

# Creating a Predefined layout hot folder

This hot folder arranges the incoming TIFF files according to the selected .CTA template layout. The incoming TIFF files move into the positions of the files in the template layout and replace them. You can define the reference point for the replacement of these files in the Layout Setup dialog box. You create the layout in Packaging Layout Mode by importing and placing TIFFs on the layout and saving it as a CTA file.

**Important:** This option is relevant for offset plates made on a hybrid ThermoFlex platesetter and for magnetic drum platesetters only. If you select this option you must select a template layout that already has defined elements on the layout.

## General steps for creating a hot folder

1. Select **Tools > Hot Folder Setup**.
2. In the Hot Folder Setup dialog box, click .
3. Type a name for the hot folder in the **Hot Folders** list, and click anywhere in the dialog box.
4. In the **Input folder** box, click **Select**, locate and select the desired folder (if needed, click  to create a new folder), and click **Select**.
5. To define an output folder for the output TIFF file, click **Select** in the Output folder box, select an output folder, and click **Select**.
6. To delete the input files after the output file is created, select the **Delete input files after output** check box.

## Setting up the Predefined layout hot folder

1. In the **Hot folder type** list, select **Predefined layout**.
2. Set the hot folder options as needed.
3. Click **Save**.

## Hot folder options for a predefined layout

| Option                                                   | Settings       | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Template layout</b>                                   | User selection | To attach a template layout to the hot folder, click <b>Select</b> , select a template layout (CTA file), and click <b>Select</b> .<br><br>In the <a href="#">Layout Setup</a> dialog box, adjust settings as needed for the selected template layout. |
| <b>Resample files to layout resolution automatically</b> | Check box      | Select to resample the resolution of incoming files to the layout resolution.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Preview layout</b>                                    | Check box      | Select to enable previewing the layout.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Timeout</b> | User-defined | Select to activate the hot folder and create the layout when the specified timeout is reached. |
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