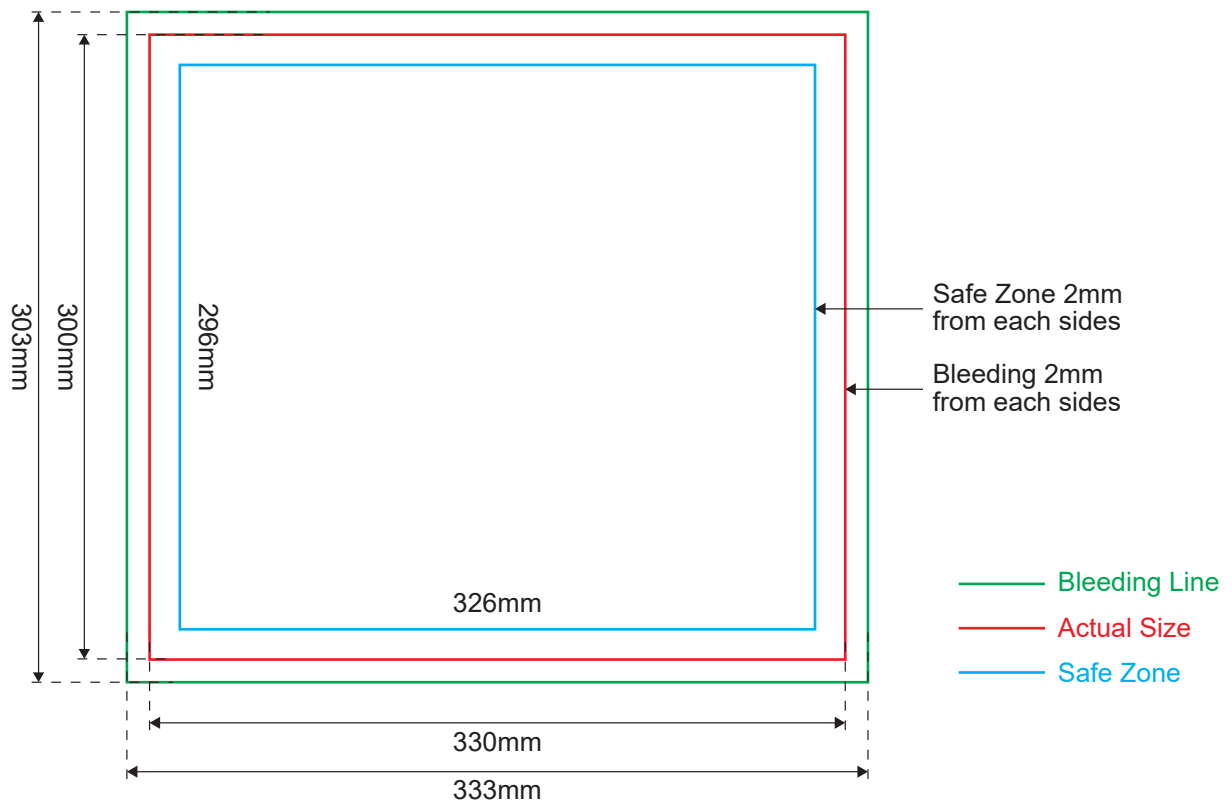


## GENERAL ARTWORK DIMENSION

- Bleeding : **1.5mm** from all sides of the edges (Artwork Dimension)
- Margin : **2mm** from all sides of the edges (Safe Zone)

*Example: Chosen Sticker Size is the maximum, therefore*

- Bleeding size : 303mm x 333mm
- Actual size : 300mm x 330mm
- Safe zone : 296mm x 326mm



### HOT STAMPING DIMENSION (REFER TO ABOVE DIAGRAM)

Margin: **2mm** from all sides of the edges (Safe Zone)

- Example: Chosen Sticker Size is the maximum,*
- Actual size = 300mm x 330mm
- Safe Zone (Hot Stamping Area) = 296mm x 326mm

### FILE FORMAT

Only Adobe Acrobat Document (\*.pdf) is acceptable as it provides better printing quality.

### MARKING & TRAPPING

Do not apply any crop marks or trappings to your files, including box or bleed markings or margin markings.

## STANDARD CHECKLIST

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### DOCUMENT / PAGE LAYOUT

Sticker size is correct  
 Artwork dimension cludes full bleed  
 All important details are within the safe zone  
 All Hot Stamping artwork are within the Safe Zone

### FILE FORMAT

Artwork is saved in required file format : Adobe Acrobat Document (\*.pdf)

### FILE SIZE & RESOLUTION

File resolution at 100% : 300dpi  
 File size at 100% : below 5MB/file  
 Agent is required to flatten the artworks if it consists of various layers or complex design in order to have better control on the file size.

### ARTWORK DESIGN

All images have been exported / converted to TIFF files : background, design effects, photos, images converted to TIFF files (not including text / vector images)  
 Tiff File Resolution : 300 dpi  
 Color Mode : process CMYK mode

### FONTS

Curve / Path / Create outline all fonts  
 Fonts size cannot less than 4 points

### LINE WEIGHT

No lines of less than 0.25pts. are used :  $\geq 0.25$ pts.  
 Color : CMYK

### DIE LINE LINE WEIGHT

No lines of less than 0.5pts. are used : 0.5pts  
 Color : Green (C:100 and Y:100)

### MARKING & TRAPPING

Never apply any crop mark or trapping on to the files.

### ARTWORK SIZE

Minimum size : 20mm x 20mm  
 Minimum diameter : 20mm

### HOT STAMPING ARTWORK SIZE

Minimum size : 6mm x 6mm  
 Minimum diameter : 6mm

## HOT STAMPING ARTWORK PREPARATION

1. Hot Stamping Artwork can be a vector graphic(vector) , text , shape or solid color.
2. Hot Stamping Artwork must be followed to the Die-line precaution. Please double check to ensure all the Hot Stamping artwork is following to our setting.
3. Hot Stamping Artwork is saved in latest format of Adobe Acrobat Document (.pdf)
4. PDF file for Roll Form Sticker + HS artwork must prepare as below:  
Page 1 : Complete Sample  
Page 2 : Only Artwork  
Page 3 : Only Hot Stamping Artwork  
Page 4 : Only Die-Line

### EXAMPLE

Page 1 : Complete Sample



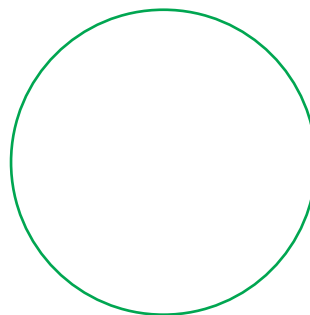
Page 2 : Only Artwork



Page 3 : Only Hot Stamping Artwork

NATURE'S  
**ORGANIC NUT**

Page 4 : Only Die-Line



**IMPORTANT DIE LINE PRECAUTION**

**1. Possible Registration Issues**

*Scenario A*

Here are some issues that may occur due to poor registration.



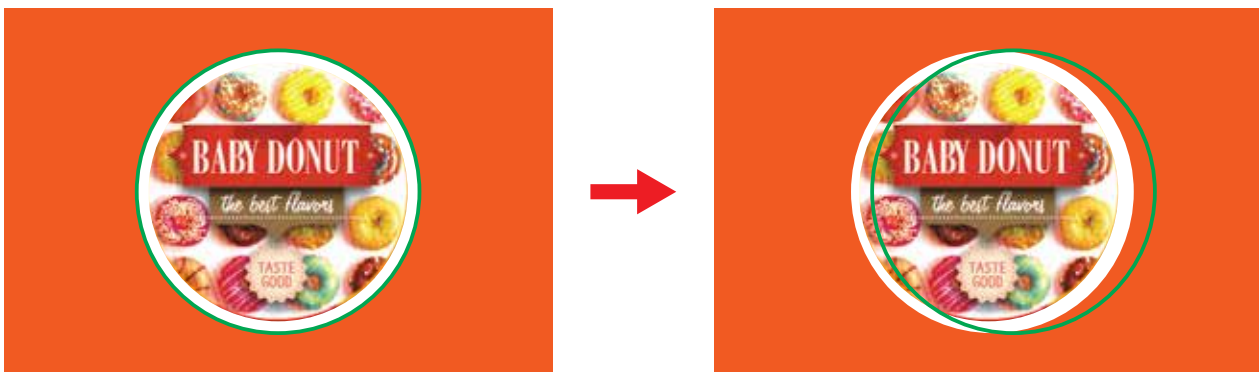
Dieline being exactly on the artwork edge line may come inaccuracies in the cutting process.

Solution: Set the dieline 2mm away from the artwork.

*Scenario B*

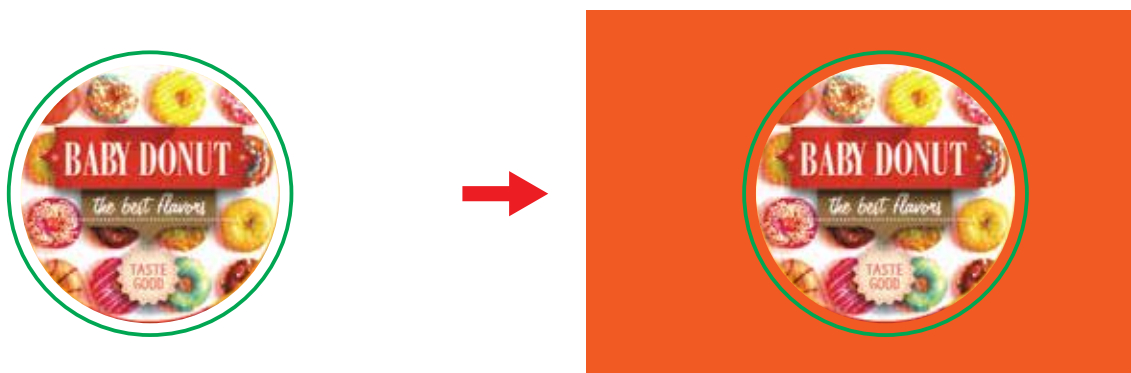
Do not set the dieline exactly on a different-colored background.

Never draw the dieline on a different-colored background, as the machine may have minor alignment issues during the die cutting process.



Cutting edge tolerance: +/- 1mm  
Solution : i) Fill the background with White

ii) Extend the dieline to the background area



\* The customer is advised to revise their design / Hot Stamping design when these problems are detected.  
\* Excarg shall not be held liable for any of defect in the final product due to issue in the artwork that have not been prepared as advised.

## IMPORTANT DIE LINE PRECAUTION

### 2. Minimum Size

Due to machine limitations, stickers that are too small a size cannot be printed and the order will not go through.

Minimum size : 20mm x 20mm (refer product spec)

Minimum order : 20mm

-Minor shrinkage might affect the accuracy of the die cut, lower the accuracy of the die cut and increase the reject rate.

**-Tolerance of cutting for Digital printing products: ± 1mm**

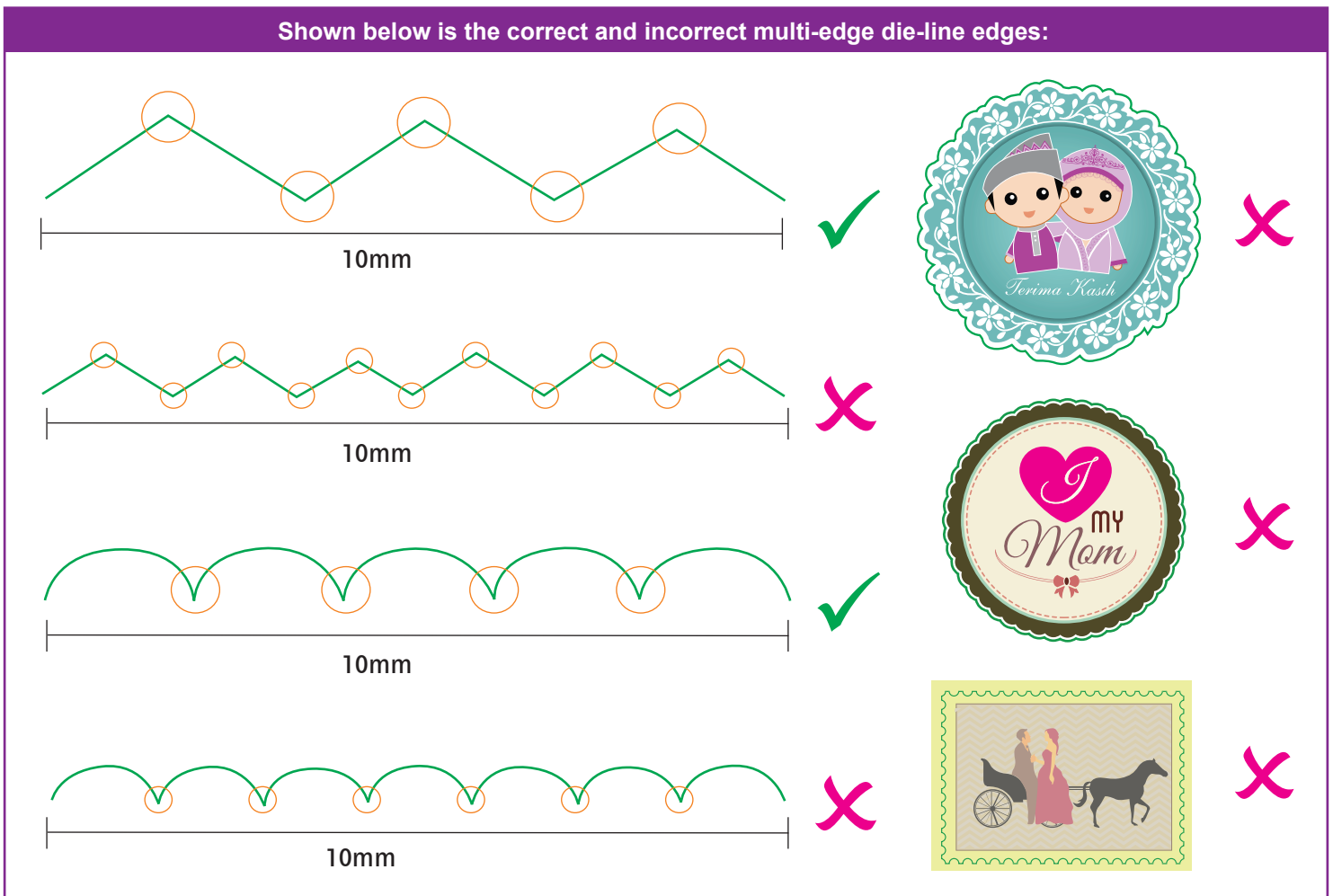
- Smaller sticker size equal to higher reject rate and longer processing time.

### 3. Custom Die Cut

Only 2 cutting corner is allow within 10mm

(1cutting corner must have at least 5mm)

Shown below is the correct and incorrect multi-edge die-line edges:



### 4. Tolerance for slitting Gap = ± 0.5mm

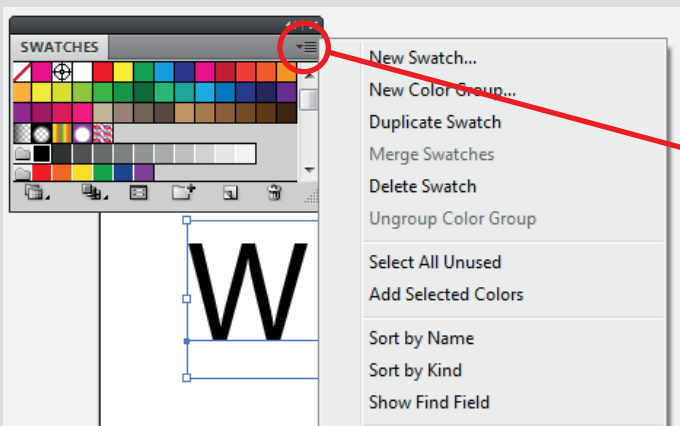
- Slitting Gaps are the gaps between the stickers artwork.

**METHOD TO RENAME THE COLOR SWATCH NAME BY USING ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR**



**STEP 1**

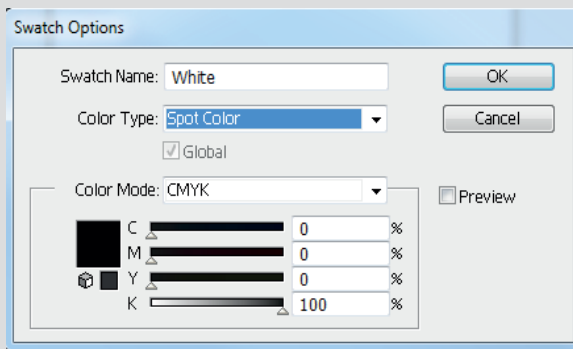
Fill colour with K100



Click here to find "swatches option"

**STEP 2**

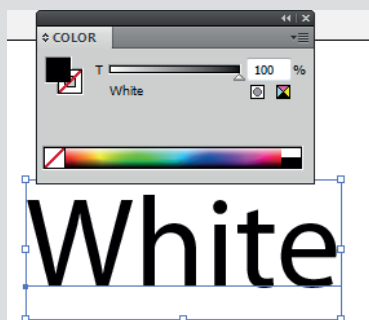
Windows > Swatches > Swatches option



**STEP 3**

At swatch option choose color mode to "Spot Color" and rename the swatch name to "White"

Rename colour to precisely "White"  
 - "W" must in CAPITAL LETTER  
 - Make sure no space after "e"



**STEP 4**

Double confirm by checking the artwork is filled with K100 with "White" swatch name.

## **ARTWORK PREPARATION FOR TRANSPARENT OPP & HOLOGRAM WITH WHITE INK**

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***For order with “4C + White” or “1C + White” (1C cannot be spot color or pantone color)***

Page 1: Overview artwork (Printable artwork and Dieline)

Page 2: White artwork with Process Black Colour (K100)

Page 3: Printable artwork only (CMYK)

Page 4: Dieline only

***For order with White***

Page 1: Overview artwork (White artwork and Dieline)

Page 2: White artwork with Process Black Colour (K100)

Page 3: Dieline only