

statusstamp

Reproducible document status stamps for LaTeX

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1 Overview

`statusstamp` draws a document status stamp as vector graphics. By default, a distressed red **SUBMITTED** stamp appears behind the text at the center of every page. The label, date, color, scale, rotation, wear pattern, page selection, placement, and layer can be changed. A separate command draws a stamp inline.

The source, examples, issue tracker, and illustrated gallery are available at <https://github.com/cmccomb/statusstamp>.

2 Installation and first use

Place `statusstamp.sty` where LaTeX can find it, or put a copy beside your main `.tex` file. In Overleaf, upload the style file to your project. Add this line to the document preamble:

```
\usepackage{statusstamp}
```

No shell escape, external image, or external generator is needed. To change the automatic page stamp, use `\statusstampsetup` in the preamble:

```
\statusstampsetup{
  text=ACCEPTED,
  date={12 September 2026},
  color=teal!70!black,
  scale=.48,
  angle=-8,
  position=top-right,
  layer=foreground,
  pages=first
}
```

Options can also be passed to `\usepackage`. Use `\statusstampsetup` for values containing commas.

3 Options

text Nonempty label. Default: `SUBMITTED`.

date Optional second line; empty by default. The package does not generate a date automatically.

enabled `true` or `false`; controls automatic page stamps. Default: `true`.

pages `all`, `first`, `odd`, or `even`; counts physical PDF pages. Default: `all`.

position `center`, `top-left`, `top-right`, `bottom-left`, or `bottom-right`. Default: `center`.

layer `background` behind page content or `foreground` above it. Default: `background`.

color Any `xcolor` color or expression. The default, `statusstampred`, is RGB 205, 32, 32.

opacity Ink opacity from 0 to 1. Default: `.82`.

angle Counterclockwise rotation in degrees. Default: `11`.

scale Positive scale factor for the entire stamp. Default: `1`.

distressed `true` for rough borders and missing-ink marks; `false` for clean double borders. Default: `true`.

seed Integer PGF random seed for a repeatable wear pattern. Default: `7319`.

paper-color Color used to paint scratches and flecks. Default: `white`.

margin Corner inset from the stamp's rotated bounding box to the paper edge. Default: `1cm`.

xshift, yshift Extra horizontal or vertical shift. Default: `0pt` for each.

At `scale=1`, the unrotated outer border is 7.64 cm by 2.30 cm. Short labels and dates work best within the fixed lettering area.

4 Inline stamps and page changes

Use `\statusstamp` to draw a stamp in ordinary document flow. Its optional settings affect only that drawing:

```
\usepackage[enabled=false]{statusstamp}  
% Later, inside the document:  
\statusstamp[text=DRAFT,scale=.5,distressed=false]
```

`enabled=false` disables automatic page overlays, but inline stamps still render. Automatic stamps do not change margins or pagination.

Stamps are placed when LaTeX ships a page out. If you change settings partway through a document, finish pending pages first:

```
\clearpage  
\statusstampsetup{enabled=false}
```

The package does not interpret the document class's `draft` or `final` option; select the desired stamp explicitly.

5 Rendering and requirements

The package requires LaTeX dated 2020-10-01 or later, TikZ/PGF, `xcolor`, `graphicx`, and the TeX Gyre Heros (`qhvv`) font family. It uses LaTeX shipout hooks and restores PGF's random-generator state after drawing, so a stamp does not change unrelated randomized diagrams.

Missing ink is painted with `paper-color`; it is not transparent. For colored paper, set that color to match. Over photographs or other varied backgrounds, use `distressed=false`. A foreground stamp can cover page content, while an opaque image can hide a background stamp.

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