

Reducing spot colors (workflow)

Requirements: Start with a job that already has input files with spot colors.

This procedure summarizes how and when you can reduce spot colors in a job.

1. (Optional) If you know the definitions of the spot colors, add the colors to the color database, including color names that you want to alias other colors to.
Alternatively, you can add colors later, when you refine.
2. Refine the input files, preserving the spot colors.
3. Review the spot colors in the pages.
4. Refine the pages to handle spot colors:
 - a. If the pages contain spot colors that will not be plated, reduce all spot colors during a refine of the pages, or reduce specific spot colors during a refine of the pages.
 - b. If a spot color is in the Prinergy color database under a different name, add an alias for the color.
5. Generate loose page output:
 - If the proofer supports all of the spot colors, preserve the spot colors in the final output.
 - If the proofer does not support all of the spot colors, reduce all spot colors in the proof, or reduce specific spot colors in the proof.
6. Impose the job as required.
7. Generate imposition output:
 - If the proofer supports all of the spot colors, preserve the spot colors in the proof.
 - If the proofer does not support all of the spot colors, reduce all spot colors in the proof, or reduce specific spot colors in the proof.
8. Generate the final output.
 - a. If the proofer supports all of the spot colors, preserve the spot colors in the final output.
 - b. If you want to reduce spot colors, such as spot colors that were introduced when you imported marks, reduce all spot colors in the final output, or reduce specific spot colors in the final output.