

Adobe® Customer Support

Exported Duotones Print an Extra Plate From Photoshop 3.0 and Later

Issue

When printing duotones from Adobe Photoshop 3.0 and later from a page layout application (i.e., Adobe Illustrator, Quark XPress, Adobe PageMaker), a PANTONE process color duotone prints on a separate plate, rather than on the appropriate process color plate. For example, if “PANTONE Process Black CV” is chosen, a separate plate, called “PANTONE Process Black CV” prints in addition to the black plate.

Solution

Rename the process color used in the duotone:

1. Select “Duotone...” from the Mode menu to open the Duotone Options dialog box.
2. In the Duotone Options dialog box, rename the process color “Black” (or “Cyan,” “Magenta,” or “Yellow”). Make sure that the first letter or the color name is capitalized.
3. Resave the duotone as an EPS and reimport the file into the page layout application.

Additional Information

Process colors in page layout applications are always named “Cyan,” “Magenta,” “Yellow” and “Black.” Process colors chosen from the PANTONE Coated list in Photoshop are named “PANTONE Process <Colorname> CV.” Renaming the duotone color in Photoshop to match its counterpart in the page layout application ensures separations print correctly.

