

For Authors Submitting **FULL HARDBACK COVER ART** 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

Find your actual **hardback** trim size. Next, take the extended size shown + **add your spine width** to find correct full cover size (this size is including bleed).

Trim size	Extended size
5 x 8	12 x 9.5
5.5 x 8.5	13 x 10
6 x 9	14 x 10.5
6.14 x 9.21	14.28 x 10.71
6.69 x 9.61	15.38 x 11.11
7 x 10	16 x 11.5
7.5 x 9.25	17 x 10.75
8 x 8	18 x 9.5
8 x 10	18 x 11.5
8 x 10.88	18 x 12.38
8.5 x 8.5	19 x 10
8.5 x 11	19 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.

We highly recommend requesting a custom cover template. This can be done with the assistance of your Project Coordinator or by clicking the link below to take you directly to the custom cover template generator provided by LSI.

<https://www1.lightningsource.com/covergenerator.aspx>

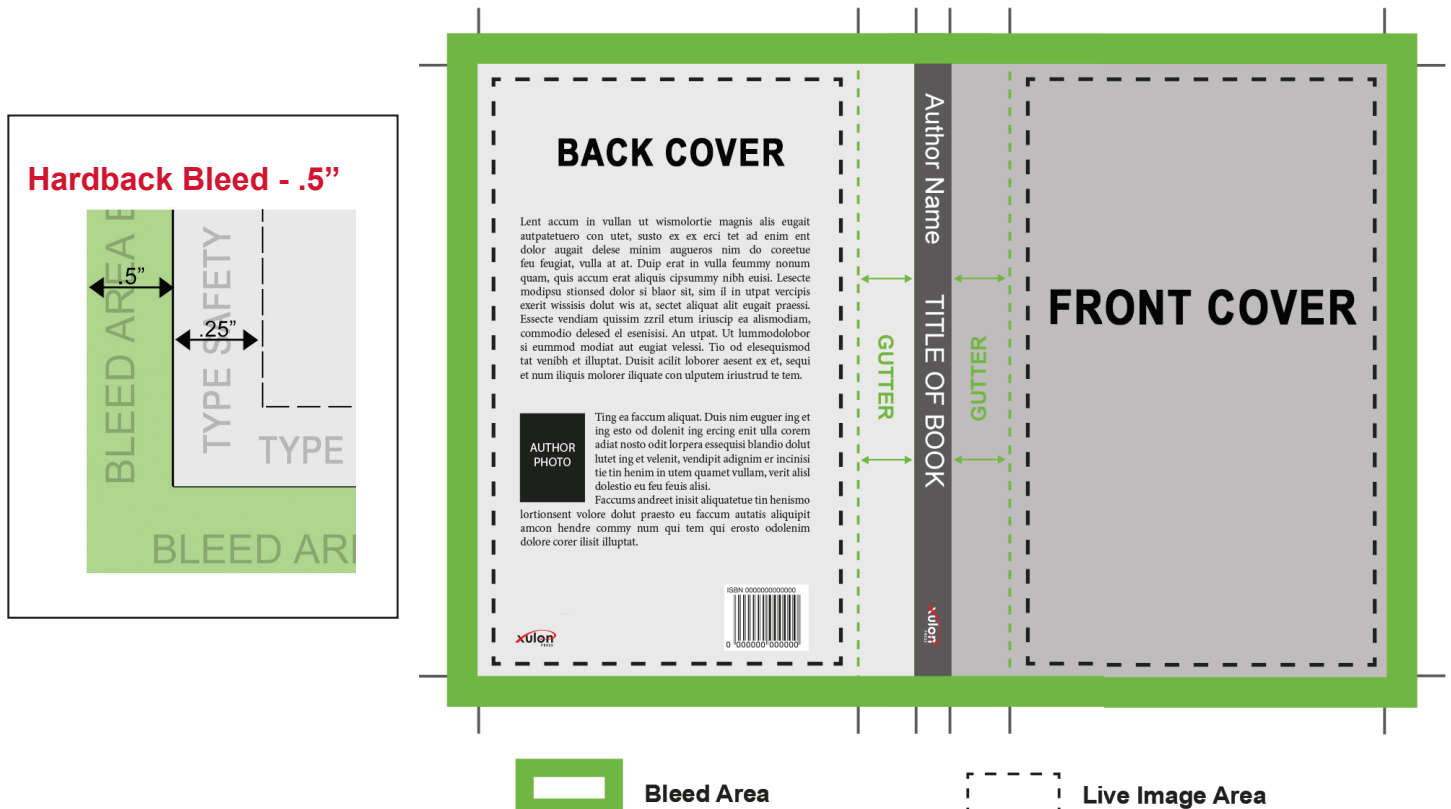
2 DESIGN COVER

HOW TO SUBMIT COVER

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

- **BLEED: 0.5" left/right, 0.75" top/bottom.** Graphics, illustrations, and color intended to print past the edge of a cover should bleed past the final trim size.
- **GUTTER: 0.5"** between back cover and spine and **0.5"** between spine and front cover. This is the area where the spine board is connected to the front and back cover boards. This area will be pliable and have a slight indentation. Please keep all important elements outside of the gutter area.
- **TYPE SAFETY MARGIN: 0.25"** recommended margin on all sides from final trim size.
- **SPINE:** To determine spine width contact your Project Coordinator or use the spine width calculator found here: <http://www.lightningsource.com/spinecalc.aspx>
- **SPINE TYPE SAFETY: 0.0625"** left/right sides for spines 0.35" and larger
0.03125" left/right sides for spines smaller than 0.35"
NO spine text for page counts below 48
- **BARCODE:** Please leave an area **1.75" wide x 1" high** for your barcode to be placed on your back cover.
- **XULON LOGO:** The Xulon logo will be added to your back cover and spine.

Sample Layout



(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

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.