



The Seaboard Advantage

At Seaboard Bindery, we have the knowledge, experience and production capabilities to help you turn great ideas into attractive pieces. Even the “simple” projects need advance planning to turn out properly. Involve us early in your project to be sure the final product meets both your demands and those of your clients.

Services offered:

Perfect Binding
Mechanical Binding
Saddle Stitching
Die Cutting
Folding
Film Laminating
Index Tabbing
Design & Planning
And More!

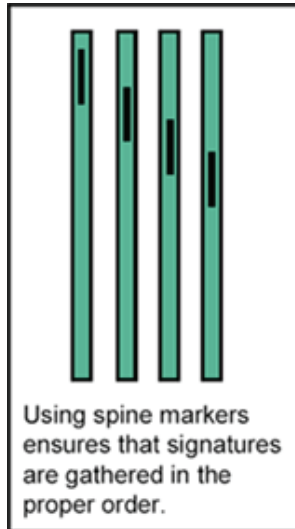
Sending Us Signatures? Prepare Them Properly

Proper signature preparation is vital to the success of a perfect binding project. In order for perfect-bound books to have the strength and appearance you desire, signatures must meet certain guidelines to ensure efficient and economical production. If you plan to supply us with folded signatures, keep these tips in mind to be sure the process goes smoothly:

Perf the signatures at the head and spine - Keeping signatures flat during the binding process is vital to achieving sufficient spine strength. Perforations allow trapped air to escape during production, which allows signatures to lay as flat as possible. These perforations should be placed at both the spine and head on eight- and 16-page forms.

You should leave at least 1/8” between each perf so that the spine will hold together during the gathering process. We at Seaboard will be happy to show you what kind of perf to use for best results.

Stack signatures in order – When stacking folded signatures on a skid, line them up consecutively for efficient placement in front of the binding machine. Do not stack different signatures on top of each other or arrange them out of order, which will involve extra staging work and delay the job.



Print spine markers for easy gathering - Spine markers (also known as signature markers) are small black images printed on the spines of signatures that allow you to see at a glance if a book is gathered properly. The first mark should be located about 1/2” from the top of the page, with each successive marker approximately 1/8” lower than the previous marker. That means the second marker would be placed about 5/8” from the top, the third 3/4” from the top and so on. On a properly-gathered book, you should see the marks descend in a staircase pattern.

Ask us for layout advice - It can be tempting for printers to layout jobs that are optimized for their folding and cutting equipment when supplying signatures. Before doing so, check with Seaboard Bindery to be sure your layout won't cause problems later in the production process.