Universal Laser Systems Illustrator Setup Instructions

Adobe Illustrator CS or CS2

Note: Adobe Illustrator CS or CS2, in combination with the new ULS printer driver version 5.24.38 or later, is now capable of both raster and vector output as well as full-field engraving capability. The following procedure assumes that you are familiar with the use and operation of Windows XP and Adobe Illustrator CS or CS2.

- 1. Close all Windows programs.
- 2. Upgrade to Adobe Illustrator CS, but do not launch it yet.
- **3.** Upgrade to ULS printer driver version 5.24.38 or later.
- **4.** Set your Windows default printer to the ULS printer driver.
- 5. Launch Adobe Illustrator CS and start a new graphic.
- **6.** You will now need to set the Page Setup, in Adobe, to the largest square page that is equal to the width of your laser system's field. For example, if your laser system has a 24 x 12 inch (610 x 305 mm) field, then set the page in Adobe to 24 x 24 inch (610 x 305 mm) Portrait mode (not Landscape). If you laser system has a 32 x 18 inch (813 x 457 mm) inch field, set the page in Adobe to 32 x 32 (813 x 813 mm) Portrait.
- 7. Now, place your graphics ONLY within the top portion of your page in Adobe. Don't use the bottom portion that extends below the physical size of the engraving area of your laser system. Since your laser system truly doesn't have a usable area as big as the page size you created, the only way to make Adobe work is to trick it into thinking it is outputting to a larger, square-fielded, device.
- **8.** If you would like vector output, set your stroke weight to either 0.001 inches (0.025 mm) or 0.1 points. You will have to type in this setting because it is not available from the dropdown list.