

# Replacing existing substrates using an automatically sized substrate

**Note:** The Pandora software can retain the die line offset when you change the substrate.

**Important:** Confirm that the settings in **Preferences > Substrate Tab for using Automatically Sized Substrates** are already configured.

1. In **Preferences**, select the element (or elements) to which you want the substrate sized.
2. Add a die, plate, film, or step-and-repeat to a layout with an existing job element.  
If you selected **Always create substrate with these default settings** in **Preferences**, the new substrate automatically replaces the existing substrate.
3. In the Replace Substrate dialog box, in the **Width** and **Height** area, type the dimensions of the substrate.
4. (For die only) In the **Size Based On** area:
  - Select **All lines in die file** to base the die size on the outermost dielines.
  - Select **All die stations** to base the die size on the all the stations in the die.
  - Select **Line type** to specify a line type to use to size the die.
5. In the **Margins** area:
  - a. Type an amount for the margins. The substrate cannot be larger than 482.6 x 482.6 cm (190 x 190 in.).
  - b. If you want a die centered on the substrate, select **Center die on substrate**; if you want the plate or film centered, select **Center substrate horizontally**.
  - c. In the **Units** list, select **millimeters**, **centimeters**, or **inches**.
  - d. Select a grain for the substrate: **Long**, **Short**, or **None**.
6. Click **Yes**.  
The job element replaces the existing substrate on the layout.