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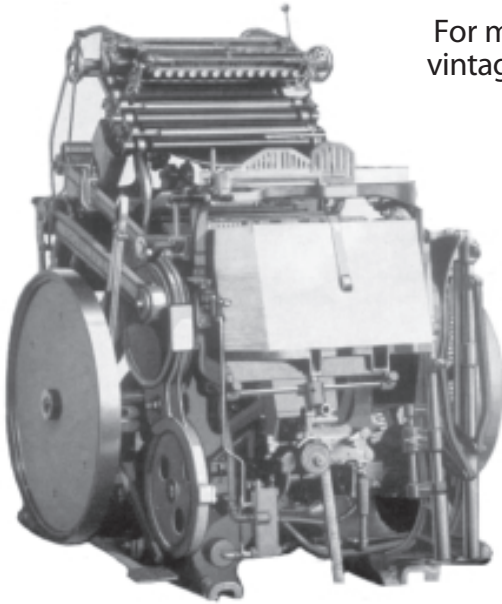
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Sheet-Fed Job Considerations



For most of our sheet-fed numbering we use a 1934 vintage Chandler & Price 12x18 hand feed platen press.

Maximum sheet size is 12" x 18"

Maximum printable area is 11" x 17"

The numbering machines that we use are small flatbed typographic machines. We are limited to machines that have an overall height of .918" and this allows us to print figures that have a maximum printed height of about .25". As you can see from the pictures below, the case size of the machine is much larger than the printed number.

*Actual size
halftone of one
of our 1/4"
regular image
numbering
machines.*



The case size of these machines is 13 picas by 7.5 picas
(about 2 ³/₁₆" x 1 ¹/₄")

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*Actual size
halftone of one
of our 3/16"
regular image
numbering
machines.*



The case size of these machines is 10 picas by 5.5 picas
(about 1 ¹¹/₁₆" x ¹⁵/₁₆")

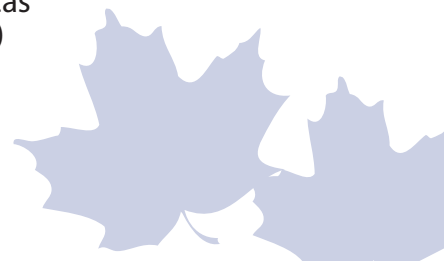
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*Actual size
halftone of one
of our 1/8"
regular image
numbering
machines.*



The case size of these machines is 6.5 picas by 3.5 picas
(about 1 ¹/₈" x ⁹/₁₆")

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When laying out a sheet to be numbered, take into consideration the following points:

1) Maximum sheet size of 12" x 18"

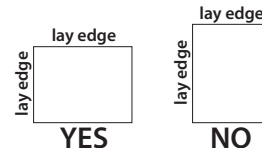
Try to keep sheets within these dimensions. It is possible for us to feed sheets that are larger, but we are limited to an imprintable area of 11" x 17" (measured from each of the 2 lay edges)

2) Maximum imprintable area of 11" x 17"

The inside dimension of our chases is 11" x 17", therefore the farthest distance apart that we can lock-up any numbering machines is the maximum dimension minus the case size of the numbering machines involved.

3) Choice of lay edges

The long edge of the sheet should be the top lay edge and the short edge should be the left lay edge.

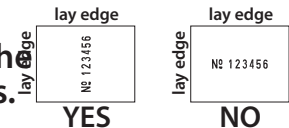


4) Case size of the numbering machines

Remember that the case size of the numbering machine (see diagrams on other page), limits how close together we can print two numbers. If numbers need to be closer than the case size, this will require another run through the press.

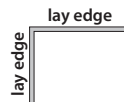
5) Orientation of the numbers on the sheet

Try to position the numbers parallel with the left lay edge of the sheet, especially if using 1/4" regular or mirror image numbers.



6) Position of the numbers on the sheet

Try to keep the numbers at least 1/2" clear of both of the lay edges.



7) Number of digits

Most of our numbering machines have 6 digits. However, we do have a few 3/16" regular image and 1/8" machines that have 8 digits.

8) Our numbering machines count down

All of our numbering machines count down, that is they print the number 9, then 8, then 7, then 6 etc. This may seem odd, but it is so that at the end of a print run, the lowest number is on the top of the stack of printed pieces.

9) Skip or repeat action

The standard action of numbering machines is to advance 1 number every impression: e.g.. 9, 8, 7, 6, etc. We are, however, able to disassemble the machines and replace the standard unit-wheel with specially engraved wheels that enable the machines to either print the same number more than once: e.g.. 9, 9, 8, 8, 7, 7, 6, 6, etc. (repeat 2), or to skip numbers: e.g.. 9, 7, 5, 3, 1, etc. (skip 2). This can be quite confusing, so please ask for assistance if you require this feature.

10) Type of stock being printed

Certain types of stock are extremely difficult to print on with letterpress numbering machines. Rigid synthetic stocks such as Lexan or Polycarbonate do not take an impression very well, so please let us know what kind of stock we will be printing on.

11) Give us a few extra sheets

We require a few sheets to set-up on, and mis-feeds do happen now and then. A minimum of 10 sheets and a maximum of about 100 sheets (depending on the size of the run) is usually adequate to cover set-up and make-up sheets

12) We are adaptable

Let us know what you need and we will work with you to find a solution.

