## HP LF Printing Knowledge Center



## Proof a press with CMYK

<u>Application:</u> Adobe Illustrator CS <u>Printer:</u> HP Designjet 30/130 series

<u>Software</u>: HP Software RIP <u>Operating System:</u> Windows



- 1. First recommendations:
  - Some paper types are better than others for proofing, see the <u>Media type functionality & features</u> and choose the most appropriate media.
  - It is essential to have the media type correctly calibrated with the printer and print mode, consult the Calibrate my printer section.
- 2. Add the press profile you want to emulate in Adobe Illustrator CS and in the HP Software RIP, if it isn't already there.
  - If you need to add the press profile to the application, copy it to the following folder:

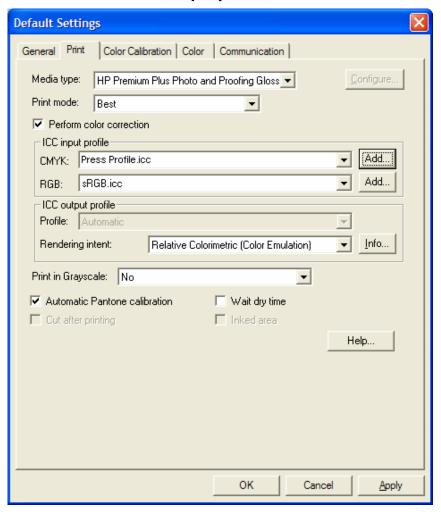
Windows 98: WINDOWS>System>Color

Windows NT: WinNT>System32>Color

Windows 2000: C: > WINDOWS > System32 > Spool > Drivers > Color

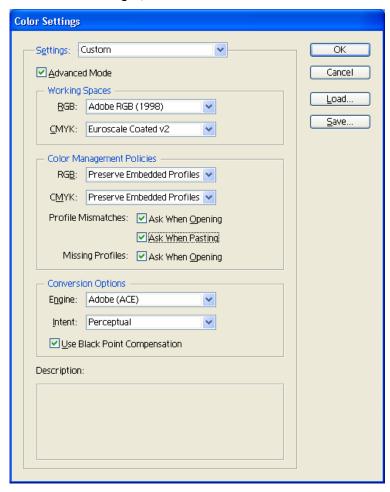
Windows XP: C: > WINDOWS > System32 > Spool > Drivers > Color

- If you need to add the press profile in the RIP:
  - o Open the HP Software RIP.
  - Open the Default Settings menu, Setup menu > Default Settings... > Print tab:
    - Check Perform Color Correction.
    - ICC input profle > CMYK > Add...: browse and add the press profile.

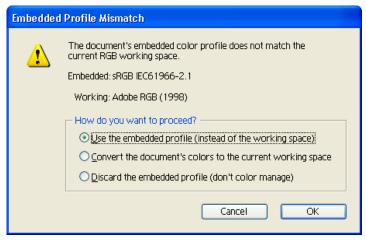


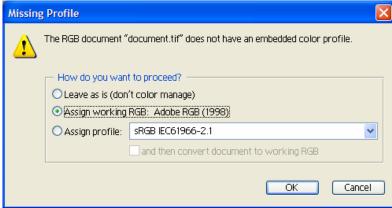
o Click OK.

- 3. Open Adobe Illustrator CS.
- 4. Configure the Color Settings, Edit menu > Color Settings...:
  - Make sure the Advanced Mode check box is ticked.
  - Working Space > RGB: select Adobe RGB (1998).
  - Working Space > CMYK: Euroscale Coated v2 (for Europe), U.S. Web Coated (SWOP) v2 (for US) and Japan Standard v2 (for Japan).
  - Color Management Policies: Preserve the Embedded Profiles.
  - Profile Mismatches: check Ask When Opening and Ask When Pasting.
  - Missing Profiles: check Ask When Opening.
  - **Conversion Options > Intent**: Perceptual (for RGB images) or Relative Colorimetric (for CMYK images).

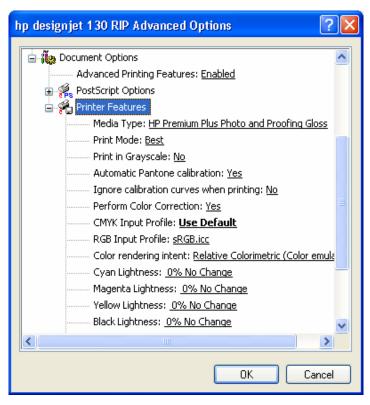


- Click **OK**
- 5. Open the image, **File menu > Open**...:
  - If the document has an embedded color profile that does not match the current working space, select **Use the embedded profile**. Otherwise, select **Assign working space**.

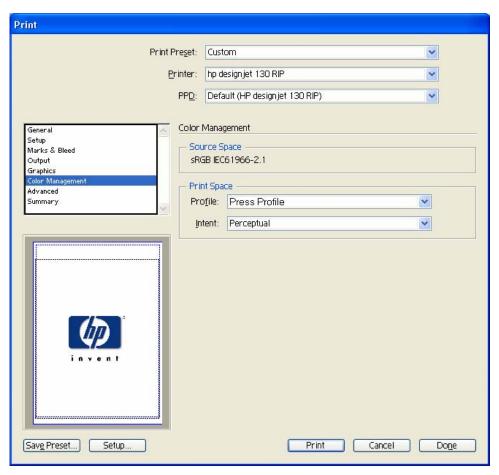




- Click OK
- 6. Make sure you have configured the **Document Setup** appropriately for your document, **File** menu > **Document Setup...**.
- 7. RIP settings, File menu > Print... > Setup... button:
  - **Select Printer...**: Select the printer (ex. HP designjet 130 RIP).
  - Preferences:
    - Layout tab:
      - Orientation: Select the orientation of your document on the paper.
    - Advanced...
      - **Paper/Output > Paper Size:** Select the paper size of the media loaded on the printer.
      - Document Options > Printer Features:
        - Select the **Media Type** that is loaded on the printer (always calibrated).
        - Print Mode: Best (always calibrated).
        - Perform Color Correction: Yes.
        - CMYK Input Profile: Select the press profile you want to emulate, if you have added and selected it in the RIP, select Use Default.
        - **Color rendering intent:** Relative Colorimetric (select Absolute Colorimetric if you want to emulate the white of the paper).



- Click **OK** until the Illustrator **Print** dialog box.
- 8. Adobe Illustrator **Print...** settings:
  - **General** (left hand menu):
    - o **Media > Size:** Defined by Driver.
    - o **Options:** Select the scaling option you need.
  - Output (left hand menu):
    - o Mode: Composite.
  - Color Management (left hand menu):
    - o **Print Space > Profile**: Select the press profile you want to emulate.
    - Print Space > Intent: Perceptual (for RGB images) or Relative Colorimetric (for CMYK images).



• Click **Print.** 

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