

A “LAY-FLAT” BINDING THAT ENHANCES THE QUALITY OF YOUR SOFT-COVER BOOK

RepKover is a type of lay-flat binding, licensed and administered by Otabind International. When a RepKover book is closed, it looks like a perfect bound book. When it is open the spine of the cover “floats” free from the text, allowing the book to lie flat.

RepKover is commonly used as a less expensive alternative to mechanical binding and case binding, as well as an enhancement for perfect binding.

REPKOVER SPECIFICATIONS

Spine Height:	Minimum:6”	Maximum:14”
	Minimum applies to rough trimmed cover. Finished size may be smaller depending on final trim and press equipment utilized on the job.	
Flat Cover Width:	Minimum:8”	Maximum:24”
Spine Bulk:	Minimum:1/4”	Maximum:1-1/2”
Text Stock:	Coated or uncoated paper.	
Cover Stock:	12 pt. C1S is recommended. Other options include 10 pt. C1S or C2S and 12 pt. C2S. We do not recommend using 10 pt. C1S or C2S in high bulking books because of the remote possibility that the cover material may crease along the spine. This would be a cosmetic problem if it did occur and would not affect the durability of the binding. Talk to your Sales or Customer Service Representative about the options that will work for your title.	
Cover Coating:	Film lamination and UV Coating are options. Film lamination is strongly recommended but not required. We caution against the use of UV coating on dark covers because the coating may crack to white along the scores.	
Margins:	If printing on C-2 or C-3, the minimum gutter margin is 0.875”.	
Binding:	Milled spines are required. We cannot RepKover jobs that have cover flaps.	
Perforation:	It is possible to commercial perforate RepKover jobs.	
Adhesive	We use PUR glue in our RepKover binding process. PUR glue provides a stronger and more flexible binding than conventional hot and cold melt glues.	