Full-Size Printing Test Page

Printing patterns full-size is actually easy. Feel free to print these instructions and keep them handy.

Most printers default to scaling in order to print what it deems to be "too large" for an area. This feature must be disabled by un-clicking or un-selecting the feature. Please note that while these instructions work for most printers, there is a possibility that your printer may vary.
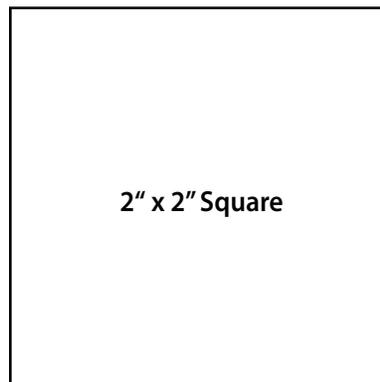
- Do not use any form of Page Scaling - this option should be set to "NONE"
- If your printer has an Advanced Features this setting should be set to "Print Actual Size"
- Do NOT use the "Choose Paper Source by PDF Page Size" Box.
- The Auto Rotate to Center should NOT be checked. Uncheck this box if it is thedefault.
- Do NOT use the "Fit to Printable Area" option, as this option usually decreases the pattern size.
- Do NOT use the "Shrink to Printable Area" option for the same reason.

Also note that sometimes the scaling happens within the software, rather than at the printer. For example, when using the Windows Photo Viewer and you select an image to print, it defaults to "Print Picture to Frame" - this option must be manually unchecked to print properly. When printing a PDF using Adobe Acrobat Reader, the default under Size Options is set to "Fit" - this option once again must be manually unchecked.

If you are using other types of software to print, check the settings carefully before printing. You can use this PDF Test Page to double-check before printing any patterns.

After reviewing your settings, print this page. The square given below should measure exactly 2x2 inches. If it doesn't, re-check your settings and try again.

Each printer is different and settings vary widely across different brands. If you have problems with the printer scaling patterns after reading this material, please refer to your owners' manual, as we do not offer tech support. A quick web search for your printer model will also yield information on your equipment.

2" x 2" Square