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# Preps 5.3.x Series Release Notes

This document compiles the release notes that were published for the Kodak® Preps® digital imposition software and the Preps Ganging tool during the Preps 5.3 release cycle. The document is organized in reverse order, so that the most recent update is described first.

**Important:** Check our Web site periodically for the latest Preps software updates and release notes:

[http://graphics.kodak.com/global/product/workflow\\_data\\_storage/printing\\_solutions/production\\_planning/preps/default.htm](http://graphics.kodak.com/global/product/workflow_data_storage/printing_solutions/production_planning/preps/default.htm)

If you have questions, you can e-mail [preps.support@kodak.com](mailto:preps.support@kodak.com), or phone 1-800-472-2727 (N. America), +32.2.352 26 16 (Europe), or +1.604.451.2727 (S. America).

**Note:** For information about Preps software that is integrated into the Kodak Prinergy® workflow software, see the Prinergy documentation.

# Preps 5.3.3 Release

These release notes highlight the changes and improvements made in release 5.3.3 of the Kodak® Preps® digital imposition software and the Preps Ganging tool.

For installation instructions, see the *Installing Preps 5.3.2* guide that is included in the software kit and on the Preps software DVD.

The most up-to-date Preps software updates, release notes, user documentation, and knowledgebase troubleshooting cases are also available via the [Preps](http://graphics.kodak.com/) Web site on <http://graphics.kodak.com/>.

## System Requirements

This section describes the recommended requirements for computers running the most current update software, and it also lists the minimum requirements.

### Mac computers

Recommended system requirements	Minimum system requirements
Apple® Mac OS® X 10.4 operating system software	Mac OS X 10.4
Power Mac® G5	Power Mac G4 <b>Note:</b> This corrects previously published information.
1.6 GHz G5 processor	1 GHz G4 processor
1 GB RAM	512 MB RAM
HFS+ hard drive with 2 GB free space	HFS+ hard drive with 1 GB free space
DVD-ROM drive	DVD-ROM drive
USB port	USB port
1024 × 768 monitor resolution	1024 × 768 monitor resolution

## Microsoft Windows-based computers

Recommended system requirements	Minimum system requirements
Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional SP2	Windows XP or XP Professional SP2, or Windows Server® 2003
Windows-compatible personal computer	Windows-compatible personal computer
1.5 GHz Intel® Pentium® 4 processor	1 GHz Intel Pentium 3 processor
1 GB RAM	512 MB RAM
2 GB free hard drive space	1 GB free hard drive space
DVD-ROM drive	DVD-ROM drive
Parallel or USB port	Parallel or USB port
1024 × 768 monitor resolution	1024 × 768 monitor resolution

## Problems Fixed

This section lists problems that are resolved in the current release of the Preps software.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3.3—Mac OS

Problem ID	Description
26934	<b>PDF output:</b> When generating PDF output from a PDF job that does not use a CJK font, the output no longer includes an unnecessary CJK font. (This previously caused some RIPs to warn of missing fonts.)

### Fixed in Preps 5.3.3—Mac OS and Windows

Problem ID	Description
26975	<b>JDF output from UpFront JDF jobs:</b> Preps jobs that are created from JDF files provided by the Kodak UpFront® software can now be printed to JDF output.
26976	<b>Mark Rules Editor (binding type):</b> For mark rules that specify a binding type, the Auto Signature Creation feature no longer ignores the binding type value.
26991	<b>Mark Rules Editor (shared):</b> When Preps Pro and Preps Ganging software share a <b>Printers</b> folder, which stores the rules in the <b>markrules.xml</b> file, the mark rules are now correctly applied by both the Preps Pro Auto Signature creation and AutoGang features.

Problem ID	Description
25572	<b>Chinese characters in text marks:</b> Some Chinese text-mark characters no longer change to a different character when previewing or printing a signature.

## Fixed in Preps 5.3.3—Windows

Problem ID	Description
26781	<b>Template Editor (Additional Settings):</b> When you view the Additional Settings dialog box without making changes and then click <b>OK</b> , the values now correctly remain unchanged.

## Known Problems

This section lists known issues that relate to the Preps software. They may be new problems or outstanding issues from a previous release.

For descriptions of outstanding problems that were previously reported, check the release notes of other Preps software releases.

### Preps documentation errata:

- The Preps 5.3.2 documentation continues to support Preps 5.3.3, and any instructions can be applied to either release. Where a procedure specifically references 5.3.2, you can substitute 5.3.3.
- The Preps Brisque Job Converter utility has been updated for Preps 5.3.2 and later, and it no longer functions as described in the Preps Help. For example, no backup job file is created. For the correct information, see the *Preps 5.3.2 Brisque Job Converter* technical bulletin that accompanies the updated utility software.
- The *What's New* topic in the Help translations mentions a new Press Sheet Size Plus device that was not developed.



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## Known in Preps Ganging 5.3.2 and 5.3.3—Mac OS

Problem ID	Description
26324	<p><b>File name extensions for templates generated by AutoGang:</b> The template generated by AutoGang may not have a <b>.tpl</b> file name extension due to the length of the file name.</p> <p><b>Workaround:</b> Rename the template file manually through the Finder.</p>
26338	<p><b>Custom colors with same names:</b> Adding two custom colors with the same name causes the Preps Ganging software to stop.</p>
26411	<p><b>Autoganging a previously autoganged PDF file in a new job:</b> In a new job, if you add a PDF file that was previously autoganged with a nondefault product quantity in another job, then the new job's AutoGang list displays the same quantity value as the previous job.</p> <p>The quantity is not reset to the default value (1) as expected.</p>
26420	<p><b>Prinergy and Preps Ganging JDF with Chinese file name references:</b> The Prinergy software reports an error when importing a Preps Ganging JDF file that contains a reference to a Chinese-named input file.</p>

# Preps 5.3.2 Release

These release notes highlight the changes and improvements made in release 5.3.2 of the Kodak® Preps® digital imposition software and the Preps Ganging tool.

For installation instructions, see the *Installing Preps 5.3.2* guide that is included in the software kit and on the Preps software DVD.

**Note:** With a Preps Pro 5.3.2 license, you can continue to use both the Preps Pro software and the Preps Ganging software in production mode, as in Preps 5.3.1. However, unlike Preps 5.3.1, you cannot run both products at the same time, because Preps Ganging is now stand-alone software.

## General Enhancements

The enhancements described in this section apply to all versions of Preps 5.3.2 software, including Preps Plus, XL, Pro, and Ganging.

## Acrobat 8 Support

Preps 5.3.2 fully supports Adobe® Acrobat® 8 software.

In Preps jobs, you can impose, preview, and print PDF input files that were created using Acrobat 8 (PDF version 1.7) software. For more information, see the *Creating Files for Preps Using Adobe Acrobat 8* technical bulletin.

**Note:** By default, the Preps internal converter continues to be used for PDF internal conversion, because testing shows that it handles most PDF files better. The new Acrobat PDF library can optionally be used, particularly for PDF files that contain newer features such as transparency and compressed objects. However, using Acrobat for conversion can cause preview and print performance issues.

If you need to use the Acrobat PDF library, you can set the new USE\_PPT\_PDFLIB profile option to **YES**.

## Vista Support

Preps Plus, Pro, XL, or Ganging software, version 5.3.1 or later, can run on the Microsoft Windows Vista® operating system software. The Preps software includes the necessary dongle driver.

**Note:** For best results, we recommend that you generate PDF or PostScript input files for Preps directly from your desktop software. See the *Creating Files for Preps* series of documents that provide software-specific guidelines for preparing input files for Preps.

## HTML Output Data for WST

To support automation of Wafer Systems Technology (WST) equipment, advanced users can configure Preps to output HTML files that contain postpress information only, in addition to JDF output files for the prepress workflow. The WST system uses the HTML data to automatically set up the cutting or folding equipment as needed for each job.

**Note:** Preps HTML output can be used only by WST equipment.

To enable WST HTML output, set the new `WSTOUTPUT` configuration profile option to **YES**.

When you use this profile, WST HTML output is automatically generated from mixed-file jobs when you print to the **JDF** file output type.

Note that to generate suitable output, the jobs must contain:

- Defined job note values for **JobID** and **JobName** (Preps typically derives these from the incoming JDF data.)
- Signatures with Preps WST bar code marks

The generated HTML file is located in a **MarksFlats** subfolder that is automatically created inside the output folder. The file name is appended with **-wst.html**.

## Mark Rules Editor Utility

Use the Preps Mark Rules Editor to manage the criteria that determine which Kodak SmartMarks® are added when the Auto Signature Creation and AutoGang features generate press sheet layouts.

For each rule that you create, you configure the criteria that the software uses when deciding which rule to apply, and you select the marks and mark groups that are added by that rule.

Not all of the possible criteria apply to both the AutoGang and Auto Signature Creation features:

- When autocreating folded signatures for a job, the software examines the incoming JDF data that is submitted by a management information system (MIS). It then looks for a rule that matches the job's JDF parameters for work style, binding type, front and back colors, and sheet size (or size range).
- When autocreating a ganged layout, the software looks for a rule that uses the flatwork binding style and that matches the sheet size that is specified in the Preps AutoGang preset that is being used.

**Note:** Mark rules are stored in an XML file inside the **Printers** folder; this file must not be moved.

For more information, see the *Preps 5.3.2 Mark Rules Editor* technical bulletin.

## Preps and Preps Ganging Help translations

The Preps help translations now include Preps 5.3.1 content, with a summary of what's new in Preps 5.3.2.

For the most up-to-date Preps 5.3.2 help information, see the English Preps 5.3.2 Help and Preps Ganging 5.3.2 Help.

## Preps Enhancements

The enhancements described in this section are available in Preps 5.3.2 Plus, XL, and Pro software.

### JDF Auto Signature Creation (Preps Pro)

The Preps Pro software can automatically create signatures to match parameters in a job's incoming JDF stripping data.

Advanced users can set profile options that determine whether Preps:

- Only attempts to match the requirements to existing signatures, and never automatically creates signatures.
- Always first attempts to resolve signatures, and automatically creates a signature only when unable to find a match.
- Always automatically creates signatures whenever JDF data is received, without attempting to resolve signatures.

For example, you might create profiles with these suggested names and settings:

Sample Profile Name	Settings
JDFMatchOnly	-JDFNoResolveCreateOnly:NO -JDFResolveGenerateMissingSignatures:NO
JDFMatchThenCreate	-JDFNoResolveCreateOnly:NO -JDFResolveGenerateMissingSignatures:YES
JDFCreateOnly	-JDFNoResolveCreateOnly:YES -JDFResolveGenerateMissingSignatures:YES

For more information, see the *Preps Pro 5.3.2 JDF Auto Signature Creation* technical bulletin.

### Scaling Option for Creep

When adjusting a job's run-list pages for creep, you can use a new **Scale** check box in the Layout Details dialog box to compensate for creep by scaling pages, or you can continue to use page shifting.

## Collation Mark Step Direction

For jobs that use multiple signatures or multisection signatures, you can now choose to either shift the optional text with the mark steps or keep it at the same position on each job signature.

## CIP4 Folding Data (Preps Pro)

Preps Pro now includes CIP4 folding data in JDF output when a qualified MIS JDF file is opened in the Preps software. This folding data is used to streamline the setup of CIP4-compliant folding equipment.

## Improved CIP3 Cutting Data (Preps Pro)

Any CIP3 Print Production Format (PPF) and CIP4<sup>®</sup> JDF<sup>®</sup> cutting data included in output files from Preps Pro jobs now prevents imposition fold (spine) lines from being interpreted as cut lines.

## Preps Ganging Enhancements

The enhancements described in this section are available in Preps 5.3.2 Ganging software.

## Universal Binary Support

Preps Ganging can run as Universal Binary (UB) software on Mac computers with Intel processors. The Preps software includes the necessary dongle driver.

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## Software Setup Options Now in Preps Ganging

You can now set up the software and print directly from stand-alone Preps Ganging 5.3.2 software, with no need to use Preps Pro. For example, you can:

- Add devices and create configurations for supported media sizes via the **Resources** menu or **Media** list.
- Create a library of SmartMarks and mark groups via the **Resources** menu or **Media** list.
- Set a full range of options in the Preferences dialog box.
- Save and load configuration profiles via the **General** tab of the Print dialog box
- Set up advanced print options, including color separations.

The Preps Ganging Help (English only) contains the updated information. You can also continue to use the Preps software or refer to the Preps Help for information about these tasks.

## AutoGang Layouts (Mac OS)

The AutoGang feature semiautomatically generates ganged layouts in stand-alone Preps Ganging software (Mac OS only) and fully automates job ganging when licensed with a Prinergy Preps Pro floating license.

Flexible setup options give you control over automated aspects of this feature. You can:

- Set software preferences to determine whether each AutoGang action generates only the first best sheet or creates press sheet layouts for the entire job.
- Configure AutoGang presets of settings such as the media and stock to be used and the prioritized layout optimization factors that you want the software to consider.
- For each job, choose an AutoGang preset with a work style that determines whether the job's generated AutoGang list will pair the PDF pages into two-sided products or back up each content page with a blank. Each single-sided page or two-sided page pair is considered to be one flatwork product, and each row in a job's AutoGang list displays information about one flatwork product.

For more information, see the *Preps 5.3.2 AutoGang* technical bulletin.

## Preps Ganging on Windows

The Preps Ganging tool can now run on Windows. For overviews and basic information, see the *Preps 5.3.x Series Release Notes* and *Preps Ganging 5.3.2 Getting Started Guide*. For complete user information, see the Preps Ganging 5.3.2 Help, available from the software **Help** menu.

**Note:** The Preps Ganging tool for Windows currently does not include the AutoGang functionality.

## Problems Fixed

This section lists problems that are resolved in the current release of the Preps software.

**Note:** For Known Problems, see the Preps 5.3.3 update section.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3.2—Mac OS

Problem ID	Description
26246	<b>Kodak Brisque® software job converter:</b> An updated version of the Brisque Job Converter is available in the Preps <b>Extras</b> folder. This update allows you to convert a Brisque job to a native PDF job with your refined PDF pages. For updated instructions, see the <i>Preps 5.3.2 Brisque Job Converter</i> technical bulletin that accompanies the utility software.
26029, 26068	<b>Asian-language Help:</b> When you open an Asian-language Help from the Preps or Preps Ganging <b>Help</b> menu, an Internet connection message no longer appears.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3.2—Mac OS and Windows

Problem ID	Description
24784	<b>Step order of collation mark in a job that contains opposing head directions:</b> When imposing multiple perfect-bound sections on one signature with opposing head directions for the low folio, the collation mark of one section previously stepped differently. The collation mark now steps correctly to the head and foot in each section.
25083	<b>Smart collation mark optional text offset distance:</b> Optional text for smart collation marks is now offset by the same distance as the collation mark. The text is no longer in a static position.



Problem ID	Description
26341	<b>Converting single-section templates to multiple sections:</b> When using the Preps Pro Signature Information dialog box to edit an existing single-section template that was created in Preps Plus or Preps Pro, you are now able to increase the number of sections in any signatures that it contains. You no longer need to recreate the template.
26440	<b>JDF output using web growth and color conversion:</b> When you apply web growth and map spot colors to process colors when printing to JDF files, the JDF no longer refers to the spot colors through the JDF InterpretingParams data.
26473	<p><b>Multipage cut blocks in PPF output:</b> You can now configure cutting data in PPF output to correctly handle adjoining cut blocks for perfect-bound and saddle-stitched impositions.</p> <p>To output multipage cut blocks, set the new <code>GENERATEMULTIPAGECUTBLOCKS</code> profile option to <b>YES</b>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This feature does not currently apply to work-and-turn and work-and-tumble impositions.</p>
26056, 26131	<b>Output of PDF images in native PDF jobs:</b> The new PDF library fixes previous problems with some images in native PDF output.
Multiple IDs	<b>Software translations:</b> Various errors and omissions in the software translations have been corrected.

## Fixed in Preps 5.3.2—Windows

Problem ID	Description
25107	<b>Changing the back side page number to zero:</b> In the Template Editor, changing the page number of the bottom-left page no longer causes the software to quit.

## Fixed in Preps Ganging 5.3.2—Mac OS

Problem ID	Description
26038	<b>Unwanted rectangles in the workspace:</b> The rectangle that appears when you drag a marquee no longer remains visible in the workspace when you drag it beyond the press sheet edge.
26047	<b>Moving empty placeholder pages:</b> If you add a placeholder page and then set its front template page number to zero, you can now reposition the template page.
26052	<b>Preps 5 path:</b> Editing the Preps 5 path in the Preps Ganging preferences while a job is open no longer stops the software.

# Preps 5.3.1 Release

These release notes highlight the changes and improvements made in release 5.3.1 of the following Kodak® software:

- Preps® digital imposition software for the Apple® Mac OS® X and Microsoft® Windows® operating systems
- Preps Ganging tool for the Mac OS X operating system (Windows support for Preps Ganging remains under development.)

Only users who are logged in at the Administrator level may install this software. For instructions, see the new *Preps Installation Guide*.

## Features and Enhancements

### Preps Officially CIP4-Certified



Preps 5.3.1 is the first imposition software in the world to pass the CIP4® certification testing against version 1.3 of the Layout Creator to Imposition Interoperability Conformance Specification (LayCrImp ICS) and the Base ICS, Level 0. For more information about these specifications, go to [http://www.cip4.org/document\\_archive/ics.php](http://www.cip4.org/document_archive/ics.php).

### Smart Fold Mark Enhancements

You can now select and delete individual fold marks in Preps Plus and Preps Pro, instead of using the previous workaround of overlaying another mark on top of them. To select a fold mark, you can use SHIFT+click or drag a marquee around the mark.

You can also apply an offset using a new option in the Edit Smart Fold Marks dialog box. For example, you could apply the offset if you want the fold marks to appear inside the imposition border instead of outside the bleed.

## New Text-Mark Variables

You can now add following variables when defining a print comment or job note in Preps or a text mark in Preps or Preps Ganging.

\$device	Name of the device to which this output is printing, derived from its <b>Nickname</b> in the Device Configuration dialog box
\$PressRunNumber	Sequential number of the press sheet as it appears in the Preps Signature List window or Preps Ganging press sheets list. This variable is useful for identifying press runs (Preps signatures) that contain multiple webs and/or sections.
\$SheetHeight \$SheetWidth	Height and width of the press sheet (that is, the stock on which the output will be imaged), in the unit that is currently selected in Preferences

## Leopard Mac OS Support

You can now run Preps Plus, Pro, XL, or Ganging on the Apple Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard) operating system software.

## Adobe InDesign CS3 Support

Preps can now process PostScript® and PDF files generated from Adobe® InDesign® CS3 documents if you follow the guidelines in the new *Creating Files for Preps* documents. Note that Preps Ganging accepts only PDF input files.

## Xerox FreeFlow 6 Support

Preps 5.3.1 XL or Pro can import, impose, and print RDO PDF source files to a Xerox® FreeFlow® 6 workflow. Note these requirements:

- FreeFlow 6.x must be installed.
- Preps 5.3.1 XL or Pro must be installed on the Xerox FreeFlow workstation.

## Preps Ganging Enhancements

### Viewing the software and online help in your language

The Preps Ganging software, Help, and *Getting Started* guide (which is a subset of the Help) are now available in French (FR), German (DE), Italian (IT), Japanese (JA), Simplified Chinese (ZH), and Spanish (ES). Note that the English documentation typically contains the most current information, because the translation process must start well in advance of a release.

### Usage count per placed content page

A **Count** column in the file list now indicates the total number of times each page has been added to the press sheets in the current job.

### Displaying and hiding pages and marks

You can now use the **View** menu to show or hide pages and marks. This makes it easier to select marks, such as when you want to delete only certain page-based marks, such as crop marks that are inside gutters or gaps.

### Displaying the number of pages in each group

When the **View** menu's new **Show Group Count** option is selected, a very visible "Count: <n>" label appears at the center of any grouped pages on the press sheet, including step-and-repeat groups. This count indicates the number of pages in each group.

### Entering fractions and mathematical values in text boxes

If you enter a fraction or mathematical expression in a text box in the workspace or a dialog box and then tab or click out of the text box, your entry is automatically converted to the corresponding decimal value and is displayed in the current default measurement unit.

**Note:** Be careful when entering spaces to separate the numbers and symbols. For example, both  $2 \frac{3}{4}$  and  $2 + \frac{3}{4}$  are interpreted as 2.75. However, if you enter a space before the division symbol, as in  $2 + 3 / 4$ , then this will be interpreted as 2+3 divided by 4. If you type an extra space before a decimal point, such as if you enter 2 .75 instead of 2.75, an error message will appear.

**Tabbing between editable text boxes in the workspace**

When you edit the measurement value inside a dimension text box in the workspace and then press TAB, the cursor moves to the next editable text box, in a clockwise direction. You can use SHIFT+TAB to tab in a counterclockwise direction.

**Creating duplicates of placed marks**

The OPTION+drag shortcut for creating duplicates now applies to marks as well as to pages.

**Searching in the Templates list**

When you click anywhere on the **Templates** list and then type one or more characters (letters or numbers), the first visible item in the list that starts with those characters becomes selected.

If no item starts with the characters that you typed, then the item that starts with the next, higher character is selected. Items that are not currently visible are not searched. To make items visible, you need to expand their folder or template icons in the list.

## Problems Fixed

This section lists problems that are resolved in the current release of the Preps software.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3.1—Mac OS

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25197—Opening jobs via SMB from Preps on OS X 10.4	When using Preps on Mac OS X 10.4, you can now reopen a Preps job that is located on an SMB-mounted share if any of its original input files were moved since the last time the job was saved. While opening the job, you will be prompted to locate any input files that Preps does not find in the original location.

### Fixed in Preps Ganging 5.3.1—Mac OS

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25763—Blank pages in output	The front and back of any blank pages that Preps Ganging creates when you print empty template pages to output files now include correct offsets and page numbers.
25829—Page deletion and page-anchored marks	If you select a page and press <b>DELETE</b> , any existing page-based marks or crop marks remain in effect. They are not visible in the area that had been occupied by the deleted page until you add a new page. The marks will then reappear and automatically position themselves according their rules. You do not have to add them again. Note that sheet-anchored marks are not affected when you delete a page.
25881—Print Send To setting	When you start the Preps Ganging software, the default <b>Send to</b> selection in the Print dialog box is now the same as it was when you last used the Preps Ganging software.
25938—Aligning on perfecter sheets	You are now able to correctly align marks and pages that are on the back of perfecter press sheets.
25972—Adding stock	Whether you add a stock to the workspace by double-clicking it in the <b>Stock</b> list or by dragging it from the list, it is always now displayed in the correct orientation relative to the media's orientation. (The Preps Ganging workspace always displays the media so that the punch is at the bottom.)
26016—Templates list file types	The <b>Templates</b> list now displays only Preps templates files and no other file types.

## Fixed in Preps 5.3.1—Mac OS and Windows

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25959—Page-anchored marks on sections	The "restrict to section" option is now correctly applied to page-anchored SmartMarks® in templates with multiple sections. For example, if you restrict a mark to page 1 of section 1, it no longer also appears on page 1 of other sections.
25962—Page numbers for sections	When you select multi-section signatures for a job, Preps now correctly calculates the default first page number of job signatures. It is no longer necessary to click <b>Renumber</b> in the Signature Selection dialog box to automatically fix a first page number that Preps assigned. For example, when selecting signatures for a job, if you assign all the sections in the first job signature to book signature 1, assign the sections in the second job signature to book signature 2, and then add a partial signature, then the first page of the partial signature is now correct.
25477—Print Send To setting	When you print a job to one output type in the <b>Send to</b> list, then print to another output type, and then back again to the original output type, Preps "remembers" the settings for the original output type. For example, if you print divided PostScript output to a device, then print PPF output for the cutter, and then print again to the first device, you do not have to repeat setting up the divided output options. This behavior existed before Preps 5.2.2 and has been restored in Preps 5.3.1.

## Fixed in Preps 5.3.1—Windows

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25850—Preps Automation	The Preps Automation feature now correctly generates all expected layouts for jobs with signatures that target different devices.
25961—Preps Automation	JDF output files that are generated using the Preps Automation hot folder feature are now correctly named with a JDF file name extension, instead of PS for mixed-files jobs and PDF for native PDF jobs.

## Known Problems

This section lists known problems in the Preps software. They may be new problems or outstanding issues from a previous release. When a problem listed here is resolved, the solution is described in the *Problems Fixed* section of the release notes for the next release of the Preps software.

For descriptions of outstanding problems that were previously reported, check the release notes of other Preps software releases.

### Known in Preps 5.3.1—Mac OS

Known Problem ID	Description
26029, 26068—Asian-language Help	<p>When you try to open an Asian-language Help from the Preps or Preps Ganging <b>Help</b> menu, an Internet connection message appears.</p> <p><b>Mac OS 10.4 workaround:</b> You can click <b>Cancel</b> to open the Help.</p> <p><b>Mac OS 10.5 has no direct workaround.</b> You cannot view Asian Help in the Leopard OS. If available, use the Mac OS 10.4 (Tiger).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Search function continues to be unavailable in Chinese Help on any version of the Mac OS or in Japanese Help on Mac OS 10.3.</p>

### Known in Preps Ganging 5.3.1—Mac OS

Known Problem ID	Description
26052—Preps 5 path	If you edit the <b>Preps 5 Path</b> in the Preps Ganging Preferences while a job is open, the software ceases to respond, and you must quit without saving changes.
26038—Unwanted rectangles in workspace	The rectangle that appears when you drag a marquee remains visible in the workspace if you dragged your mouse beyond the press sheet edge in the workspace. Closing and reopening the job does not make it disappear, and there is no workaround. An update will resolve this problem shortly.
26047—Moving empty placeholder pages	If you add a placeholder page and then set its front template page number to zero, you are unable to reposition the template page.



# Preps 5.3 Release

## Features and Enhancements

The central focus of this release is to introduce support for the new Preps Ganging tool.

The improvements to the Preps Plus, Pro, and XL software consist mainly of problem fixes. For example, the Template Editor has been improved to prevent inconvenient crashes (problem ID 25524).

## Preps Ganging tool

Preps Ganging is a planning and layout tool for job ganging, which you use to arrange job pages on virtual press sheets in preparation for plate production. You can arrange pages of different sizes in an efficient layout, and use the step-and-repeat feature to efficiently fill an area with copies of selected pages.

Note that Preps Plus or Preps Pro software remains the tool of choice for prepress impositions that are based on folding patterns.

For more information and instructions for using this tool, see the *Preps Ganging Getting Started Guide* and the *Preps Ganging Help*.

## Problems Fixed in Preps Plus, Pro, and XL

This section lists problems that are resolved in the current release of the Preps software.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3—Mac OS

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25478—Divided output replacement files	When you reprint a job and send the divided output files to the same name and location as before, the message that appears now displays a <b>Replace All</b> button, as it did before Preps 5.1.1. You no longer need to respond to individual messages for each file. (This option is not supported on Windows.)
25509—Blank pages in native PDF output	PDF output that you print from a native PDF job using the Press Sheet Size device no longer inserts new blank pages. JDF output has also been fixed.
25524—Template Editor crashes	Preps no longer periodically crashes when you drag or select Get Info for a static mark in the Template Editor.
25560—CJK names for dupmarks	You can now create duplicating SmartMarks based on mark image files that are named using CJK characters.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3—Mac OS and Windows

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25153—JDF cutting data	JDF output now includes the correct CIP3 cutting data for horizontally placed pages. Page rotations are supported only for 0, 90, 180, or 270 degrees.

### Fixed in Preps 5.3—Windows

Fixed Problem ID	Description
25445—Static marks	You can now drag to reposition static marks on the back of perfected templates.

## Known Problems in Preps Plus, Pro, and XL

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For descriptions of outstanding problems that were previously reported, check the release notes of other Preps software releases.

### Known in Preps 5.3—Mac OS

Known Problem ID	Description
25222—Selecting marks with marquee	It is difficult and sometimes impossible to select a mark or marks by dragging a marquee around them. <b>Workaround:</b> Use a marquee to first select the signature that contains the marks that you want to select. You are then able to marquee the marks.
25197—Mac OS X 10.4, job files on SMB share	When using Preps with Mac OS X 10.4, you are unable to reopen a Preps job that is located on an SMB-mounted share if any of its original input files were moved since the last time the job was saved. <b>Workaround:</b> Use an AFP connection to access the job files, or place them on your local computer. This problem does not occur with Mac OS X 10.3.

### Known in Preps 5.3—Mac OS and Windows

Known Problem ID	Description
25239—JDF, PJTF multi-device output for Prinergy	When printing a job's JDF or PJTF output to multiple devices, Preps generates two extra pages of marks flats for each surface in each signature. Prinergy Workshop software is then unable to import the imposition information contained in the layout files. <b>Workaround:</b> To successfully import into Prinergy, print the output to a single device, or edit the color bar marks to clear the <b>Do not apply workflow color calibration</b> check box. For more information, see the Prinergy knowledgebase case, ID 81153.

## Known in Preps 5.3—Windows

Known Problem ID	Description
25236—Template Editor, shingling	<p>In the Template Editor, the shingling direction sometimes changes without warning. This occurs when you check the <b>Shingling</b> values in the Additional Settings dialog box, click <b>Cancel</b> without changing anything, and then click <b>OK</b> in the Page Info dialog box to return to the Template Editor.</p> <p><b>Workaround:</b> Instead of the <b>Cancel &gt; OK</b> sequence, click <b>Cancel</b> in both dialog boxes, or click <b>OK</b> in both dialog boxes.</p>

## Known Problems in Preps Ganging

This section lists known problems in the Preps Ganging software.

### Known in Preps Ganging 5.3—Mac OS

Known Problem ID	Description
25501—Page order	The order in which you stack overlapping pages in the workspace is not always correctly retained in the output. For example, a page that you might have placed at the bottom of three overlapping pages will be on top in the output.
25654—Sheets list	<p>If a Preps Ganging job is open while you edit its template in Preps Pro or Plus, the Ganging job's template and press sheet information is not immediately updated. For example, if you delete a signature in Preps Pro while another operator has a job open that uses that signature, the job will not display the sheet changes until you close and reopen the job or template in either software.</p> <p><b>Workaround:</b> To ensure predictable layouts, do not edit a Preps Ganging job's template in Preps Pro or Plus while the Preps Ganging job is open.</p>