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TrueType Font

A TrueType font is a single file that contains both the screen and printer versions of a typeface. TrueType fonts make up the majority of the fonts that have come automatically installed on Windows and Mac operating systems for years. TrueType fonts were originally created by Apple and later licensed to Microsoft, making them an industry standard until Open Type Fonts took their place.

File Extension: .ttf

Open Type Font

OpenType fonts are the current standard in fonts. In an OpenType font, both the screen and printer font is contained in a single file (similar to TrueType fonts). Single OpenType font files are compatible with both Windows and Mac. These features make OpenType fonts easy to manage and distribute. OpenType fonts were created by Adobe and Microsoft, and are currently the primary font format available.

File Extension: .otf

PostScript Font

*These are being phased out and will no longer be supported by Adobe starting January 2023

A PostScript font, also known as a Type 1 font, has two parts. One part contains the information to display the font on screen and the other part is for printing. When PostScript fonts are delivered to printers, both versions (print and screen) must be provided. PostScript font files are not cross-platform compatible, meaning different versions exist for the Mac and PC.

File Extension: Two files required.

On Windows, .pfb and .pfm On Mac, .lwfn and .ffil

At Copy King, we welcome your files no matter how they are constructed though we'd suggest using Open Type fonts (and embedding them into your PDF) when possible to avoid any delays.