

Dealing With Consistent Color Using Pantones:

The accuracy of color is critical in design. Because what you see on your monitor is never what will appear on a printed sheet, designers need a standardized color key.

It can be very frustrating to see the logo you worked hard to create look deep blue on the client's letterhead, blue-greenish on his business card, and light blue on his very expensive envelopes.

A way to prevent this is by using a standardized color matching system, such as the PANTONE MATCHING SYSTEM. Though PANTONE is not the only color standardization system, it is the most widely used and the one that most printers understand. Aside from being able to have consistency, PANTONE Colors allow you to use colors that cannot be mixed in CMYK.

Color Palette

Use the primary palette on all branded materials such as logos, corporate identity, Web site, advertising, collateral, and imprintables. The colors printed here are NOT guaranteed to be matches. The use of a Pantone Swatch book is the best way to work with your vendors and assure color correctness. Always proof anything before production runs begin to assure that the colors are satisfactory.









