

Trapping selected objects or borders

1. From PDF Trap Editor, select the objects or borders that you want to trap.
2. Click the **Trap the Selection**  button in the Properties Editor toolbar.
3. Select either the **Simplified** or the **Detailed** setting for the Trap Selection dialog box.
4. Perform one of the following actions:
 - Specify trap attributes according to your press operator's recommendations about trap size and (ink) print order.
 - Click the **Load** button to load a previously saved trap set.

Tip: To bypass choosing a trap set, and instead reuse the last-used settings:

- In Mac OS, hold **Option** and click **Trap the Selection**.
 - In Windows, hold **Alt** and click **Trap the Selection**.
5. Select one of the following trapping options:
 - To add traps, clear the **Delete traps in selection** option. This leaves any previous traps in place so that new traps are added instead of replacing existing traps.
 - To replace all traps, check the **Delete traps in selection** option. This removes all previous traps on the selected objects before adding new traps.
 - To trap only the selected items and not adjacent objects or adjacent objects and borders, select **Only common object borders**. This results in trapping only the common border between the selected items.
 6. Click **Trap Selection**.

Note: When you are regenerating a selected trap or generating a trap for a border, the **Only common object borders** trapping option does not apply.

See Also

[Optimizing your workflow with trap sets](#)

[Setting up your own trapping parameters](#)

[Trapping vector objects](#)