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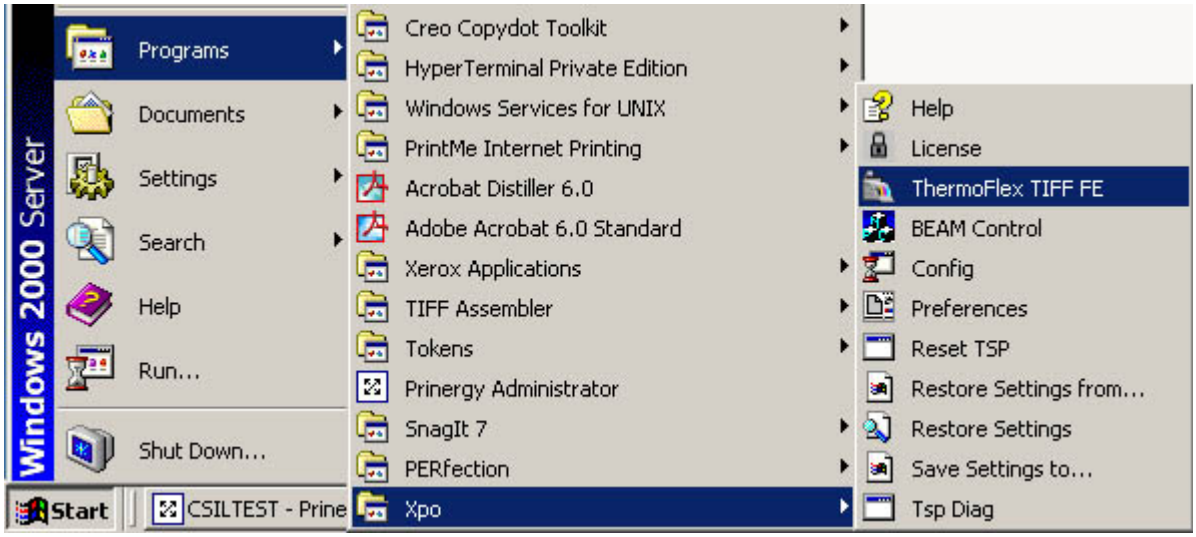
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Using the TIFF Assembler Plus Software With ThermoFlex Mid/Narrow Devices

Starting the Software

1. Select **Start > Programs > Xpo > ThermoFlex TIFF FE**.



2. The ThermoFlex TIFF FE Launchpad appears. Click the **TIFF Assembler Plus** icon.



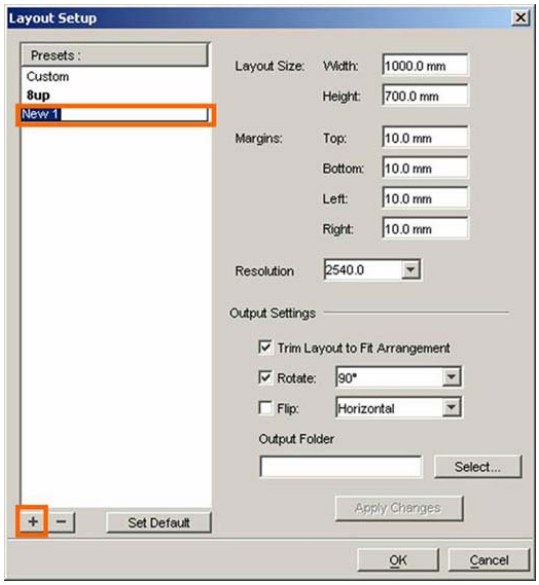
Layout Mode

To pre-define and save layouts with different parameters:

1. Select **File > Layout Setup**…

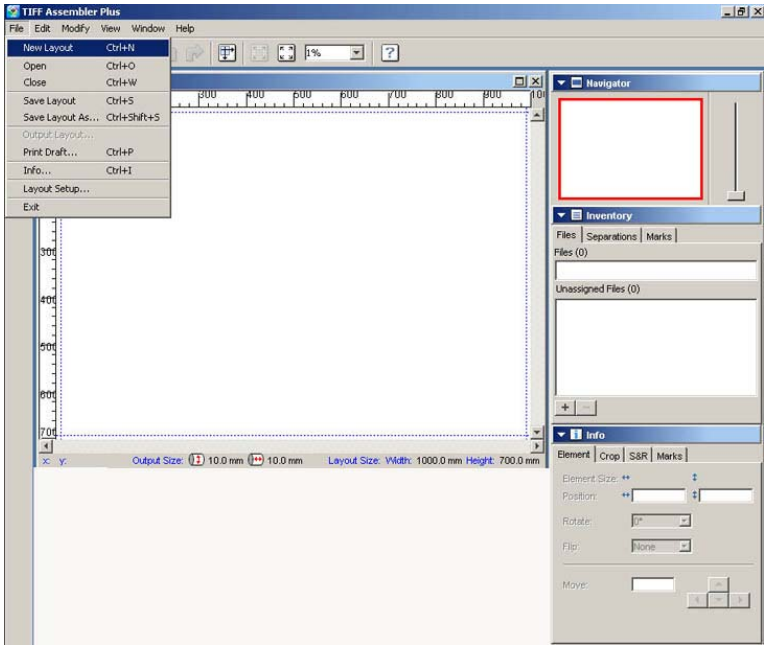


2. The Layout Setup dialog box appears. Press the **+** icon to create a new Layout. Then assign a name to the new layout and define its parameters. Click **OK**.



To define a layout as the default layout:

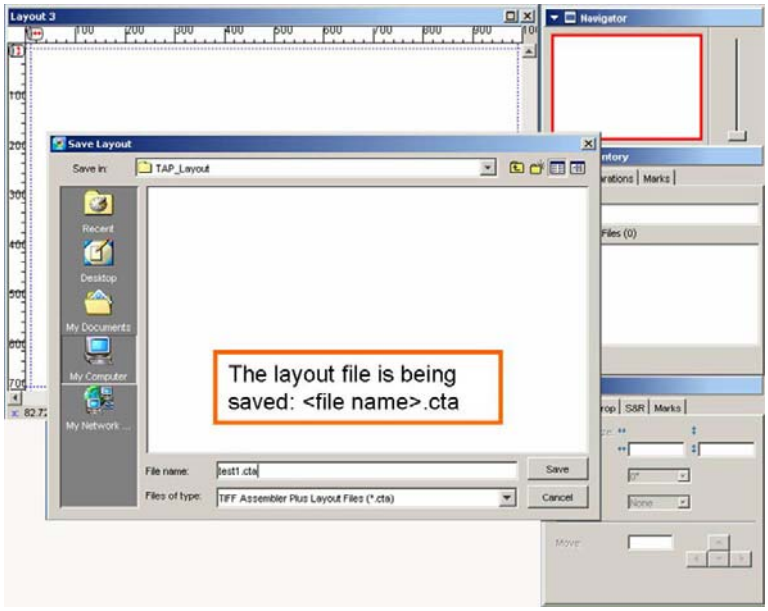
1. To define a layout as the default layout, select a layout and click **Set Default**.
2. When selecting **File > New Layout** to create a new Layout, the default layout with its parameters opens.



To save Layouts:

You can save the layout as a file, which contains the layout parameters and assigned/ unassigned plate files. The saved layout file can be opened and reused.

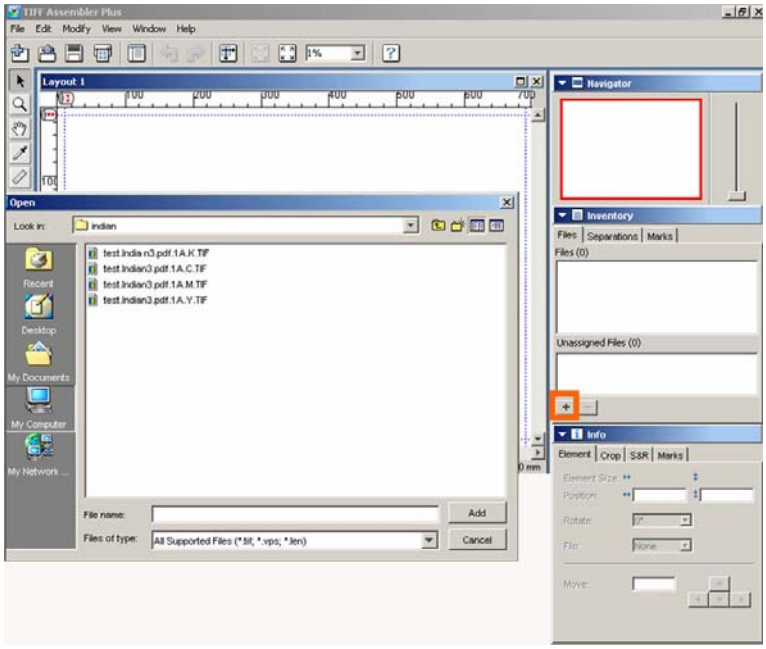
Select **File > Save Layout As.**.. Browse to a folder, assign a name and click **Save**.



To open a saved layout, select **File > Open** and browse to the *.cta file you have created. The Layout is displayed.

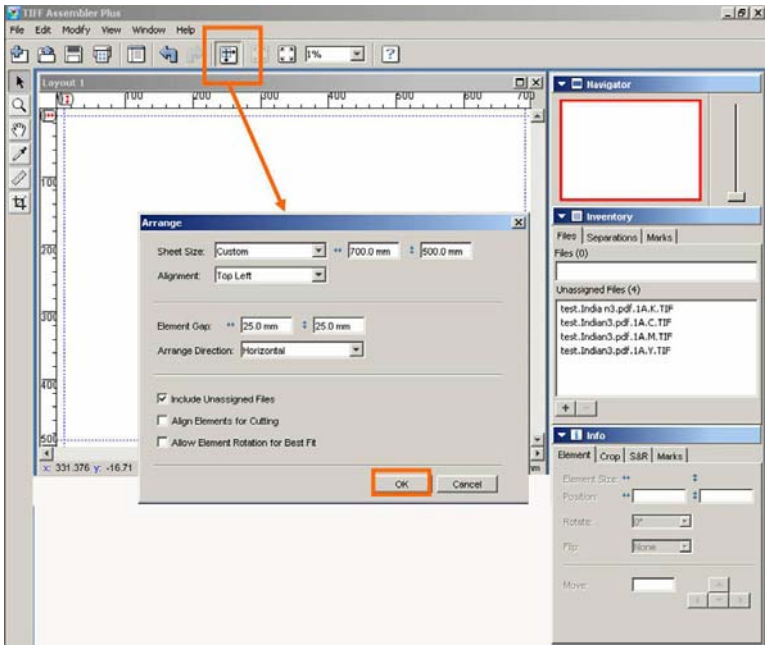
To add plate files to a layout:

Click the **+** button on the Inventory palette. Then browse to the plate files (use the Ctrl key to select more than one file).

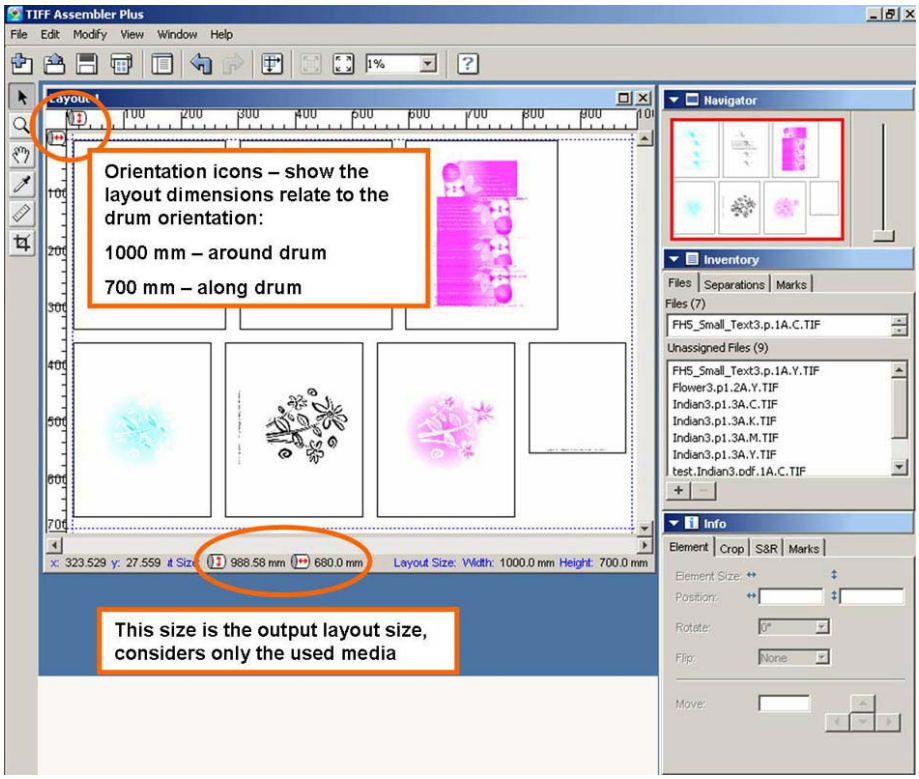


The selected files are added to the Unassigned Files in the Inventory palette. To assign files:

- Manually drag the files onto the Layout, **or**:
- Automatically arrange them on the layout, using the **Arrange** tool, as shown below:

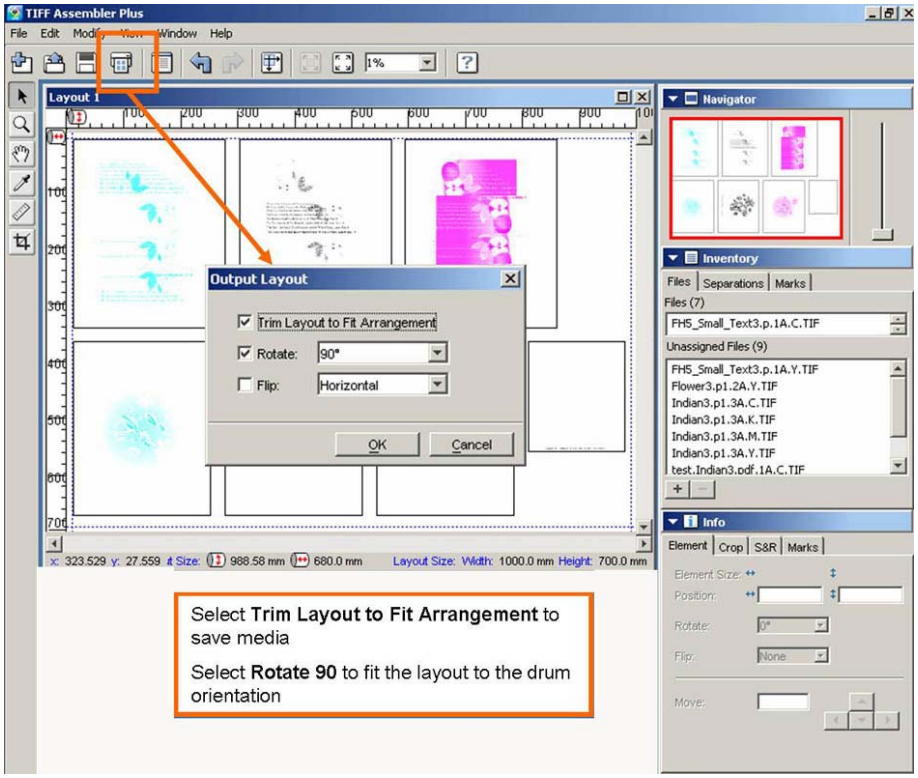


The plate files are arranged on the layout according to the Arrange parameters.



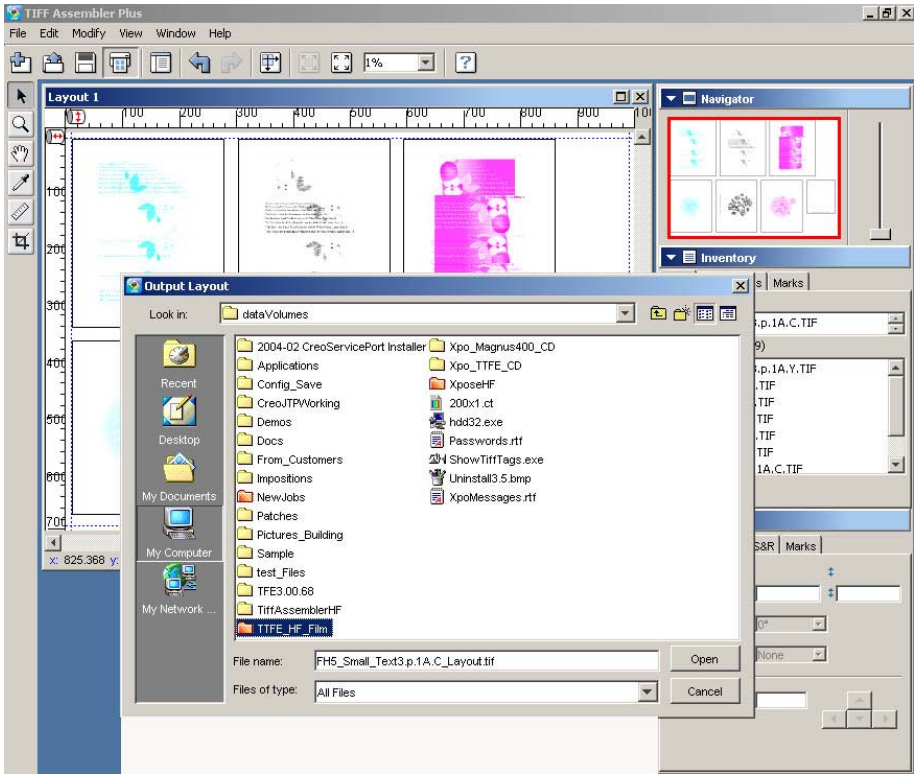
To output a layout file:

When you output a layout, one TIFF file is created, and the TIFF file can be sent directly to the Xpo Hot folder. Click the **Output Layout** icon.

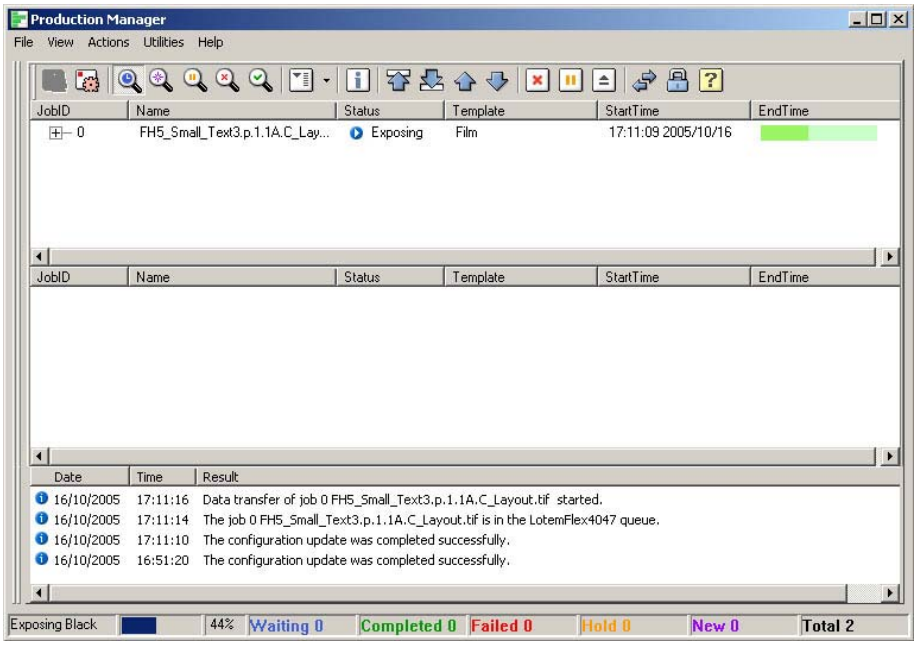


In the Output Layout dialog box, select the options as shown in the figure above and click **OK**.

In the Browser, select an Xpo Hot folder, or any other folder and click **Save**, as shown in the next figure.



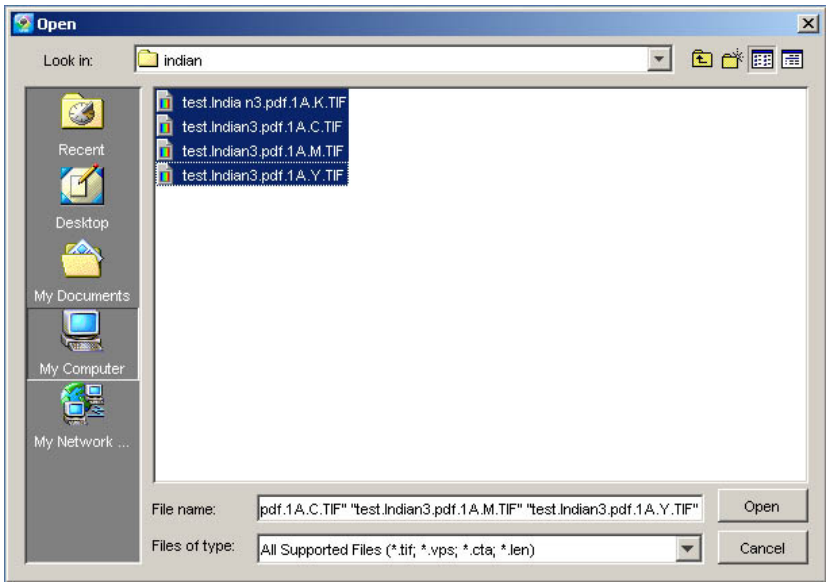
The TIFF Assembler Plus software creates a TIFF file from the layout and sends it to the folder. If the folder is a hot folder, the file is exposed according to the template parameters.



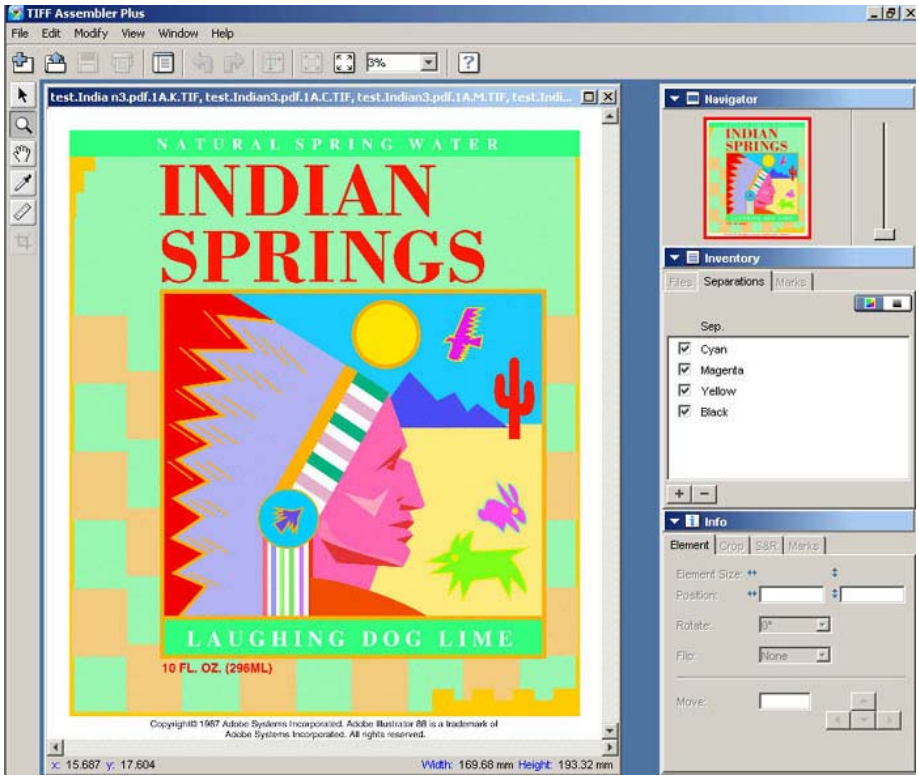
Preview Mode

You can view TIFF files separately or in composite mode; you can zoom in and out, and measure the files.

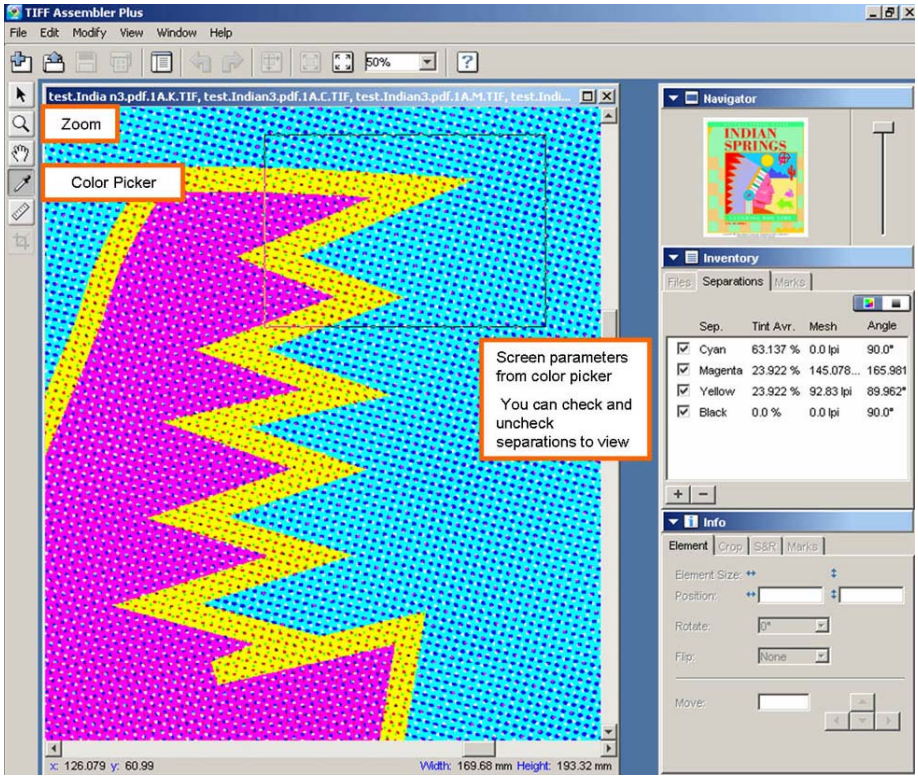
To open files, select **File > Open**. To select more than one file, use the Ctrl key.



The files open as one job:



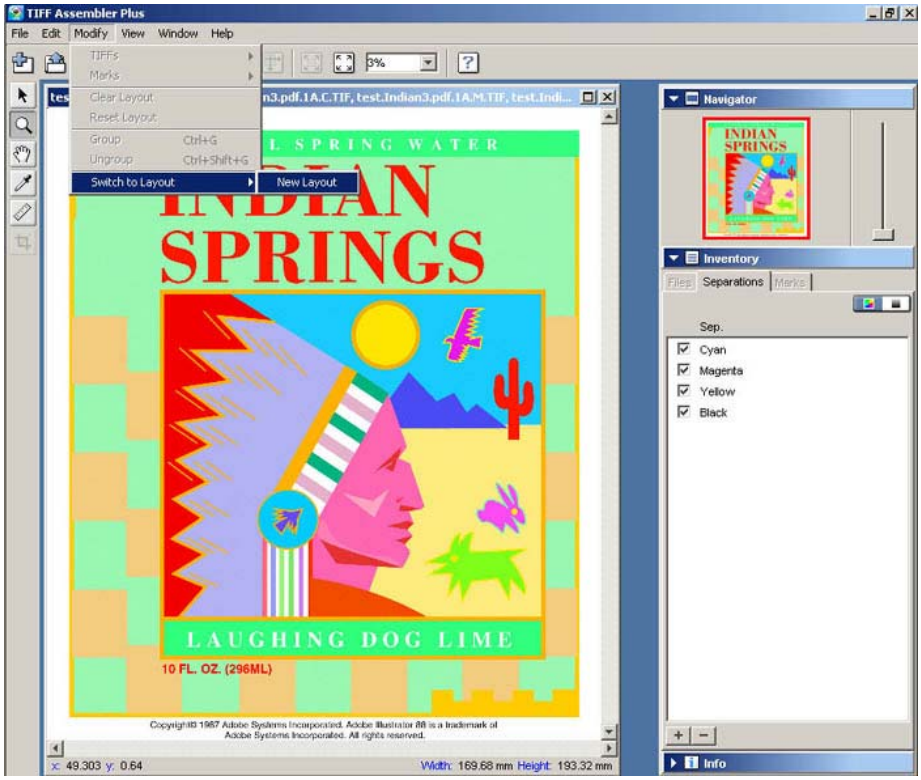
In **Preview mode**, you can zoom in and out, measure the files, view screen parameters, uncheck separations, and view in Black and White mode. See the figure below.



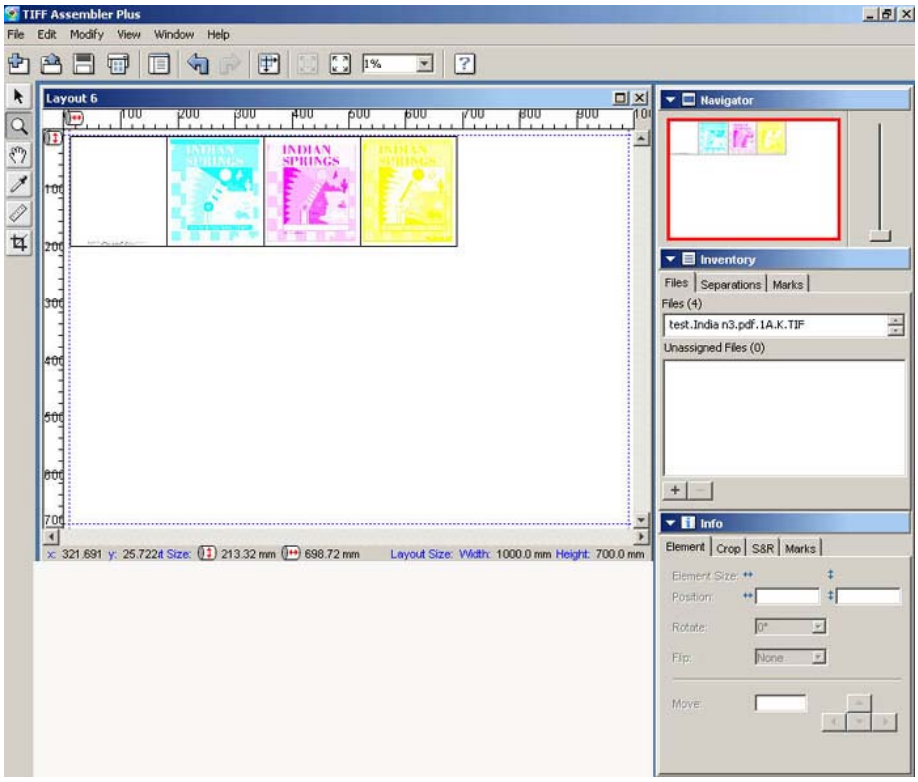
Switch to Layout

After viewing the plate files, you can switch to Layout mode. The viewed plate files are arranged on the default layout, according to the Arrange parameters.

Select **Modify > Switch to Layout > New Layout**.



Plates Files are arranged on the layout, as shown in the figure below:

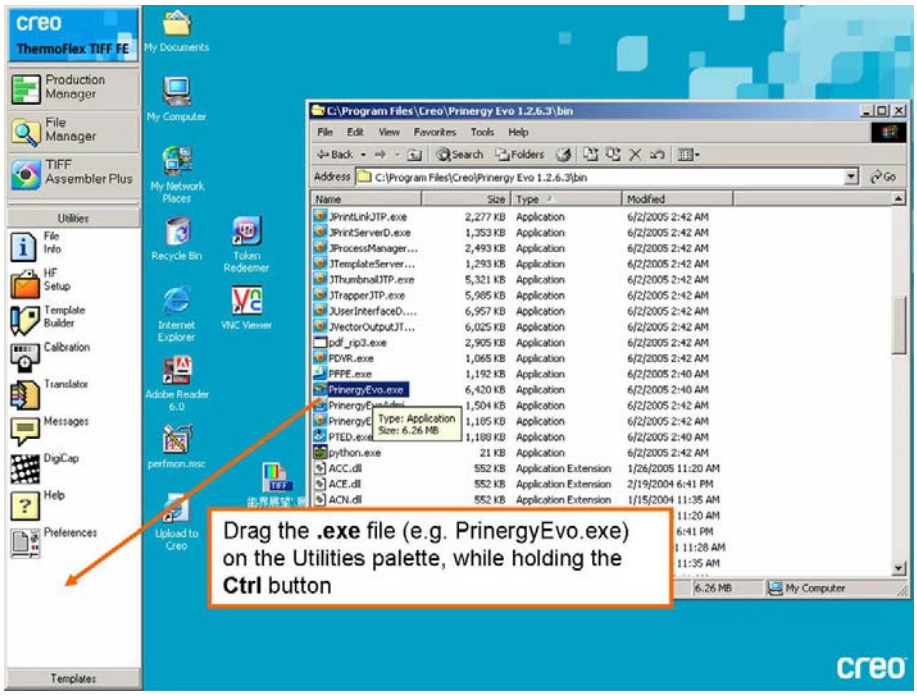


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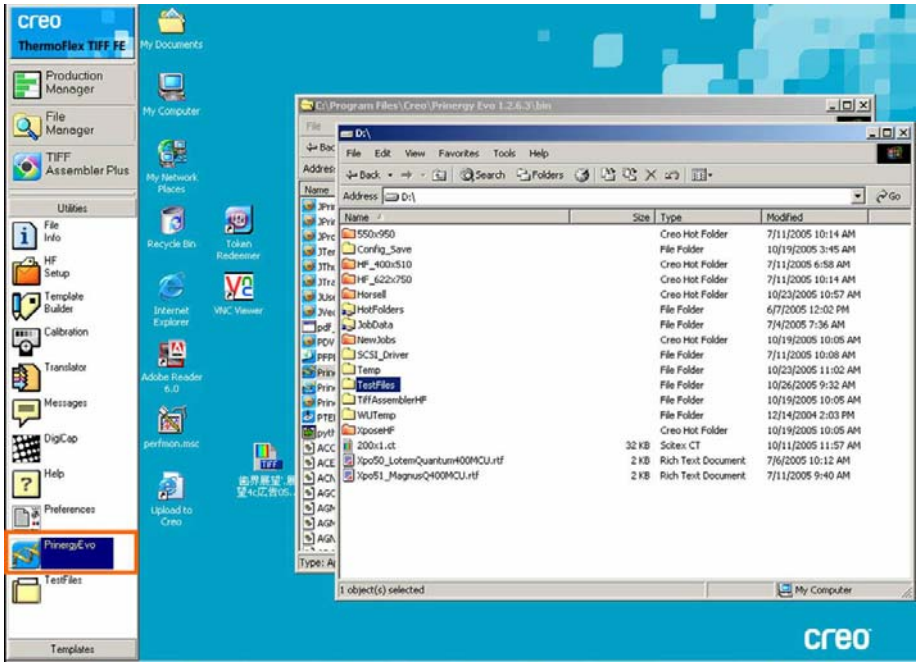
Customizing the Utilities Palette

You can customize the Utilities palette of the ThermoFlex TIFF FE software by adding utilities and/or folders.

- **To add a Utility**: drag the **.exe** file of the utility onto the Utilities palette while holding the Ctrl key.
- **To add a Folder**: drag the folder onto the Utilities palette while holding the Ctrl key.



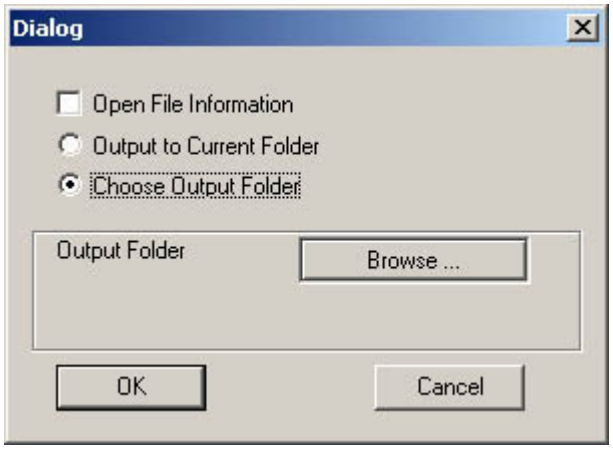
You can then open the utility or the folder directly from the Utilities palette. For example—click the **Prinergy Evo** icon on the palette, as shown in the following figure.



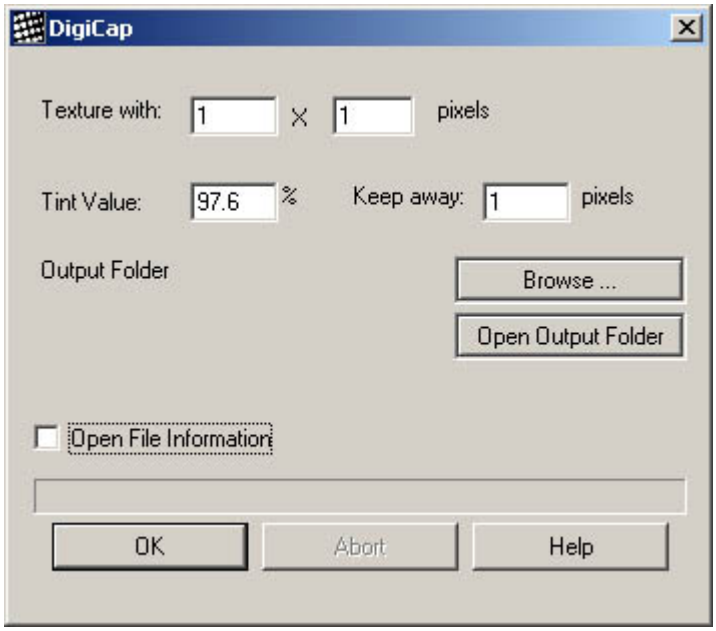
To remove the utility or folder from the Utilities palette, right-click the utility/folder icon and select **Remove**.

DigiCap

- Click the **DigiCap** icon  on the Utilities palette in order to save the parameters that are related to the output folder. The following dialog box appears:



- Set the requested output parameters in the dialog box and click **OK**.
- To define the DigiCap parameters and submit the file: drag a TIFF file onto the **DigiCap** icon (located on the Utilities palette). The following dialog box appears:



- In the dialog box, define the parameters and click **OK**.

Translator

1. Click the **Translator** icon  from the Utilities palette in order to define the Translator parameters.
   Note: You can change the Translator parameters only if open the Translator.
2. Drag your Len files onto the **Translator** icon (located on the Utilities palette).

Online Help

To open the online help of the TIFF Assembler Plus software, click  on the top menu.

To open the online help of the ThermoFlex TIFF FE software, click  on the Utilities palette.

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