

what you need to know about half-holes...

Half-Holes:

Half-holes occur when the bind-edge of a book is punched and the length of the book does not match the punch's spacing for binding. For any punch, the space between the foot of the book and the first hole must match the space that is between each of the holes for that punch. The punch cannot be spaced to adjust to the bind-edge length; instead, a hole must be removed and the remaining holes centered, resulting in a difficult and inefficient entry for the binding.

Significance of half-holes in the binding process:

The problem with a half-hole is that it ruins the aesthetic of the book, the binding often catches, and the irregularity requires that we cannot bind on our automated line, resulting in an increase in the turn-time and overall cost. The preferred alternative would be to solve the problem on the front end, and to run the job on our fully automatic wire and plastic spiral binding line, the German engineered Bielomatik. Running a job on the Bielomatik dramatically improves the efficiency and economy of any wire or plastic spiral project.



Things to take note of regarding half-holes:

Binding Edge will not allow a project to run that will result in half-holes. We will always clearly indicate the final trim size on our quotation, and take time to review the project on the front-end of the project, in order to recommend trim size adjustments before going to press. If a problem with half-holes is detected, we will recommend a lengthening or shortening of the final dimensions in order to ensure a clean punch, and therefore an efficient and economic run of your project. Binding edge is able to adjust the trim size on folded signatures or press sheets, but if trimmed sheets are sent in and we have to adjust the size, we would need to re-trim the sheets .

Normally, to resolve length discrepancies, we asked for an adjustment of 1/16" to an 1/8" longer or shorter. These adjustments will be worked out on the front-end. For example, if a book is 8-1/2" x 11" long, Binding Edge would request the final length be either 11-1/16" or 10-7/8" to avoid half-holes at the foot of the bind-edge. When these adjustments are made, Binding Edge clearly states them on our quotation, and what it will mean for our customer.

What can YOU do to eliminate half-holes? As our partner in business, you are able to assist us by contacting us early on in the process for our input and your accurate price quote. You should also note that if your project's finish size is flexible, we can advise you in such a way that your project can be turned faster and more efficiently on the Bielomatic wire and spiral binding line.