

Printing with ICC Profiles

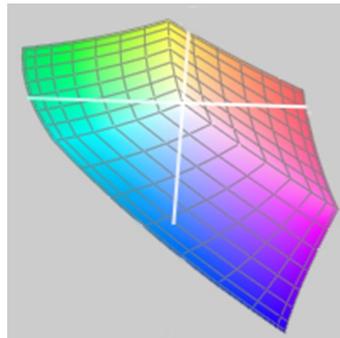
What is an ICC Profile?

An ICC profile is a set of data that describes the properties of a colour space, the range of colours (gamut) that a monitor can display or a printer can output.

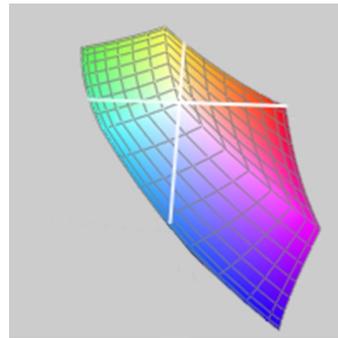
The most widely used colour space is Adobe RGB (1998). Another common one is sRGB, a limited version of Adobe RGB (1998), if you are working with image files in Adobe Photoshop, it is a

good idea to set your documents profile to Adobe RGB (1998). This will preserve a higher gamut in your file.

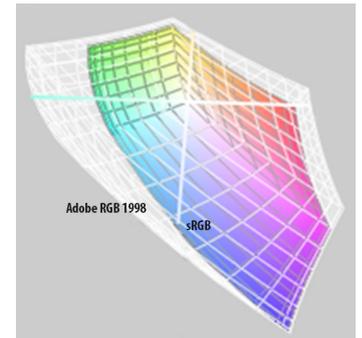
Generic profiles are provided to allow for closer colour matching from screen to print output. These are in no way meant to replace a custom printer profile, however they do offer much better colour accuracy with Innova media than the print-driver managed colour.



Adobe RGB (1998) Colour Space



sRGB Colour Space



sRGB Colour Space compared with Adobe RGB (1998) Colour Space

Using ICC Profiles

Installation

First you need to copy the ICC profile to the appropriate folder on your computer, this will be different depending on your operating system.

Mac

Mac OS 9.x: Systems folder/ColorSync profiles

Mac OS X: Library/ColorSync/Profiles – this will make the profile available to all users, if you do not have admin privileges you will need to install the profile under your username; users/<username>/library/ColorSync/Profiles

Mac OS X 10.7.3 and above: The profiles folder is hidden by default, to use ICC profiles you will need to temporarily unhide it, there are two options to do this.

1. Option-Go: Click the Go menu and hold down the Option (alt) key. The user's Library shows as a selection in the menu, and clicking it brings you to the correct folder. There is no hot-key combination to open the folder directly, so using the mouse and clicking is required. (This is the easiest option)

2. Go to Folder: Select Go to Folder under the Finder's Go menu or simply press Shift-Option-G from within the Finder. Type ~/Library as the Go-to location, then click Go.

Windows

Windows 98/ME: \\windows\system\color

Windows NT/2000: \\winnit\system32\spool\drivers\color

Windows XP, Vista, 7 and 8: \\windows\system32\spool\drivers\color

Alternatively you can right click on the profile and select install however, this will only work for installing a new profile. To replace a profile you must access the profile location manually.

To be able to see your newly installed profile in Photoshop you may need to quit and re-launch Photoshop if you have it open.

Media Settings

Media settings work in conjunction with the ICC profile to ensure your print is correct. It is essential you use the same media setting that was used to create the profile. The media setting is usually indicated in the name of the profile, if it not then there will be a separate document to download – usually a PDF.

If you cannot find an ICC profile for your paper/printer combination we have provided recommended media settings on the data sheet for each individual product.

Printing With Photoshop

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Before You Print

- Make sure your profile is installed in the correct place.
- Ensure Photoshop colour setting are Adobe RGB (1998) - you can find this in the *Image menu* under *mode*.
- Make any required edits to your image and save a copy to preserve the original.

Tip

To get an idea of how your image will look using the profile go to *View>Proof Setup>Custom* in Photoshop.

Ensure the Preview Box is ticked and then select the Innova profile from the Device to Simulate drop down menu, select Perceptual from the Rendering Intent drop down menu. Move the dialog box to one side to get a clearer view of how these changes affect your image.

Important: If you click OK this will change your proof set up options in Photoshop. Either click cancel or ensure you check the proof set up options before starting any edits in Photoshop - the default setting is device.

Adobe Photoshop CS6/CC

1. Choose File > Print.
2. Expand the Colour Management section at right; for Colour Handling, choose Photoshop Manages Colours.

For Printer Profile, select the profile that best matches your output device and paper type. If there are any profiles associated with the current printer, they are placed at the top of the menu, with the default profile selected.

Select the Perceptual rendering intent. It is important to set the rendering intent to perceptual as when using this intent the entire gamut of the image is compressed to fit within the gamut of the destination device. Perceptual rendering intent treats all pixels with respect for each other, adjusting proportionally while maintaining in-gamut colour.

Select Black Point Compensation. The black point compensation essentially sets the image's black point according to the profile's reproducible black point output; it serves in effect, to make sure that the shoulder of the D-max curve does not exceed the output curve. Selecting black point compensation is the best way to avoid loss of shadow information.

3. (Optional) Below the print preview, select any of the following:

Match Print Colours; Select to view image colours in the preview area as they will actually print.

Gamut Warning; Enabled when Match Print Colours is selected. Select to highlight out-of-gamut colours in the image, as

determined by the selected printer profile. A gamut is the range of colours that a colour system can display or print. A colour that can be displayed in RGB may be out of gamut for your current printer profile.

Show Paper White; Sets the colour white in the preview to the colour of the paper in the selected printer profile. This produces a more accurate print preview if you're printing on off-white paper such as newsprint or art papers that are more beige than white. Since absolute white and black create contrast, less white in the paper will lower the overall contrast of your image. Off-white paper can also change the overall colour cast of the image, so yellows printed on beige paper may appear more brown.

4. Access the colour management options for the printer driver from the Print Settings dialog box, which automatically appears after you click Print.

In Windows, click the Print Settings button to access the printer driver options.

In Mac OS, use the pop-up menu from the Print Settings dialog box to access the printer driver options.

5. Turn off colour management for the printer, so the printer profile settings won't override your profile settings. Every printer driver has different colour management options. If it's not clear how to turn off colour management, consult your printer documentation.

6. Click Print.

Adobe Photoshop CS3/CS4/CS5

1. Select Print from the File Menu
2. Select the appropriate printer in the drop down menu in the dialogue box.
3. Select Page Setup and choose the appropriate printer, paper size, and orientation. Be sure to disable / turn off colour management. After confirming the settings, click OK and return to the Print Preview dialog.
4. Select the Colour Management option on the upper right corner of the Print Preview dialog box and choose Colour Management from the drop down menu.
5. Set the Print option to Document.
6. In the Colour Handling dialog, make the following selections:

Select Photoshop Manages Colours.

Choose the profile for your printer/paper combination

Adobe Photoshop CS2

1. Select Print with Preview from the File menu.
2. Select Page Setup and choose the appropriate printer, paper size, and orientation. After confirming the settings, click OK and return to the Print Preview dialog.
3. Select the More Options button on the lower right corner of the Print Preview dialog box and choose Colour Management from the drop down menu.
4. Set the Print option to Document.
5. In the Options dialog, make the following selections: Select Let Photoshop Determine Colours for the Colour Handling option. Choose the profile that matches your printer/ink/paper combination from the drop down menu.
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Adobe Photoshop 6, 7, and CS

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4. Set the Source Space to Document.
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Printing With Photoshop Elements

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Photoshop Elements 10

1. Choose File>Print
2. Select your printer from the drop down menu, then click the More Options button at the bottom left
3. A dialog box will appear, ensure you are in the Color Management section and select:
Color Handling: Photoshop Elements Manages Color
Printer Profile: Select the profile you downloaded and installed from the Innova Art website
Rendering Intent: Perceptual
4. Click Printer Preferences, this will launch your printers dialog box. Make sure that color management is set to off/none/
application managed colours (each printer manufacturer phrases this differently - select as appropriate to your printer)
You will also need to set the media setting to match the one that is indicated in the profile name or associated PDF document.
Set up paper size and adjust print quality as appropriate.
Click OK
5. Click OK until you are back to the main Photoshop Elements print dialog. In this box make sure that your paper size matches the size you set in the printer properties. Remember to set print size to 'actual size' if the document you have created is the same as your papers size.
6. Click Print

Print Quality and Speed

In the print dialogue box for Photoshop you will be able to select from number of options for print quality and speed.

Some of our profiles will indicate a print quality setting using a number at the end (usually 1440), it is important to replicate this setting to get the full benefit of the profile. If you are using a profile that does not have a number at the end, we recommend that the print quality is not set below 1440dpi. This directly relates to the amount of ink used for a print and the amount of time it takes for the printer to complete it, a higher print quality will use more ink and take more time to print but it will give better results in the finished print.

Choose if you would like to use high speed printing – high speed printing is synonymous with bidirectional printing; this means that the print head will put ink onto the paper surface as it moves across the paper from both right to left and left to right.

Troubleshooting

These are some typical errors with an Ultrachrome printer

Dark green images – the ICC profile was never assigned, make sure you are no longer using “same as source.”

Light Magenta – Image was printed with double profiles, you may have converted to profile and then assigned it once again in the print with preview dialog box.

Magenta with lines – Media type was set to plain paper

Image has banding or colour is off – Make sure you do not have any clogged nozzles, run the nozzle check before printing images. Dirty nozzles will result in banding similar to that of printing at 720dpi. If you run the test prints with clogged nozzles it will throw the colour off once they are unclogged.

If you have any issues using ICC profiles provided by Innova Art, please contact your local Innova office for assistance.

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