

General Fountain Pen Care

A fountain pen loves to be used; ink in a fountain pen will flow more smoothly when your pen is used on a regular basis.

When writing with your pen, use a gentle constant pressure on the nib, avoid pressing down hard or excessively as that may damage the nib. Think of the tip (nib) as being like a pencil lead.

Make sure you use good quality paper when writing with a fountain pen as paper that is too coated will not absorb the ink well and if too fibrous may actually clog your pen.

Travelling with your favorite fountain pen is a slight challenge. You can completely fill your ink reservoir, making sure not air is trapped, and cap it securing. Or empty the reservoir entirely (recommended).

Often, a problem with writing may just be due to the fact that the pen needs to be cleaned and refilled.

Cleaning your Fountain Pen

- A fountain pen should be cleaned after every second filling of either ink from a bottle or cartridge.
- NEVER USE HOT WATER. Hot water can easily damage the feed.
- Empty the ink using your converter or built-in filling mechanism to fill and flush the pen with cool water, repeating this process several times until the water runs clear. Wipe excess water from the nib using a soft cloth to dry it.
- If the pen is really clogged, fill the pen with cool water, leave the uncapped pen soaking overnight in a glass of cool water with the nib facing downwards and entirely submerging the nib in water.
- To dry after washing, cover the nib section with a soft dry cloth and shake it a few times to force the water out. It is best to leave it to dry overnight.

Storing your Fountain Pen

- Make sure your fountain pen is capped when not in use so that the ink will not evaporate or become thicker.
- Never store your fountain pen lying down. The ink will coagulate and dry in the nib section and make it difficult for the ink to flow and for the pen to write properly.
- When not using your fountain pen, store it in an upright position with the nib facing up.
- Remove the ink and clean the pen with cool water as noted above if you will not be using this pen for a week or two.