

Tru Photo Books: A5 own-layout specification

For a book you design yourself and upload as one PDF: what the upload checks, what we do with your file, and what is yours to get right.

Pages: exactly 26 or 50, the number you order. Inside pages only: we print the cover.
Each page: 154 × 216 mm, the 148 × 210 mm A5 page with 3 mm of bleed on every side.
Single pages, not spreads. No printer's marks. Every font embedded. Nothing see-through.

What the upload checks, and refuses when it is not so

Page count

Exactly 26 or 50 pages, the number you order: the inside pages only, with no cover.

Page size

Every page 154 × 216 mm: the 148 × 210 mm A5 page with 3 mm of bleed on every side. A page at 148 × 210 mm, with no bleed, is refused.

Single pages, not spreads

Export each page on its own sheet. Two pages side by side on one sheet is a spread, and is refused: turn off Spreads or Facing pages in the export settings.

No printer's marks

Turn off crop marks, registration marks, colour bars and page information. They make the sheet larger than the page, and it is refused.

Every font embedded

A font the file does not carry is refused: the press would print another typeface in its place.

Nothing see-through

Transparency (a shadow, a soft edge, a picture or shape partly see-through) is refused until it is flattened. A PDF/X-1a export flattens it and embeds every font.

File size

One PDF, up to 95 MB.

What we do with your file

Colour

Send it in RGB or CMYK. Every page is converted to the printer's CMYK when your book is made, so very bright screen colours, such as neon green or electric blue, print a little duller.

The cover

We print the cover: you choose it, and the words on it, on the page where you upload your PDF. Your PDF is the inside pages only.

Links, attachments and comments

Links, attached files, form fields and comments are taken out, and we say so when you upload. The pages themselves print as they are.

What we do not check, and is yours to get right

Resolution

We do not check it. Place each photo at 300 ppi at the size it prints: a photo with fewer pixels than that prints soft.

Safe area

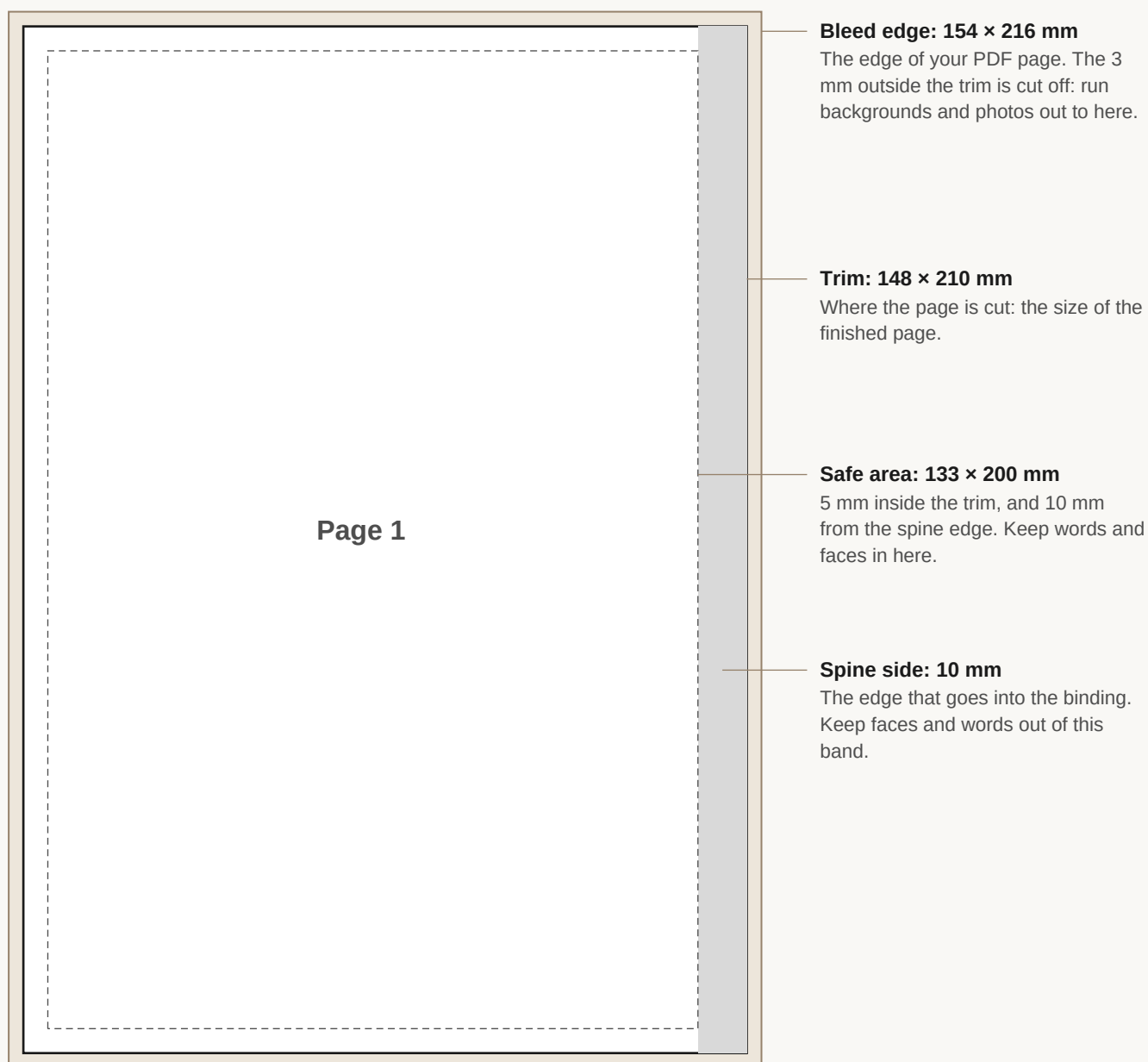
Keep words, faces and anything that matters 5 mm inside the trim: the cut is not always exact to the millimetre. Run backgrounds and photos out to the edge of the bleed.

The spine

The book opens on pages 1 and 2 side by side, then 3 and 4, and so on: page 1 is a left-hand page. Keep faces and words 10 mm clear of the spine edge, the right edge of odd pages and the left edge of even pages, or they disappear into the binding.

One page, drawn at three quarters of its size

Page 1, a left-hand page: its spine edge is on the right. On a right-hand page (2, 4, 6 ...) the spine edge is on the left.



In the open book pages 1 and 2 face each other, then 3 and 4, and so on. Odd pages are left-hand pages, with the spine on their right edge; even pages are right-hand pages, with the spine on their left edge. Keep faces and words 10 mm clear of it on every page.