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Partie 1: Utilisation générale



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ISO 12757 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Ball point pens and refills*:

- *Part 1: General use*
- *Part 2: Documentary use (DOC)*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 12757 is applicable to ball point pens for general use. Part 2 of ISO 12757 is applicable to ball point 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 during 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.