

## ACP PDF Export settings

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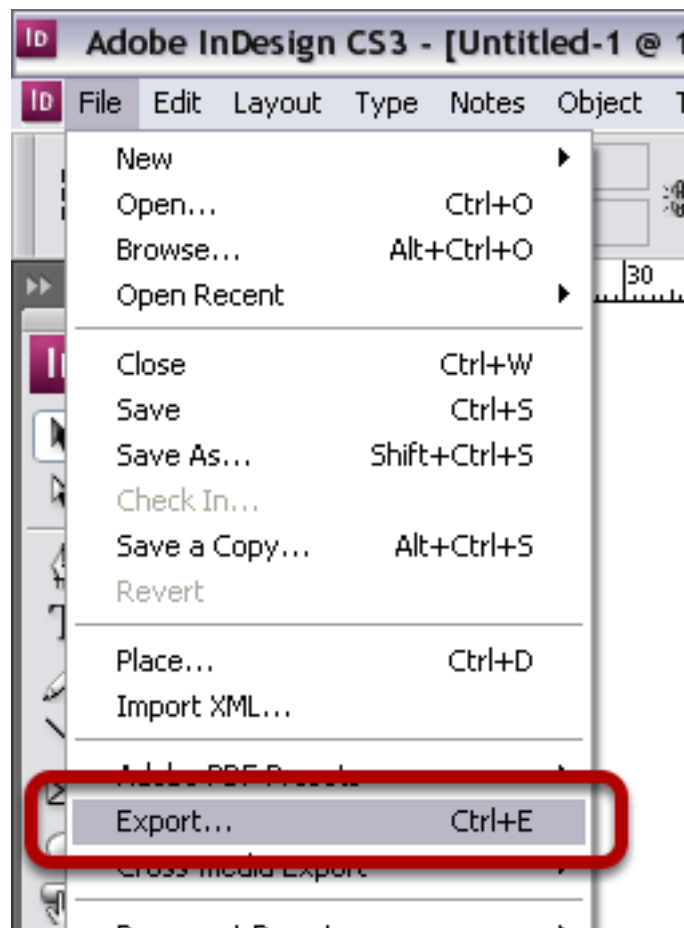
### How to create press ready PDF files for ACP Magazines.

ACP follows the 3DAP recommendation that all PDF files should be produced to the international PDF/X-1a standard. PDF/X-1a specifies what features a PDF can and can't contain in order to be a reliable file interchange format between advertisers, publishers and printers.

For instance, PDF/X-1a stipulates that a PDF must only contain CMYK elements and that all fonts must be embedded. It also forbids the use of embedded movies, something that isn't needed for print and will likely cause problems in the reproduction workflow. These are just a few examples of the kind of things PDF/X-1a allows or disallows.

Most layout programs have a built in function for creating PDF/X-1a compliant files. The example below uses Adobe InDesign CS3. For other programs, please consult the application help and/or support options on how to create a PDF/X-1a compliant file.

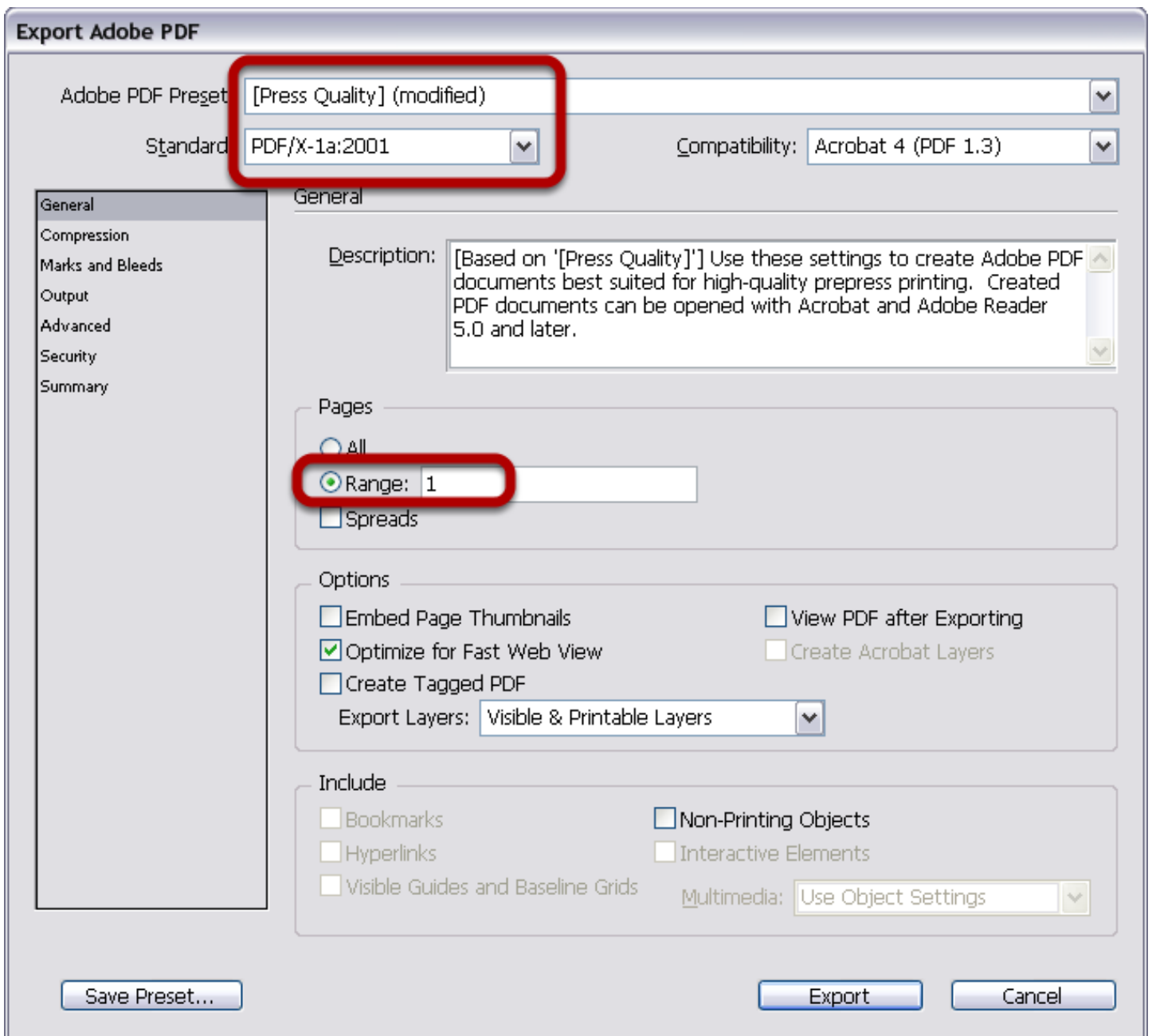
### Export InDesign layout to PDF



Make sure your InDesign document is set up to the correct magazine specifications (trim size, bleed, image resolution, ink weight etc).

To make the final PDF for submission to ACP, go to the **File** menu and select **Export...**

## Export Adobe PDF dialog box, General Tab



Set the *Adobe PDF Preset* to **Press Quality**, then set *Standard* to **PDF/X-1a:2001**.

Change the page range to only export single pages, one at a time. Please note that this also applies for double page spreads, each side of the spread needs to be supplied as a single, individual PDF.

## Marks and Bleeds Tab

**Export Adobe PDF**

Adobe PDF Preset: [Press Quality] (modified) ▼

Standard: PDF/X-1a:2001 ▼ Compatibility: Acrobat 4 (PDF 1.3) ▼

General  
Compression  
**Marks and Bleeds**  
Output  
Advanced  
Security  
Summary

**Marks and Bleeds**

**Marks**

All Printer's Marks  
 Crop Marks  
 Bleed Marks  
 Registration Marks  
 Color Bars  
 Page Information

Type: Default ▼  
Weight: 0.25 pt ▼  
Offset: 5 mm

**Bleed and Slug**

Use Document Bleed Settings

**Bleed:**

Top: 5 mm Inside: 5 mm  
Bottom: 5 mm Outside: 5 mm

Include Slug Area

Save Preset... Export Cancel

Click on the *Marks and Bleeds* section in the list on the left side of the dialog box.

Add **Crop Marks** and **Page Information**.

Set the **Offset** to **5 mm**.

Set the **Bleed** to **5mm** in all directions.

## Advanced Tab

Export Adobe PDF

Adobe PDF Preset: [Press Quality] (modified) ▼

Standard: PDF/X-1a:2001 ▼ Compatibility: Acrobat 4 (PDF 1.3) ▼

General  
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Summary

Advanced

Fonts

Subset fonts when percent of characters used is less than: 100%

All fonts with appropriate embedding bits will be embedded.

OPI

Omit for OPI:  EPS  PDF  Bitmap Images

Transparency Flattener

Preset: [High Resolution] ▼

Ignore Spread Overrides

Job Definition Format (JDF)

Create JDF File Using Acrobat

Requires Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Professional or later to be installed. Checking this option automatically deselects the "Spreads" option in the General panel.

Save Preset... Export Cancel

Click on *Advanced* section in the list.

Set Transparency Flattener to **High Resolution**.

All the settings are done, click **Export** to save the PDF and then submit it to ACP. It is also highly recommended that you submit a hardcopy 3DAPv3 proof for colour reference on press. For more information about proofing requirements, see: [www.3dap.com.au](http://www.3dap.com.au)

Click on **Save Preset...** to save these settings as a preset for future PDF exports.