

THE EXAMINER'S BENCH

Examination Notebook Field Test 0.3

A 32-page, 5.5 x 8.5 production-oriented dummy that keeps guided structure near 16 percent of the interior and gives the rest back to handwriting.

WHAT CHANGED

Version 0.3 compresses seven structured pages into five, introduces mirrored gutter margins for a bound object, expands the dummy from 12 to 32 pages, and separates four working-page treatments into deliberate test runs. It is still a field proof, not an approved case notebook.

What to test

- [] Print double-sided at 100 percent, or inspect at exact trim size if your printer cannot duplex half-letter stock.
- [] Use at least three ordinary pens. Record bleed-through, feathering, drag, and dry time.
- [] Use the case-orientation, source-index, working-index, and pause pages only when they help; skipped structure is useful evidence.
- [] Spend at least twenty minutes each on ruled, ruled-with-margin, dot-grid, and open pages.
- [] Hold or clip the stack as if it were bound. Judge whether the mirrored gutter leaves enough hand room.
- [] Confirm how handwritten notes are treated under your agency and court/discovery practice before any real-case pilot.

The design target

The front matter should orient the work without becoming paper software. Across the 31-page interior after the cover, 26 pages are open working pages (83.9 percent).

Evaluation sheet

This proof is trying to answer physical questions now: trim, gutter, ruling, page mix, paper behavior, and whether the compressed indexes are enough.

TEST	NOTES	1-5
Trim Does 5.5 x 8.5 feel portable without making diagrams cramped?		
Gutter Can the inner edge be used comfortably when the pages are bound?		
Front matter Do five structured pages orient the case without duplicating software?		
Ruling Which page treatment disappears best while you work?		
Page mix Would you carry a mixed interior or prefer a single ruling style?		
Pen / paper Which pens expose bleed, feathering, show-through, or drag?		

Working-page preference

☐ Light ruled ☐ Ruled + margin ☐ Dot grid ☐ Open ☐ Mixed

Page that should be removed:

Page that needs more room:

Overall: ☐ physical sample next ☐ revise dummy ☐ rethink trim