

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Backer Board: The material that paper art is mounted to, as in foam board or hardboard.

- KalMan standard backer board is 3/16" white foam board.

Border: Can be used to refer to the paper show on a paper print. See PAPER SHOW, below.

- Also used to refer to the width of the sides of a mat board once a window has been cut.

Double Mat: Two mat boards (outer/top and inner/bottom) layered on top of one another to provide mat windows of two different sizes.

- Standard inner mat will have a 1/4" reveal between edge of artwork and edge of outer mat board.
- Outer mat boards can be specified with any border width, but it's not recommended to be less than 1.5". In most cases, the outer mat board border should be at least as wide as the face width of the frame.
- Double mat is not the same as a double-thick mat. Standard mat board is 4-ply; if a thicker mat board is desired, 6-ply or 8-ply must be specified.

Float: Float refers to spacing the artwork off of the backer/mat board and specifies how far off the backer the art should float.

- Also used to refer to the width of the sides of a mat board once a window has been cut.
- KalMan standard is to use 3/16" foam board to achieve this and it can be done in multiples of 3/16" OR special materials can be sourced to achieve other lifts.
- The exposed board is the REVEAL, see below.

Lift: See, FLOAT

Mat: Material that is cut and used between the face of a print and the back of the glass OR uncut and used as a backer behind float mounted artwork.

Paper Show: When specified, this refers to an unprinted border around paper prints. Also referred to as BORDER.

- Note: Standard paper show / border is 1/4" for paper prints and 1/2" for deckle edge/fine art paper prints, unless specified otherwise.

Rabbit Depth: Refers to the inside depth of a frame, measuring from under the lip to back of frame.

- This detail is good to keep in mind when specifying a floated print, as one would want a deeper frame to allow for a more dramatic float.

Reveal: The space between the edge of frame and the edge of artwork (gallery wrapped canvas, metal, acrylic, wood, etc).

- Standard reveal for artwork in a floater frame is 1/4".

Spacer: Material used to establish distance between mat/backer board and glass and used to FLOAT artwork off of backer/mat boards.

- In standard framed prints, if no spacer is specified, the print will be against the glass.