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What every screen-printer needs to know about...

CorelDraw and Registration Marks

Registration Marks are important. Poorly made marks will slow down your press registration.

The CorelDraw software manual may not give the industry specific instructions a screen-printer needs to prepare a graphics file for spot color creation, separation, and output BUT the great news is the program has everything you need to get the job done easily and accurately.



Easily make your own registration marks in CorelDraw and color them properly so they appear on each color's film positive when printing your separations. You can make them as large and as thick as you need them. The standard program registration marks that Draw provides at output (separation) will be too thin for a screen-printer's needs. Turn to the next page for instructions on creating custom registration marks.

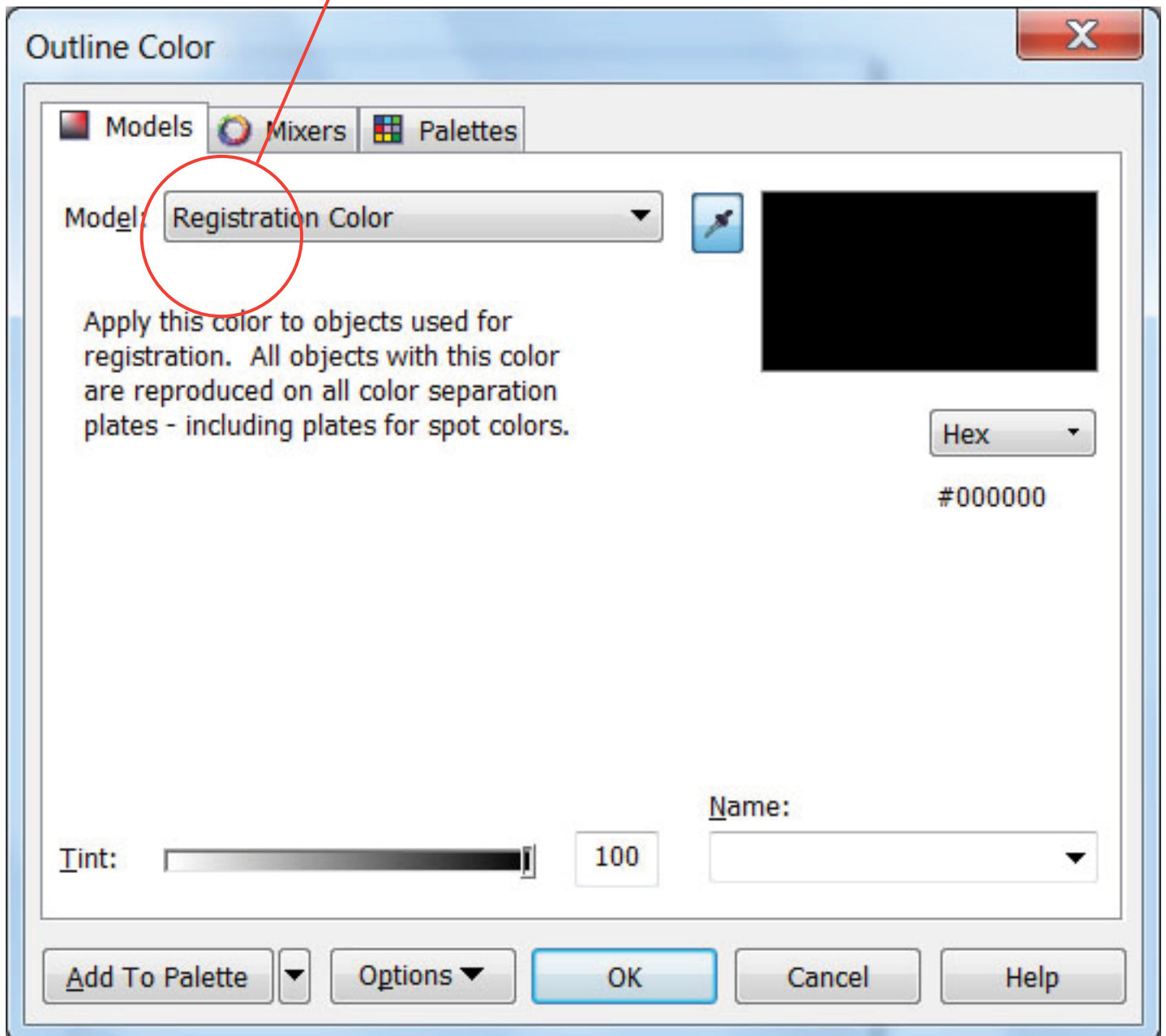
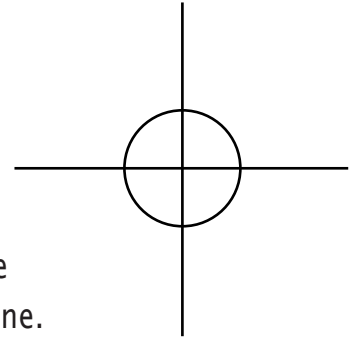
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PURPOSE:

1. To create custom registration marks that make registering screens onpress easier.
2. Create registration marks that print on each film positive automatically.
3. Create a custom symbol to use over and over again.

HOW TO:

1. Open a new page in CorelDraw.
2. Make a circle with a horizontal and a vertical intersecting line.
3. Choose a line (stroke) weight of .75 to 1 pt. (not too thick or too thin). Go to "Outline Color" > Models > Registration Color. (see example below). Note: do not use Fill Color. Never tint or change the opacity to less than 100% or else the registration mark will halftone.



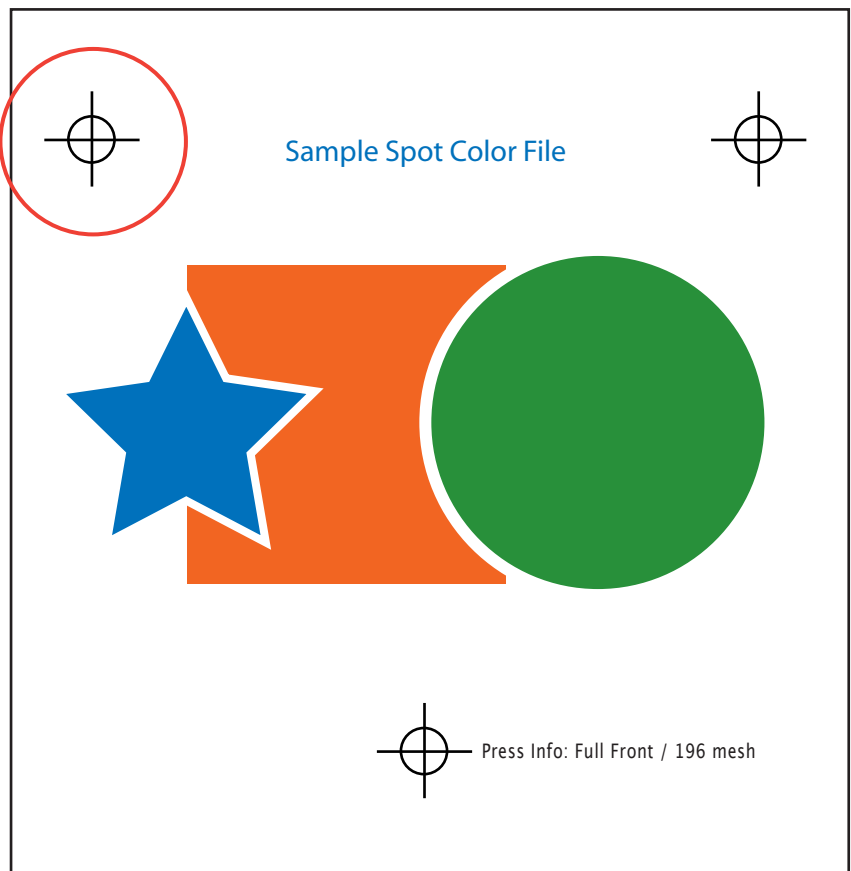
Position your custom made and colored registration marks directly ON THE ARTBOARD.

Tip: you can also create a custom symbol for all your pre-press marks so you can easily access them time and time again.

A big time saver! Refer to your CorelDraw documentation for more information.

Tip: Registration Color also is useful for plate labeling when you want information to appear on each film.

Whether you are printing spot colors with Corel's Spot Color Swatches or printing cmyk, your custom registration marks and/or any type or object colored with Registration Color will appear on EVERY film. It's easy to do and saves a lot of time!



In the example above, each colored element will print on its own film along with the registration marks and plate labeling. Below is an example of the film positive for the green spot color.

