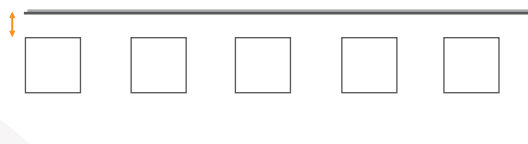


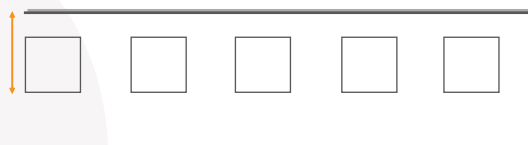
What you need to know about Backgate Margins

When designing a book for mechanical binding, allowance must be made in the gutter (inner margin) for the punched holes; what follows is an explanation of how we measure the 'Backgate' compared to some others in the industry. The Backgate Margin is the measurement from the bind edge of the page to the inside of the punched hole where no live copy can be placed.

Some in our industry calculate the backgate margin by measuring the space between the bind edge and the beginning of the punch.



We measure the backgate margin by measuring from the bind edge to the furthest side of the punch so that it is clear where the live copy can begin. A full chart of punches and corresponding backgate measurements is available online in the 'faqs' section of our website at: bindingedge.com



Every quote that requires punching clearly lists the style hole to be punched along with the backgate margin; this information can be located in the punching header portion of the quote. Please feel free to contact us with questions on any order.

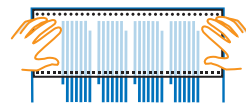
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find the desired punch type and corresponding backgate



lay the template on your page, with the selected punch toward the binding edge of your page



slide the template up to the binding edge of your page to check if the punched holes will agree with your page layout