Home Page:

Content for slot above footer

This copy was listed under SEO Copy for the home page (page 1 of the Parker Website Redesign copy doc). It should read:

Since 1888, Parker Pen has been crafting high-quality writing instruments and refined gifts including fountain, ball-point and rollerball pens.

**Gift Sets Products Page**

**Duo Pen Gift Set**

This special-edition gift set includes a matching pair of Parker pens—one Fountain and one Ballpoint pen—and comes packaged in an elegantly refined gift box. This set gives any writer the flexibility of choosing between two writing modes to perfectly suit any occasion.

Choose from: Jotter Stainless Steel Fountain Pen and Ballpoint Pen, IM Brushed Metal Fountain Pen and Ballpoint Pen, IM Brushed Metal Fountain Pen and Rollerball Pen, Sonnet Black Lacquer Fountain Pen and Ballpoint Pen.

Shop Now

**Classic Pen Pouch Gift Set**

Protect, store, and keep your pen on hand while on the go with this special-edition gift set. It features a Parker Pen and an elegant, soft-touch pen pouch that reveals a striking burgundy interior once opened, offering the protection your pen needs.

Choose from: Sonnet Stainless Steel Ballpoint Pen, Urban Premium Black Ballpoint Pen

Shop Now

**Premium Pen Pouch Gift Set**

Keep your pen safe and your spare refills on hand while on the go with this special-edition gift set. It features a Parker Pen and an elegant, soft-touch pen pouch that features a stunning burgundy interior and contrasting fabric exterior. With space to carry two extra refills, this gift set is ideal for protecting your pen and carrying refills safely.

Choose from: Ingenuity Large Black Rubber Pen, Ingenuity Slim Pearl Pen

Shop Now

**Notebook Gift Set**

Ensure that all your thoughts are captured on the go with this special-edition gift set. It features a Parker Pen paired with an elegant woven fabric–covered notebook, complemented by an embossed Parker logo. Packaged in a refined gift box, this set is a superb choice for a thoughtful gift.

Choose from: Urban Premium Ebony Ballpoint Pen, Urban Premium Ivory Ballpoint Pen

Shop Now

**Notebook Organizer Gift Set**

Keep your thoughts organized with this special-edition gift set. It features a Parker Pen and a soft-touch notebook organizer that reveals a burgundy interior once opened. Inside the organizer, find a woven fabric–covered notebook, storage for two extra refills and business cards, plus a large pocket for notes.

Choose from: Sonnet Black Lacquer 18k Fountain Pen, Sonnet Metal & Pearl 18k Fountain Pen

Shop Now

**---CARE GUIDE SECTION ---**

**Care Guide Main Page**

**Care for Your Pen**

Crafted with extraordinary skill, expertise, and passion, each Parker pen is designed to be maintained for life.

**How to Take Care of Your Pen**

Years of expertise in the fine art of pen making ensures our experts provide the best guidance on how to take care of your Parker pen.

Ballpoint

Fountain

Parker 5th

Rollerball

**Consumer Care**

Find all the information or services you require in Parker's dedicated Consumer Care section.

Contact Us >

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your fountain pen, request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

Read More >

**Nib Exchange Program Page**

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your fountain pen, you may request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

**Fountain Pen Nibs**

If within 28 days of purchase, you realize that the nib of your fountain pen is not entirely suited to your writing style, Parker offers you the complimentary benefit of exchanging it for any nib of the same value, provided it is undamaged and in excellent condition.

**Process for Exchange**

Working closely with retail partners, Parker provides dedicated services and professional advice on owning, using, and servicing your Parker pen.

**Step 1:**

Please enter your location into the Store Locator and contact your local retailer to confirm if they provide nib exchange services.

**Step 2:**

If your local retailer service is available, please visit them with proof of purchase and your pen so they can coordinate the exchange of your nib. If completed within 28 days of purchase, the service will be complimentary. If outside of this period, your retailer will provide a quote in-store.

If no local retailer service is available, please click [here](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/contact-us) for further information.

The Nib Exchange Program has been designed to ensure the best writing experience for everyone. With a range of 14 different nibs to suit all writing styles—from extra fine, regular, and broad, to straight, italic, and oblique—Parker will ensure you find your perfect personal expression.

**How Do I Know Which Nib I Currently Have?**

Each nib is marked with a unique ID code located in a small indentation approximately halfway along the back of the nib. Use the key below to distinguish which of the 14 nib sizes you have.

EEF: extra extra fine

EF: extra fine

F: fine

M: medium

B: broad

EB: extra broad

EEB: extra extra broad

FO: fine oblique

MO: medium oblique

RMO: reverse medium oblique

BO: broad oblique

FI: fine italic

MI: medium italic

BI: broad italic

***Nibs to Suit Different Writing Styles***

**Regular Pen Nibs**

With a rounded shape at the tip of the writing point, regular pen nibs provide a smooth, free-flowing writing experience and a uniform writing line for any style of writing, both left-handed and right-handed.

**Oblique Pen Nibs/Oblique Pen Nibs Oriented with a Contrary Sense**

To compensate for extreme writing angles, these pen nibs are precision cut at an oblique angle and fitted with a rounded pellet, allowing the pen to write smoothly in all directions.

**Italic Straight Pen Nibs**

Manufactured with a sharp, straight-cut tip and finished with a flat pellet, this pen nib applies a thick line in one direction and a thin line at right angles to that direction as necessary for the italic style of writing.

**Nib Size Availability Collection**

Select a collection to see the nibs available.

<Drop Down Menu Options>

**Nib Size Available for Collections**

Extra Extra Fine

Extra Fine

Medium

Broad

Extra Broad

Extra Extra Broad

***Discover Parker Writing Styles***

**Nib for Parker 5th**

Designed to adapt to the natural angles of your handwriting style for an exceptionally smooth writing experience, Parker 5th feels like an extension of you.   
  
Providing instant interchangeability, Parker 5th refills are available in fine or medium and were designed to eliminate leaks caused by pressure, impact, and temperature.

Available in:

Shop Now >  
  
Watch fine nib size demonstration film >

Watch medium nib size demonstration film >

**Nib for Rollerball**

Made for smoothness and convenience, the constant fluidity of ink allows creativity to flow each time a rollerball is put to paper.   
  
The Parker rollerball refill, available in 0.7 mm medium or 0.5 mm fine, switches out instantly without leakage for a smooth and convenient replacement of ink.

Available in:

Shop Now >  
  
Watch fine nib size demonstration film >  
Watch medium nib size demonstration film >

**Nib for Ballpoint**

Ideal for spontaneous expression with a smooth, one-handed action, the ballpoint ensures flawless lines with instant access.   
  
Delivering a constant flow of quick-drying ink, the ballpoint refills, available in 0.7 mm medium or 0.5 mm fine, offer convenience and reliability, switching out with ease for rapid and clean ink replacement.

Available in:

Shop Now >  
  
Watch fine nib size demonstration film >  
Watch medium nib size demonstration film >  
Watch broad nib size demonstration film >

**Ballpoint Pen Care Guide Page**

**Ballpoint Pen Care Guide**

**How to Change a Ballpoint Refill**

Play Video

**How to Store Your Pen**

Store your pen with the refill always retracted into the barrel. This will avoid stains or leakage if the point of refill touches the paper.   
  
Placing your pen into a pen case or pouch will protect the pen from being scratched, keeping the finish looking new.

**How to Remove an Ink Stain on Clothing**

Amodex is a highly effective stain remover for most inks and safe to use on all fabrics, surfaces, and skin.    
  
Never place clothing in the dryer unless the stain is completely gone as heat will set the stain and permanently damage clothing.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Are refills available for all Parker ballpoint pens?

Information about refills can be found on our [Inks & Refills](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/inks---refills) page.   
  
To purchase refills, please visit the [Store Locator](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/AjaxStoreLocatorDisplayView?catalogId=15052&langId=-11&storeId=15052) page to find your nearest retailer or shop here.

What should I do if my refill is loose?

First, please make sure you have the correct refill for your writing instrument.   
  
If so, please visit our Repairs section on our FAQ page for more information.   
  
If you would like more information on how to refill your pen, please watch the how-to video in the section above.

What do I do if my refill doesn't perform?

Please see Returns & Exchanges for more information.

May I purchase any kind of spare parts directly from you?

We sell front-end spare parts. If you would like to purchase one, please determine the model and nib size required. See our Nib Exchange Program for more details.

**Ballpoint Refills**

Delivering a constant flow of quick-drying ink, the ballpoint refills offer convenience and reliability, switching out with ease for rapid and clean ink replacement.

Shop Now >

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your ballpoint pen, request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

Discover >

**Fountain Pen Care Guide Page**

**Fountain Pen Care Guide**

**How to Effectively Clean Your Fountain Pen**

Play Video

**How to Refill Using an Ink Bottle & Converter**

Play Video

**How to Change the Cartridge of Your Fountain Pen**

Play Video

**How to Clean Your Nib**

Remove the cartridge or converter.

Flush the nib and gripping section with cool water.

A converter not being used for ink can be used to flush the nib by drawing cool water up through the nib and forcing the water out.

Lightly blow air through the nib assembly to clear all liquid out of the nib.

Dry the nib and gripping section with a lintless soft cloth.

Repeat this several times, then dry the nib and gripping section with a soft cloth or paper towel.

If a pen clogs, place the nib and gripping section in a cup of cool water.

Let the nib and gripping section soak up to 24 hours. Parker ink is water-soluble and will dissolve in water.

Remove the front end from the water and rinse it with a slow stream of cool water.

Gently blow into the nib assembly to remove any excess water.

We recommend that you dry the nib and gripping section with a soft cloth or paper towel.

You may now place a new ink cartridge or an ink converter into the front end.

**How to Store Your Pen**

The nib should remain with the writing point up when not in use. The ink will drain down into the converter or cartridge. This avoids drying out or clogging of the nib.  
  
Placing your pen into a pen case or pouch will protect the pen from being scratched, keeping the finish looking new.  
  
When flying, store your pen with the writing point upright when not in use. Ensure that either a full cartridge or converter is inserted or remove the existing cartridge/converter prior to the flight.

**How to Remove an Ink Stain on Clothing**

Amodex is a highly effective stain remover for most inks and safe to use on all fabrics, surfaces, and skin.

Never place clothing in the dryer unless the stain is completely gone as heat will set the stain and permanently damage clothing.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

*When should I clean my fountain pen?*

Cleaning your fountain pen between each ink refill is recommended; follow instructions and demonstration above.

*How do I replace my nib or get it repaired?*

Parker provide a free nib exchange service within 28 days of purchase. Please visit the Nib Exchange Program for more details and eligibility.  
  
Most Parker retail partners can also assist with the exchange or repair of your fountain pen nib. Please contact your local store before travel to confirm that they provide this service.  
  
If you do not have a retailer near you or they do not provide this service, use the form on the Nib Exchange Program section to contact the Global Consumer Care Service.   
  
If you are requesting a free repair or replacement, proof of purchase and a picture of your pen, including the size of the nib you require, will be requested. All information to help you can be found [here](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/nib-exchange-pgm).  
  
If the nib is in pristine condition and if the new required nib belongs to the same model, the nib exchange will be free of charge. Otherwise you will receive a quote.  
  
Return the complete pen in order to protect the nib during transit.

*How long is the warranty valid?*

If your pen was purchased with a lifetime warranty, the lifetime warranty will be honored.   
  
In 2007, Parker introduced a limited warranty period of 2 years with the option of a free 2-year extension available online.   
  
All repairs covered under the warranty require proof of the terms of the warranty—either the warranty document or printed sales receipt.   
  
More information can be found on our [Warranty page](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/warranty).

*May I purchase any kind of spare parts directly from you?*

Parker does offer front-end spare parts.   
  
If you would like to purchase one, please determine the model and nib size required.   
  
See our [Nib Exchange Program](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/nib-exchange-pgm) for more details.

**Ink, Bottle & Cartridge**

Parker Quink inks and refills are specially formulated to ensure faultless performance and an optimum writing experience.

Shop Now >

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your fountain pen, request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

Discover >

**Parker 5th Pen Care Guide Page**

**Parker 5th Pen Care Guide**

**How to Change a Parker 5th Refill**

Play Video

**How to Store Your Pen**

Store your pen with the cap covering the barrel to protect the refill from drying out when the pen is not in use.    
  
Placing your pen into a pen case or pouch will protect the pen from being scratched, keeping the finish looking new.   
  
When flying, store your pen with the writing point upright when not in use. Ensure that either a full refill is inserted or the existing refill is removed prior to the flight.

**How to Remove an Ink Strain on Clothing**

Amodex is a highly effective stain remover for most inks and safe to use on all fabrics, surfaces, and skin.   
  
Never place clothing in the dryer unless the stain is completely gone as heat will set the stain and permanently damage clothing.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

*Are refills available for all Parker 5th pens?*

Information about refills can be found on our Inks & Refills page.   
  
To purchase refills, please visit the Store Locator page to find your nearest retailer.

*What should I do if my refill is loose?*

First, please make sure you have the correct refill for your writing instrument.   
  
If so, please visit our Repairs section on our FAQ page for more information.   
  
If you would like more information on how to refill your pen, please watch the how-to video in the section above.

*What do I do if my refill doesn't perform?*

Please see Returns & Exchanges for more information.

**Parker 5th Refills**

Providing instant interchangeability, Parker 5th refills are available in fine or medium and were designed to eliminate leaks caused by pressure, impact, and temperature.

Shop Now >

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your Parker 5th pen, request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

Discover >

**Rollerball Pen Care Guide Page**

**Rollerball Pen Care Guide**

**How to Change a Rollerball Refill**

Play Video

**How to Store Your Pen**

Store your pen with the cap covering the barrel to protect the refill from drying out when the pen is not in use.    
  
Placing your pen into a pen case or pouch will protect the pen from being scratched, keeping the finish looking new.   
  
When flying, store your pen with the writing point upright when not in use. Ensure that either a full refill is inserted or the existing refill is removed prior to the flight.

**How to Remove an Ink Stain on Clothing**

Amodex is a highly effective stain remover for most inks and safe to use on all fabrics, surfaces, and skin.   
  
Never place clothing in the dryer unless the stain is completely gone as heat will set the stain and permanently damage clothing.

Frequently Asked Questions

*Are refills available for all Parker rollerball pens?*

Information about refills can be found on our Inks & Refills page.   
  
To purchase refills, please visit the Store Locator page to find your nearest retailer.

*What should I do if my refill is loose?*

First, please make sure you have the correct refill for your writing instrument.   
  
If so, please visit our Repairs section on our FAQ page for more information.   
  
If you would like more information on how to refill your pen, please watch the how-to video in the section above.

*What do I do if my refill doesn't perform?*

Please see [Returns & Exchanges](http://www.parkerpen.com/en-GB/care-guides-details-rollerball) for more information.

**Rollerball Refills**

With its rollerball tip enabling consistent flow of the ink directly onto the paper, the Parker rollerball refill switches out instantly without leakage for a smooth and convenient replacement of ink.

Shop Now >

**Nib Exchange Program**

If you are not entirely satisfied by the nib of your rollerball pen, request a nib exchange to better suit your individual writing style.

Discover >

**---Heritage Section---**

**Heritage Main Page**

**Welcome to the World of Parker**  
  
It's a world that spans more than 125 years of pioneering innovation, unique style, and world-renowned craftsmanship of exquisite fine writing instruments. With over a century of passion and experience, Parker continues to build on its heritage and reputation by constantly reinvigorating and transforming the writing experience.   
  
Driven by a long-held belief in the importance of the written word, we strive to bestow upon our writers the confidence to craft their own remarkable stories. Because the words we speak can be heard by many, but the words we write transcend time.

**Our Story**

Explore the most iconic moments of more than 125 years of Parker history, from George Parker’s first pioneering creations to today's modern innovations that continue to uphold the Parker legacy.

Overview >

Legacy >

History >

**Craftsmanship**

Parker’s commitment to outstanding craftsmanship has earned two Royal Warrants, a highly prized recognition for continued dedication to the highest standards of service, quality, and excellence that ensures the finished product is always a beautiful balance of form and function.

Overview >

Our Experts >

Art of Pen Making >

**News and Press**

Important and up-to-date information on the latest news and events from the world of Parker.

Read More >

**Heritage House**

Explore the Parker Museum, a private exhibition dedicated to the tale of how one man’s imagination and entrepreneurial spirit shaped the history of fine writing, or visit the Parker Archives, which hold an unprecedented collection of pens, advertising materials, films, videos, and artifacts collected since the foundation of the company in 1888, to dive into more than 125 years of illustrious heritage in the fine art of pen making.

Read More >

**Our Story Overview Page**

**Our Story**

Explore the most iconic moments of more than 125 years of Parker history.

**Legacy**

With a historical portfolio of innovative ideas and some of the world’s most seminal pens, Parker’s rich legacy is full of true icons to discover.

Learn More >

**History**

Immerse yourself in a rich history and explore the most memorable and defining moments of the more than 125 years that have shaped what Parker is today.

Learn More >

**Legacy Page**

George Parker always drove his company forward through innovation. As he famously put it:   
  
“It will always be possible to make a better pen.”  
  
These are the true icons that make up the Parker legacy.

**Chapter I: Lucky Curve**

George Parker constantly repaired pens he found fault with, experimenting with new ways to prevent ink leaks. All pens at the time, when not in use, kept surplus ink in the ink channels that would leak when reused. Parker solved this problem by introducing an ink feed that was curved, touching the inside of the pen. Capillary force then withdrew the surplus ink back into the pen, preventing leaks. In 1894, he patented the innovation as the Lucky Curve and it revolutionized the pen industry, proving so successful that its logo was stamped onto the Duofold and it remained in production until 1929.

**Chapter II: Emblematic Duofold**

Launched in 1921, the Duofold captured the spirit of the Roaring Twenties. A large, bold, premium-priced pen and the most contemporary of its time, Duofold became known as the world-famous “Big Red,” so named for its vibrant, bright orange color and valued for its 25-year guarantee.   
  
Inspired by trends in aviation, the Dufold’s iconic advertising demonstrated the durability of its revolutionary plastic finish that, even when dropped from an airplane, was proven to resist cracking.

**Chapter III: Arrow Clip**

First featured as a clip on the Vacumatic pen in 1933, the arrow symbolizes Parker’s pioneering attitude. In 1957, it became the brand’s emblem and was evolved in 2015 to match the brand’s modern standards of sophistication and luxury. Leaning into Parker’s heritage and inspired by arrow clips of the past, the arrow motif was maintained as a signal of writing precision, whilst the dynamic thick-to-thin arrow feather, with an almost hand-chiseled appearance, echoes the fine art of pen making.

**Chapter IV: Parker 51**

The iconic Parker 51 was the brainchild of Kenneth Parker and the most personally symbolic pen of his career. Launched in 1941 and inspired by Kenneth’s passion for aviation, the Parker 51’s sleek styling made Kenneth’s influence instantly apparent. Its streamlined shape was a fresh concept, unparalleled in the pen industry at the time. With its stylish finish and hooded nib, Parker 51 marked a major achievement in innovation and product design. It was considered ahead of its time and received a Fashion Academy Award for Best Design.

**Chapter V: Quink**

Carrying on his father’s legacy of innovation and the commitment to finding a better solution, Kenneth Parker invested three years of funding to research and develop an ink that would eliminate blotting. After 1,021 experiments, a quick-drying ink, which Parker named “Quink,” was created. It was the first pen-cleaning ink that dried fast on paper and needed no blotter. It was sold in bottles designed with a low center of gravity to prevent tipping and was successfully distributed worldwide.

**Chapter VI: Jotter**

As the ballpoint pen began to emerge in the mid-forties, Parker, driven by the desire to only produce reliable pens, patiently conducted extensive research to perfect the refill. And in 1954, Parker launched Jotter to complete their portfolio. This was the first quality ballpoint pen with a large refill. Since then, Jotter has become one of the world’s most iconic pens and is still to this day renowned for its style, reliability, and functionality, down to its signature click.

**Chapter VII: Parker Ingenuity**

Developed to bring the best of all writing modes together, Parker Ingenuity uses patented 5th Technology to adapt to your handwriting instantly. It knows your every curve for a completely smooth writing experience, making it more than a pen—it’s an extension of you.

**History Page**

**Immerse Yourself in the History of Parker**

Making a Parker pen is a solemn act of creation. It not only requires experience but also rare technical competence in areas as diverse as mechanical design engineering, prototyping, and testing.

**1888**

**Our Story Begins**

Aged 25, George Safford Parker applies for his first pen patent and begins the Parker story with the driving philosophy: “It will always be possible to make a better pen.”

**1894  
A Major Breakthrough in the Pen Industry**

George invents the pioneering anti-leak system, the Lucky Curve, Parker’s second patent and major breakthrough.

**1906**

**A Fine Art**

Inspired by the Art Nouveau movement, the gold and sterling silver Parker Snake pens are launched and will become valuable collector’s items.

**1914**

**For King and Country**

Parker’s Trench pen is designed for soldiers. The pen uses dry ink tablets that are activated by adding water. In this year, Russell Parker also joins the company.

**1918  
A Million Dollar Brand**

Parker’s sales surpass the $1 million USD mark for the first time.

**1921**

**An Icon Is Born**

Parker launches Duofold, a large, bold, premium-priced pen that captures the spirit of the Roaring Twenties. Soon afterward, Duofold becomes known as the world-famous “Big Red,” so named for its vibrant, bright orange color and valued for its 25-year guarantee.

1928  
**A Breakthrough in Pen Design**

Duofold is now made with a beautiful and durable new plastic material proven to resist cracking, whether dropped from an airplane or to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Parker innovates in marketing and advertising.

1931  
**Formula #1022**

The Parker research department’s first product arrives on the market. After three years and 1,021 experiments, a quick-drying ink called “Quink” (formula #1022) arrives. This is the first pen-cleaning ink that dries fast on paper and needs no blotter.

**1933**

**The Vacumatic Pen**

The Vacumatic pen is developed together with the now-famous Parker arrow clip designed by Joseph Platt. The innovative pen holds more than twice as much ink compared to pens of its time and has a visible ink reservoir.

**1939  
Award-Winning Aerodynamic Design**

To mark the company’s 51st year, the Parker 51 is developed in 1939–1940 and launched in 1941. Inspired by Kenneth Parker’s passion for aircraft aerodynamics, it is designed “like a pen from another planet.”

**1945**

**In Times of Peace**

The World War II German surrender is signed with a Parker 51 provided to General Dwight D. Eisenhower by his friend Kenneth Parker. General Douglas MacArthur uses his wife’s Duofold to sign the Japanese surrender.

**1954  
Jotter Is Born**

Production begins on the Jotter, Parker’s famous ballpoint pen. The Jotter sells 3.5 million in its first year and remains popular today.

**1957  
The Iconic Arrow**

Designed in 1933 by Joseph Platt, a prominent designer of the 1930s, the famous Parker arrow was inspired by Kenneth Parker’s passion for revolutionary transportation and aviation. First featured as a clip on the Vacumatic pen, it symbolizes Parker’s pioneering attitude. In 1957, it became the brand’s emblem and was evolved in 2015 to match the brand’s modern standards of sophistication and luxury.

**1962  
Royal Recognition**

Parker is awarded the Royal Warrant by Queen Elizabeth II, becoming the official supplier of writing instruments to the Royal Household.

**1964**

**The Original Social Network**

The New York World’s Fair opens. Parker’s pavilion features an IBM computer that matches “pen friends” from all over the world, thus becoming the original social network.

1969

**A Giant Leap**

To commemorate the American moon landing, a special-edition Parker Classic is created. The pen contains a small amount of moon dust.

**1970**

**The Space Pen**

Parker launches the T-1. Made entirely of titanium, it becomes known as the “space pen.”

**1981**

**Commemorating a Royal Wedding**

In honor of the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer, Parker releases a unique limited edition of the Parker 105.

**1987**

**The Pen Is Mightier...**

Four unique sterling silver Parker 75 pens are custom-made. The pens are used by American President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to sign the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty on December 8th.

**1990  
Royal Recognition**

Parker is granted a second Royal Warrant from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

**1993**

**Sonnet Is Born**

The first version of the Sonnet appears, continuing the use of the Cisele pattern from the original Parker 75.

**1996  
In Memory of Norman Rockwell**

A commemorative Duofold edition pen is launched to acknowledge the American artist Norman Rockwell, who produced several pieces of artwork for Parker dating back to 1929.

2009  
**Parker Premier Is Born**

Parker Premier is launched, using innovative and aesthetic materials.

**2011  
Another Breakthrough Innovation**

Parker 5th technology, together with Parker Ingenuity are introduced, revolutionizing the pen industry with an innovative mode of writing.

**2013  
Words for the Future—Parker’s 125th Anniversary Celebration**

Parker celebrates the act of writing by collecting, exhibiting, and sharing written words from global and local opinion leaders that inspire, pass through time, and travel across nations for future generations.

**2015  
For Better Thinking**

Parker announces enhancements to the Duofold and Sonnet collections alongside an elevated new take on the Parker brand identity, encouraging people to slow down, organize their thoughts, and embrace better thinking.

Craftsmanship Page

**Craftsmanship Main Page**

**Craftsmanship, Passion, and Expertise**

Immerse yourself in the fine art of pen making and discover the extraordinary skill, expertise, and passion required of each Parker craftsman.

**Our Experts**

George Parker dreamt of creating the perfect pen, a philosophy that still endures and inspires our experts today.

Learn More >

**The Fine Art of Pen Making**

From nib to barrel, the finished product is a beautiful balance of form and function that demonstrates Parker’s commitment to outstanding craftsmanship.

Learn More >

**Our Experts Page**

**Our Experts**

Skilled and dedicated teams of expert craftsmen have always been integral to the success of Parker for more than 125 years.

**Reinvention**

From 1888 to present day, Parker’s craftsmen and designers have never stopped working, innovating, and reinventing the Parker pen.

**Creation**

Making a Parker pen is a solemn act of creation. Modern Parker pens are complex mechanisms of up to 21 individual parts designed to work together to produce pens of discerning quality.   
  
For the most prestigious lines, meticulously selected materials are enhanced by decorative treatments and manual polishing before being assembled by hand and rigorously tested. Attention to detail is at the core of every Parker pen and it requires experts who have an aesthetic attention to detail.

**Art of Pen Making Page**

**The Fine Art of Pen Making**

Unique craftsmanship and attention to detail are the key components of every Parker pen.

**The Drawing**

Meticulously conceived by our world-class designers located in our Design Excellence Centre, Parker pens are initially hand drawn and elaborated on paper before being realized in 3D.   
  
From here, the design of each individual characteristic and element of the pen takes shape to produce pens of discerning quality and beauty.

**Precious Materials**

Our highly skilled in-house experts carefully select precious materials such as rhodium, platinum, gold, silver, and precious resins and manually polish and enhance them with decorative treatments such as precious stones before they are assembled, along with 18K solid gold nibs, by hand.

**Bespoke Process**

Over the years, Parker has continued to demonstrate expertise in the fine art of pen making, constantly refining the processes to remain at the cutting edge of craftsmanship capabilities.  
  
*The chiseling process*  
  
The pen is chiseled to create intricate and beautiful designs providing a tactile experience when writing with the pen.  
  
*The lacquering process*  
  
The pen is delicately lacquered to create a multitude of different effects; from a satin, glossy, or matte finish to a range of eye-catching colors and finishes. Each individual pen is checked by hand to ensure it lives up to the quality expected by Parker.  
  
*The lasering process*  
  
The body or cap of the pen is finely lasered with delicately crafted patterns to create a stylish finish.

**Nib Excellence**

Making a Parker pen nib is a precise and refined process. They are created from a single sheet of precious metal, which is pressed, compressed to ensure strength, and then cut to shape.   
  
A small ball of iridium is added to the base to allow the ink to transfer smoothly to paper before a slit is cut in the nib, by the tip of a diamond no thicker than a hair, to separate the nib and allow the ink to flow.   
  
Comprising of twelve individual stages during manufacturing, the most prestigious nibs are quality-control checked and fine-tuned by hand to ensure maximum performance.

**Nib Painting**

Parker’s finest nibs are hand assembled with decorative chiseling and engraving techniques to ensure that Parker pens are exquisitely beautiful.

**Heritage House Page**

**Welcome to Heritage House**

Explore 130 years of illustrious heritage in the fine art of pen making.

**Museum**

Celebrating a unique story of craftsmanship in fine writing instruments, Parker unveiled its first-ever private museum on January 23, 2015 with an exhibition dedicated to the tale of how one man’s imagination and entrepreneurial spirit shaped the history of fine writing.

Please note, the museum is not open to public. For inquiries, please contact [heritage.house@parkerpen.com](mailto:heritage.house@parkerpen.com).

**It Will Always Be Possible to Make a Better Pen**

Founder George S. Parker stated “it will always be possible to make a better pen” and through key artifacts and past collections, the Parker Museum illustrates how the brand has continued to do this decade after decade.   
  
This forward-thinking attitude is etched into the brand’s makeup and the museum will provide an evolving source of inspiration to continue the brand’s drive, innovation, and growth today, making fine writing more relevant than ever.

**A Rich History and a Bright Future**

Encompassing the themes of entrepreneurial passion, innovation, craftsmanship, quality, and excellence, the Museum includes poignant artifacts and pens from Parker’s extensive archives. Over 150 items showcase Parker’s rich history, as well as the personality, passions, and interests of significant Parker family members.

**A Very Proud Moment**

Geoffrey Parker, who plays an important role in conserving the family’s appetite for innovation and craftsmanship, commented: “The opening of the Parker Museum marks a very proud moment for me. The moments and stories illustrated in the museum really showcase the brand’s great accomplishments and reflect Parker’s strong heritage and values. My family has been collecting artifacts since the business launched in 1888 and so it is a real joy to share so many of them today, alongside the brand’s archives.”

**Archive**

An unprecedented collection of pens, advertising materials, films, videos, and artifacts collected since the foundation of the company in 1888.

**Private Archives**

For the first time these private archives, located in London, will collate the historic story of Parker in one site. Consisting of over 30,000 items, this collection spans from the principal Parker site in Janesville, USA, to Newhaven, UK, and Nantes, France, ensuring the legacy of Parker is maintained for generations to come.   
  
Often used as a source of inspiration for new innovations, ideas, and creations, Heritage House is maintained by one dedicated Parker employee responsible for curating and archiving our precious collection.   
  
For inquiries, please contact [heritage.house@parkerpen.com](mailto:heritage.house@parkerpen.com).