INposition^{fi} Lite Demo Manual

Note: This manual was prepared by an engineer, not a technical writer. Please excuse the bland nature of this document. Hey, it s better than a TeachText Read Me.

INpositionfi Lite is an XTensionfi to QuarkXPressfi. All XTensions must be placed in the QuarkXPress folder, or XTension folder, before launching in order to be available for use. INposition Lite requires QuarkXPress 3.11 or greater, and is compatible with both the PowerPC and 68K versions of QuarkXPress. In addition, INposition

Lite is available for the Windows version of QuarkXPress. The demo version of INposition Lite prints INposition Lite Demo across all pages.

INposition Lite allows the user to print 2-up (book or calendar orientation), 3-up, or 4-up plates in either a saddle stitched or perfect bound manner. A no-binding option is available so that "custom" plates of two, three, or four XPress pages can be printed. This can be useful for maximizing space used on large format output devices.

INposition Lite adds a "Print Signatures..." option to the File menu

and an "INposition Lite..." item to the QuarkXPress "Preferences" menu. The Preference dialog allows you to set defaults for plate margin (space where press marks are printed), bleed (around the trim sides of the pages), and crossover (bleed along the spine edge of a page).

The "Print Signatures..." option opens a print dialog whose top items are determined by the currently selected print driver. The bottom of the dialog contains the imposition options offered by INposition Lite.

The "Layout" popup menu provides 2-

up (book), 2-up (calendar), 3-up, or 4-up layouts. The preview area shows the selected layout with a default imposition order. The spine is visible as a blue line. The imposition order shown represents the numbering of the front and back of the first sheet in the signature. If you have more than one sheet in a signature then arrows appear that allow you to scroll through the numbering of each sheet. The edit fields in the page gaps determine the space between pages on the plates. The position of page 1 can be moved by clicking on the appropriate page in the preview area. Holding down the option key when clicking on page 1 will place the spine horizontally if 4-up is

selected. Lastly, pages can be flipped by clicking in the dog-ear portion of each page. When a multiple sheet signature is being designed flipping a page causes the pages in line with the one being flipped to flip also. Holding the option key down flips only the page clicked.

The sheets popup sets the number of sheets folded together in a signature. With 4 sheets selected the maximum signature size of a 2-up signature is 16 pages and the maximum signature size of 4-up signature is 32 pages. However, INposition Lite duplicates the signature for all pages in the document being

imposed. That is, a 128 page document can be imposed with a 4 page signature: 32 signatures will be required. Page numbering and creep will work correctly (cumulatively) no matter how many signatures are required to print the current document.

The "Binding" popup menu selects either Saddle Stitched binding (where all signatures are placed inside of one another), Perfect binding (where all signatures are placed on top of one another), or None (no-binding). If a binding option is selected, the signature defined is repeated through all the pages of the document. If a document does not have

an integer multiple of pages of the number of pages in a single signature then blank pages will be added to fill out the last signature.

None (no binding) means that the plates printed are not imposed. The number you type in the preview page corresponds directly to the document page sequence number that is placed there. This is handy for conserving film or paper when printing to large format output devices. This also allows "custom" signatures to be created. If more than one sheet is selected then you must scroll through and number each sheet individually. The numbers you type can

be duplicated so that multiple copies of a single page are printed. The number must be less than or equal to the number of pages in the current document.

The "Paper" field sets the thickness of the paper the publication will be printed on. This is used to automatically creep the pages inward towards the center of a signature.

Clicking on the press marks along the left of the preview area turns them on or off. When at least one is turned on, a margin is added around the border of the printed plate. If no marks are turned on then no margin is printed.

Clicking on the "Preview" button opens a dialog that gives thumbnail previews of the plates that will be printed. The number outlined on each page is the document page sequence number. Clicking on the up and down arrows navigates you through all the plates.

The "Setup" button gives you access to other print options normally found in the QuarkXPress Print dialog. "Center Output" is available depending upon the printer chosen in the Page Setup dialog box. Centering can be done manually by typing an x,y coordinate for the cor-ner of the plate.

The question mark button brings up a help dialog that explains most of the features of INposition Lite.

INposition Lite uses the Page Setup information set for the current document.

Use this document to test INposition Lite. Choose an 8.5 x 11 laser printer or equivalent. Open Page Setup... and set the page orientation to landscape. Select the appropriate printer description. Go to Print Signatures... and select Setup. Set the plates printed to Odd. Click the Center Output option. (This

option is only available for printers that are sheet fed and use the upper portion of the Page Setup dialog). Click OK and then Print. After the pages have been printed turn them over and place them in the manual feed tray so that the even plates will print on the back of the odd plates. Go to Print Signatures..., Setup, and select Even. Click OK and Print.

The plates can now be placed in sequence, folded down the middle, and read in order.

For more information, or to order INposition Lite, call XChange at 800.788.7557.

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