

ACCORDIAN FOLD

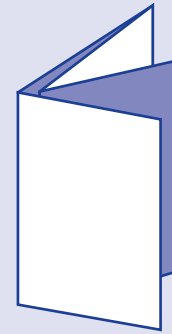


Definition: Typically accordion folds are simple zig-zag folds with 6-panels and two parallel folds that go in opposite directions. Each panel of the accordion fold is about the same size.

Variations include half-accordion folds where one panel is half the size of the other two and engineering folds where one panel is twice the size of the other two. Eight and 10-page accordion folds are also common.

Also Known As: z fold | zig-zag

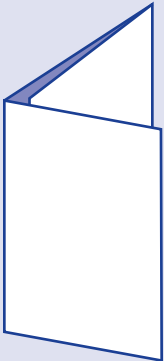
DOUBLE PARALLEL FOLD



Definition: In double parallel folds the paper is folded in half and then folded in half again with a fold parallel to the first fold. To allow for proper nesting the two inside folded panels are $1/32''$ to $1/8''$ smaller than the two outer panels.

Also Known As: parallel center | double fold

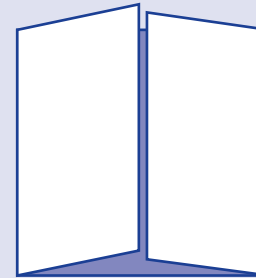
C-FOLD



Definition: In c folds there are 6 panels with two parallel folds in a spiral fold configuration. This is a common type of fold for tri-fold brochures. To allow the panels to nest inside each other properly, the folded in end panel is usually $1/32''$ to $1/8''$ narrower than the other panels.

Also Known As: business letter | letterfold | tri-fold | brochure fold | spiral fold

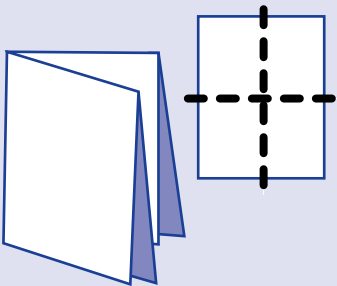
GATE FOLD



Definition: In gatefolds the left and right edges fold inward with parallel folds and meet in the middle of the page without overlapping.

Also Known As: window folds

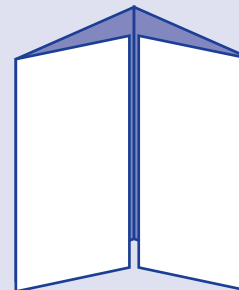
CROSSFOLD



Definition: Paper with crossfolds have two or more folds going in different directions, typically at right angles. Primarily used in reference to bookwork (paper crossfolded then cut to form a signature), crossfolds also describes quarter-folds or 8-panel french folds.

Also Known As: right angle folds

DOUBLE GATE FOLD



Definition: In double gatefolds there are three parallel folds. The left and right edges of the paper fold and meet in the middle, without overlapping, along a center fold. The outer panels are usually $1/32''$ to $1/8''$ smaller than the inner panels to allow for proper folding and nesting.

Also Known As: gatefolds