

Ziller's

How to Adjust Your Oblique Pen Holder

It's preferable to have an oblique pen holder for each type of nib used. This way you do not need to constantly adjust your holder; each holder will already have the perfect fit to get the best lettering from each type of nib and you will save valuable time.

Adjusting your penholder can seem like a difficult task, so we are going to give you a few steps on how to make it easier.

First of all, the metal attachment (also referred to as the flange) on your holder should hold the nib just tight enough to keep it from falling out. If it is held too tight, it will bend the nib and cause it to be out of alignment.

Figure 1: If the nib is too loose, pinch the brass flange together with a pair of long needle-nose pliers.

Figure: 1



Figure 2: Standard size nibs should be inserted into the metal flange until they are about even with the center of the pen. Some penmen prefer having the nib placed about 2mm or 1/8 of an inch above the center of the pen.

Figure: 2



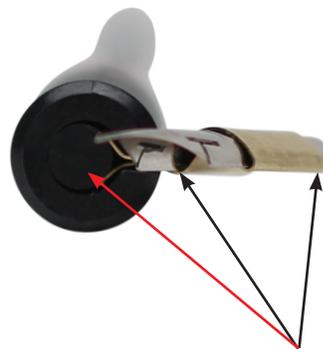
Figure 3: This side view is showing the flange slope, with the nib pointing upward from the center. Some Penmen prefer the point to extend even higher; we recommend trial and error until you find your preferred slope.

Figure: 3 Nib pointing upward from the center



Figure 4: When viewing from the side, the left and the right edges of the nib should align with the center line of the pen holder. In other words, these three points must be in a straight line.

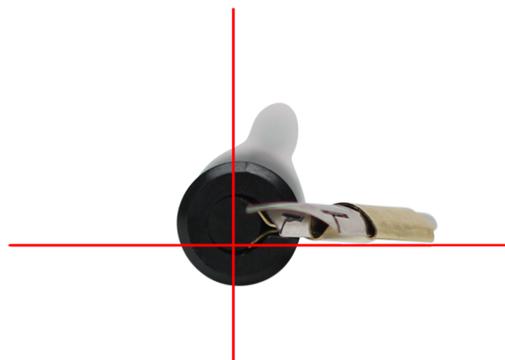
Figure: 4



Important to have these three points in a straight line

Figure 5: Viewing the pen from the front, the end of the nib should be centered to the pen holder, also the left and right side of the flange should line up with the middle of the pen.

Figure: 5



If you accidentally dip the flange in ink, be sure to thoroughly cleanse the flange before the ink dries by dipping the flange inside Ziller pen cleaner. Dry ink will spring your pen point out of shape.

To fit a different size nib, you will have to adjust your flange each time you change your nib. First, slide the desired nib inside the flange. Then, with a pair of needle-nose pliers, bend each side of the flange to round it and fit the nib. Please refer to the above instruction to make sure your pen is correctly adjusted.

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