

FlexBind® Binding Guide

There are several popular binding methods, see below, that work well with FlexBind® sheets.

General guidelines:

FlexBind® photo pages redistribute the stress that is normally placed on the binding and move it to the laminated hinge on each page. The only requirement for a binding method to be compatible with FlexBind® is that the spine of the book block needs to be held firmly together. Binding methods which intentionally separate the pages will either need to be modified to work with FlexBind® photo pages, or else should be avoided completely. Below is a partial list of binding methods and some recommendations when binding FlexBind® sheets. This guide is not a guarantee or endorsement of any particular binding method.

Binding Method	FlexBind® spine dimension*	Comments
Side-Stitching	1/4"	Stitch 1/8" from edge, alternate sides when stitching to keep spine from curling, compress metal ends of each stitch before placing in cover.
Side-Sewn	1/4" – 3/8"	Center sewing on the FlexBind™ spine, being careful not to tear the laminate in the gap.
Unibind™	3/8"	No modifications necessary. Side stitching improves sheet security in the adhesive.
ChannelBind™	1/2" - 9/16"	No modifications necessary. Side stitching improves sheet security in the binding channel.
Powis Parker™	1/4" - 3/8"	The spine of the book block should be stitched to ensure that the pages turn at the FlexBind™ hinge rather than at the binding edge.
Library Binding	Not Compatible	The pages are intentionally separated at the binding edge.
Smyth Sewn	Not Compatible	The pages are intentionally separated at the binding edge.

*Spine dimension is the distance from edge of the sheet to the gap.

