

# For Authors Submitting **FRONT COVER ART ONLY** Design Guidelines

*\*Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in additional charges, loss of quality or delaying production schedule. This is to assist you in providing trouble-free files.*

**1 SET UP  
FILE**

## SELECT YOUR TRIM SIZE

### Paperback

Find your actual **paperback** trim size. Next, set your file up at the corresponding extended size (this size is including bleed).

| Trim size      | Extended size  |
|----------------|----------------|
| 4.37 x 7       | 4.62 x 7.25    |
| 4.72 x 7.48    | 4.97 x 7.73    |
| 5 x 7          | 5.25 x 7.25    |
| 5 x 8          | 5.25 x 8.25    |
| 5.06 x 7.81    | 5.31 x 8.06    |
| 5.25 x 8       | 5.5 x 8.25     |
| 5.5 x 8.5      | 5.75 x 8.75    |
| 5.83 x 8.27    | 6.08 x 8.52    |
| 6 x 9          | 6.25 x 9.25    |
| 6.14 x 9.21    | 6.39 x 9.46    |
| 6.69 x 9.61    | 6.94 x 9.86    |
| 7 x 10         | 7.25 x 10.25   |
| 7.44 x 9.69    | 7.69 x 9.94    |
| 7.5 x 9.25     | 7.75 x 9.5     |
| 8 x 8          | 8.25 x 8.25    |
| 8 x 10         | 8.25 x 10.25   |
| 8 x 10.88      | 8.25 x 11.13   |
| 8.25 x 11      | 8.5 x 11.25    |
| 8.268 x 11.693 | 8.518 x 11.943 |
| 8.5 x 8.5      | 8.75 x 8.75    |
| 8.5 x 9        | 8.75 x 9.25    |
| 8.5 x 11       | 8.75 x 11.25   |

### Hardback

Find your actual **hardback** trim size. Next, set your file up at the corresponding extended size (this size is including bleed).

| Trim size   | Extended size |
|-------------|---------------|
| 5 x 8       | 6.25 x 9.5    |
| 6 x 9       | 7.25 x 10.5   |
| 6.14 x 9.21 | 7.39 x 10.71  |
| 6.69 x 9.61 | 7.94 x 11.11  |
| 7 x 10      | 8.25 x 11.5   |
| 7.5 x 9.25  | 8.75 x 10.75  |
| 8 x 8       | 9.25 x 9.5    |
| 8 x 10      | 9.25 x 11.5   |
| 8 x 10.88   | 9.25 x 12.38  |
| 8.5 x 8.5   | 9.75 x 10     |
| 8.5 x 11    | 9.75 x 12.5   |

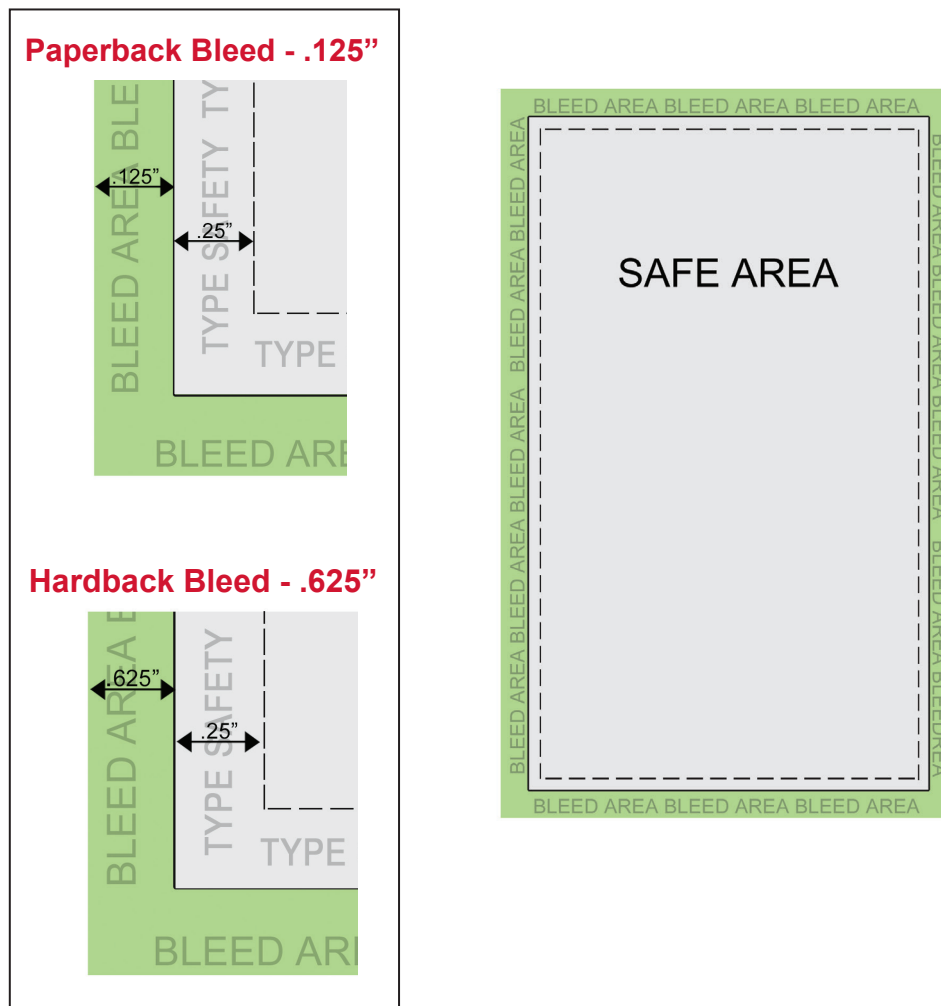
- **RESOLUTION: 300 dpi**
- **COLOR SPACE: CMYK**
- If you purchased both a **Paperback & Hardback**, you must submit a **separate file** for each cover.
- Please **DO NOT** include crop marks or printer's marks in a file. Marks included in a file could show up in printed copies.

## 2 DESIGN COVER

# HOW TO SUBMIT COVER

Keep all important text, graphics, etc. within the Safe Area. (See diagram below)

- **BLEED: 0.125"** on all four sides for paperback and **0.625"** left/right sides, **0.75"** top/bottom for **hardback**. Bleed is required on all four sides. Graphics, illustrations, and color intended to print past the edge of a cover should bleed past the final trim size.
- **TYPE SAFETY MARGIN: 0.25"** recommended margin on all sides from final trim size.
- **BARCODE:** Please leave an area **1.75" wide x 1" high** for your barcode to be placed on your back cover.



*(PLEASE NOTE: Having borders or frames as part of the cover design could result in file shifting and being off centered at printers, therefore, we recommend that borders or frames not be used.)*

## 3 SAVE FILE

# DATA FORMATS

- High Resolution PDF (with images and fonts embedded)
- EPS, JPG, TIFF
- Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign\*
- All images must be **300 dpi** and process CMYK. Non-rasterized text is recommended for optimum quality.
- If fonts are not submitted, please convert all text to outlines or paths or save as a flat file.

*\*All supporting files must be included: fonts, images, art, etc.*

## 4 SEND FILE

# SEND FILE TO YOUR PROJECT COORDINATOR

- E-mail (zip/stuff compression accepted)
- FTP
- CD
- DVD

If you are only submitting a front cover, your spine and back cover layout will be created for you.

*Xulon Press is not responsible for color variations, problems with file format or cover resolution. There will be a fee involved if printer rejects file due to problems in file creation. Additional files, such as layered .psd files, original native files, etc. may be requested if your cover does not meet the required specs.*