

FINISHING



Adhesive Binding and Burst Binding

Book Block

- Quality of binding (book spine)
- Folding quality including (crossovers / line ups)
- Quality of final trim includes: borders, book trimmed square, knife marks (chips, scratches etc)
- Book effectiveness, i.e., lay flat (considerations, grain direction, style of binding)
- Bound with EVA or PUR.

Book Cover

- Quality of lamination, foiling and / or embossing
- Cover print quality
- Cover position in relation to book block
- Quality of side gluing
- Cover effectiveness, i.e., lay flat, creasing, cracking (considerations, grain direction)
- Spot UV on cover – registration, sharpness of UV and gloss of UV.

Hard Case and Thread Sewn Binding

- Quality of binding (book spine)
- Folding quality including (crossovers)
- Quality of final trim includes: borders, book trimmed square, knife marks (chips, scratches etc)
- Book effectiveness, i.e., lay flat (considerations, grain direction, style of binding)
- Quality of lamination, foiling and/or embossing
- Cover print quality
- Cover position in relation to book block.

Other areas to consider when or where applicable

- Die cutting (clean, sharp, square etc)
- Saddle stitched work, (closed stitches, neat, even, wire selected, even borders, cracking on cover and match up cover to text)
- Wiro and spiral bindings (holes punched clean, correct position, square, etc).

Embossing

- Should be in register with print, if applicable
- Should have even pressure all over
- Should be free of cracking, stressing
- The degree of difficulty in producing the entry
- Embossing should not distort stock.

Foiling

- Should be in register
- Should have good even coverage of foil, free from bridging, and too heavy impression, with good clean edges
- The degree of difficulty in producing the entry
- Should be free of any signs of excessive heat i.e. "heat flashing" or "streaking".

Diecutting

- Cutting should be free of paper dust and clean
- Have good register with print
- Nicking should be kept to a minimum and as discreet as possible
- Creasing should show no signs of cracking or stressing
- The degree of difficulty in producing the entry.

Thermography

- The image should be consistently raised
- There should be a lack of stray powder on non imaged areas
- The degree of difficulty in producing the entry.