

KDP Paperback Specs on One Sheet

Trim sizes, page limits, margins, spine and cover size — the numbers Amazon KDP checks before it lets a paperback through, with one worked example.

Trim sizes and page counts

Trim	B&W, white	B&W, cream	Premium color	Standard color
5" × 8"	24–828	24–776	24–828	72–600
5.5" × 8.5"	24–828	24–776	24–828	72–600
6" × 9"	24–828	24–776	24–828	72–600
7" × 10" (large trim)	24–828	24–776	24–828	72–600
8.5" × 11" (large trim)	24–590	24–550	24–590	72–600

A **large trim** is wider than 6.12" or taller than 9"; it prints at a higher cost (next page).

Interior margins (inches)

Pages	Inside (gutter)	Outside, top, bottom	Minimum
24–150	0.375	No bleed	0.25
151–300	0.5	With bleed	0.375
301–500	0.625	PDF page size: without bleed, exactly the trim size. With bleed, trim + 0.125" wide and + 0.25" tall.	
501–700	0.75		
701–828	0.875		

Spine and full cover

Spine width = pages × 0.002252" (white paper) · × 0.0025" (cream) · × 0.002347" (premium color).

Cover width = 0.125" bleed + back + spine + front + 0.125" bleed. **Cover height** = trim height + 0.25".

Text on the spine only from 80 pages, kept 0.0625" from each spine edge. Keep all other text 0.125" inside the trim line. Images at 300 DPI.

Worked example: 6" × 9", 200 pages, white paper

Spine	$200 \times 0.002252 = \mathbf{0.450''}$
Full cover	$0.25 + 6 + 6 + 0.450 = \mathbf{12.700'' \times 9.25''}$
Inside margin	0.5" (151–300 pages)
US print cost	$\$1.00 + 200 \times \$0.012 = \mathbf{\$3.40}$
Royalty at \$12.99	$60\% \times \$12.99 - \$3.40 = \mathbf{\$4.39}$

Print Cost and Royalty

Black ink, per copy, by marketplace. Royalty = royalty rate × list price – print cost.

Black & white print cost per copy

Store	Regular, 24–110 pp	Regular, 111+ pp	Large, 24–110 pp	Large, 111+ pp	60% from
US	\$2.30	\$1.00 + \$0.012/page	\$2.84	\$1.00 + \$0.017/page	\$9.99
UK	£1.93	£0.85 + £0.01/page	£2.15	£0.85 + £0.012/page	£7.99
EU	€2.05	€0.75 + €0.012/page	€2.48	€0.75 + €0.016/page	€9.99
CA	CA\$2.99	CA\$1.26 + CA\$0.016/page	CA\$3.53	CA\$1.26 + CA\$0.021/page	CA\$13.99

The royalty rate

60% of the list price when it is at or above the threshold in the last column; **50%** below it (the lower rate for cheaper paperbacks applies since June 2025).

Lowest list price KDP accepts = print cost ÷ 0.5, or print cost ÷ 0.6 once that is above the threshold — at that price the royalty is zero.

Before you upload: the checks that stop a book

- ☐ PDF page size equals the trim (or trim + bleed), on every page
- ☐ Inside margin matches the page count in the table
- ☐ All fonts embedded; text at least 7 pt
- ☐ Lines at least 0.75 pt; grey fills at least 10%
- ☐ No runs of blank pages beyond the back matter
- ☐ Cover PDF is one spread: back, spine, front, with 0.125" bleed
- ☐ Spine width from the formula, for the paper you chose
- ☐ No spine text below 80 pages
- ☐ Cover images at 300 DPI, nothing important within 0.125" of the trim
- ☐ Page count even; 24 pages minimum

Do the math for your own book

Every number on this sheet comes from the free calculators on bookbird.io, which update when KDP changes its tables: **Cover Size Calculator** (spine, full cover, PDF template), **Royalty Calculator** (print cost and royalty in every store), **Words to Pages Calculator** (how many pages your manuscript will print at).

Figures from Amazon KDP's help pages «Set Trim Size, Bleed, and Margins», «Paperback Submission Guidelines», «Create a Paperback Cover», «Paperback Printing Cost» and «Paperback Royalty», as used by BookBird's calculators in October 2026. KDP can change them; check its help pages before you print.