

A Profile is a file that describes how an input or output device handles colour. As all printers come with colour biases, colour errors etc. it is necessary to install a profile to achieve accurate colour from your printer.

Profiles need to be installed into your hard drive and then selected in Photoshop. The profile is installed by dragging your profile(s) into the correct folder, and can be confusing as it depends on your operating system, the paths to get to this folder are found below:

PC Users:

Windows XP = my computer - c: - windows – system32 – spool – drivers - then drag and drop into the color folder

Windows 2000 = my computer - c: - windows – system32 – spool – drivers - then drag and drop into the color folder

Windows 98 = my computer - c: - windows – system - then drag and drop into the color folder

Mac Users:

Mac OSX = MacHD - Users - imac(home) - library - colour sync - then drag and drop into the profiles folder

Mac OS9 = MacHD - system - then drag and drop into the colorsync profiles folder

Selecting your Profile / Photoshop Advice:

You need to ensure that after you've installed your profile you re-start photoshop (if already opened).

You also need to ensure you select the profile in Photoshop. For Photoshop versions 7, CS and Elements 2 the profile is selected in: File, Print with Preview, (making sure you have 'Show More Options ticked' and 'Color Management' selected) print space – profile.

For Photoshop CS 2, after selecting 'Color Management', in Options select "Let Photoshop Determine Colors" in the 'Color Handling' box, then you will be able to select your profile in the box below.

Please Note: If you need to select "same as source" in Adobe Photoshop CS2 this has been replaced by "No Colour Management" (selected in Print with Preview, Colour Management, Option, Colour Handling).

For earlier versions of Photoshop the profile is selected towards the bottom of "Print" dialog box where it says "space".

We also can provide a sticker which can be attached to your printer to remind you of the correct Photoshop settings. Please email us at sales@specialistinks.com or call 01204 592071 and we will send you a free ICC profile and sticker with the settings free of charge