

Sizing

On magazines or other publications that saddle stitch you may provide the front cover and back cover as single pages or as spreads. This is completely optional with saddle stitch publications. If you are doing something like an image that wraps around the front cover and back cover, you may wish to provide spreads.

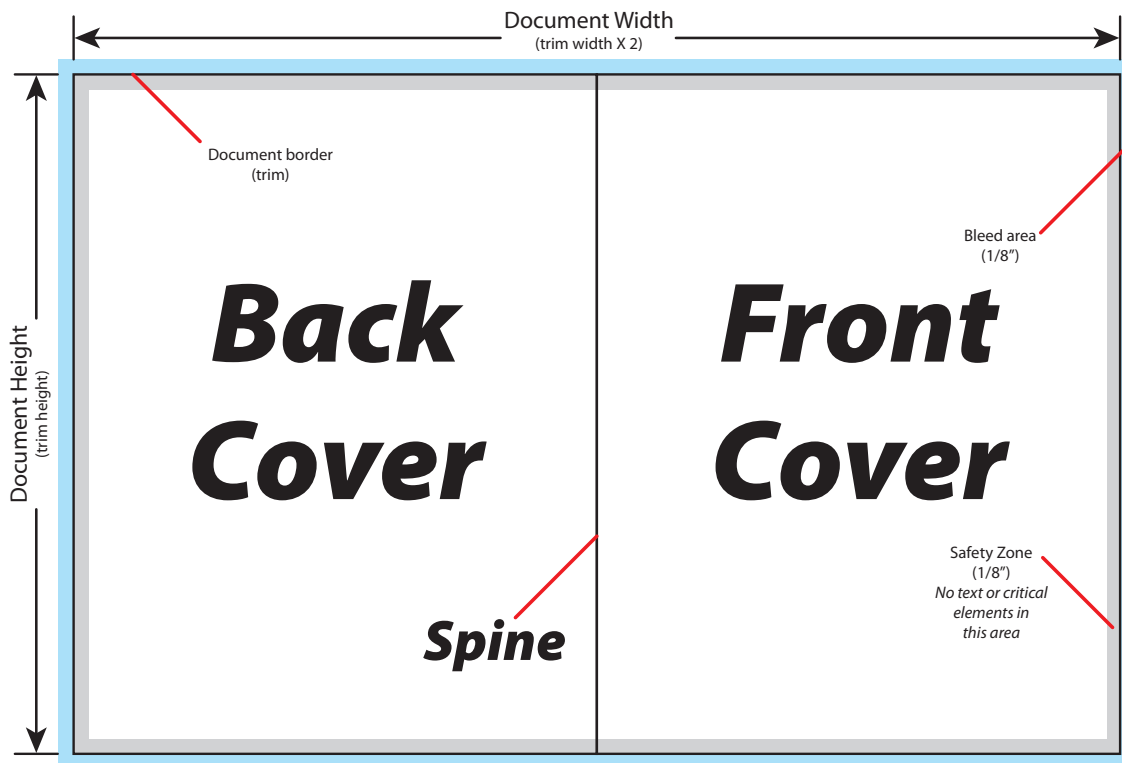
The width of the spread document you need to build will be twice the width of your final trim size. For example a magazine with a trim size of 8 3/8" X 10 7/8" would require a spread document sized 16 3/4" wide (8 3/8" X 2).

The height of the document you need to build will simply be the height of the final trim size of your publication.

Layout

When you build the document in your page layout program it is critical that the spine be centered between the back page and the front page. If your page layout program will allow you to specify bleeds and margins when you create your document, set your margins and bleeds both to 1/8". This should give you most of the guides you need to place everything correctly. You should place a vertical guide at the center of your document to represent the spine location. The trim width of your magazine will represent the location for this center guide on the horizontal ruler in your page layout program.

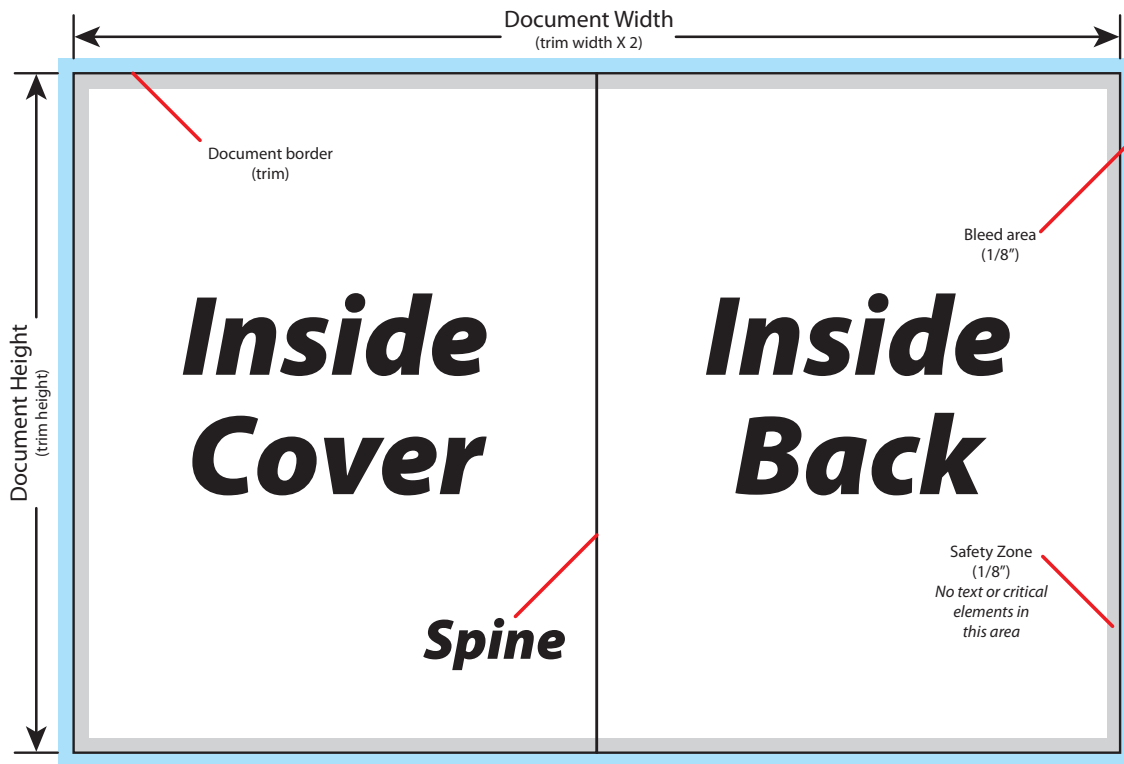
As for page placement, your back page will go to the left of the spine and the cover page to the right of the spine. The illustration below shows layout details.



Outside Cover spread

Inside Cover spread

The previous page described how to build a layout for the outside cover spread. Providing a spread for the inside cover and inside back pages is optional. The mechanics of the page are identical to the outside cover spread. The inside cover page will go on the left and the inside back page will go on the right. See illustration below for details.



Inside Cover spread