

Imposition

WHAT IS IMPOSITION?

Prior to the printing press, the pages of a publication are arranged in a grid so that when the press sheets are folded, trimmed and bound the pages are in correct sequence.

The grids of imposition are called **SIGNATURES**.

All publications/documents that are bound, should be divisible by 4, but when printing signatures the printer prints in grids divisible by 8, 16, and 32.

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8-page signature for 16 page document

5	12	6	8
4	13	16	1

FRONT

BACK

7	10	11	9
2	15	14	3

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16-page signature for 16 page document

5	12	9	8
4	13	16	1
FRONT			
7	10	11	6
2	15	14	3

3	14	15	2
6	11	10	7
BACK			
1	16	13	4
8	9	12	5

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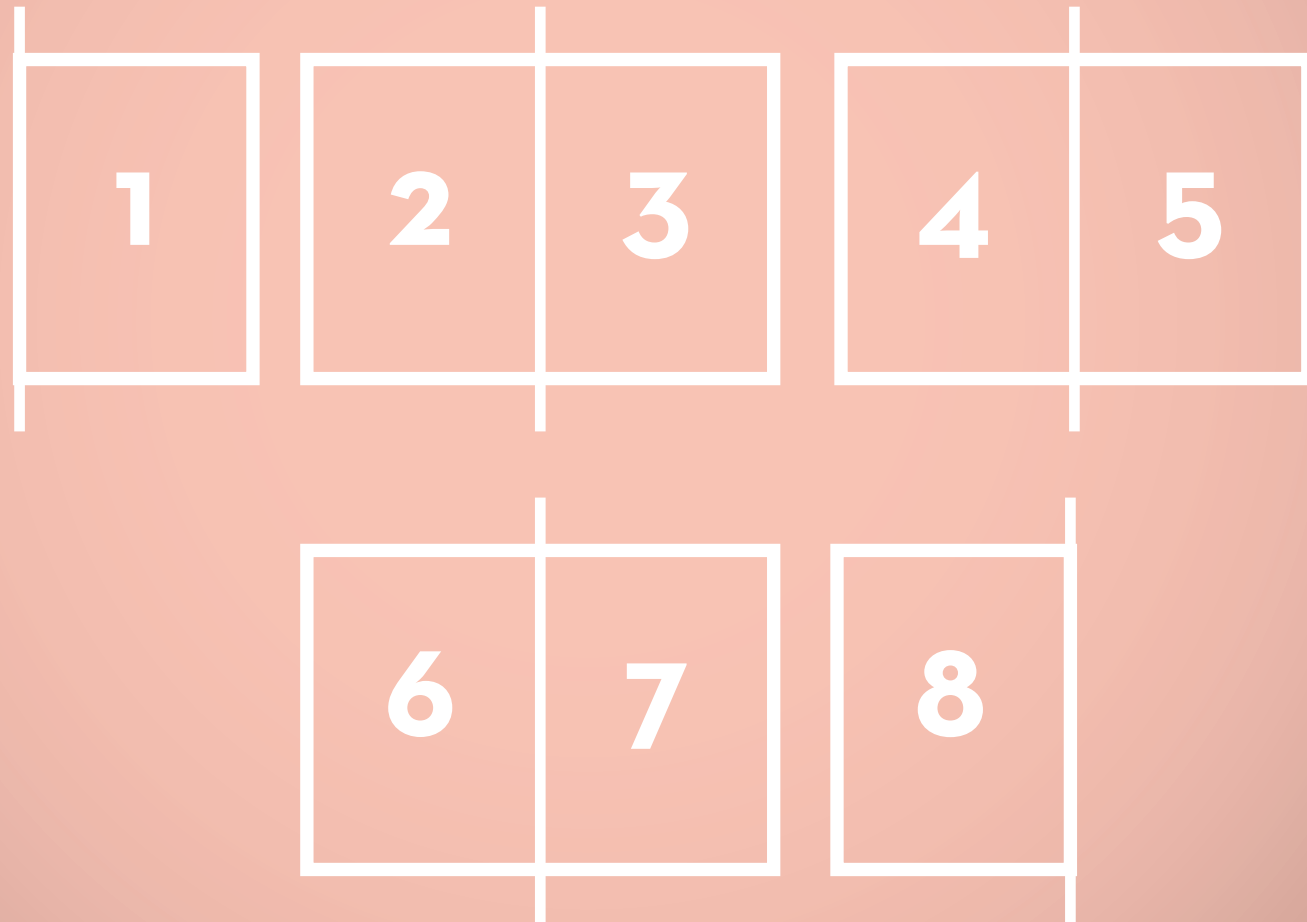
16-page signature for 32 page document

5	12	9	8	3	14	15	2
4	13	16	1	6	11	10	7
FRONT							
7	10	11	9	1	16	13	4
2	15	14	3	8	9	12	5

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READER'S SPREADS

This is the natural flow of a document; the order of pages within a layout program.



PRINTER'S SPREADS

When the pages of a document are arranged in a sequence that is ready for imposition, within a layout program.

Although there are times when the designer will be responsible for this, it is best to leave this to the printer.

