

`\insertpenalties` [*⟨number⟩* parameter]

This parameter contains the sum of certain penalties that T_EX accumulates as it is placing insertions onto the current page. These penalties are incurred when T_EX is processing an `\insert` command and discovers that a previous insertion of the same kind on this page has been split, leaving part of it for subsequent pages. See pages 123–125 of *The T_EXbook* for the details of this calculation.

`\insertpenalties` has an entirely different meaning during an output routine—it's the number of insertions that have been seen but that don't fit on the current page (see page 125 of *The T_EXbook*).