



# Creating Custom Spot Color Palette in Corel Draw X7

This document provides instructions for creating a custom spot color pallet and output files to PDF/EPS with respect for overprint settings.

1. Create your Color Pallet.

With a new document open in Corel Draw X7, go to <u>Window/Color Palettes/Color Palette</u> Manager.



Select the first Icon: Creates a new empty color palette. Save this new palette with a custom name, i.e.: My Spot Colors



With the new Palette created, go to <u>Window/Color Palettes/Palette Editor</u>... Make sure to be in your Palette and click: Add Color.

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Go to Mixers, Model CMYK and type the desired CMYK values. Leave the Name field blank and click OK.

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Define a Name, i.e.: White\_Ink and set the Treat as to Spot. Click OK.

You can repeat the above steps to also create custom Spot Colors for Contout Cutting. ThruCut, Crease, KissCut,.....





Your Custom spot color palette will appear on the right hand side toolbars of your open document and are ready to be used.







# Creating Files with White\_Ink and overprinting

Just as in Illustrator, it's easier to work with a Top Layer that will contain all White\_Ink information.

FieryXF will easily detect the spot White\_Ink when on top off other artwork CMJN elements and set to overprint.

With the White\_Ink object selected go to: Object/Overprint <u>Fill</u> When needed, also define the Outline to be overprint. This is found in the same location and called: Overprint Outline.



Now you can either Publish to PDF or Export the file to EPS.





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When having selected the desired PDF preset, click settings to verify the overprint settings under the section Color, Other color controls.

Note: The Output colors needs to remain as native if you have spot colors inside the artwork.

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Additional you can choose to only Export Objects or the complete Page Bounding box. Corel Draw users generally see advantage in being able to only export Objects when creating EPS files as this would not be possible when publishing to PDF.

## Corel Draw Default Color management settings.

For FieryXF to be able to work with custom named spot colors it is key that those are defined in the alternative color space CMYK.

To achieve this within Corel Draw you must change the default Color Management settings for Spot color definition from Lab to the needed CMYK.

Go to menu: Tools/Color Management/Default Settings

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Select from the Spot color definition drop down list: CMYK values.

Additional you could change Color profiles and Color management policies to meet your company's standards.

Save the changes to a preset i.e.: FieryXF Preset.

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# Loading the PDF/EPS with White\_Ink on a FieryXF Proserver with FastRIP enabled.

It is important to have the correct Print engine being set-up in the FIeryXF workflow when loading either the Published PDF file or the Exported EPS with White\_Ink and overprint settings.

### Published PDF:

Both the Adobe PDF Print Engine and Adobe PostScript 3 Engine will load the file correct.

#### Export EPS PostScript:

Here it's a must to have the PDF Print engine being set to Adobe PostScript 3 Engine when the compatibility language of the exported EPS is PostScript Language Level 2. Failing to do this would only show CMYK information in the FIeryXF.