

How to supply Spot-UV files

What is Spot-UV?

Spot-UV is a clear varnish that can be applied on top of specific areas on your finished print product. This gives a shine effect to the target area. In order to submit files with Spot-UV elements, you must prepare them accordingly to avoid delays in the printing process.

It is also important to note that the application of Spot-UV to your document is equally as important as the preparation. You must make sure that the Spot-UV areas are clear of folds, edges and perforations to prevent damage and flaking.

How to supply files with Spot-UV

You must provide your finished file in two pages, one with the entire CMYK artwork, and one with only the Spot-UV artwork, as a pdf at 300 dpi.

Page 1: All elements of your artwork, including the Spot-UV areas which will show under the varnish, in CMYK colour mode

Page 2: The Spot-UV artwork, supplied as a vector file, should have solid black areas to indicate where the Spot-UV is being applied (this must be 100% black, which can be done by going to the CMYK colour settings and setting all to 0% and K to 100%)

Double sided print

For files that have Spot-UV on one side, but regular print on both sides, you need to supply a four-page PDF

Page 1: For side 1, supply the CMYK artwork

Page 2: For side 2, supply the CMYK artwork

Page 3: Supply the Spot-UV for page 1

Page 4: Supply a blank page to indicate that no Spot-UV is required on the second side. (If it is required on both sides, page 4 should hold the Spot-UV artwork for side 2)



Page 1: All elements in CMYK



Page 2: Spot-UV Artwork