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**Drawing and writing instruments —  
Ball point pens and roller ball pens —  
Vocabulary**

*Instruments de dessin et d'écriture — Stylos à pointe bille et stylos  
rollers — Vocabulaire*

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It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 12756:1998/Amd 1:2011.

# Drawing and writing instruments — Ball point pens and roller ball pens — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms related to ball point pens and roller ball pens.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 General

#### 3.1.1

##### **pen**

writing instrument equipped with a feeding system which deposits a writing fluid on a surface

Note 1 to entry: It is available in a refillable or non-refillable (disposable) form.

#### 3.1.2

##### **ball pen**

*pen* (3.1.1) with a writing fluid feeding system based on a rotatable ball writing tip integrated either within the pen itself or within a *refill* (3.1.6)

#### 3.1.3

##### **ball point pen**

*ball pen* (3.1.2) which deposits a writing fluid with a dynamic viscosity greater than 1 000 mPa·s (1 000 cP) at 23 °C ± 2 °C, except gel ink ball pens

Note 1 to entry: A gel ink ball pen is defined in ISO 27668-1 as a ball pen which deposits a writing fluid whose viscosity decreases markedly with rotation of the ball when writing and increases back to or near to the original viscosity in non-movement, i.e. when not writing.

#### 3.1.4

##### **roller ball pen**

*ball pen* (3.1.2) which deposits a writing fluid with a dynamic viscosity of less than 20 mPa·s (20 cP) at 23 °C ± 2 °C, except gel ink ball pens

#### 3.1.5

##### **cartridge**

disposable container for the writing fluid, which is detached when empty and replaced by a (new) full container

Note 1 to entry: See also ISO 9175-1.