-600	.875"
601+	1"

Outside margins

Outside margins are the page edges opposite of the binding, and the top and bottom margins. All live text and images must have an outside margin of at least .25" -- but we recommend an outside margin of .5"

Bleed

If you wish for images to bleed to the edge of your book, ensure that they extend at least .125" beyond the final trim size from the top, bottom and outer edges and submit your PDF .25" higher and .125" wider than your selected trim size to accommodate the full bleed area. (Remember that all live elements must be at least .25" away from the trim lines.)



Images cannot bleed across the middle of the book without a small white line in the book's gutter.

Images

Any images may be tagged with your choice of Grayscale, CMYK or RGB profiles or left untagged in

a generic color space. All images should be sized at 100%, flattened to one layer and placed in your native document at a resolution of 300 DPI. Embed all fonts and images in your PDF file.

Additional Notes

An additional page with a manufacturing-related barcode is added to the back of all books. Books may also have blank pages at the end. Neither the barcode nor the additional pages may be eliminated.

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Book FAQ

How much will it cost to set up my book?

There are no set-up fees for your book; before making it available for sale, we do require you to purchase and approve a proof copy of your book. We'll also provide you with a [free CreateSpace ISBN](#) if you don't already own one.

In what format do I need to submit my book files?

For your book's interior, you must submit a fully-formatted PDF file. You may choose to use our Cover Creator tool to build a professional cover for your book or upload a finished PDF cover file.

Do I keep the rights to my work?

We offer a non-exclusive agreement, enabling you to take advantage of future publishing and distribution opportunities that may come your way. For more information, please see our [Member Agreement](#).

Can I order copies of my book from you?

Yes, you can order copies of your book at very [competitive rates](#). There are no print minimums, so you can order one book, 500 books or more, whatever quantity suits your needs and your budget. To pay even less when you order copies, upgrade your book to the Pro Plan.

See our site [help](#) for more [frequently asked questions](#).

Book Trim Sizes and Maximum Page Counts

Standard trim sizes (shown in bold) are supported with downloadable cover templates. The minimum page count for all books is 24 pages. All trim sizes are listed in a width x height format.

Trim Size	Color Interior	Black & White Interior	
	Maximum Page Count White Paper	Maximum Page Count White Paper	Maximum Page Count Cream Paper
5" x 8"	250	828	740
5.06" x 7.81"	250	828	740
5.25" x 8"	250	828	740
5.5" x 8.5"	250	828	740
6" x 9"	250	828	740
6.14" x 9.21"	250	828	740
6.69" x 9.61"	250	828	740
7" x 10"	250	828	740
7.44" x 9.69"	250	828	740
7.5" x 9.25"	250	828	740
8" x 10"	250	440	400
8.25" x 6"	212	220	200

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8.25" x 8.25"	212	220 200

The Expanded Distribution Channel (EDC)

* Your book must be upgraded to [Pro Plan](#) to access the Expanded Distribution Channel

What is the Expanded Distribution Channel?

The Expanded Distribution Channel (EDC) offers you the potential to distribute your book to a larger audience through more outlets including: retailers, bookstores, libraries, academic institutions, wholesalers, and distributors. Through the EDC you have the potential to distribute your work to thousands of retail and wholesale outlets throughout the U.S. Regardless of whether or not you include your title in the EDC, all CreateSpace titles can be distributed through both the Amazon.com and eStore Channels.

How does it work?

Most online retailers, bookstores, and libraries find books through purchasing relationships with large wholesalers. If your book is not listed with these wholesalers, some retailers may not be able to buy your book, even if a customer specifically requests your title. Through the EDC you can make your title available to these wholesalers who in turn make your title available to thousands of online retailers, bookstores, and libraries.

There are three distribution outlets available through the Expanded Distribution Channel:

- **CreateSpace Direct** - make your book available directly to certified resellers through our wholesale website.
- **Bookstores and Online Retailers** - make your book available to major online and offline retailers.
- **Libraries and Academic Institutions** - make your book available to libraries and academic institutions throughout the U.S.

What are the eligibility requirements?

There are three key book attributes that determine which distribution outlets your title is eligible for within the EDC: 1) your ISBN, 2) your book's trim size, and 3) your book's page count. Each distribution outlet within the EDC has requirements your book must meet in order to be included. Your book must also be upgraded to [Pro Plan](#) in order to access the Expanded Distribution Channel.

To maximize the number of distribution opportunities available, please consult the following table for eligibility requirements by distribution outlet. For your reference, this table also includes the eligibility requirements for the Amazon.com and eStore Channels.

Distribution Channels	ISBN	Trim Size	Page Count	★Pro Plan
Amazon.com Channel	Can have either your own ISBN or a CreateSpace-assigned ISBN	Industry standard or custom trim size	24 or more pages	Not required
eStore Channel	Can have either your own ISBN or a CreateSpace-assigned ISBN	Industry standard or custom trim size	24 or more pages	Not required
Expanded Distribution Channel	Distribution outlets available through the Expanded Distribution Channel			
CreateSpace Direct	Can have either your own ISBN or a CreateSpace-assigned ISBN	Industry standard or custom trim size	24 or more pages	Pro Plan Required
			Black	

