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Introduction

Crops XT is an XTension for QuarkXPress® version 3.2 and higher. Crops XT creates crop and registration marks as well as color and gray bars around any selected object or group on the XPress document page in one easy step. The marks are made of XPress page elements for high-quality PostScript output.

Minimum System Requirements

Crops XT is designed for QuarkXPress 3.2.
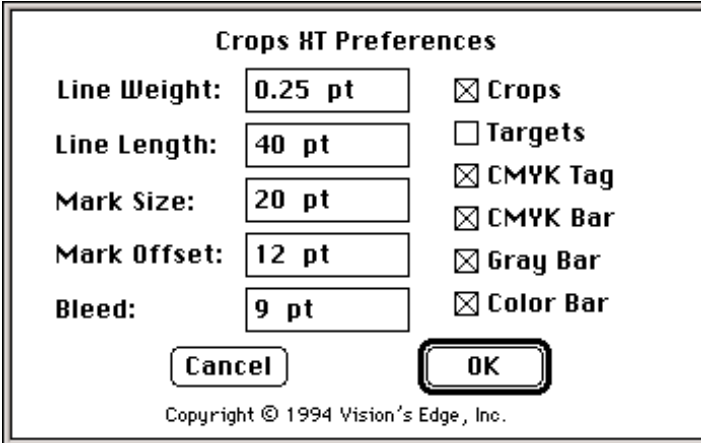
Crops XT is network protected and is fully compatible with floppy, RAM, or hard disks.

This manual assumes that you are familiar with standard Macintosh procedures such as basic use of the mouse, clicking, pulling down menus, copying files, and copying disks. If any of these procedures are new to you, please refer to your Macintosh user's manual.

Installing Crops XT

The Crops XT disk that you have purchased contains a file named **Crops XT.** To install Crops XT, drag the file into the same folder that contains the QuarkXPress application. After this has been done, place the original Crops XT disk in a safe place.

Crops XT Preferences

Crops XT can place any combination of different crop and registration marks around selected page elements. To select which marks will be applied, access the Crops XT preferences by choosing *Crops XT…* from the **Preferences** submenu, found under the XPress **Edit** menu.

Use the Crops XT Preferences dialog to specify which types of crop and registration marks should be created whenever the XTension is activated. The dialog also allows the user to decide the size and offset of the items the XTension creates. Options include:

Line Weight: This value sets the width of the crop mark lines.

Line Length: This value sets the length of the crop mark lines.

Mark Size: This value sets the size of the gray bar, CMYK bar and the color bar.

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Mark Offset: This value sets the distance from the original item or group of items the marks are placed.

Bleed: This value sets the offset of the bleed trim marks. Setting this value to "0" eliminates the bleed marks.

A series of boxes on the right of the dialog tell Crops XT which kinds of items should be created when the XTension is activated. Checking an item causes it to be created, unchecking it prevents the item from appearing. These items include:

Crops: Crop marks appear at the four corners of the selected object or group of objects.

Targets: Targets appear at the middle of each of the four sides of the selected page element(s).

CMYK Tag: The CMYK text tag appears along the top of the selected page element(s), close to the right side crop marks.

CMYK Bar: The CMYK bar appears along the left side of the selected object(s), near the top crop marks.
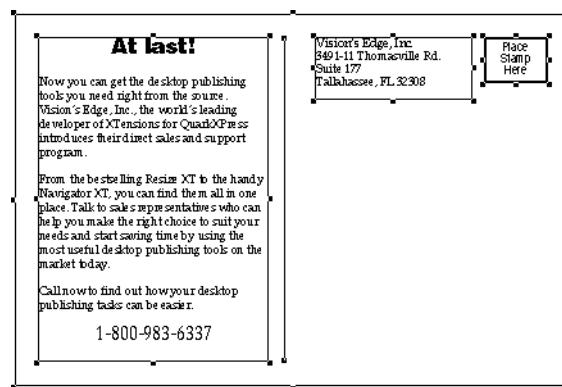
Gray Bar: The Gray Bar appears along the left side of the selected object(s), near the bottom crop marks.

Color Bar: The color bar appears along the left side of the selected page element, close to the bottom crop marks.

When the controls in the Crops XT Preferences dialog are set as desired, click the **OK** button to save the settings.

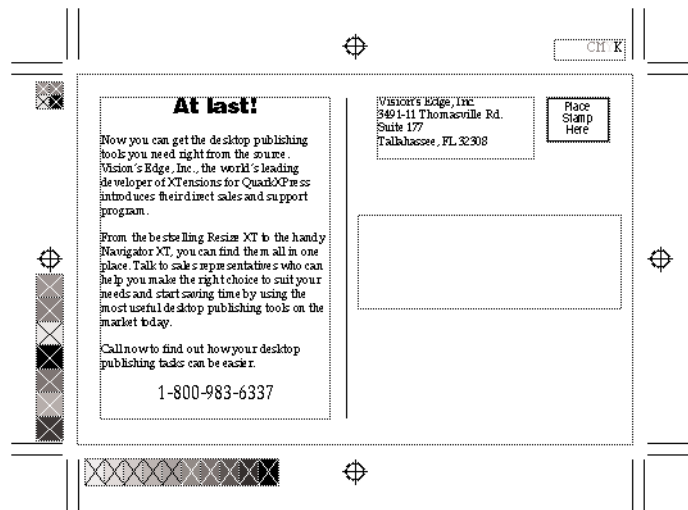## Applying Crops XT to the XPress Page

Applying crops and registration marks with Crops XT is easy. Select an item or items on the QuarkXPress page around which the marks are to be placed.

Items selected on the QuarkXPress document page

Then select *Create Crops & Reg Marks* from the XPress **Item** menu. Crops XT applies the marks according to the user-defined preferences.

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Crops XT creates the crops and registration marks quickly

Crops XT Items

CMYK Bar

Target

CMYK Tag

Gray Bar

Color Bar