

HOW TO USE YOUR RUBBER STAMP



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Traditional (regular) Hand Stamp:

To begin use: Clean stamp with Windex® or rubbing alcohol before first use. This will insure that your stamp is clear of dust or residual ink from in-store tersting.

- Do press straight down when stamping your ink pad and your stamping surface.
- Do apply even pressure across the face of the stamp.
 - if your stamp is centered hold and apply pressure in the center of the stamp.
 - if your stamp is weighted towards one side you must compensate and apply pressure towards the weighted side of the stamp to allow even pressure.
- Do use the proper kind and amount of ink for your stamping surface.
- Do clean the stamp face periodically with rubbing alcohol or Windex®
- Do not rock your stamp.
- Do not apply more pressure than is required.

Symptoms: Blurred non-crisp lines extra printing that is not part of the stamp, and/or small breaks in printing.

Problem: Too much ink, stamp not clean, too much pressure and/or rocked the stamp.

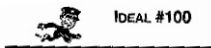
Solution: Clean stamp, use less ink, and apply smooth even pressure.

Additionally: If "corners" (areas not part of the stamp) still print use razor blade to trim excess cushioning from the stamp, or bring to local stamp shop to have this done for you.

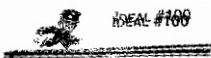
Self-Inking Rubber Stamp:



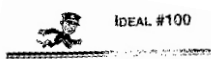
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To begin use: Stamp several trials prior to intended use. This will rid the stamp surface from excess ink that is inherent in new stamps that results in filling of letters. This is especially needed if inked with colors other than Black or Red.

- Do press straight down when stamping your stamping surface.
- Do apply smooth even pressure across the face of the stamp.
 - This is done by always hold the stamp on the top and in the center.
 - Sometimes two hands work better than one.
 - Whether you use one or two hands always hold the top of the stamp and center your pressure
- Do use the proper kind of ink for your stamp, ink for self-inking rubber stamps.
- Do clean the stamp face periodically with rubbing alcohol or Windex®
- Do not slam your stamp down. (A slow, even, and firm pressure is best)
- Do not rock your stamp.
- Do not hold the sides of your stamp. (There are tabs that will interfere with the functioning of your stamp.)
- Do not use pre-inking stamp ink in your self-inker or visa versa.

Symptoms: Blurred and/or double lines, printing faint on one side of stamp, and/or small breaks in printing.

Problem: Stamping too hard and fast, without even pressure, and "dirty" stamp.

Solution: Clean stamp, apply firm, smooth, and even pressure when stamping.

Additionally: If you still have difficulty, you may want to switch to Pre-Inking stamp.

Pre-Inking Rubber Stamp:



- Do press straight down when stamping your stamping surface.
- Do apply smooth even pressure across the face of the stamp.
- Do not apply too much pressure. (Can cause ink to bleed)
- Do not use improper ink. (Use only brand specific pre-inking stamp ink.)