

Preps integration options

Prinerger offers two options for integrating the Preps imposition software: Full Access and Automated Imposition.

Full access Preps integration option

The full access option enables you to start Preps from within Workshop, and to have the full functionality of your licensed Preps (Preps Pro or Preps Plus, floating license or dongle). With this option, you can create, edit, and export impositions from Preps and import them into Prinerger for use in Prinerger jobs. You can also create and edit a Preps template. You can import the following files into a Prinerger job:

- Preps 5.1* and later job files
- PJTF and JDF files
- PostScript and PDF marks files

The following overview describes the imposition creation workflow for the full access Preps integration option.

1. You add and process the input files and create a page set.
2. You open Preps from within Prinerger and create an imposition.
Preps adds a run list of blank pages based on the page set in Prinerger.
3. You create or edit templates, and then add signatures and define a media (device).
4. You print the imposition as an Adobe Job Ticket or a JDF file.
When saving mixed-file jobs, Preps saves the imposition as a job ticket file (.pjtf or .jdf). The marks are saved as a PostScript file (.ps). When saving as a PDF job, the Preps JDF has .pdf mark flats, and the marks are embedded into the PJTF file.
Prinerger automatically imports the imposition and assigns the pages to the imposition.

Automated Imposition option

With the Automated Imposition option, you can:

- Create impositions in Prinerger from existing Preps templates (without starting Preps). You cannot create or edit templates.
Note: Because the Automated Imposition feature does not allow you to edit the template before creating the imposition, only the **Prinerger Signature Selection** button (not the **Use External Imposition Application** button) is available to you in the New Imposition dialog box.
- Import the following raw imposition files into a Prinerger job, without having to first convert the files into a Prinerger-usable format:
 - Preps .job files from the Preps or UpFront* software
 - Preps jobs or JDF-MIS (job definition format-management information system) stripping parameters created by the UpFront software
 - Preps JDF or other JDF (job definition format) stripping parameters from Prinerger-compatible software

*Note: Preps 5 & Upfront are EOSL and no longer tested or supported.