

# Activity 2: Use a transfer curve to control tonal response

## Background

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This feature allows users to manually create transfer curves by direct entry of **Tint In** and **Tint Out** values. It applies to transfer curves in the Print Curves tab.

This is useful when transitioning from another workflow and want to use legacy curve data in ColorFlow.






## Tasks

### Goal

Create a Transfer curve from a set of values.

### Task 1:

#### Create a Transfer curve by direct entry of Tint In and Tint Out

1. In ColorFlow, click the **Print Curves** tab.
2. In the **Transfer Curves** section, click the **Add** button .
3. In the **Device Conditions** dialog box, enter the following values:
  - a. From the **Device Type** list, select **Any**.
  - b. In the **Screening** section, click the **Edit** button .
  - c. Click the **Add** button  and enter 200L.
  - d. From the **Substrate** drop down list, select **Type 1 or 2 (coated art) 170 g/m2**.
4. In the **Curve Channels** section, in the **Process Inks** list, select **Separate channels for CMYK**.
5. In the **Curve definition** section, perform these actions:
  - a. In the **Channel Selector**, select **Cyan**.
  - b. In the **Curve Origin** list, select **Tint In/Out Points**.
  - c. Click the **Tint Set**  button.
  - d. Click the **Add** button .
  - e. Enter 10 25 50 75 90.
  - f. Enter the following **Tint Out** values:

Tint In	Tint Out
10	8
25	23

50	<b>47</b>
75	<b>72</b>
90	<b>87</b>

- g. In the **Channel Selector**, select **Magenta** and enter the following **Tint Out** values:

<b>Tint In</b>	<b>Tint Out</b>
10	<b>7</b>
25	<b>22</b>
50	<b>46</b>
75	<b>71</b>
90	<b>87</b>

- h. In the **Channel Selector**, select **Yellow** and enter the following **Tint Out** values:

<b>Tint In</b>	<b>Tint Out</b>
10	<b>7</b>
25	<b>23</b>
50	<b>47</b>
75	<b>73</b>
90	<b>88</b>

- i. In the **Channel Selector**, select **Black** and enter the following **Tint Out** values:

<b>Tint In</b>	<b>Tint Out</b>
10	<b>8</b>
25	<b>23</b>
50	<b>48</b>
75	<b>72</b>
90	<b>87</b>

6. Click **Apply**.

A print transfer curve is generated. It is named 200L, Type 1 or 2 (coated art) 170 g/m2; Curve

7. Ensure that the **Show in Prinergy** check box is checked.

## Task 2: Output a page using the print transfer curve in Prinergy

1. In Prinergy, create a new job, and name it XX Print Transfer (where XX = your initials).
2. Refine [Chart\\_TintRamp\\_CMYK.pdf](#) with 1stRef-Normz.
3. Output the PDF file using Virtual Proof.LoosePage with the print transfer curve you just created:
  - a. In your **Virtual Proof.LoosePage** Process template dialog box, from the **Output To** list, choose **Virtual Proof**.
  - b. Leave **ColorFlow Color Relationship Management** unchecked.
  - c. Expand the **Calibration & Screening** panel.
  - d. Select the **ColorFlow Current State** radio button.
  - e. Expand the **Print Curve** drop down list and select curve 200L, Type 1 or 2 (coated art) 170 g/m2; Curve.
4. Open the generated page in VPS and measure the 50% patch for each color.  
Confirm that the print transfer curve has been applied and that the 50% patches measure CMYK 47 46 47 48. (You can check other patches and confirm the vlues as well.)

## Outcome

You have created a transfer curve to adjust tonal output to match target values from supplied data.