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2024 Schedule		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Month	Order Deadline	Artwork Due
January 24	November 29	December 11
February 24	January 2	January 10
March 24	January 30	February 6
April 24	March 1	March 12
May 24	April 2	April 8
June/July	May 1	May 8
August	July 1	July 11
September	July 31	August 8
October	September 3	September 11
November	September 24	October 9
December	October 31	November 8

Dimensions

Size	Columns	Dimensions
Full Page	5 columns	10" x 13.75"
Half Page	5 columns	10" x 7"
1/4 Page	2 columns	3.91" 8.75" (limited availability)
1/4 Page	3 columns	5.94" x 5.83"
1/4 Page	4 columns	7.97" x 4.38"
1/8 Page	2 columns	3.91″ x 4.38″
1/8 Page	3 columns	5.94" x2.92

Specifications

- PDF is our preferred file format; .jpg files are also accepted.
- Grayscale and four-color scans are required to be 300 dpi.
- PDFs should be created to size without any excess white space, crop marks, or page information.
- All full-color elements must be in CMYK format. Ensure all colors are prepared for process-color (CMYK) separations.
- Be sure to check all text, logos, scans, and photos. Make sure your black is 100%K, not a CMYK mix.
- BW ads should not have any color elements. Photos need to be greyscale.
- Convert all PMS colors and RGB color to CMYK. All black text should only be on the black plate.
- Font size size should not be smaller than 8 pt.
- We've provided a helpful guide for getting the best results when creating your ad to be printed on newsprint.
- Design services are available for an additional charge of \$150.



Tips for Designing for Newsprint

Newsprint is a highly-economical non-archival paper that best-known for its widespread use by news publishers, high-frequency magazines, classified publications, handbooks, phone books, textbooks, journals, guides, manuals and a variety of other common print products. Despite the recent decline in print publishers, newsprint is still widely used in many modern print applications.

Newsprint paper is a tricky material to work with, and prints differently than regular copy paper. As a designer, there are certain specifications and limitations that you should design for.

Here are some basic tips for designing on newsprint, and why they are important for newspaper printing, or any other kind of print that uses newsprint paper.

Less Ink = Better Color

You will never be able to reproduce all the colors available on your screen on any paper, and even less colors will be available to you on newsprint. For this reason, it's important that you not try to saturate your colors too much. Instead, use color combinations that use no more than 2-3 of the four CMYK inks. There's a reason why yellow and red are such popular colors on newsprint: red is two inks (yellow & magenta), and yellow is one ink.

Watch your coverage. You should never go over 260% total ink coverage if you can help it, and even that is really too much (e.g. 100% Cyan + 100% Magenta + 60% Black = 260% coverage). Less ink will result in better, brighter colors.

Compensate for Color Shift

One important thing to consider about newsprint is that it's typically not a very bright paper. In fact, it tends to be grayish-brown in color. Newsprint also has a much higher acidity than other papers. This is so it will break down quickly in land fills, and results in the paper "yellowing" over time.

With the lack of bright whites, your images will have darker highlights and your colors may appear muddy or dull. You can compensate for this by adjusting the mid-tones of your images. Images that look slightly over-exposed or washed out will darken and look normal on newsprint, whereas saturated images or images with heavy shadows will look muddy and dark. You can compensate for dark or muddy colors by using less coverage (i.e., less ink) and shift the colors of your images.

You'll also want to watch for color corruption. Blues and yellows are very susceptible to this. For instance, you may have a swimming pool ad that, because of yellowing paper, turns all of the water green.

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Avoid Multi-Color Type & Knock-Outs

One of the most common mistakes designers made when designing for newsprint is using 4-color black. It is near impossible to register on a web press running newsprint. The result is blurry text, or text with 'ghosting' (when all the colors don't line up). Even if you do get it to register, you're likely to cause registration problems on the other side of the sheet.

If you need to use color text, try limiting it to one or two colors and make the type bigger (the bigger the type, the easier it is to register).

Knock outs, or white type on a colored background, follow similar principles: limited colors, and bigger type is better. Avoid backgrounds that use too many colors or have too much coverage.

Contrast

Make sure there is enough contrast in your images. Newsprint has a tendency for photos to turn out dull. For different shades of black, try to maintain a 20% difference between the shades. Also make sure there is enough contrast between text and background colors, etc. The more contrast and basic a newsprint ad is, the better it will look in a final print.

Be Careful When Using the Color Black

When using the color black for graphics or text, make sure it is 100%K black, and not a "rich" black that uses a mix of other CMY colors.

Font Sizes

Do not go any smaller than 8pt font. Newspaper readers can range from children to the elderly, so make sure to keep the font size readable. Additionally, fonts that are too small risk the ink bleeding and becoming an unreadable blob of ink. Try to make sure your kerning is appropriate, and your copy does not get to jam-packed in your ad space. Sometimes ads are super tiny, so be careful — test print it and show it to people around your office to see if they have trouble reading the copy in the ad.

