

Converting a custom file to PDF

If you have created a custom Plate Control Strip for use in Pandora software or other PDF workflows, you must convert the customized EPS file to a PDF file. Use any of the following applications to distill the EPS file.

- Adobe Distiller software on a Microsoft Windows operating system only
- Prinergy Workflow software
- Prinergy Evo Workflow software

Macintosh

Do not attempt to use Adobe Distiller software on a Macintosh computer platform to distill a Plate Control Strip. Because a Macintosh computer does not support the encryption used in the KPCS file, encryption will usually fail with the message: `Warning: PostScript error; No PDF file produced`

However, in some situations, temporarily changing the following option may allow you to distill the file:

1. In Distiller, from the **Settings** menu, select **Font Locations**.
2. Enable **Ignore True Type versions of standard PostScript fonts**, and click **OK**.
3. When you finish distilling the file, restore the previous setting of this option.

Distiller

When distilling the Plate Control Strip, you must do so at the device resolution because the patterns, fine lines, and reference screens control individual pixels at the maximum resolution of the device. Not matching the device resolution could corrupt all these elements. For example, for a 2400-dpi device, you must distill the file at 2400 dpi.

To distill a custom Plate Control Strip in the encapsulated PostScript (.eps) format:

1. In Distiller running on a Windows operating system, on the **Settings** menu, click either **Job Options** or **Edit Adobe PDF Settings**.
2. On the General tab, perform these actions:
 - a. In **Resolution**, type the device resolution (usually 2400 dpi).
 - b. In the **Default Page Size** area:
 - i. For a horizontal orientation, set the **Width** box to 6.67 inches (480 points). Set the **Height** box to 0.5 inches (36 points).
 - ii. For a vertical orientation, set the **Width** box to 0.5 inches (36 points). Set the **Height** box to 6.67 inches (480 points).
3. On the **Compression** or **Images** tab, in the three image areas:
 - a. Disable the **Downsample** setting.
 - b. Disable the **Compression** setting.
 - c. For **Monochrome** images, disable **Anti-Alias to gray**.
4. To make the KPCS file slightly smaller, on the **Fonts** tab, clear the **Embed All Fonts** check box.
5. Save the job options file.

6. Distill the KPCS file to produce a PDF file.
For convenience, name the file to reflect the resolution and screening (for example, KPCS_2400_175.PDF).