



Fountain Pen Instructions

Thank you for purchasing your new fountain pen from Wood Pens & Things! Your pen is shipped dry to avoid any leakage during the shipping process. If your pen is capable of using the ink pump, it will be shipped with the pen along with a sample disposable cartridge. Charge the pen in one of two ways:

FOUNTAIN PEN ASSEMBLY:

- Push the ink cartridge (narrow end first) completely into the open end of the nib assembly to puncture the seal and allow the ink to flow. Screw this assembly into the barrel.

Tip: Stroke the pen nib from the small hole to the tip with a damp paper to help start the ink flow.

- OR – when using the refillable ink pump, push the clear end of the pump into the opening of the nib assembly until it clicks. Screw the inner shaft counter clockwise all the way down inside the cartridge. Now, dip the nib into an ink bottle and slowly turn the shaft upwards (clockwise) to draw ink in, until the reservoir is filled. Screw the nib assembly back into the barrel. If the ink does not draw well, remove the ink pump and put the end of the pump into the ink bottle and then draw the ink into the pump. Be sure to wipe off the end of the pump before installing in the pen.

OPERATING THE PEN:

- When using the pen, screw the cap over the body end. Always keep the nib covered with the cap when not in use to prevent drying out.
- For the Vertex or Graduate magnetic pens, the cap simply pulls off and reattaches to the opposite end magnetically. No unscrewing is needed. Always keep the nib covered when not in use to prevent drying out.

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Fine Tuning A Fountain Pen Nib (Optional)

Disclaimer:

Sorry, but we cannot warranty any tunings, modifications, or changes to the pen or nib. These are good techniques, but please be aware that you proceed at your own risk.

Your new fountain pen is ready to use, but the writing quality and smoothness can be improved with a few simple steps.

Before putting ink in the pen, you should "break in" the nib to match the writing angle of your hand. You do this by drawing figure 8's and infinity signs with the pen, with no ink in it. It is best to write on a brown paper "grocery bag". The purpose of this is to "sand" the pen nib to match the angle that you use, so the nib is "flat" against the paper as you write. You should continue until the nib "feels like it is smooth". (This can take a half an hour, so it is a great exercise while watching TV!) You can also use "micro-mesh" sanding material, at 12000 grit, with a drop of water. Do NOT use a lower grit number as this can damage the nib. Then, before adding ink, rinse the tip with clear water to clear up any debris from the nib.

Now, if you want to really tune up your nib to professional levels, there are many good YouTube videos. The following video is one of the best. You can highlight this text and cut and paste it into your web browser.

https://youtu.be/r_bNRRPk5MY

Remember: These are optional steps to take with your pen, and you must assume any risk of damaging the pen or nib.