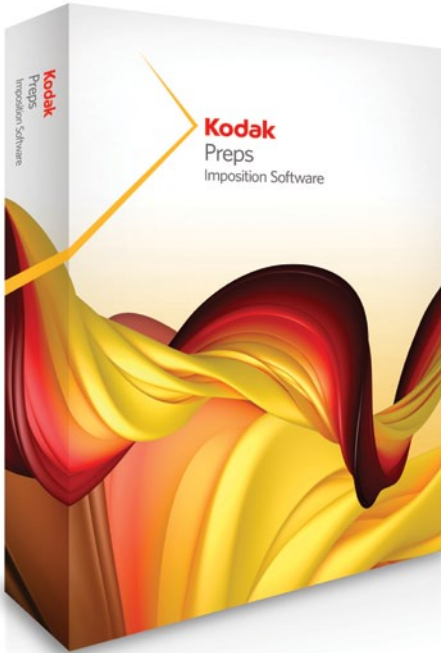# Kodak
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Kodak Preps Imposition Software

The leading solution for automated, error-free impositions

One of the most widely-used tools in the printing industry, **Preps** Software produces faster, more accurate impositions that maximize press sheet usage. Its automated imposition process cuts turnaround time and reduces costs.

Now in Version 7! *For use with third-party RIPs and workflows—or integrated with* **Kodak Prinergy** *Workflow, as part of a* **Kodak** *Unified Workflow Solution.*

Plan complex jobs for conventional and digital print with ease

Produce multi-component jobs with less effort, even jobs with elements that will be output on both digital and offset presses. The interface clearly defines the differences between covers, text, inserts and other components. To mix binding styles, simply drag-and-drop elements and verify the final product on screen in the Assembly view.

Faster, smarter, template-based impositions

With templates and libraries, it's easy to produce similar or repetitive jobs effectively, efficiently and automatically. The powerful template search tool makes it faster to find the exact **Preps** template you're looking for.

Use the SmartMarks feature to place marks or groups of marks on press sheets and save them in templates. SmartMarks are not static, they're relative to the sheet size, gutter, or page, and are automatically repositioned and resized when press sheet sizes change. New SmartMarks options include bearer bars and step-and-repeat marks.
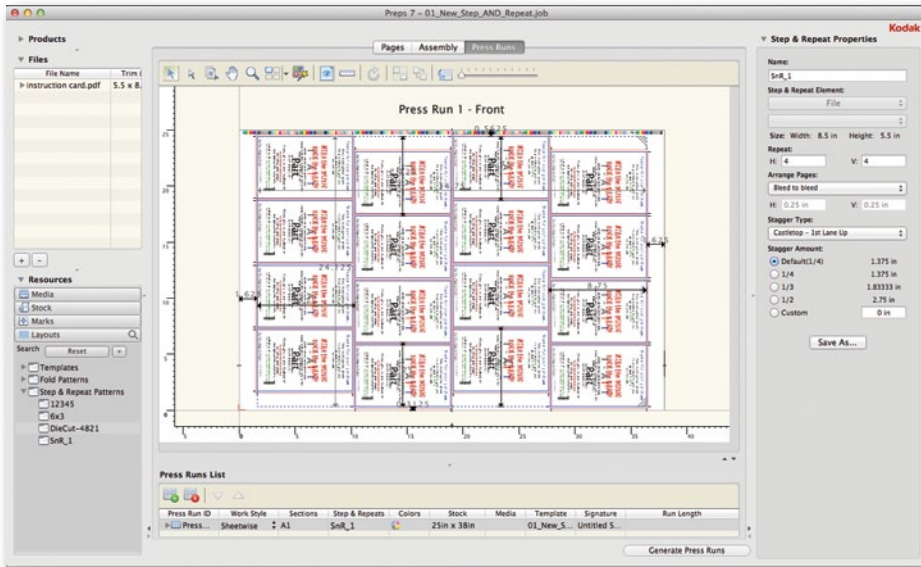
The improved Mark Rules Editor provides more choices for mark placements— and it's now a core function within the software, not a separate utility.

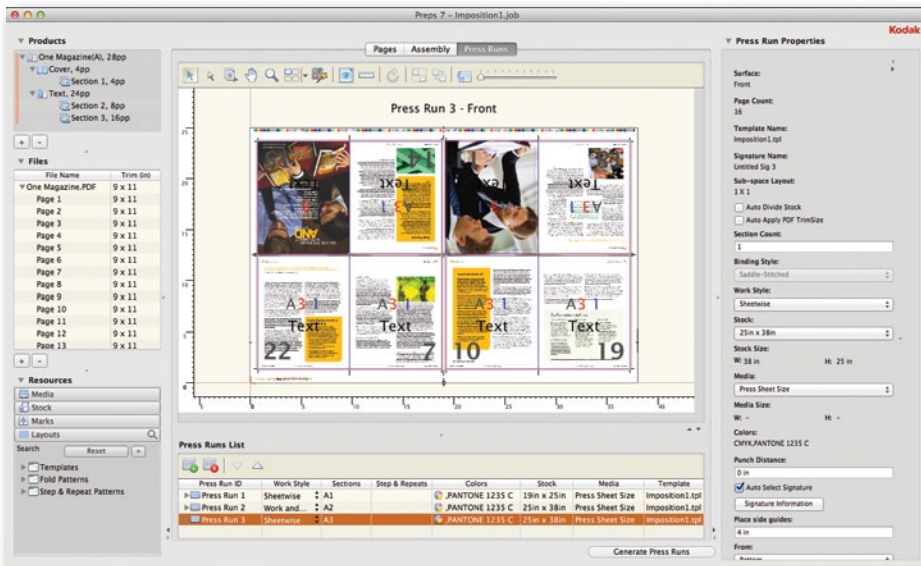## Industry standard PDF input and JDF output

Preps Software supports industry-standard PDF files. Its JDF output files can include post-press settings, so one master control file can contain printing, cutting and binding data (separate PPF cutting data files can be generated for non-JDF compliant equipment).

Packaging-focused enhancements

Version 7 includes many enhancements for packaging applications. To streamline the creation, saving and management of step-and-repeat patterns, a new Properties view has been added, as well as new functionality to allow users to define castletop or staircase patterns. Packaging terminology is now available in the user interface (simply select "Commercial Print" or "Packaging" terminology).

In Version 7, it's easier and faster to create, save, and manage step-and-repeat patterns for labels and packaging. Use the AutoGang feature to optimize the placement of several jobs on a single press sheet—it automatically rotates and arranges elements to minimize waste and save on make-ready time.

Use the Generate Press Runs feature to optimize press sheets based on job intent and signature plans. Preview any job in real time: zoom in on pages or complete signatures, including marks. Any change you make is instantly updated, so you can check for errors as you go.

Integrated within **Prinergy** Workflow 6

Preps Software is now completely integrated within the new Workspace user interface in **Prinergy** Workflow Version 6. Features unique to this combination include:

Fully automated, accurate impositions: In **Prinergy** Workflow 6, the job's "intent" is captured when the order enters the system. Impositions, separations and marks can be created automatically based on your shop's equipment and capabilities, saving hours of operator time and maximizing media usage.

Works within the workflow: Define "on-the-fly" impositions and marks without leaving the Workspace interface. Last-minute changes to the job's properties—quantity, press or bindery type, for example—can be made quickly and easily.

Streamlined, multi-part impositions: Complex, multi-part jobs, with components that will be routed to different digital or offset presses, can now be imposed as a single job, with the required press and bindery-specific marks.

Software Features

New in Version 7, all Preps Software features are available to every user: everyone receives the equivalent of Preps Software Pro!

- Unlimited sheet size, up to 400" x 400"
- Mixed binding styles
- Multiple products and parts
- Multiple sections on one press sheet
- Support for new PDF library
- SmartMarks and Mark Groups
- Job layout reporting
- Template search tool
- Automated calculation for shingling and bottling with stock
- Web growth compensation (available only with non-Kodak workflow applications)

JDF Functionality

- JDF input
- JDF auto signature matching
- JDF auto signature creation
- JDF fold pattern resource and ability to create custom fold patterns
- JDF binding data output
- JDF/PJTF/PDF/PS output
- CIP3 cutting data export (JDF, PPF)

Ganging options

- Manual ganging
- AutoGang for semi-automation
- AutoGang hot folders for full automation (only available with a **Preps** Software floating license and **Kodak Prinergy** Workflow)

Software Configurations

Preps Software
(Floating License)

- Create and edit impositions from **Prinergy** Workflow
- Provides the ability to AutoGang hot folders for full automation
- Runs on **Windows** and **MacOS**
- Included with some **Prinergy Connect** System bundles (single floating license)

Preps Software
(Standalone)

- For use with third-party RIPs and workflow systems
- Runs on **Windows** and **MacOS**

Kodak Service and Support

Kodak Unified Workflow Solutions are backed by **Kodak** Service and Support. Reduce downtime and optimize system performance, with product updates, scheduled system audits and expert maintenance. Kodak's highly trained Technical Response Center personnel and Workflow Application Specialists can help diagnose and resolve issues quickly. Rely on **Kodak** Service and Support to help keep your system operating at peak performance.

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