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thank you for your enquiry.

The information below will help explain the different types of binding options available and wide variations in quality and prices.

1. Perfect Binding

Perfect binding is the most popular type of binding for novels and short run books and is suitable for books up to approx 30mm thick. The perfect binding method has advantages and disadvantages. This is a very cost effective binding method, it gives a nicely presented book same as any novel or paperback book you may find on the shelves of your average bookstore. Although commonly known as paperback books, perfect bound books normally have a heavyweight card cover. The binding method works by gluing the pages of the 'book block' into the spine of the cover which wraps around the book. The edges are then trimmed to give the finished book. This binding method is not suitable for books using coated art papers, thick paper above 100gsm and books which may be subject to much wear and tear.

2. Wire Binding

This is a very strong binding method and is commonly used on books such as cookbooks and manuals. The edge of the book has holes punched and our machine inserts a wire spiral to bind the pages. Suitable for books up to about 30mm thick.

3. Saddle Stitched

Saddle stitching is the printers term for spine stapling. The books are printed with the pages in a sequence such that when the group of pages are folded in half the page numbers fall in sequence the book is then stapled on the spine and the edges trimmed off. The method is suitable for thinner booklets up to a maximum of 100 pages but usually less as 100 is the limit. Above 100 pages and the pages may pull out due to the staples not being long enough to hold, also the book may be too thick and hence difficult to fold. This method is suited to books which usually only need to last a short time or where cost needs to be kept to a minimum. Also suitable for magazines, newsletters and instruction books.

4. Case Binding

Case binding or Hardback binding as it is sometimes known is the choice when high quality and durability are required. There are various types of case binding but common to all is the covering which has thick stiff card to give the hardback to the book. The card is covered in either a print which forms the book cover and is usually laminated for durability. Fabric and book cloth can also be used for book covering. An optional dust jacket can also be ordered with hardback binding. There are two main options for binding the inside pages, they can be glued, similar to perfect binding mentioned above or, for those wanting longer life and maximum durability the pages can be sewn. Sewn pages provide a very high quality book which will normally last a lifetime, as this is a time consuming process naturally it is also the most expensive option. This option is often chosen for family history books which are often passed on to future generations and need to last many years.

Please speak to us to discuss your binding options or you are welcome to call in to view samples of the various binding options

many thanks

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