

Automatically sizing substrates

You can have the Pandora software automatically size substrates according to job elements (die, plate, film, or step-and-repeat), plus margins that you specify.

Important: Confirm that the settings in **Preferences > Substrate Tab for using Automatically Sized Substrates** are already configured.

1. In **Preferences**, select the element (or elements) to which you want the substrate sized.
2. Import a die, or drag a plate or film from the **ShopMap** palette into the job. The die, plate, or film automatically appears in the **layout** view.
 - If you selected **Always create substrate with these default settings** in **Preferences**, the substrate automatically appears.
 - If you cleared **Always create substrate with these default settings** in **Preferences**, modify the substrate using the settings in steps 3–5.
3. In the **Width** and **Height** area, type the dimensions of the substrate.
4. (For die only) In the **Size Based On** area:
 - Select **All lines in die file** to base the die size on the outermost lines in the die.
 - Select **All die stations** to base the die size on the all the stations in the die.
 - Select **Line type** to specify a line type to use to size the die.
5. In the **Margins** area:
 - a. Type an amount for the margins. The substrate cannot be larger than 482.6 x 482.6 cm (190 x 190 in.).
 - b. If you want a die centered on the substrate, select **Center die on substrate**. If you want the plate or film centered, select **Center substrate horizontally**.
 - c. Select a grain for the substrate: **Long**, **Short**, or **None**.
 - d. In the **Units** list, select **millimeters**, **centimeters**, or **inches**.
6. Click **Yes**.

The job element appears on the layout with a substrate.