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When to Use

Some applications create PostScript that cannot be correctly interpreted by the Prinergy Normalizer. This can cause the separations to be incorrectly grouped in the refined PDF pages. You can use the Separation Repair Tool, a plug-in to Adobe Acrobat, to fix this problem.

The separations can be incorrectly grouped in two ways:

- Each of the refined PDF pages for a job may contain only one separation, instead of C, M, Y, and K.

  For example, the pages could be:

  page 1—cyan
  page 2—magenta
  page 3—yellow
  page 4—black

  See Figure 1.

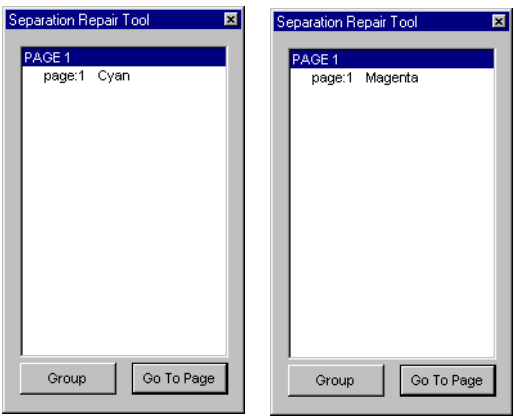


Figure 1: One separation per page

Or:

- One refined PDF page for a job may contain all separations for the job, but separations are not correctly grouped by page.

  For example, PDF page 1 could include the following separations: cyan, magenta, yellow, black, cyan, magenta, yellow, black, cyan, magenta, yellow, black, and so on.

  See Figure 2.

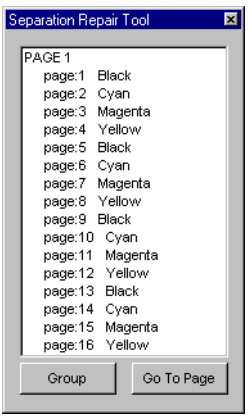


Figure 2: Separations incorrectly grouped by page

If you have one of these problems, you may notice that information is missing or extra unwanted information is printed when you print a proof.

You can use the Separation Repair tool to repair pages with these problems. The tool lets you group separations into the proper pages.

Before You Start

Before you can use the Separation Repair Tool, you must insert all separations into one PDF document, if they're not already in one document. For example, you would need to do this where each of the refined PDF pages for a job contains only one separation.

If you have one refined PDF page that contains all separations for the job, but separations are incorrectly grouped, you don't need to insert the separations into one PDF document. You can go ahead and use the Separation Repair Tool, following the directions in How to Repair Separations.

To insert all separations into one PDF document:

1. Open the PDF page that contains the cyan separation.
2. From the **Document** menu, select **Insert Pages**.

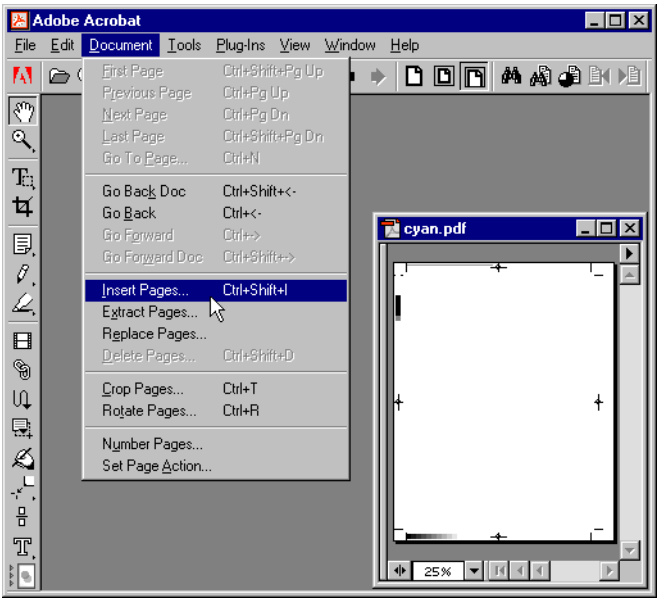


Figure 3: Inserting pages into the document

3. In the Select File to Insert dialog box, browse to the PDF that contains the magenta separation.
4. Select the file, then click **Open**.

   The Insert dialog box is displayed.

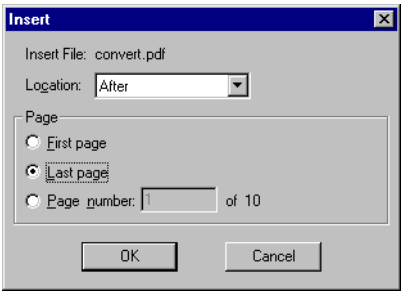


Figure 4: Insert dialog box

5. In the **Location** box, select **After**.
6. In the **Page** area, click **Last page**.
7. Click **OK**.
8. Repeat the above steps for each separation until all separations for the job are in one PDF document.

   When you finish, you can use the Separation Repair Tool, following the directions in How to Repair Separations, next.

How to Repair Separations

To use the Separation Repair tool:

1. In Adobe Acrobat, click the Separation Repair icon in the tool bar.

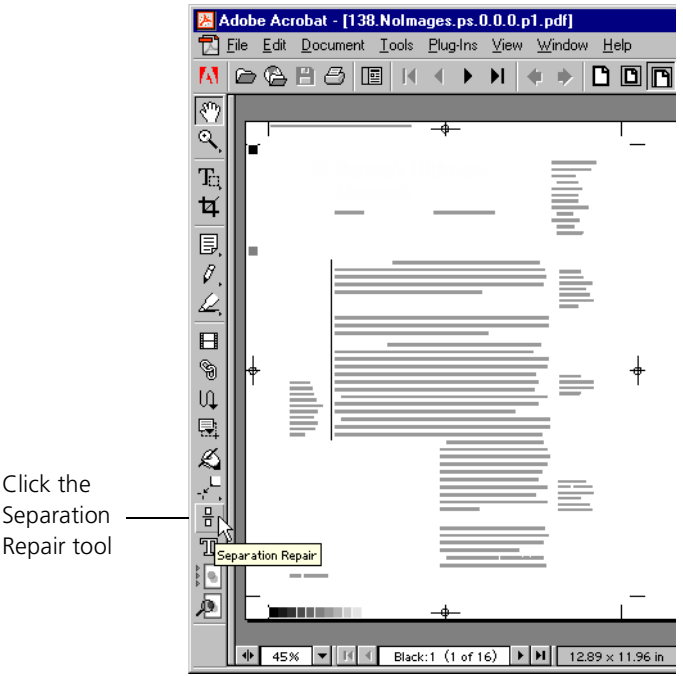


Figure 5: Separation Repair tool in the toolbar

The Separation Repair Tool dialog box is displayed.

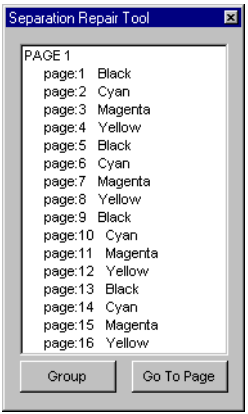


Figure 6: Separation Repair Tool dialog box

2. Select the separations that comprise the first page.

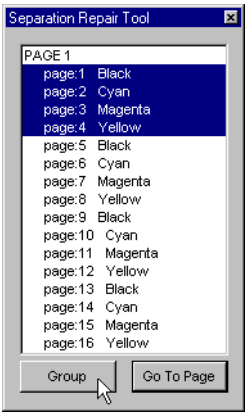


Figure 7: Select the first page separations

3. Click **Group**.

   The Separation Repair tool groups the selected separations into a page.

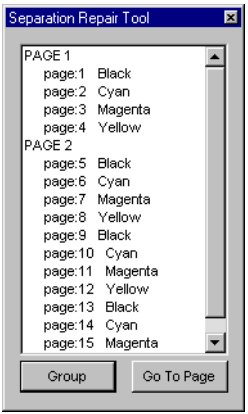


Figure 8: First page separations grouped

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to group the remaining separations into the correct pages.
5. From the **File** menu, **select Save As**.

   The Save As dialog box is displayed.

   Note: If you don't want to save your changes, just exit Acrobat without saving the file.

6. Click **Save**.
7. Click **Yes** to confirm or enter a new file name.

   The repaired file is saved.

Displaying a Particular Page

To display a particular page:

1. Highlight the page in the Separation Repair Tool dialog box.
2. Click **Go To Page**.

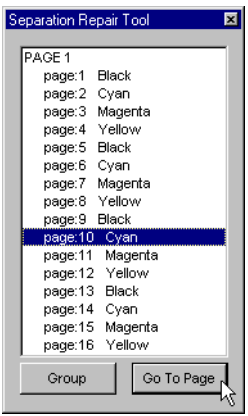
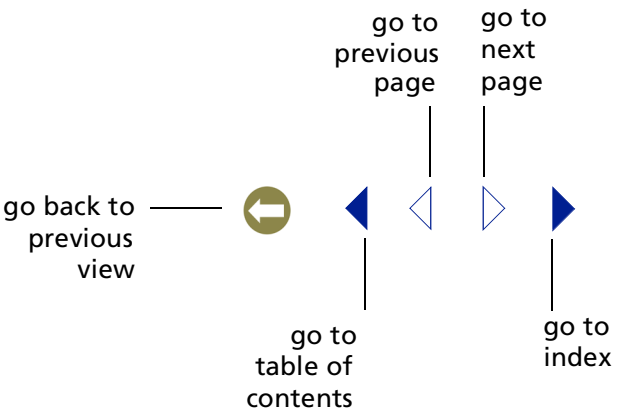


Figure 9: Go To Page feature

The selected page is displayed.

Using This Document

Navigation icons—This document includes navigation icons at the top of the page. Click on the navigation icons to move around the document, as shown below.



Cross-references—Cross-references appear in a different color than the rest of the text, for example, see How to Repair Separations. Click on any cross-reference to go to that section.

Table of Contents—Click on any heading in the table of contents to go to that section.

Index—Click on the page number for any entry to go to that page.



Navigation pane and bookmarks—The navigation pane on the left side of the window (unless you've hidden it), includes a complete list of the headings in the document. Click on any of these bookmarks to go to that section.

Search—In addition to using the navigation icons, you can use Adobe Acrobat's search function to search for a specific word or phrase. Choose **Find** from the **Edit** menu in Acrobat. For more information about using Acrobat, see the *Acrobat Guide*, which is available from the **Help** menu in Acrobat.

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