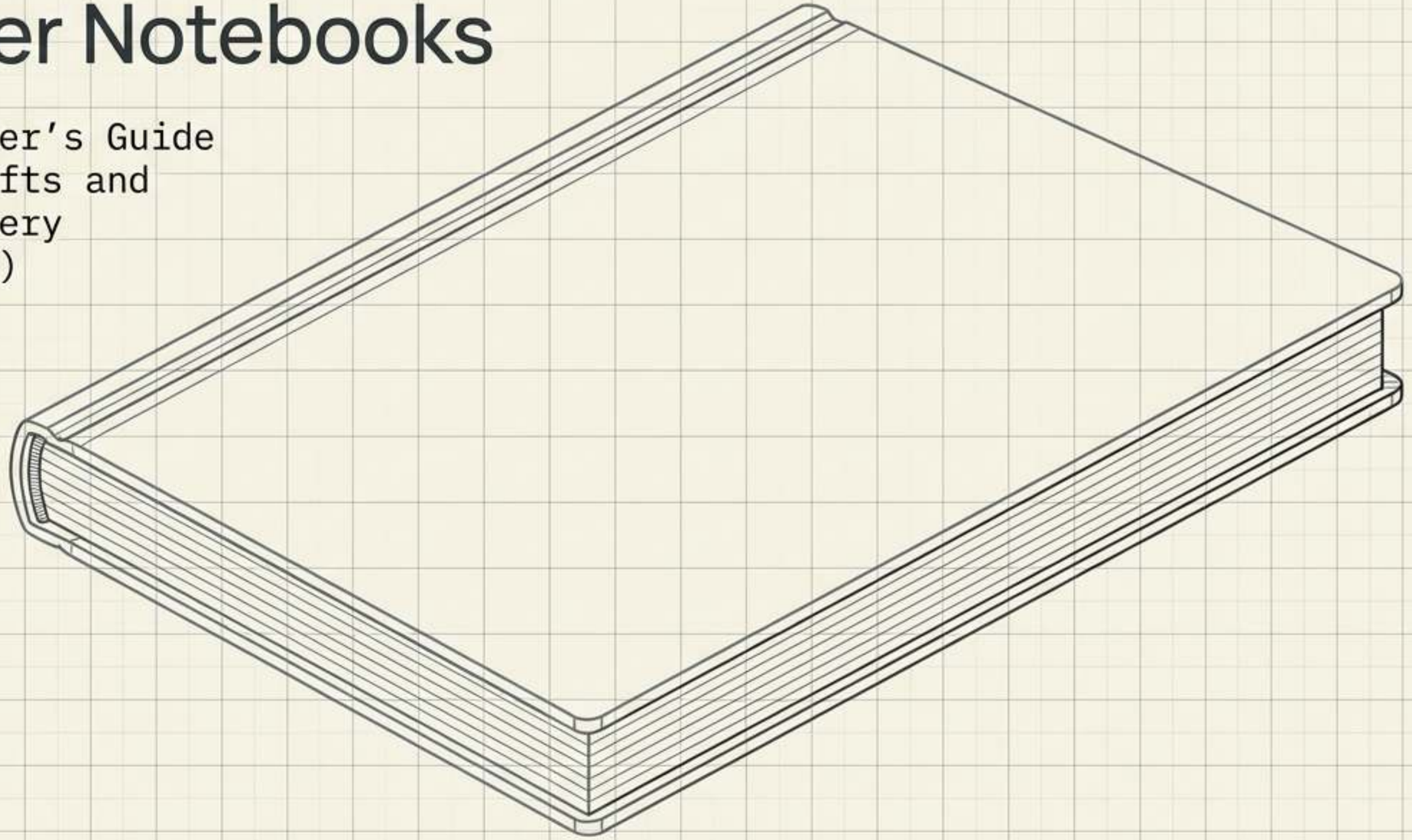
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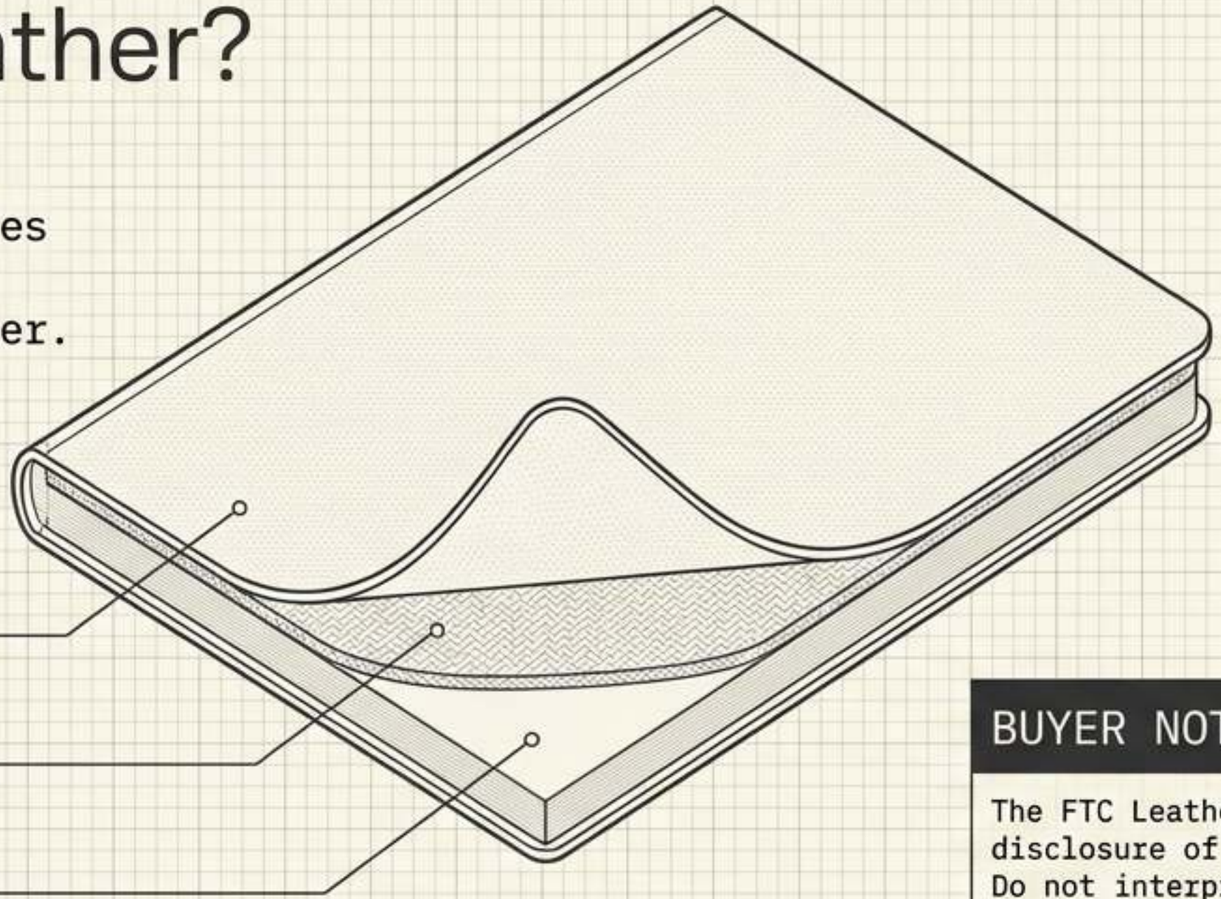
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Defining the Format: What is PU Leather?

PU identifies the synthetic covering; hardcover identifies the rigid construction. PU leather is not genuine leather.



BUYER NOTE

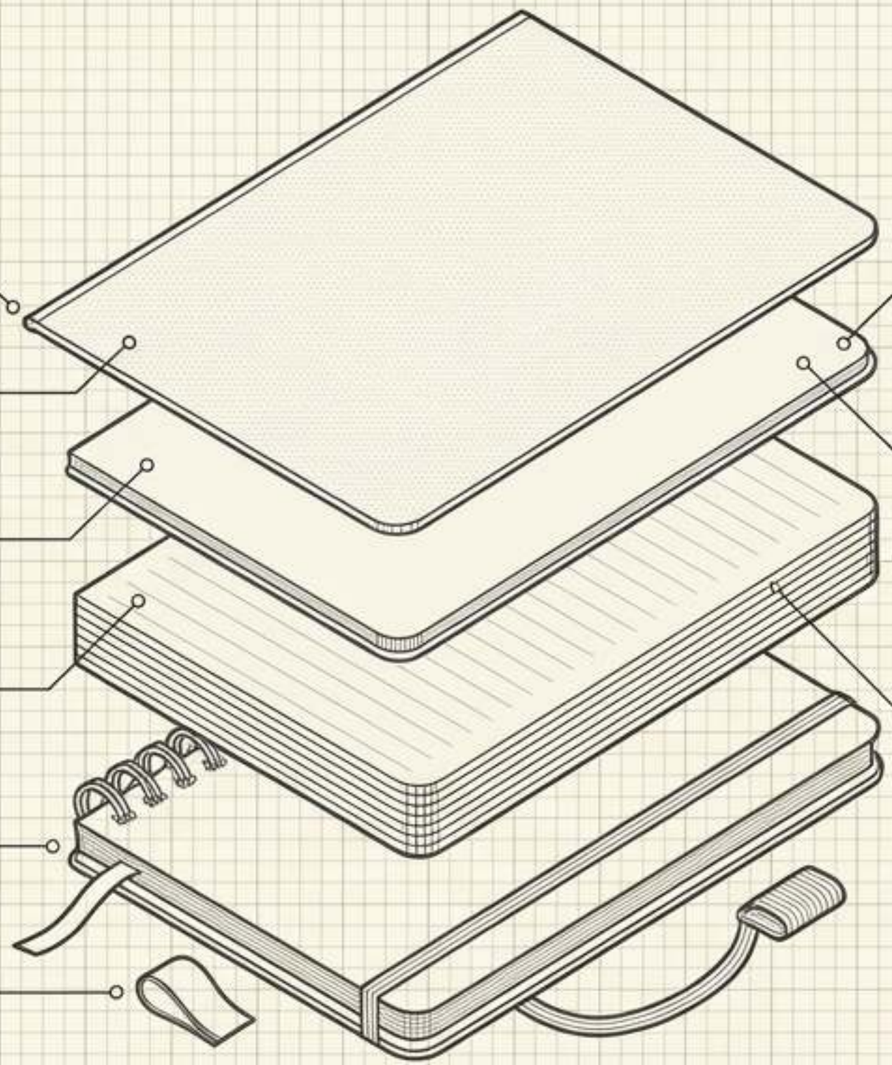
The FTC Leather Guides address disclosure of leather-like materials. Do not interpret a leather-like appearance as evidence of genuine-leather aging, a guaranteed service life, or an animal-free finished product without checking all integrated components.

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The Anatomy of a Specification

What to Specify - The Request

- Trimmed page & closed dimensions
- PU reference, grain & thickness
- Board material & thickness
- Paper reference & grammage
- Proposed binding method
- Requested accessories

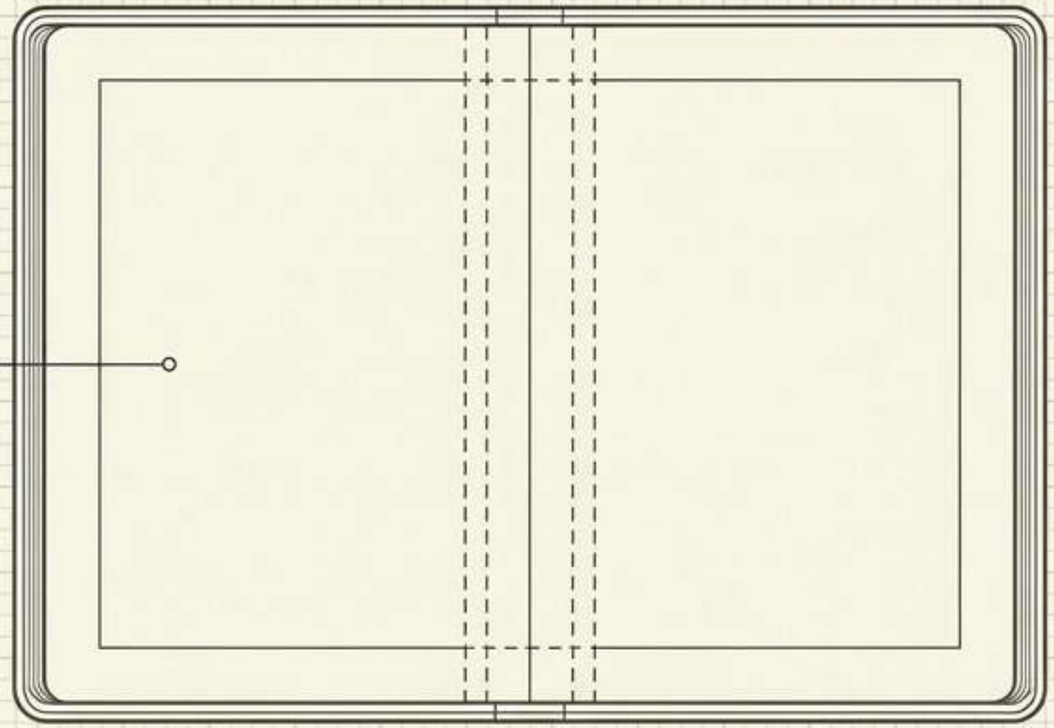


What to Verify - The Reality

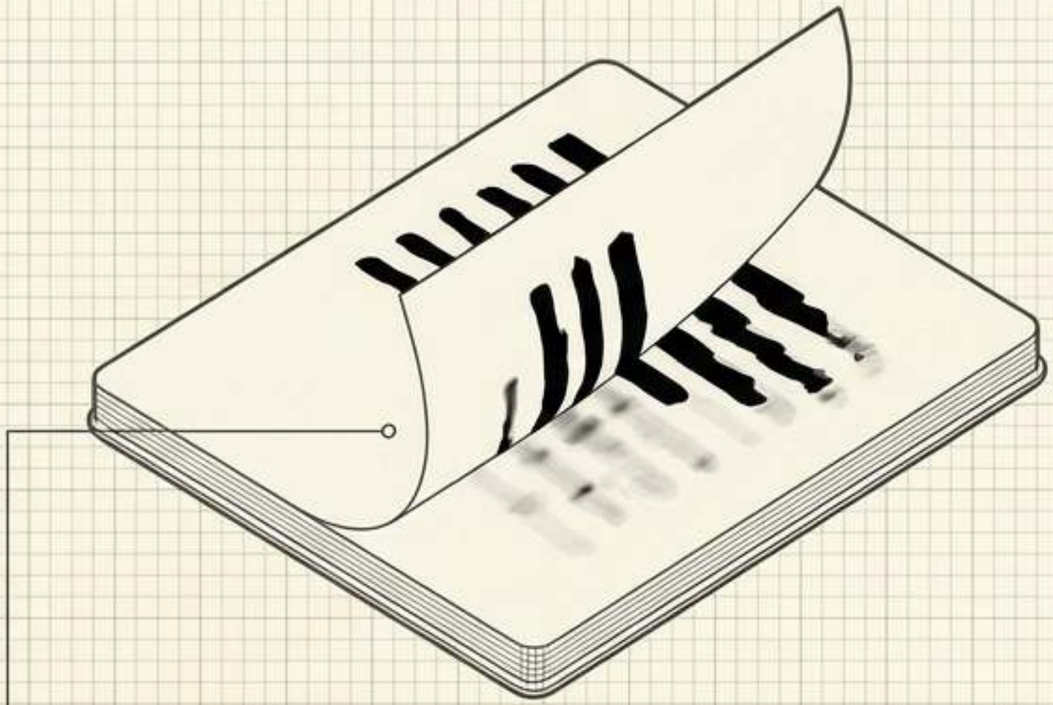
- Confirm if size labels refer to paper or outer cover
- Verify board rigidity and finished bulk
- Test writing performance with intended pens
- Clarify if page counts mean sheets (two faces) or single pages

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Evaluating the Interior Writing Experience



Layout & Spacing: Check if line spacing suits the user and if writing close to the spine gutter is physically comfortable.



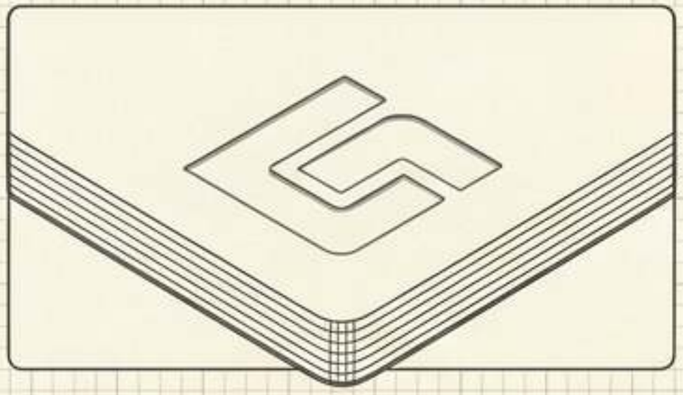
Grammage & Performance: A higher paper grammage (g/m²) does not automatically guarantee resistance to ink bleed-through. Compare the reverse of a written page.

Pagination Clarity: Define whether page count refers to sheets or faces, and how printed inserts and endpapers are calculated.

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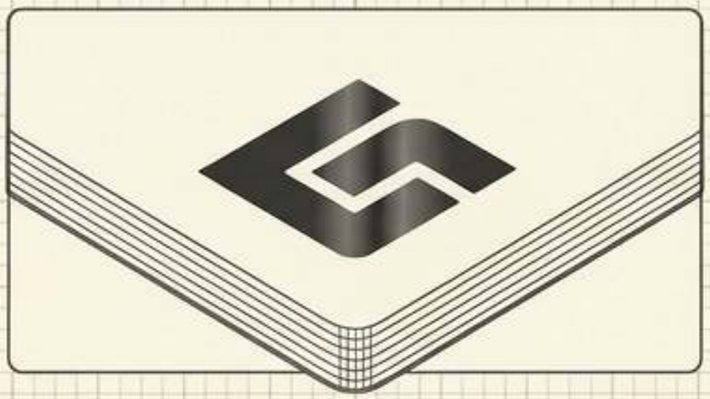
Selecting Cover Finishes

Decoration Compatibility



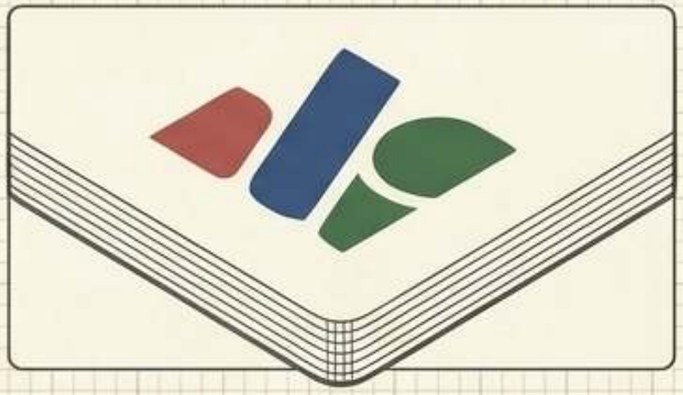
Blind Debossing

Creates a recessed mark without colored foil. Must evaluate against the actual PU surface grain.



Foil Stamping

Introduces contrasting finish. Requires preflight clearance; do not approve solely from simulated images with small lettering.



Printed Color

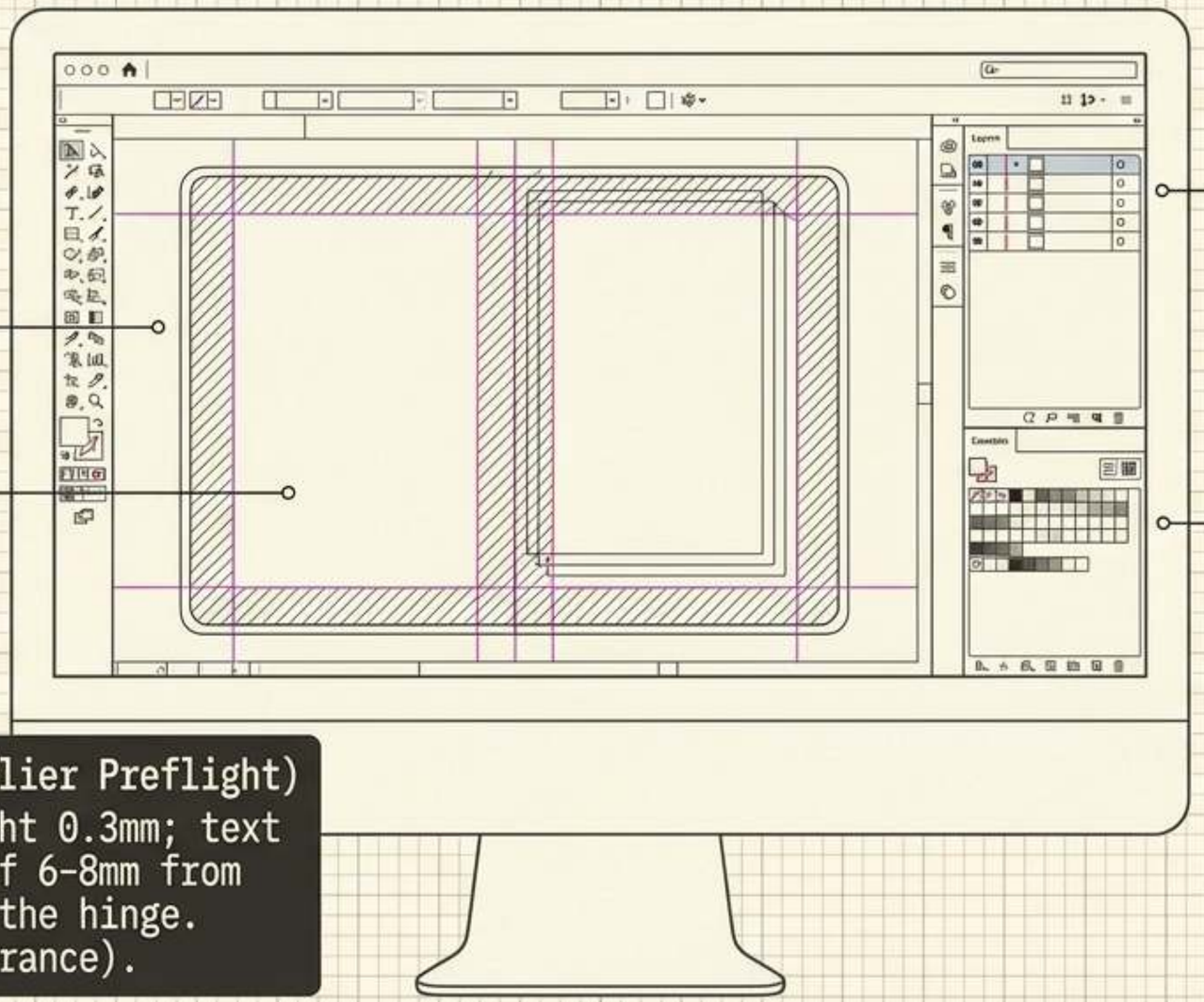
Screen, UV, and laser printing are not interchangeable. Requires dedicated compatibility review.

MATERIAL CONSTRAINT: Heat-reactive PU availability must be confirmed; do not assume all PU darkens under heat. Simulations cannot replace physical finish samples.

Preparing Production Artwork

Vector Format

Supply AI, EPS, or PDF with all lettering outlined.



Layer Separation

Keep debossing, foil, and printed elements on distinct, identified layers.

Reference Values (Supplier Preflight)

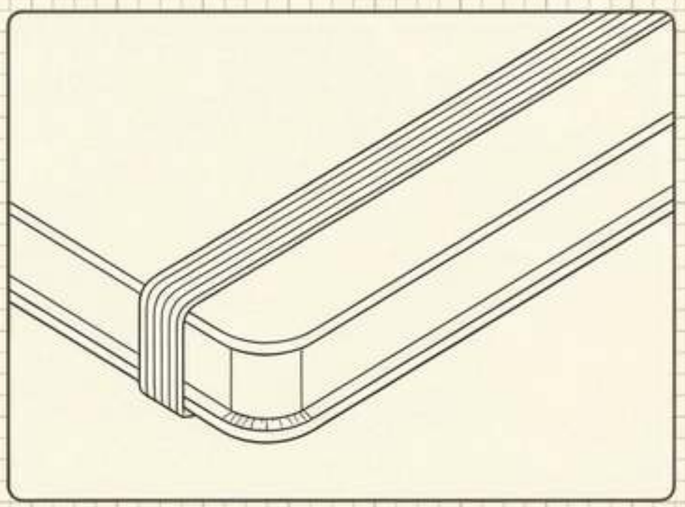
Minimum foil line weight 0.3mm; text above 6pt; clearance of 6-8mm from edges and 8-12mm from the hinge. (Not a guaranteed tolerance).

Color Matching

Approve color using physical Pantone references. Screen previews are strictly non-binding.

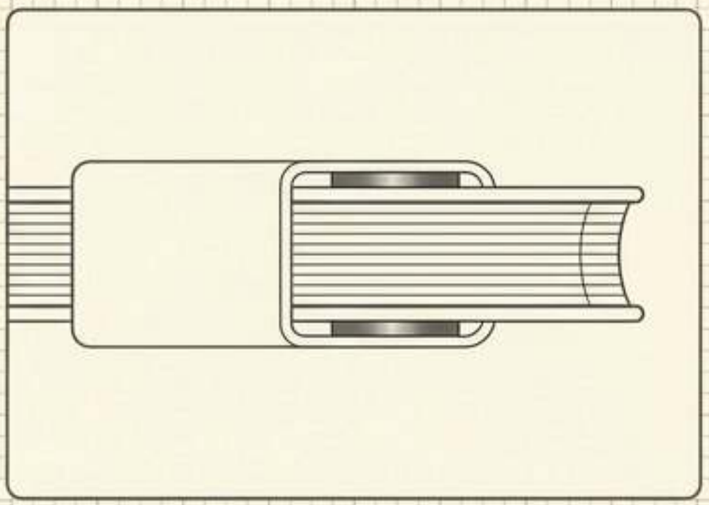
Accessories and Physical Fit

A photograph of an existing notebook, phone, or pen does not define reproducible dimensions or guarantee fit.



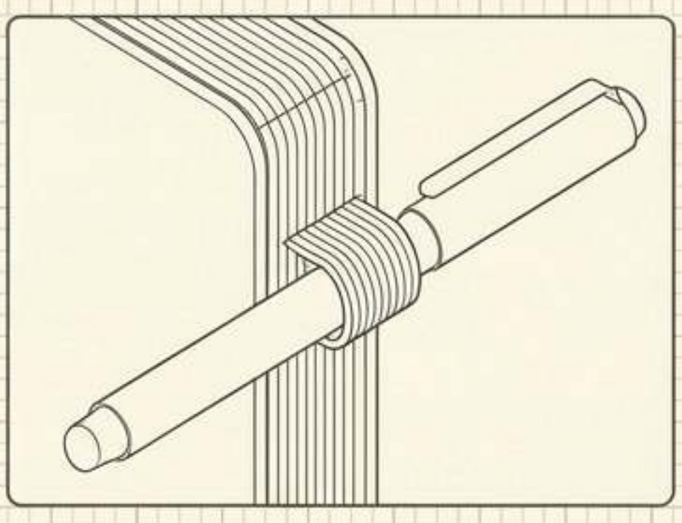
Elastic Band

Assess tension and check for contact marks left on the PU cover.



Magnetic Flap

Review physical alignment and the profile of the notebook when closed.



Attachments

Check the rear attachment area just as carefully as front-facing details. Capacity must be validated by physical loading samples.

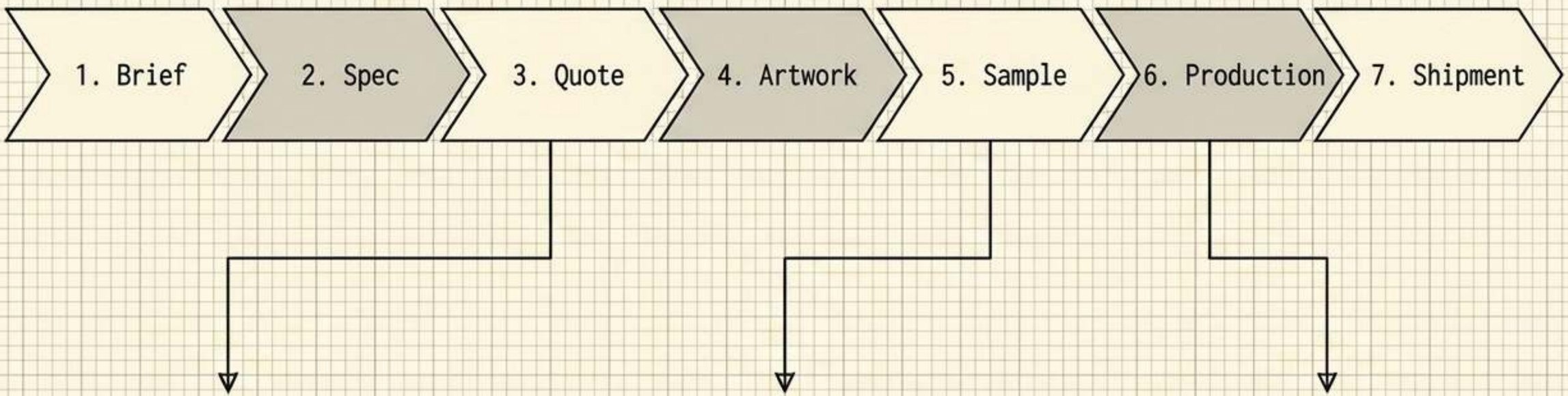
Choosing a Purchasing Route

Route Strategy	Trade-Off Analysis
Fastest / Simplest	
Existing notebook + logo	Available dimensions, paper, and colors strictly constrain the design.
Selected PU cover + standard interior	Coordinates corporate appearance, but material availability and tooling require confirmation.
Custom cover + custom interior	Private-label stationery requires extensive artwork, sampling, and production decisions.
Most Complex Alternative cover material	Prioritizes feel, but decoration, construction, and costs must be entirely reassessed.

Logistics Note: Compare feasible arrival schedules against fixed event dates rather than relying on advertised production speeds.

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The 7-Step Approval Workflow



Commercial variables—Minimum Order Quantity (MOQ), price, and unit weight—remain completely unverified until this stage.

Evaluate the physical sample and record accepted features. Any revisions made here will dynamically alter final price and timing.

Require the supplier schedule to explicitly distinguish working days from calendar days and identify the exact starting event.

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The Physical Sample Inspection

Sample Inspection Checklist		
Area	Proposed Assessment	Record to Retain
Cover	Inspect wrapping, grain, damage.	Material reference & photos.
Logo	Check placement, flex, adhesion.	Approved artwork.
Paper	Write with intended pens.	Paper ref & observed results.
Binding	Turn pages, assess gutter access.	Agreed acceptance criteria.

RISK MITIGATION: A sample proves agreed construction and appearance; it cannot prove years of service. Write the exact treatment of defects (missing decor, loose pages, coating separation) directly into the order rather than relying on generic generic variation allowances.

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Navigating Material and Compliance Documents

Core Takeaway: General company certificates do not cover specific notebook configurations. Project-specific lab testing is required.



Environmental Claims

FSC chain-of-custody covers forest products, not the PU coating. “Vegan” is not a substitute for evidence of recyclability. No FSC certification is pre-established for this product.



US Compliance

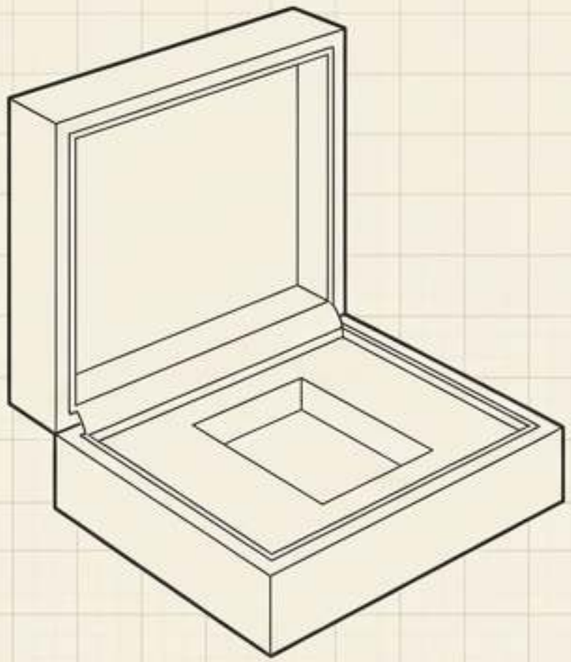
Proposition 65 concerns California anticipated exposure and warnings; it is not a universal notebook certification limit.



EU REACH Restrictions

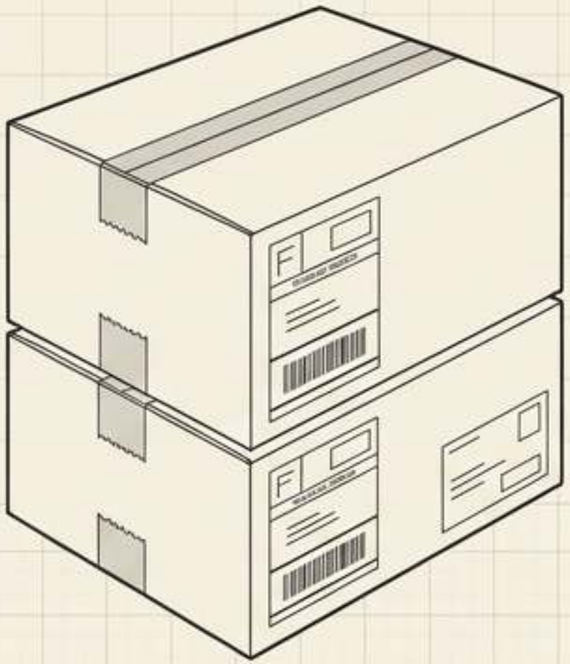
Assess restricted substances (e.g., ECHA’s N,N-dimethylformamide limits) based on destination. A report for a different color formulation may not support your order.

Packaging, Freight, and Delivery Planning



Presentation vs. Protection

A presentation box improves the gifting format but is not automatically suitable as an outer shipping carton.



Freight Reality

Do not infer shipping weight or carton capacity from a styled photograph. Freight quotes require project-specific packed dimensions and measured weights.

REORDERS: A matching color name does not guarantee a matching shade or texture across batches. Retain the physical material reference and packing specification for repeat orders.

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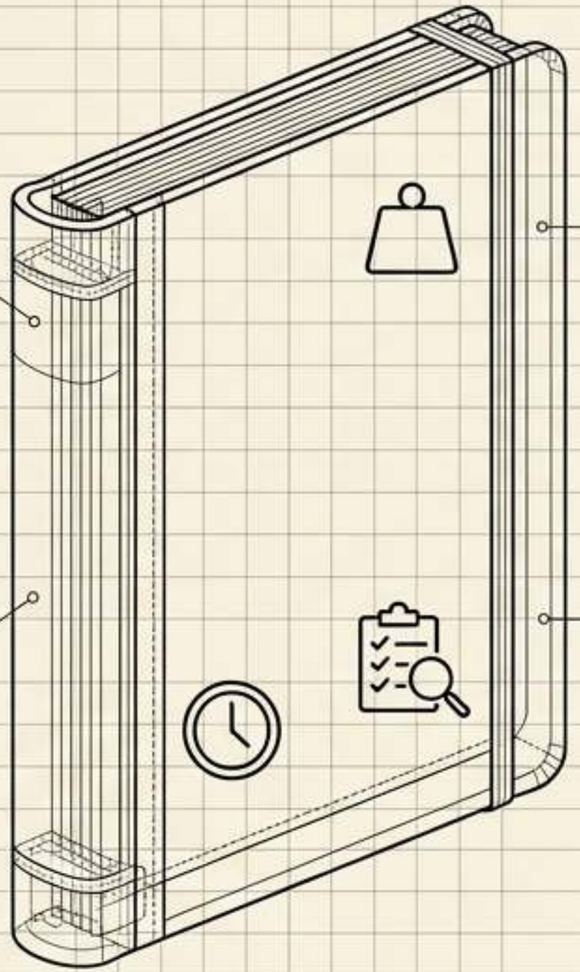
The Manufacturer's Golden Rules

1. Approve Complete Configuration

Cover, paper, binding, and packaging are connected decisions, not independent upgrades.

2. Keep Unknowns Visible

Assume MOQ, lead times, and weight are unverified until your project-specific quote.



3. Accelerated Aging ≠ Service Life

Do not convert test duration directly into guaranteed years of consumer use.

4. Establish Essentials, Test Reality

Use evidence at the right level—material reports, supply-chain claims, and finished checks answer different purchasing questions.

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