

Kerning, Tracking, Leading

Art & Design

Three different spaces, three different controls, three different jobs.

Each control adjusts a different gap.

Term	Adjusts	Use it to
Kerning	One pair of letters	Close a gap: Ta, Yo, AV
Tracking	A whole run, evenly	Set caps, or fix a rag
Leading	Space between baselines	Set the texture of a page
Word space	The gaps between words	Even out the colour of a line

Leading is measured baseline to baseline. Set 10/13 means ten point type on thirteen points of line spacing.