

what you need to know about signatures...

Signature:

Book pages printed onto one single large sheet, then folded in halves to make up multiple pages of a book, rather than printing and trimming a stack of individual and loose sheets.

Significance of signatures in the binding process:

Except in the case where tabs, short pages or varying paper stocks are present, it is more economical for you to provide signatures for the Binding Edge than it is to ship individual pages.

Signatures allow us to gather a book in fewer passes on the collating machine, then taken directly to be trimmed, rather than wait for multiple passes to be gathered by hand before punching.

Things to take note of regarding signatures:

In most cases printers are able to fold signatures faster and more economically than trimming individual pages.

When signatures are used, pages should always be perforated. Perforation along the folds allows air to escape, making the stack of signatures more manageable for shipping, handling and allows for the most accurate trim.

We ask for minimum trim off on all four sides of 3/16" and that covers be laid out in such a way that they can be trimmed to the exact same size and signature.

a stack of unperforated signatures



a stack of perforated signatures

