

# Activity 33: Use Plate Builder

## Overview

### Why you should complete this activity

Plate Builder is a Kodak plug-in for Adobe Acrobat software that can add white, bump, and varnish separations (plates) to refined PDF pages.

This activity is important because it illustrates how to:

- Access Plate Builder
- Build three independent separations

### Recommended reading

- *Plate Builder Plug-in Help*

### What you'll need

For this activity you need to locate:

- Prinerger Activity Practice Files /Act\_33\_Plate Builder

The instructor or coach will provide you with the location of the practice files.

**Note:** If you are completing this activity on your own or coaching others in your shop, copy the Prinerger Activity Practice Files folder (available on the Kodak Partner Place internet portal at <https://partnerplace.kodak.com/>) directly to your workstation. For further information about these procedures, see Activity 1.

## What you need to know

### Plate types

In Plate Builder, the following plate types can be created:

- **White Plate:** Is used as a base coat for foil or clear plastics
- **Bump Plate:** Is used to create enhanced color, such as rich black
  - = 1 plate @ 100% black
  - = 1 plate @ 30% cyan
- **Varnish Plate:** Is used to designate where varnish will be applied.

With Plate Builder you can:

- Create varnish or white objects from existing objects in a file
- Copy objects from one varnish or white separation to another separation
- Spread or choke objects belonging to varnish or white separations

### Process templates used:

- Refine process template: **Refine > Refine > 1st Ref-Normz**

- Loose page proof process template: **Loose Page Output > VirtualProof > VirtualProof.**  
**LoosePage**