Tip of the Week

A Member benefit for Support Contract subscribers

Adobe Acrobat – Convert to Grayscale

Adobe Acrobat 8 and Acrobat 9 both have options available to convert colorized PDF documents to grayscale.

Adobe Acrobat 8 – Go to the Advanced menu > Print Production > Convert Colors.

1. Choose Document Colors: Device CMYK: Convert
2. Action: Convert
3. Destination Space – Profile: Gray Gamma 1.8
4. Blending Profile: Leave Unchanged
5. Convert Pages: All
6. Conversion Options: Don't Embed Profiles AND Preserve Black Objects.
7. Click OK
8. Repeat this process choosing Document Colors: Device RGB: Convert and any additional spot or "non-gray" colors.
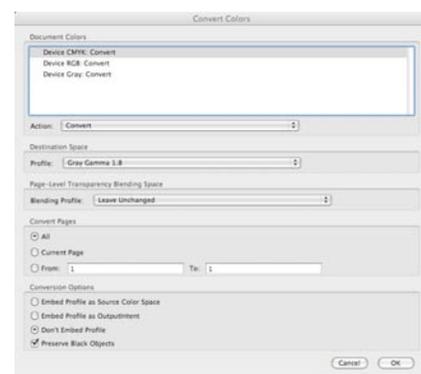
Adobe Acrobat 9 has the Convert Colors option, but also has a Preflight profile to convert CMYK or RGB colored PDF files to grayscale. Using the Preflight profile – Convert to grayscale, rebuilds colored PDF documents to grayscale with a wider tonal variation than the Convert Colors function.

Adobe Acrobat 9 – Go to the Advanced menu > Print Production > Preflight.

1. Tip down the category for PDF Fixups.
2. Select the Convert to grayscale profile. You will be prompted to Save As.
3. Name and save and the new file.
4. Click Analyze and Fix.
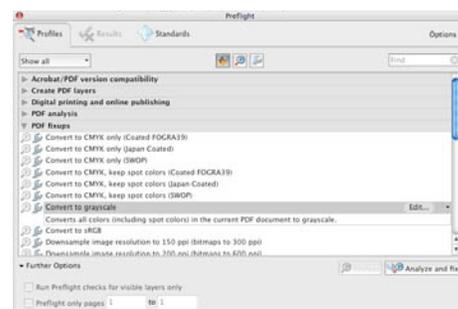
Tonal variations can be measured in both Acrobat 8 and Acrobat 9 using the Output Preview palette (Advanced > Print Production > Output Preview > Separations). Movement of the cursor through the PDF document will indicate the percentage of ink separation.

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