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- hPart 1: General use ai/catalog/standards/iso/6e498d39-2f7e-49a9-98a1-a258c2bdad11/iso-27668-1-2016
- Part 2: Documentary use (DOC)

Introduction

This part of ISO 27668 is applicable to gel ink ball pens for general use.

ISO 27668-2 is applicable to gel ink ball pens for documentary use.

For documentary use, some requirements, in addition to those for general use, are necessary

- a) to assure the legibility of lettering, and
- b) for the handling and storage of documents over long periods of time (these requirements are often discussed with the archivist).

An example of documentary use is the preparation of documents that are required as evidence.

Furthermore, pens which meet the requirements for documentary use produce lines which are more resistant to modification (e.g. attempts to falsify a document) than those for general use.

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