

Acrobat 6 for graphics users

Adobe Corporation (www.adobe.com) recently released version 6 of Adobe Acrobat. Acrobat PDF files are a popular way to send files to print providers. Acrobat 6 is available in two versions: Standard and Professional. The “Professional” version of Acrobat 6 includes several features specifically for those sending files to printers, or examining PDF proofs sent to them by printers or designers.

- In addition to making it even easier to create PDF files, Acrobat can now create PDF files that conform to the PDF/X

standard, an ISO standard for graphic content exchange. PDF/X is often the required format for sending print advertisements to periodicals.

- Ability to “preflight” files to check for missing fonts, invalid colors, low-quality images, and other potential output problems.
- The new Loupe tool allows you to quickly magnify and examine small portions of the page in great detail, while simultaneously displaying the rest of the page in a smaller view.

- Ability to preview spot- and process-color separations on the screen, and to print color separations from a composite color file.
- On-screen rulers and ruler guides to check alignment of page elements.
- Ability to add headers/footers, backgrounds, and watermarks to finished PDF files.

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