

Fountain Pen Care and Cleaning



Holding a fountain Pen

Hold the fountain pen upright so you can see the writing on the nib. Both tines of the nib should contact the paper as you are writing. Little to no pressure is needed to write with a fountain pen, the weight of the pen should be sufficient.

What type of ink should you use?

Only use ink designed for fountain pens. Other ink such as calligraphy ink may damage the nib permanently. We carry KWZ, Monteverde, De Atramentis, Private Reserve, and Robert Oster inks, which are all safe for fountain pens.

What type of paper should you use?

Use high quality paper when writing with a fountain pen. Low quality or “fuzzy” paper can collect on the nib and cause the ink to bleed. We carry Clairefontaine, Rhodia, G. Lalo, and Exacompta, which are all excellent paper for fountain pen writing.

Storing your fountain pen

Always store your fountain pen with the nib pointing up, this allows the ink to drain from the nib. If you are not going to use your fountain pen for an extended period of time, we recommend you clean the fountain pen and let it set dry (no ink) until you are ready to use it again.

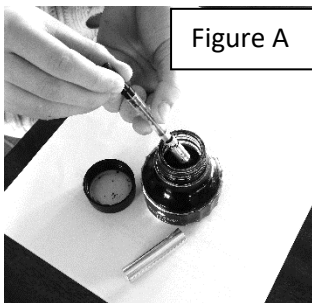


Figure A

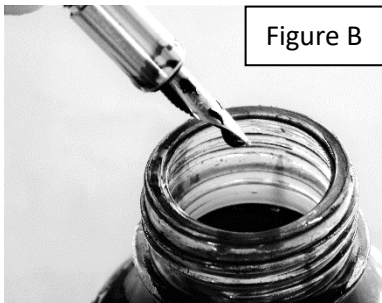


Figure B

Using a converter or ink cartridge

Unscrew the nib assembly from the pen. Press the converter into the backside of the nib assembly. Move the plunger inside the converter towards the nib assembly by twisting / screwing the end of the converter. Submerge the nib and feed completely in ink and twist the converter back and forth several times to eliminate air bubbles in the converter (Figure A). Twist / screw the converter slowly until the plunger is at the backside of the converter and the converter is full of ink. Prime the nib by slowly twist the converter (pushing ink out) until a small drop of ink appears at the end of the nib (Figure B). Wipe away excess ink from the nib and assembly with a towel or lint free cloth.

Using a ink cartridge

Press the ink cartridge into the backside of the nib hold until it is firmly seated. Write on a scratch piece of paper to begin the ink flow.

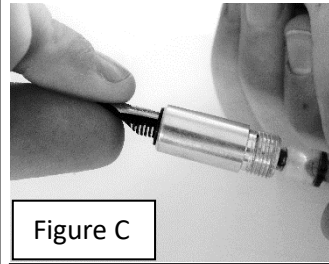


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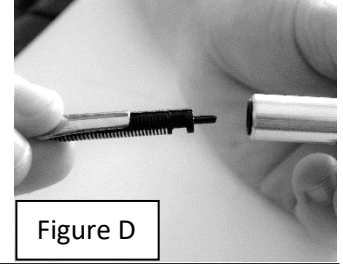


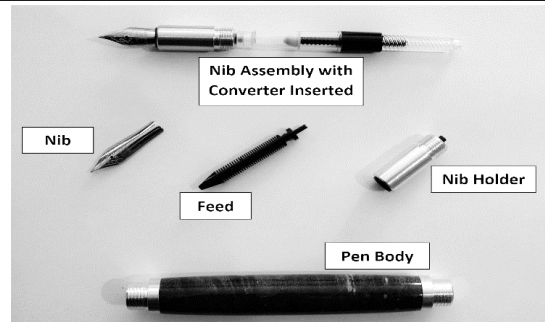
Figure D

Removing nib

To remove the nib place your thumb underneath the feed and your index finger on top of the nib (Figure C). Pull the nib and feed straight out of the nib holder (Figure D). When placing the nib and feed back into the nib holder, make sure the feed and nib line up with a small cutout inside the nib holder which allows the nib and feed to slide in (do not force the nib and feed into the nib holder).

Cleaning

Fountain pens should be cleaned every three to four weeks, when they begin to write poorly, or when you are changing inks. To clean the pen, empty all the ink back into the bottle and remove the nib assembly with the converter attached. Submerge the nib and feed into water and twist the converter to flush all the parts with water. Dump the colored water out, get fresh water and continue these steps. Do this until the water stays clear. For deeper cleaning or severely dried ink, remove the nib and feed from the nib holder and submerge the nib, feed, and nib hold in water for several hours. When you are done soaking everything, dry the nib and feed and blow all of the water out of the nib holder. Always use room temperature water during cleaning and do not use solvents. Hot water and solvents can damage nibs. We do carry a Monteverde fountain pen flush to help with cleaning, which is safe on all fountain pen components.



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