



Creating a Convert LEN to TIFF hot folder

The **Convert LEN to Tiff** hot folder type automatically converts LEN files to TIFF files for building layouts. Any cut mask information that is embedded in the LEN files or in the associated PDFPLA files is transferred to the TIFF data as well.

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 Convert LEN to TIFF hot folder

1. In the **Hot folder type** list, select **Convert LEN to TIFF**.
2. Set the hot folder options as needed.
3. Click **Save**.

How this hot folder works:

1. When **file_name.PDFPLA** is dropped into the input folder, a new output folder is created (**C:\output_folder_name\file_name**) and **file_name.PDFPLA** is moved to that new output folder.
2. When **file_name_K.len** is dropped into the input folder, the LEN file converts automatically to **file_name_K.tif** (with the cut information embedded) and the TIF file is moved to the **C:\output_folder_name\file_name** folder.

Important notes:

- The cut information is embedded in the TIF file only if the **file_name.PDFPLA** file is dropped into the hot folder *before* the LEN file.
 - The **file_name.PDFPLA** file and the **file_name_K.len** file must have the same **file_name** prefix to appear in the same output folder.
 - If a LEN file with the same name as a previously used file is dropped into the input folder, any file with the same name in the output directory is overwritten.
3. If the **Convert LEN to Tiff** hot folder was configured with the **Delete input files after output** option enabled, **file_name_K.len** is deleted.
If **Delete input files after output** is *not* enabled, the file is moved to the **C:\input_folder_name\ProcessedFiles** folder.