

Creating a PDF/X



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What is a PDF/X?

PDF/X is not an alternative to PDF, it's a focused subset of PDF designed specifically for reliable prepress data interchange. PDF/X helps eliminate the most common errors in file preparation. There are several PDF/X settings that you may run across, such as PDF /X-1a:2001, PDF /X-3a:2002, PDF /X-1a:2003, PDF/X-2:2003 and others as they become available. OmahaPrint has used and tested the **PDF/X-1a:2001** version, so that is what will be used here.

The **PDF/X-1a:2001** is a preset setting that is standard in Adobe Acrobat Professional 7.0, **PDF/X-1a:2001** setting is locked and it cannot be edited. If you try to save altered job options as **PDF/X-1a:2001**, you get an error message explaining that the file cannot be overwritten. You can save altered **PDF/X-1a:2001** settings under another name for future use. If you are using Acrobat 6.0 Professional you may consider upgrading to the most current version. Acrobat 6.0 Professional uses an older setting called **PDF/X-1a**.

If you send OmahaPrint **PDF /X-1a:2001** compliant files, you will not be asked to supply missing fonts or images.

PDF/X-1a:2001 Standards:

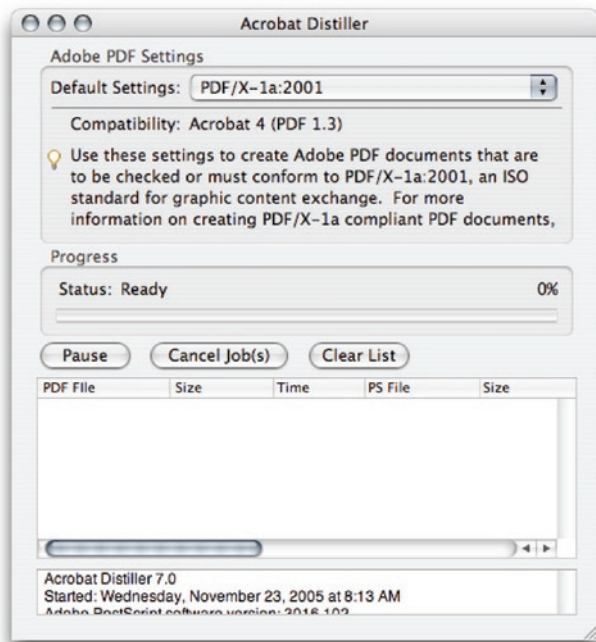
- ▶ All fonts and images must be embedded.
- ▶ All elements must be encoded as CMYK or spot.
- ▶ Although transparency may be used to create content, it must be flattened before converting the file to PDF /X-1a:2001.
- ▶ The "output intent profile name" must be specified.
The output intent identifies the press condition the file is prepared for.
- ▶ Whether the file has been trapped or not must be specified.



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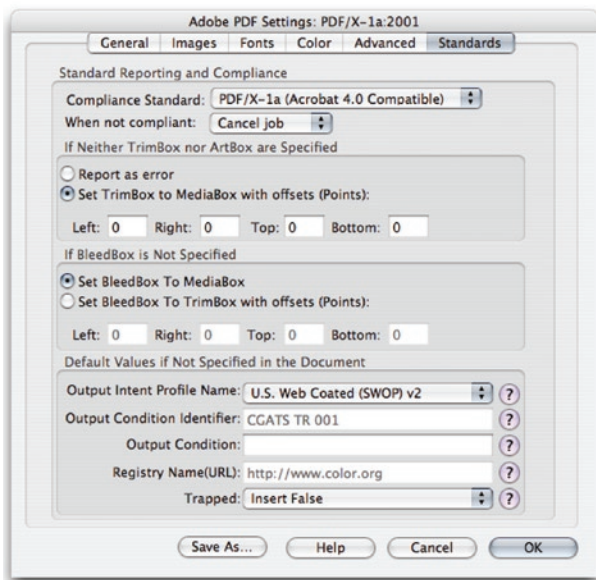
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PDF/X-1a: is a preset setting you can not change these options.

You can do a “Save As” if you need to change these options.

Before proceeding you will need to make the following change listed below.



Set the **“Output Intent Profile Name”** to the press that your job will be running on. Usually it will be “US Web Coated(SWOP)V2” or US Sheetfed Coated(SWOP)V2, if not sure ask your Account Executive at OmahaPrint.

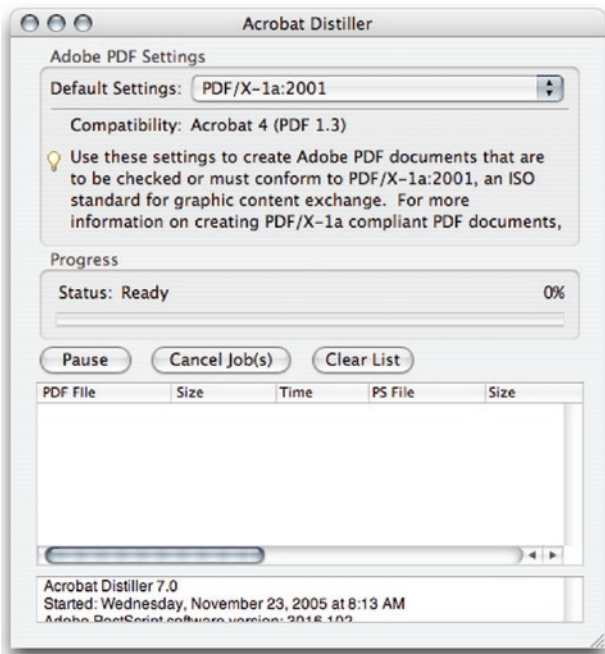
Set **Trapped** to **Insert False**. You will not need to trap your files, OmahaPrint will trap all files according to their specifications.



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Now you are ready to Distill your Postscript file, to do so, drop your postscript file on the Acrobat Distiller window.



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