Extended-Gamut Printing

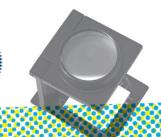
Pointers for Brand Owners and Printers

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What is Extended Gamut?

Larger than "normal" press CMYK: cleaner, purer colors!



What is an extended-gamut printing system?

- "Enhanced" CMYK printing with high-chroma inks, and/or ...
- CMYK Printing with additional colors: typically orange or red, green, and blue or violet
- Defined by Context: relative to "normal" for type of printing, not absolute gamut

What sort of presses?

- Offset
- Flexographic
- Gravure
- Digital toner or inkjet

What does this mean for packaging?

Economy:

- Spot colors can be simulated with a fixed set of 5, 6, or 7 inks
- Less ink mixing, inventory, and waste
- Elimination of most press wash-ups and changeovers
- Fewer plates to be made
- Simpler press planning and scheduling—easy to combo jobs

Stability and Accuracy:

- Extra process colors even out effects of density fluctuations
- More accurate proofs
- Colorful RGB images can be rendered more faithfully

Extended-Gamut: Disadvantages

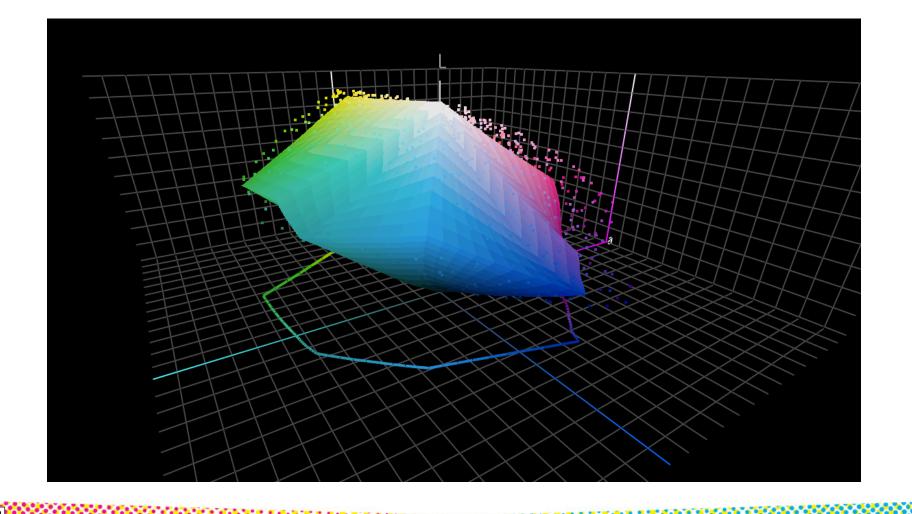
- Cannot match all spot colors
- Requires new procedures and skills
- Requires specialized software
- Requires expert implementation
- Isn't widely understood and accepted

Assumptions for EG Package Printing:

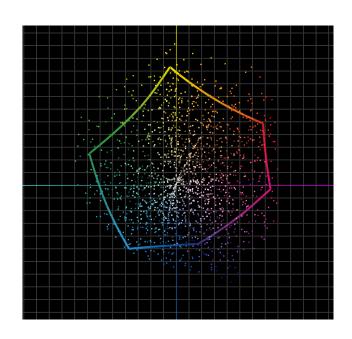
Customer approval by the numbers

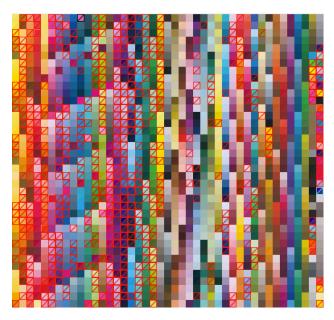
Existing designs and design practices will continue: CMYK and spot colors

Legacy work will be converted

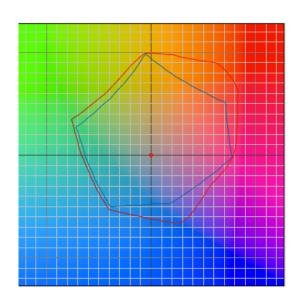


Pantone Coated + v2 v GRACoL2006/Fogra 39 CMYK



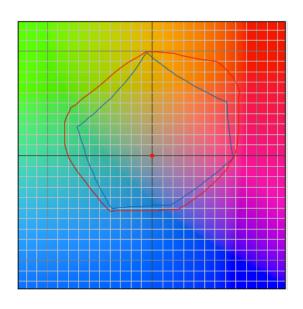


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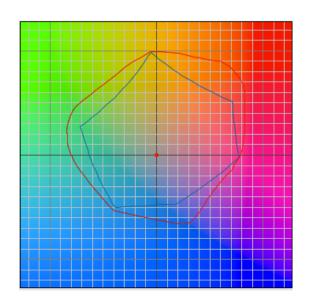


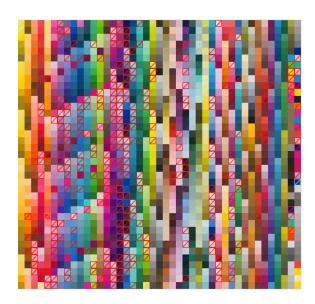
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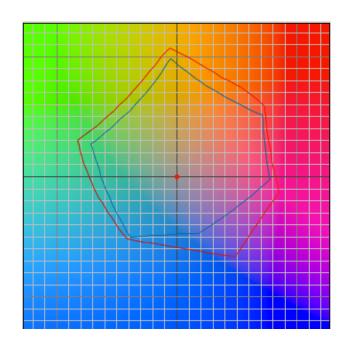


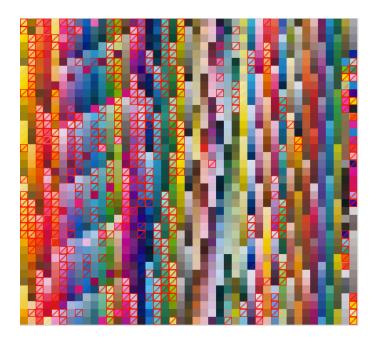
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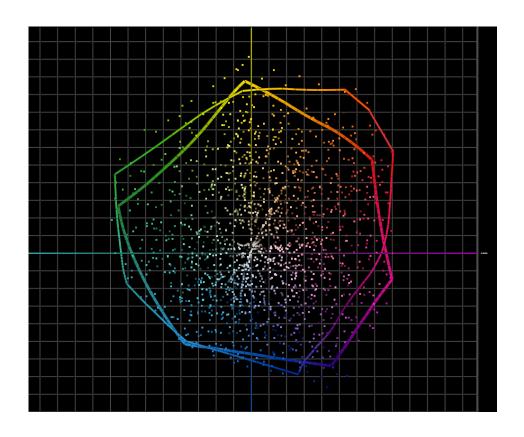


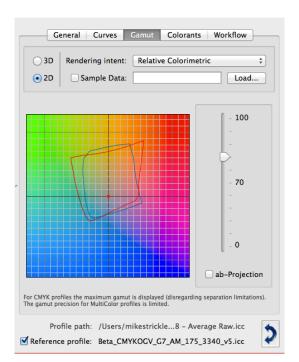


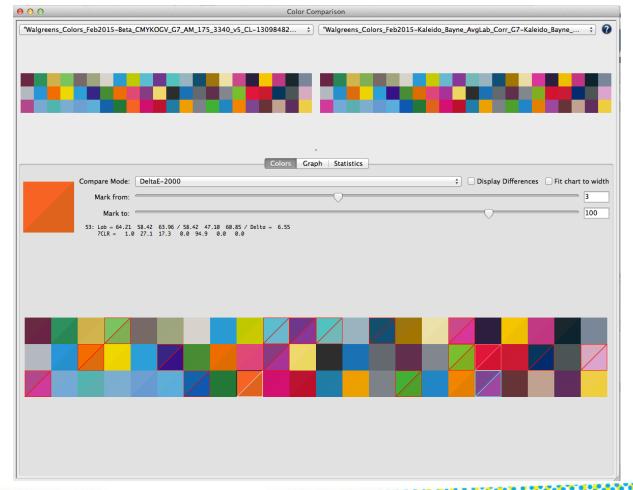
What About Extended CMYK?



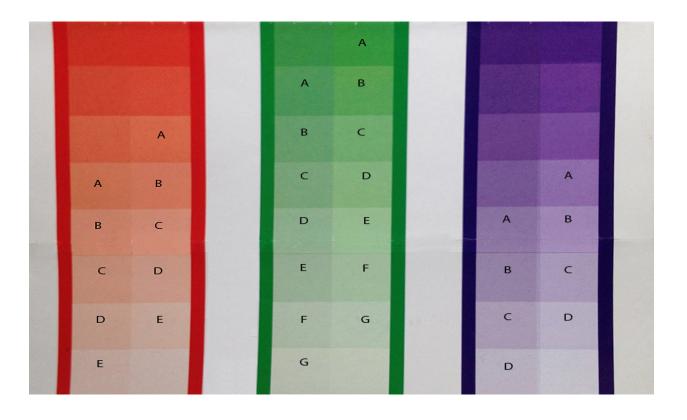






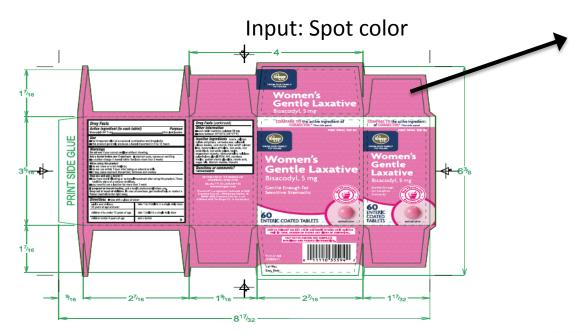


Screening and Gamut: The FM Advantage



How are EG Jobs Prepared?

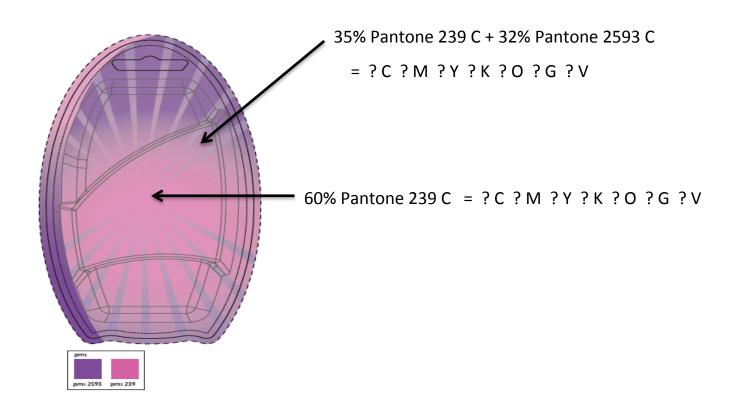
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Q213	0	90	0	0	15	0	0	0	
Q214	0	100	0	5	30	0	0	0	
Q215	0	100	0	25	20	0	0	0	
Q216	0	100	0	48	20	0	0	0	
Q217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
Q218	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Q219	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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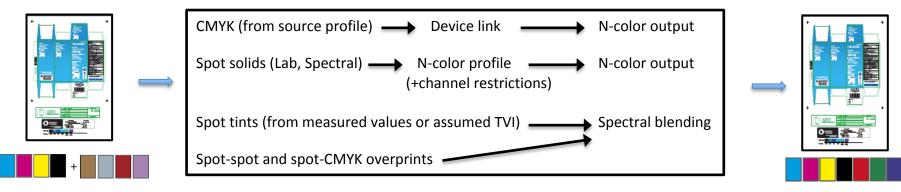
Output: N-color build

Example: Spot Vignettes and Overprints



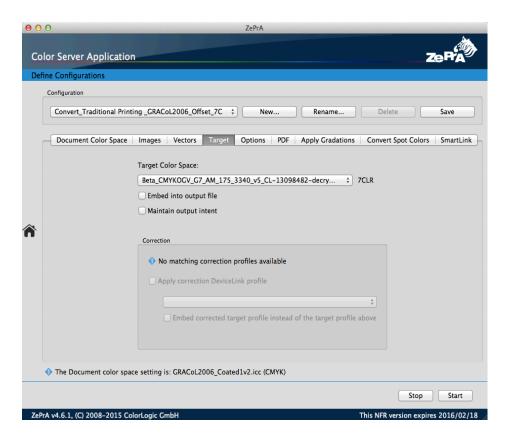
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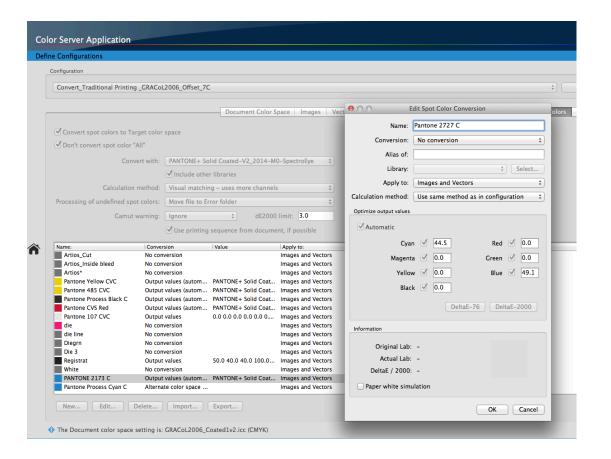
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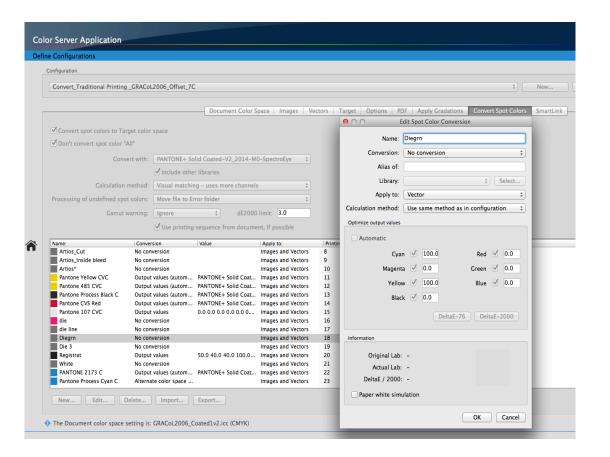


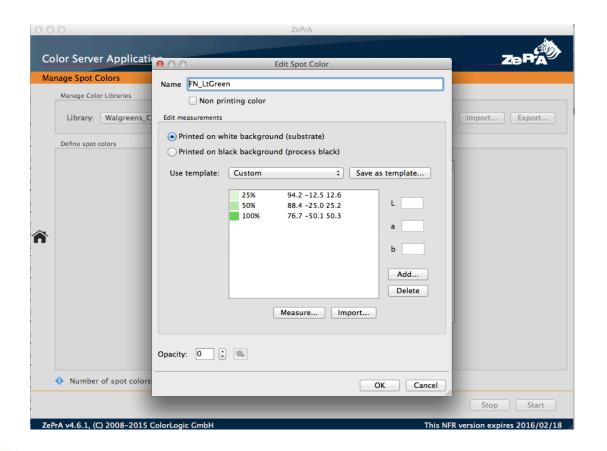


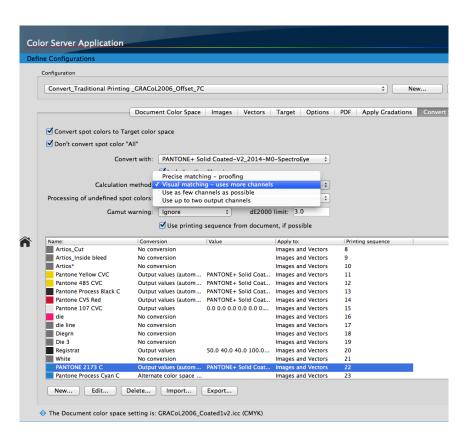
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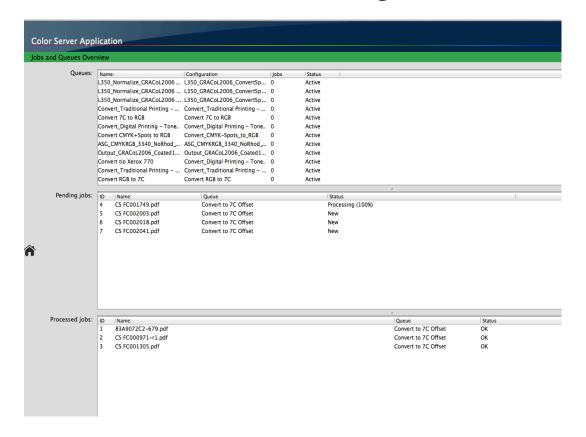








Batch Processing



Job Reporting

PDF/X information

PDF/X version: PDF/X-3:2003

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Processing information

2014-7-24 11:12:41

Configuration: Output_GRACoL2006_Coated1v2_ASG_8C_SBS_Uncal_June24_2014 Warnings: The dE2000 threshold has been exceeded for one or more spot colors

(details in the job properties)

New Output Intent: Signatures (removed):

Embedded Profiles:

SmartLink:

ASG_SBS_CMYK_Uncal_June24_2014.ice --> ASG_SC_SBS_Uncal_June24_2014_V2.ice

(CMYK-to-Multicolor-TraditionalPrint-AutoExceptions)

None

Spot colors processing

PANTONE 1485 C Automatically converted, Library:: PANTONE+ Solid Coated, dE2000:

PANTONE 176 C Automatically converted, Library:: PANTONE+ Solid Coated, dE2000:

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PANTONE 211 C

Automatically converted, Library:: PANTONE+ Solid Coated, dE2000:

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Server-Based Conversions: Advantages/Challenges

Advantages:

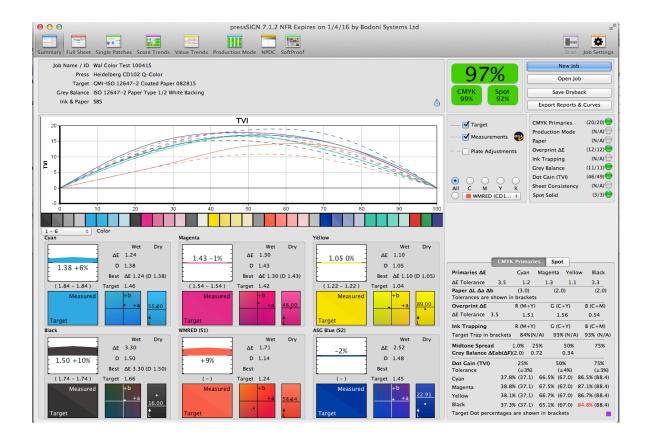
- Fast—seconds to minutes
- Far more accurate: Tints, blends, overprints can be simulated
- Accurate proofing is possible

Challenges:

- Must make assumptions about spot color "behavior" in tints and overprints: gain, wet-trapping, etc., as basis for the conversion to n-color, if additional information is unavailable
- Conversion must balance accuracy with minimum number of colors used

EG in the Pressroom: Process Control





EG Process Control Tips

- Include a complete G7 color bar with the additional colors and their tints
- Monitor solids and TVI on all colors!
- Monitor CMY gray balance—It still matters!
- Include patches of the simulated target brand colors
- Target is the color specification, not a swatch book!
- Helpful to build output space around a "core" of G7 CMYK

Pleasing the Customer: What are the expectations?

Problem: All colors cannot be matched

- Possible strategies:
 - Qualify many colors as-is, print remainders as specials?
 - Qualify most colors with adjusted aims, print remainders as specials?
- Policing compliance: print quality management (PQM) programs

EG Sales Tools

Color approval list



Swatch Book



Proof or "OK" sheet



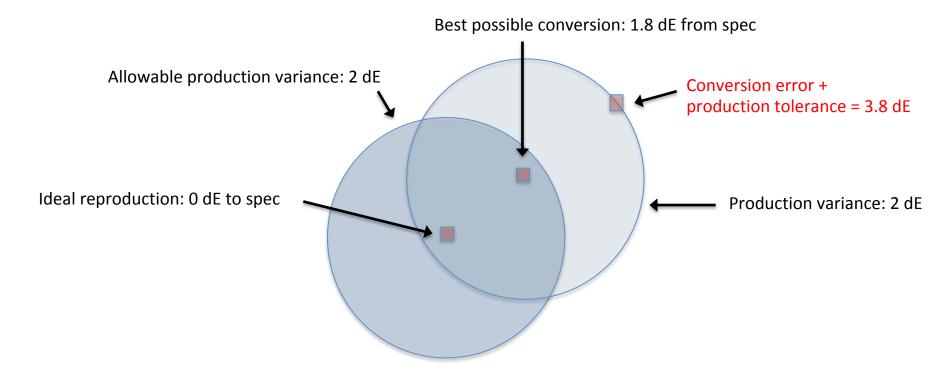
Aims and Tolerances



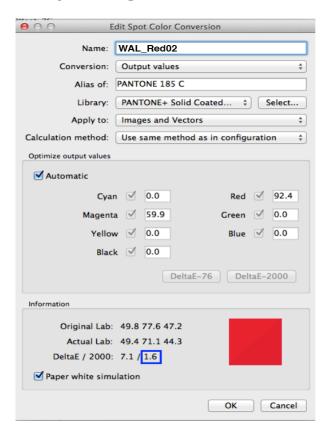
Assessing the Match

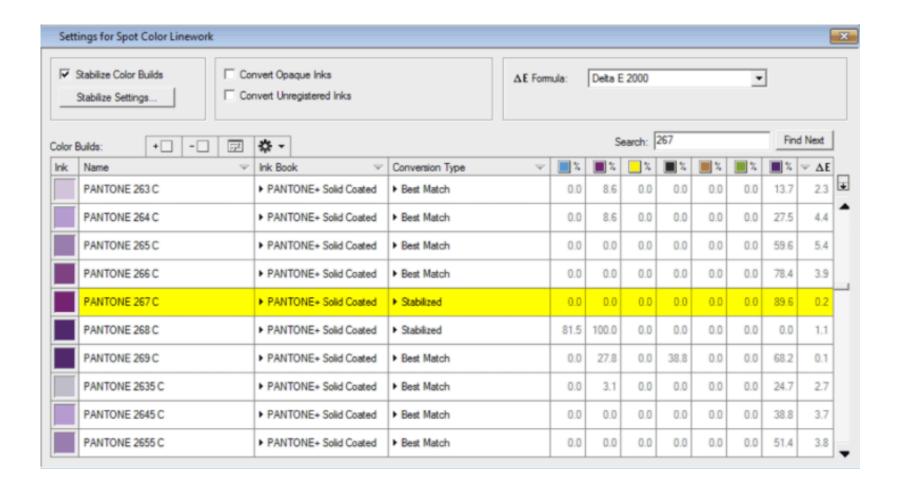
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FN_Amber FN Gold	75.8	0.7	55.5	0.1	75.9	0.7	-5.0 55.2	0.1	
FN_GOID FN_LTGreen	76.5	-50.1	50.1	4.0	74.2	-36.4	46.5	4.9	
HOME Brown	46.3	5.3	3.9	0.0	46.9	4.2	4.2	1.5	
HOME Green	68.1	-6.2	16.6	0.1	67.9	-6.7	16.8	1.4	
LIV Lime	85.4	-21.8	93.5	2.8	82.1	-20.2	79.0	3.8	
LIV_LINE	75.4	-31.5	-13.0	1.4	72.7	-30.2	-10.9	2.4	
LUXE BLUEGRAY	74.6	-31.5	-14.1	0.0	74.3	-3.4	-10.9	0.9	
LUXE DKBlue	31.2	-27.1	-33.8	0.1	31.1	-25.2	-30.6	1.3	
LUXE Mustard	52.4	12.8	59.0	0.6	52.6	12.5	55.5	1.0	
OL Beige	91.5	-0.6	22.6	2.5	90.8	-2.6	22.8	2.0	
Penway Yellow	85.5	8.4	88.0	2.8	81.9	6.9	85.5	2.6	
S35B BERRY	47.4	60.4	10.0	0.3	50.4	54.2	-11.1	3.5	
S35U Gray	57.2	-2.8	-10.6	0.1	57.3	-2.9	-11.1	0.2	
Sunny Cyan	61.3	-2.8	-47.6	2.4	61.3	-2.9	-10.5	3.6	
SUNNY DPGreen	52.5	-35.0	41.0	0.2	51.0	-22.4	32.6	3.8	
Sunny Orange	63.5	42.3	72.2	1.8	65.9	-34.7 44.2	75.7	4.2	
Sunny_Orange Sunny Yellow	88.4	-0.7	53.9	1.2	87.0	0.2	51.8	1.2	
WAL Blue02	44.0	-19.8	-59.5	1.4	42.0	-17.9	-52.6	2.3	
WAL_BIGEO2 WAL_DKGray	43.1	0.3	-4.6	0.1	56.1	-1.5	-2.3	2.2	
WAL_DKGray WAL DKPurple	27.2	28.3	-11.3	0.0	27.5	23.9	-2.3	2.2	
WAL_DRPurple WAL Gray	57.6	0.6	-4.5	0.1	56.1	-1.5	-11.3	3.7	
WAL_Gray WAL Green	69.9	-40.3	62.1	1.4	71.0	-1.5	65.0	0.9	
WB DKBlue	18.6	4.9	-43.7	0.1	18.3	4.1	-42.8	0.4	
WB_DKBlue WB_LtBlue	68.8	-9.5	-43.7	0.9	65.6	-9.8	-42.8	2.8	
WB_LIBIUE WB Teal	68.7	-9.5 -29.0	-29.7	0.1	68.8	-9.8 -27.6	-27.0	0.8	
WELL Blue	69.4	-10.7	-22.6	1.3	69.9	-10.0	-23.6	0.8	
WELL_BIUE	34.4	-0.6	-66.2	1.2	33.1	-4.5	-56.5	4.1	
WELL_DKBIGE WELL DKGreen	43.2	-50.5	26.6	0.3	41.9	-4.5 -46.2	21.1	1.8	
WELL_DKGreen WELL DkPink	45.0	80.5	-2.8	2.3	49.7	70.8	-3.6	5.5	
WELL_DKPINK WELL DKRed	41.4	65.7	32.9	1.1	42.3	66.8	29.5	2.6	
WELL_DKKEG WELL DKTeal	41.4	-43.2	-37.2	0.3	42.3	-42.0	-35.0	2.6	
WELL_DKTeal WELL DKYellow	75.1	22.3	82.8	0.3	75.6	20.4	-35.0 81.8	2.1	
WELL_DKYEIIOW WELL Grav	58.1	-0.1	-4.0	0.1	56.1	-1.5	-2.3	1.0	
WELL_Gray WELL Green	63.0	40.9	52.4	0.1	62.9	-1.5 -47.4	-2.3 51.5	1.0	
WELL_Green WELL MdBlue	47.6	-32.0	-55.1	3.0	49.9	-47.4	-48.2	3.1	
WELL_Mablue WELL Orange	68.2	-32.0 35.5	75.2	0.9	69.3	-28.4 35.9	-48.2 79.5	3.3	
WEST Amber	24.6	24.2	9.8	0.9	24.6	24.2	9.8	2.0	
WEST_Amber WEST Tan	69.3	10.9	10.5	0.0	70.3	8.6	9.8 11.7	2.8	
WESI_Tan WEX_Purple	27.9	28.9	20.2	0.0	28.4	24.0	-21.3	2.8	
WEX_Purple WEX_Yellow			69.4		83.7	5.4	-21.3 65.8		
WEA_TEIIOW	85.0	3.9	09.4	0.9	83.7	5.4	05.8	1.6	
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The Vicious Circles of Tolerance!



Adjusting the Reference

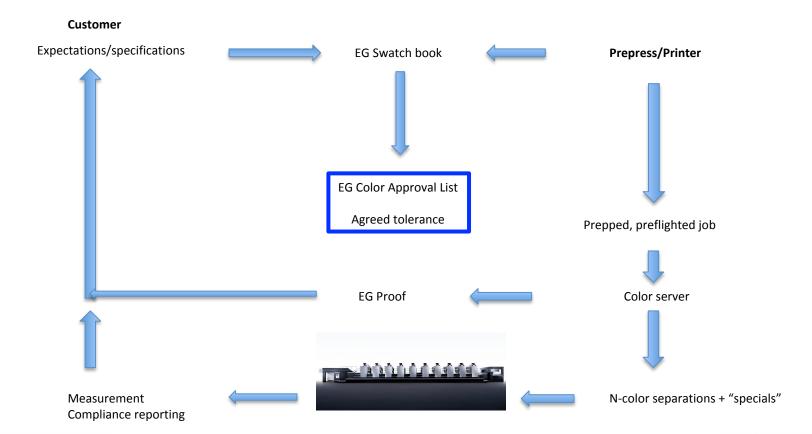




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N_Gold	75.8	0.7	55.5	0.1	75.9	0.7	55.2				
N_LTGreen	76.5	-50.1	50.1	4.0	74.2	-36.4	46.5	4.9	72.9 -40.9 45.3	2.3	2.6
IOME_Brown	46.3	5.3	3.9	0.0	46.9	4.2	4.2				
IOME_Green	68.1	-6.2	16.6	0.1	67.9	-6.7	16.8				
IV_Lime	85.4	-21.8	93.5	2.8	82.1	-20.2	79.0	3.8	83.0 -17.4 83.9	2.2	1.6
IV_Teal	75.4	-31.5	-13.0	1.4	72.7	-30.2	-10.9	2.4			
UXE_BLUEGRAY	74.6	-3.7	-14.1	0.0	74.3	-3.4	-12.8				
UXE_DKBlue	31.2	-27.1	-33.8	0.1	31.1	-25.2	-30.6				
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enway_Yellow	85.5	8.4	88.0	2.8	81.9	6.9	85.5	2.6	81.8 6.0 87.1	0.7	1.9
35B_BERRY	47.4	60.4	10.0	0.3	50.4	54.2	-11.1				
35U_Gray	57.2	-2.8	-10.6	0.1	57.3	-2.9	-10.5				
Sunny Cyan	61.3	-22.2	-47.6	2.4	61.3	-22.4	-40.5	3.6	60.3 -22.4 -47.6	2.0	1.6
UNNY_DPGreen	52.5	-35.0	41.0	0.2	51.0	-34.7	32.6				
unny_Orange	63.5	42.3	72.2	1.8	65.9	44.2	75.7	4.2	74.7 46.5 77.3	1.3	2.9
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WB_Teal	68.7	-29.0	-9.8	0.1	68.8	-27.6	-8.7				
WELL_Blue	69.4	-10.7	-22.6	1.3	69.9	-10.0	-23.6				
VELL_DKBlue	34.4	-0.6	-66.2	1.2	33.1	-4.5	-56.5	4.1			
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VELL_Orange	68.2	35.5	75.2	0.9	69.3	35.9	79.5				
VEST_Amber	24.6	24.2	9.8	0.0	24.6	24.2	9.8				
VEST_Tan	69.3	10.9	10.5	0.1	70.3	8.6	11.7				
VEX_Purple	27.9	28.9	20.2	0.0	28.4	24.0	-21.3				
WEX Yellow	85.0	3.9	69.4	0.9	83.7	5.4	65.8				

The EG Process Overview



Tips for Print Buyers

- Understand the tradeoff of EG: Lower cost and possible loss of brand color accuracy
- Insist on color approval lists and sample books
- Develop a realistic house specification for color matching
- Look for printers using color-managed EG systems and advanced process control
- Insist on contract proofs for all new SKUs

Tips for Printing and Prepress

- Build the system for tomorrow's needs: Old EG "lookup and rework" systems don't cut it.
- Centralize file prep and use "golden" source files.
- Build around conventional CMYK inks and a gray-balanced color space (e.g., GRACoL).
- Preemptively communicate color visually with customers by sample books and proofs
- Understand colorimetric tolerances and embed them in production practice--run to the numbers,
 not swatch books
- Use automation to streamline and standardize file conversions and plan production

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