

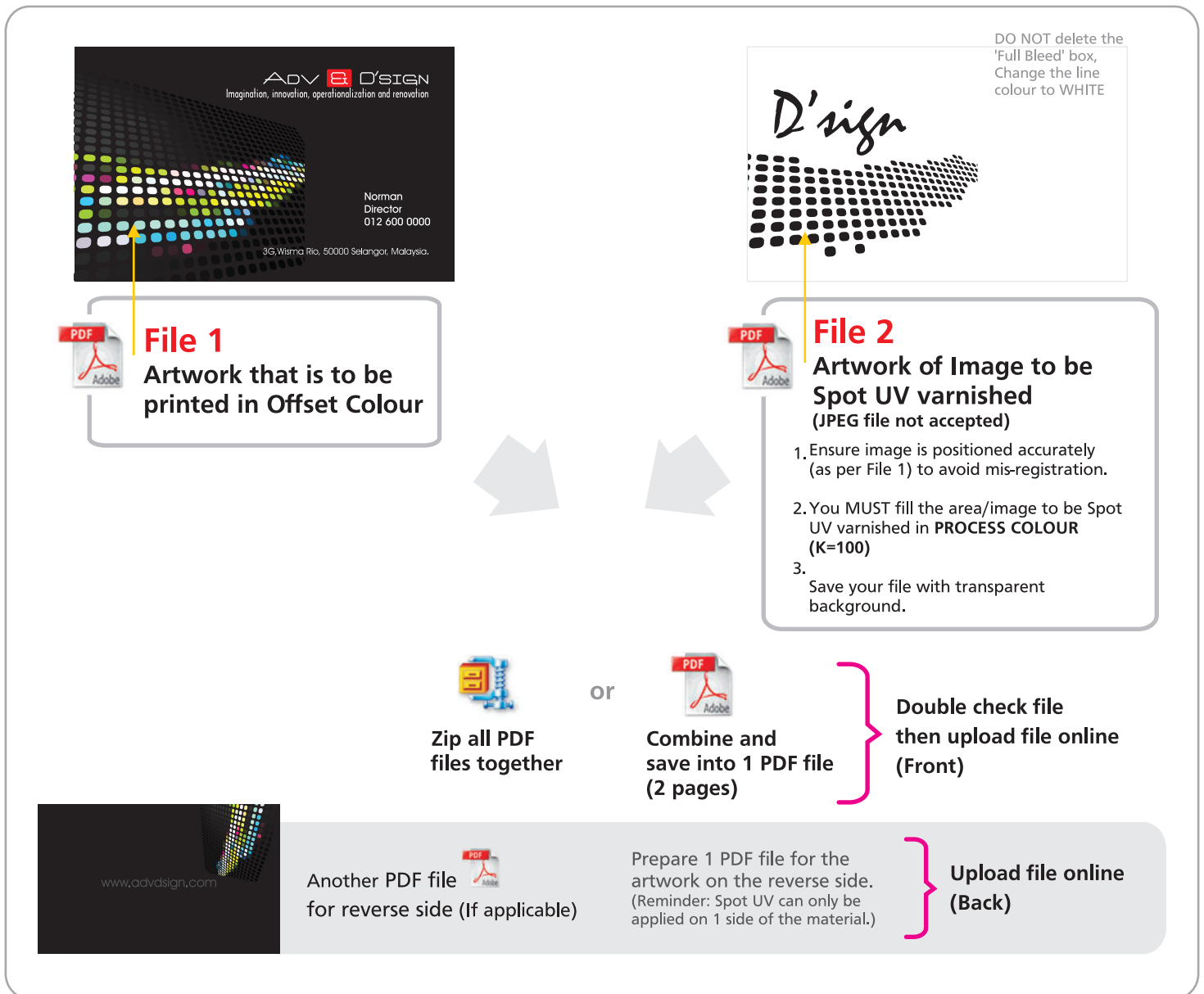
You will have to prepare 2 PDF files for the front / outer:

File 1: File for the full artwork WITHOUT Spot UV artwork image and,

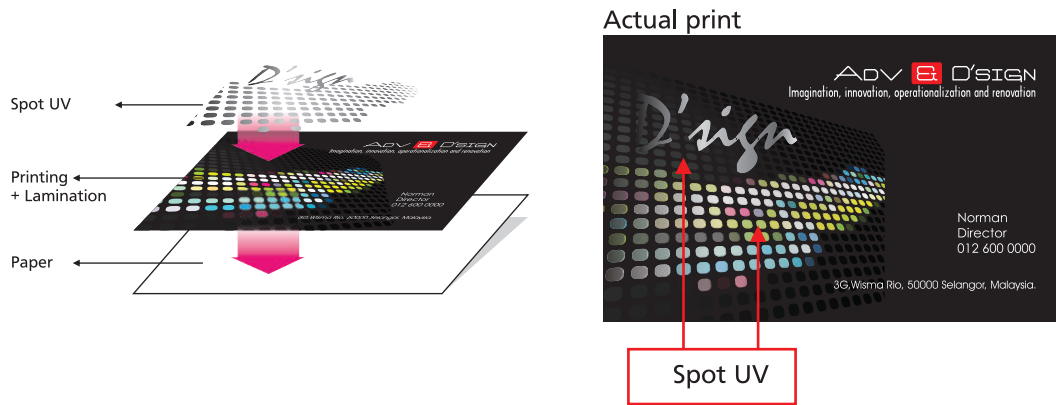
File 2: File for the image to be Spot UV varnished with transparent background. (JPEG file not accepted)

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Another file for artwork for reverse side (if applicable)



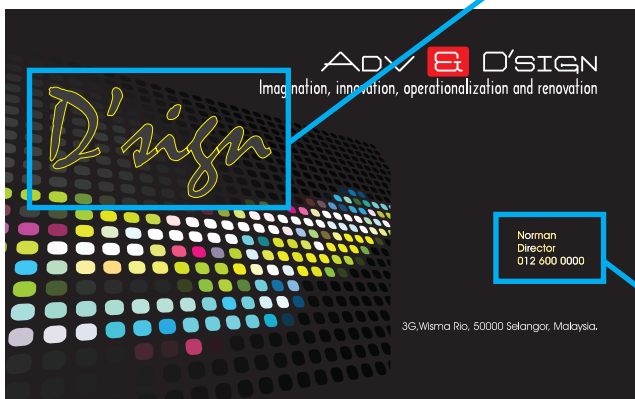
1. Please follow Spot UV artwork specification in 'Spot UV Artwork Checklist'.
Members shall alert artwork prepared is follow guidelines.
2. For gang run products, orders with Spot UV are printed in a separate batch from orders without this finishing.
As such, for multiple orders of the same artwork/design, where Spot UV finishing is applied to some orders only, printing colour variance may occur.



Possible Problems

Below are some examples of possible Artwork setting problems. Spot UV elements are outlined in yellow.

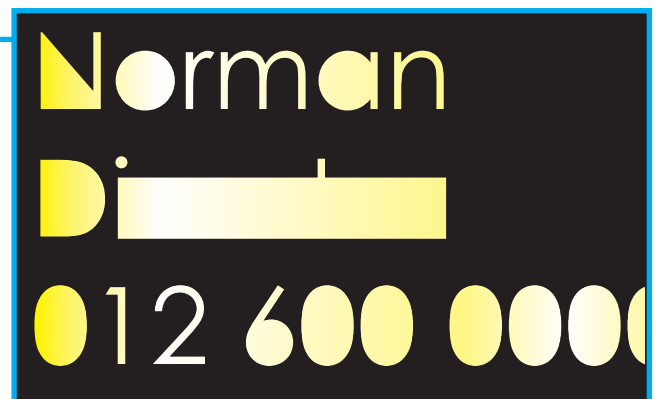
The Desired Effect



What May Happen



Line thickness less than 0.5pts: Spot UV may not be clear.



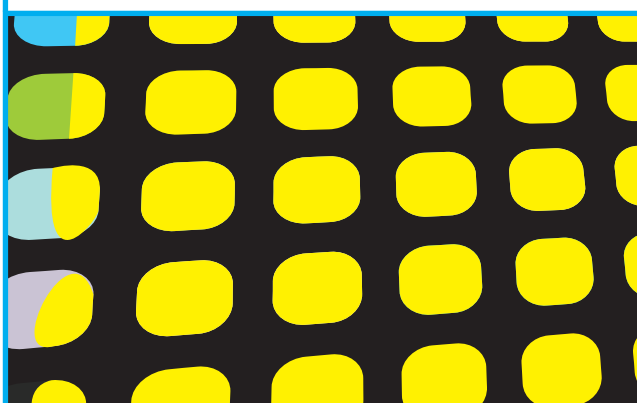
Font size less than 4pts: Text may not be clear and appear as one continuous block.



Small wordings may appear as one continuous block. And some parts may not appear.



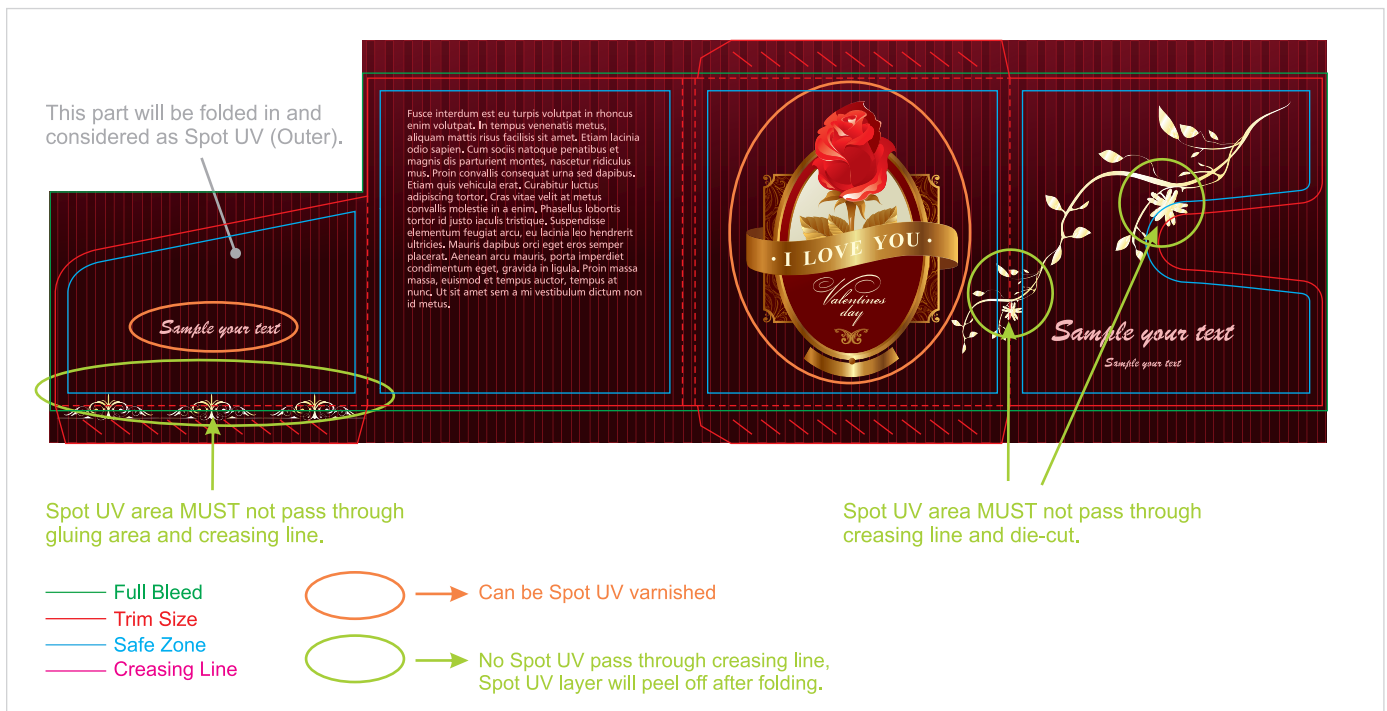
Outline may make any mis-registration more noticeable.



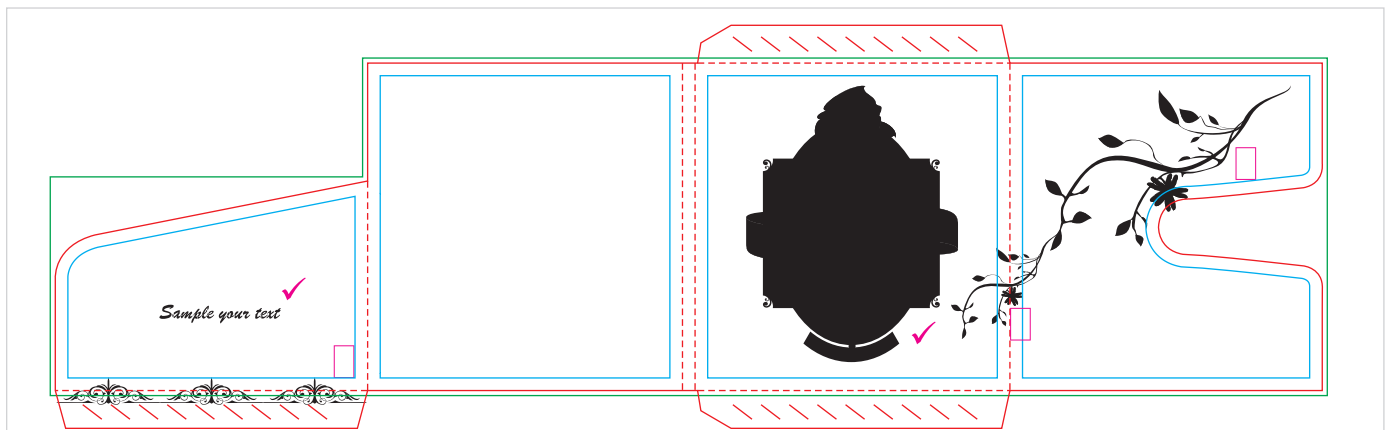
Spot UV varnish may peel off along the trim edge



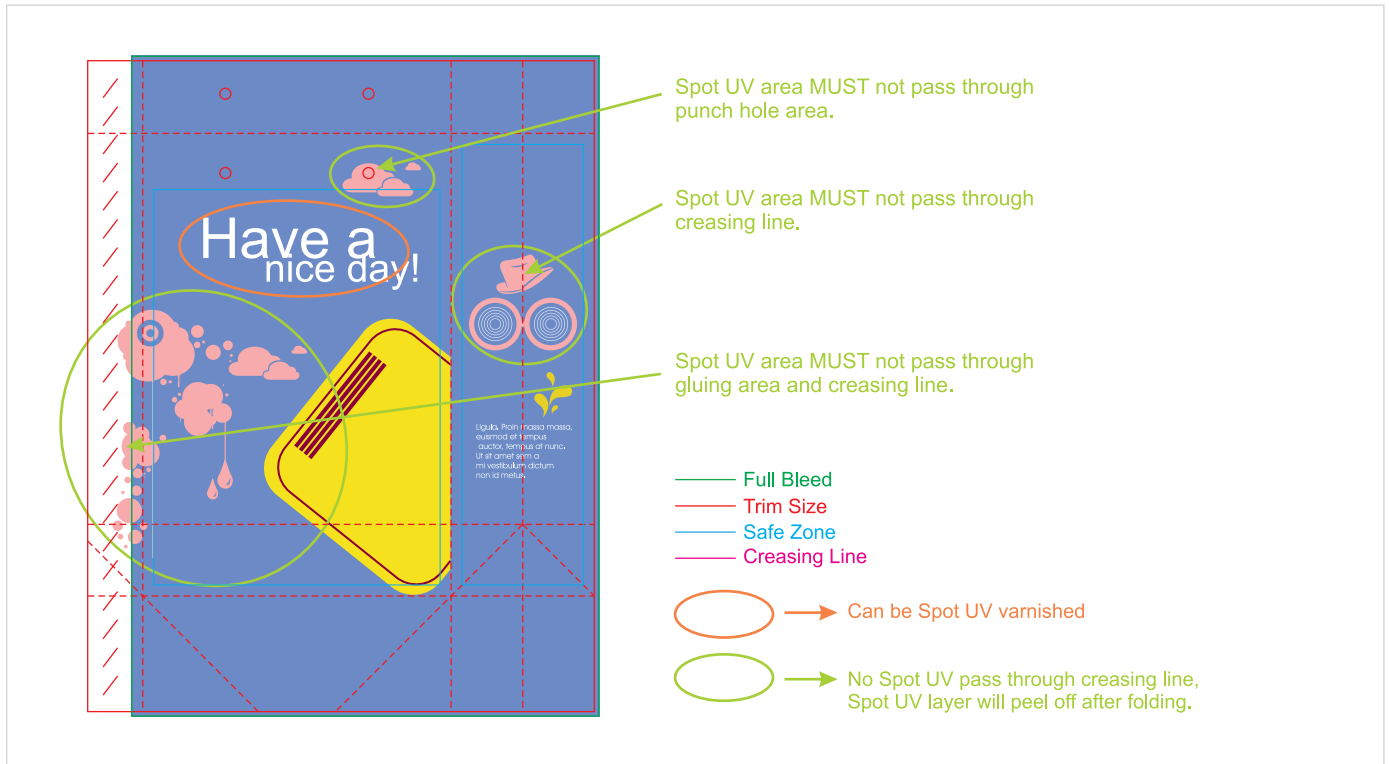
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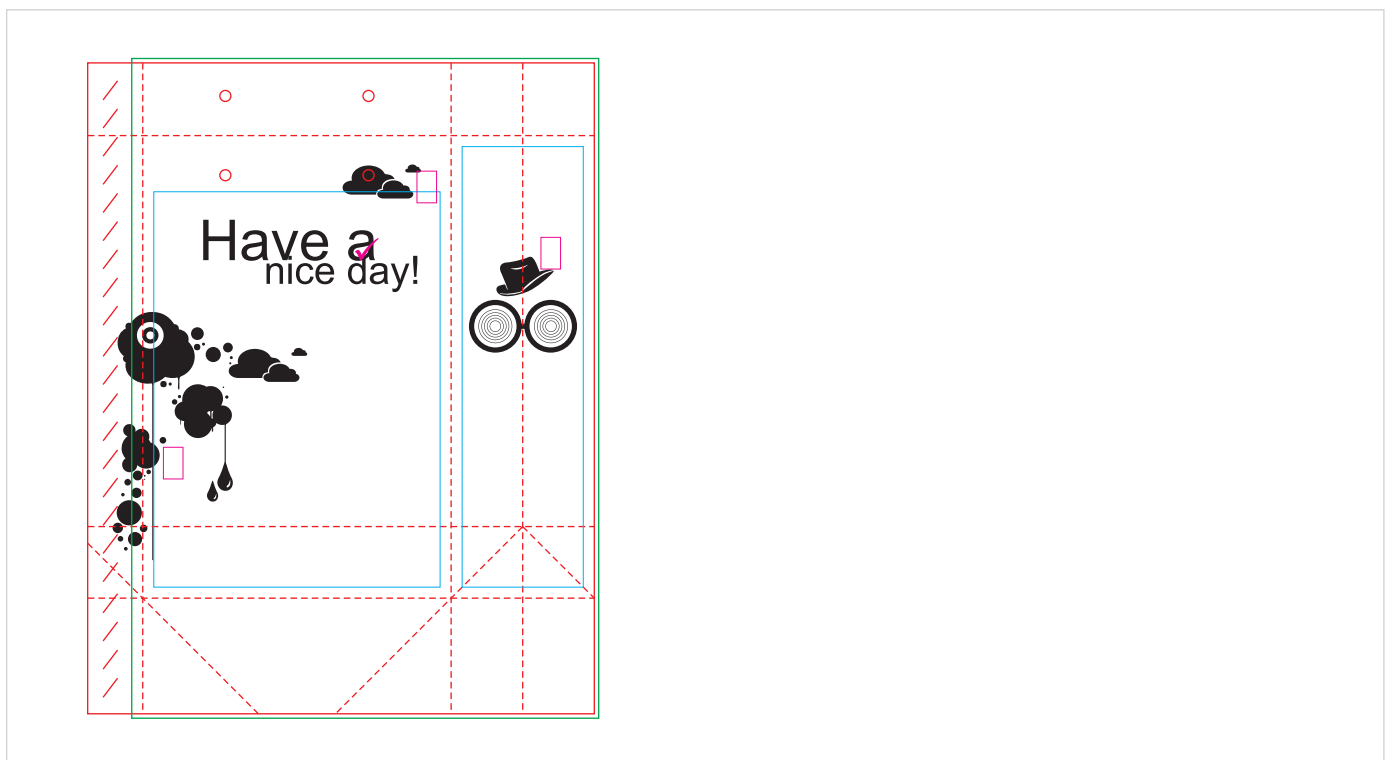
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Spot UV Artwork



Preparing artwork can be a complex task. To avoid error, extra cost and delays, we have prepared a comprehensive checklist to assist you in preparing your Spot UV artwork successfully.

Please ensure every step stated has been duly complied in your artwork.

Images

- The image to be Spot UV varnished can be a vector graphic, text, shape, solid colour or picture (need to trace out the Spot UV part for picture).
- Vital elements (text, images, logo, etc) must be kept within the Safe Zone.
- Fill the area/image to be Spot UV varnished with PROCESS BLACK (K=100). No tint or gradient effect allowed.
- Registration of image to be Spot UV varnished must be accurately aligned with the offset printing artwork.
- Spot UV NOT applied to outlines or outlines of a table (Outlines may cause unattractive mis-registration more noticeable).
- Spot UV NOT applied at gluing area.
- Spot UV NOT applied along the edge/trim line, die-cut line and creasing line of artwork.
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Text

- Font size is not less than 4pts (Based on Arial font type size)
- Small logos which contain wording, the font is not less than 4pts (eg: ©).
- Not using a font type with a sharp end edge (eg: Serif font).

Line

- Line thickness is not less than 0.5pts.

Artwork File

- Spot UV is only applied to single side (front/outer) of products.
- Artwork is prepared in the correct PRODUCT SIZE TEMPLATES.
- All guidelines and text descriptions in PRODUCT SIZE TEMPLATES are REMOVED.
- Artwork is saved in required file format: Adobe Acrobat Document 4 – version 1.3 (*.pdf) (Jpeg file not accepted).
- Resolution : 300dpi
- Colour mode : CMYK colour mode
- 2 files are prepared :
 - File 1 - Artwork without image to be Spot UV varnished.
 - File 2 - Artwork of image to be Spot UV varnished (Save your file with transparent background).
- Zip 2 PDF file together or combine and save into 1 PDF file (2 pages).
- Artwork file is arranged according to EXCARD specification and published to PDF file.
- Other than hyphen (-) and underscore (_), your filename does NOT include any other marks or symbols.