

# Review Sheet

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**Nib Name** Geo. W. Hughes "Bayard" Pen No. 1298 with integral Reservoir  
**Manufacturer** Geo. W. Hughes  
**Nib Size** 39.4mm long by 7mm wide at its widest point  
**Material** Stainless Steel

## Top View



**Comment** This is quite a nice nib made using stainless steel to avoid the usual corrosion due to the action of the ink on a steel based nib. One key feature of this nib is the integral reservoir shown in the next picture. With the amount of ink held by the reservoir you can write a whole page before having to dip the nib into the inkwell.



The end of the reservoir forms two fingers in contact with the underside of the nib tines, either side of the nib slit. Ink flow is excellent.

**Hardness** (SCALE: 2H – H – HF – **F** – 2F)

**Marking** The mark "No.1298" is punched crossway on the nib front.  
On the nib shoulder: **Geo. W. Hughes**

**"BAYARD" PEN  
STAINLESS STEEL  
REGD  
MADE IN ENGLAND  
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On the reservoir:



**Key Features** The key feature of this nib is the ball created on the tip of the nib tines simply by punching the nib from the top in order to create a curved ball on the underside of each tine. This is clearly shown in the two photos below: photo 3 and 4.

Photo 3 Top of nib with concave tines

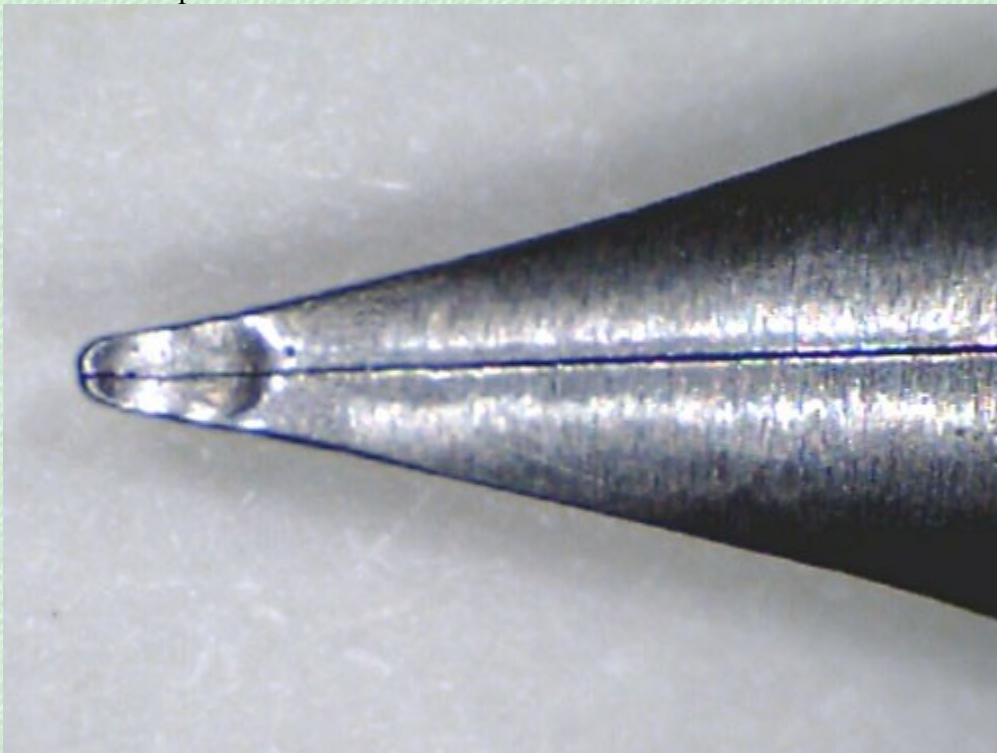
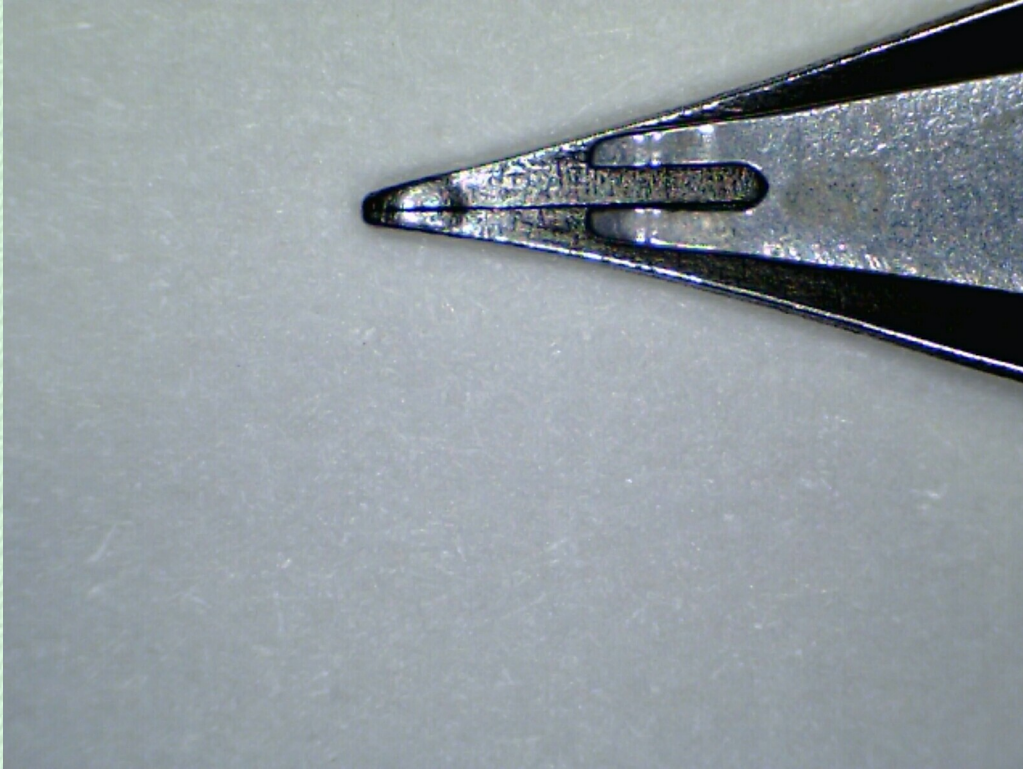


Photo 4

Underside of nib tines with convex balls



The object of the ball is to avoid scratching, or digging into the paper, during the upward stroke.

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